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History of Company "C", 87th Chemical Battalion, Motorized

Company "C" was officially activated on the 30th of May, per P 2,3,4, and 7, SO#9, Hq, 87th Cml. Bn. dated 30th May, at Camp Rucker, Alabama. The following is the official history since that time.

May 31 2nd Lts. Lyons and Lesh assigned to company per P4, SO#9, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn., dated May 30, 1943. Sgt. Szabekski, T/5 Linville, Pvt lcl. Ellis assigned per P 2, SO#9, Hq, 87th Cml. Bn. dated May 30, 1943. 1st Sgt. Czerwinski, S/sgts. Cape and Francis, Sgts. Didio, Davis, Gallagher, Fagg, DiPrato, Eckert, Cpls. Stan-
inopolous, Simmons, Grindle, Platizisky, McCulloch Lough, T/5 Dowdy and Rogers, Pvts. lcl. Hall, Boland, McMonus, Pompei, Pvts. Eary, Richmond, Savage assigned to company per P7, SO#9, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated May 30, 1943.

Strength, 2-o 28-EM.

1 June Usual Camp duties
2 June Sgt. Fagg duty to hospital 1300
3 June Usual Camp duties.
4 June 2nd Lt. Masser assigned per P2 SO#11, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 3 June, 1943. Cpl.

Phillips, Pvt lcl. Simon, Pvt. Meier assigned per
Pl SO#11 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 3 June, 1943.

Streight, 3-0 31-EM.

5 June Usual Camp duties

6 June Usual Camp Duties

7 June Cpl. Platizsky duty to hospital 1630.

8 June Pvt. Kenney assigned per P3 SO#12, Hq 87th Cml.

Bn. dated 7 June, 1943.

Strength, 0-3. EM.-32

9 June Sgt. Davis and T/5 Rogers transferred to Medical
Detachment, 87th Cml. Bn., Per P3, SO#14, Hq. 87
Cml. Bn. dated June 9, 1943.

Strength, 3-0 30 EM.

10 June Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp at 0700 on practise
march. Returned 1000. Distance marched, 10
miles. Roads good. Weather clear and hot.
Morale excellent.

11 June Sgts. Bell, Gee, Hudson, and T/5 Pratte assigned
to company per Pl1 SO #15, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn.
dated 10 June, 1943.

Strength, 3-0. 34 - EM.

12 June Usual camp duties.

13 June Sgt. Rhodes and Cpl. Dallape assigned per SO#17,
Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 12 June, 1943.

Strength, 3-0 36-EM.

14 June Usual Camp duties.

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15 June Ist Lt. Hopkins, 2nd Lts. Lundstrom and Keech assigned per SO# 18, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 14 June, 1943.

Strength 6-0 36 EM.

16 June 2nd Lt. Lesh transferred to Hq. Co., 87th Cml. Bn. per SO. #19, dated 15 June, 1943. S/sgt. Francis duty to hospital 1530. Camp Ruker, Ala. Left camp at 0730. Arrived at Lake Tholocco 1020. Left Lake Tholocco at 1400 Arrived Camp Ruker 1545. Distance marched 18 miles. Roads good. Weather clear and very hot. Morale very good.

Strength 5-0 35 + EM.

17 June S/sgt Francis ASN. 34132121 died at 0445 L.D. S/sgt Chohn assigned per SO#21 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. Dated 18 June, 1943.

Strength 5-0 35- EM.

18 June Cpl. Platizsky hosp to duty 1400. S/sgt Chose duty to SD escort for S/sgt Francis deceased.

19 June Ist Lt. Trathem assigned per SO#21, Hq 87 Cml Bn. dated 18 June 1943.

Strenght 6-0 35 Em.

20 June Usual camp duties.

21 June 2nd Lt. Keech transferred to Co. D, 87th Cml Bn. and 2nd Lt. Owens assigned per SO #22, Hq 87th Cml, Bn. dated 20 June, 1943 Cpl. Harrell assigned per SO#22, Hq. 87th

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Cml. Bn. dated 20 June, 1943.

Strength 6-0 36 EM

22 June Usual camp duties

23 June S/sgt Chase SD to duty. Pvt. Peeler assigned per SO#23 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 22 June 1943.

Strength 6-0 36-EM.

24 June Camp Ruker, Ala. Left camp on practise march.

Arrived Lake Tholocco 0930. Distance marched 6.5 miles Conducted field exercises by battalion officers. Returned to camp via motor convoy. Arrived 1600. Weather clear. Morale excellent.

25 June. S/sgt. Campana, T/4 Abraham and Cantillion, Cpls. Graham, Niceli, Ermilio, Weehrle and Wolf, Pfc. Tomlin and Stahl, Pvts Wimmer, Hoover, Brown, Kohler, Wallace, Iffland and Waugh assigned per SO#25, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 24 June 1943.

Strength, 6-0 55 EM.

26 June Sgt. Gee duty to furlough 7 days.

27 June Usual camp duties

28 June Usual camp duties

29 June Cpl Ermilio, Platizsky, T/5 Linville, Pfc. Stahl, Tomlin, Pvts Meier, Kenny, Hoover, Brown, and Wallage transferred to Co. A; Pvt. McCormick assigned to co. per SO#26, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 28 June 1943. Pvt McCormick from A.W.O.L. to confinement

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military authorities Maxwell Field, Alabama,
1609 26 June 1943.

Strength, 6-0 45 - EM.

30 June

Usual camp duties.

July

1 July

S/sgts Chase, T/4 Abrahams, Cpls, MacCulloch
Stasinopolous, duty to furlough 14 days. Sgts.
Bell, Hudson, Cpl Phillips duty to furlough 13
days.

Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp at 0730 on cross
country march. Arrived Lake Tholocco at 0940.
Distance travelled 4.5 miles. Left Lake Tholocco
1300, arrived in camp 1500. Distance covered
4.5 miles. Weather rainy. Roads muddy.
Morale excellent. One man fell out.

2 July

Pvt. McCormick from confinement military auth-
orities Maxwell Field, Ala, to post stockade.

3 July

Sgt. Gee furlough to duty.

4 July

Usual camp duties

5 July

Sgt. Szabelski reduced to grade of private per
P 1, SO#29, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 5 July, 1943.
Pvts. Tomlin, Stahl, Kenny, Wallace transferred
from Co. A. back to Co. C. per P5 SO#29, Hq.
87th Cml. Bn. dated 5 July 1943.

Strength 6-0 49-EM.

6 July

Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp at 0700, on p
practise march. Arrived at assembly point 1015.
Distance travelled 10 miles. Roads good.

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Weather clear. Morale excellent. Field exercises conducted by Bn. Officers. Returned to camp via motor convoy 1500.

- 7 July. S/sgt.S/ Sgt Crohn duty to hospital
- 8 July Usual camp duties.
- 9 July 1st Lt. Hopkins appointed commanding officer per P 1, GO#3, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated 9 July, 1943 confirming VOCO.
- 10 July Usual camp duties
- 11 July Usual duties
- 12 July Pfc. Pompei, Pvt. Savage, appointed corporal; Pfc. McManus, Hall, Ellis, appointed T/5 per P 3, SO#34, Hq. 87 Cml. Bn. dated 12 July, 1943. Pvt. Richmond appointed Pvt. 1 class, per P 1, CO#1 Co. C 87th Cml. Bn. dated July 1943.
- 13 July Camp Ruker, Ala. All men present for duty went through Combat Range 5 (infiltration course). All men present for duty underwent HS sensitivity test. T/4 Pratt, T/5 Ellis duty to furlough 10 days.
- 14 July Sgts, Pidio, DiPrato, Cpl Grindle, Pompei and Savage T/4 Contillon duty to furlough, 14 days. Sgt Hudson from furlough to duty. S/sgt. Crohn from hospital to duty. Pvt. Lehlbach and Sobole assigned per P 2, SO#35 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. dated July 14, 1943

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15 July S/sgt Shase, T/4 Abraham, Cpl Staminopolous and Mac Cullogh from furlough to duty. Sgt. Fagg hospital to duty. Usual camp duties.

16 July Sgt. Fagg busy to furlough as of 15 July (13 days) Demonstration of mortar fire on artillery range.

17 July Usual camp duties

18 July Usual camp duties

19 July Usual camp duties

20 July Cpl. Wolf duty to skin hospital. Camp Ruker, Ala. Left camp on practice march 0730. Ate noon meal in the field. Returned to camp 1615. Distance marched 15 miles. Weather clear and hot. Roads dusty Morale good. 6 men fell out due to excessive heat and heat exhaustion.

21 July Entire company available for duty. Fired preliminary course on rifle range. Weapon used, cal . 30 Springfield model 1903.

22 July 10 pvts. attached per VOCO. Entire company, pit detail on rifle range.
Strength, 6-0 61-EM

23 July Pvts. Conlon, Hochman, Kneiper, Lambert, LaMarca, Leifeld, Nierenberg, Rebold, Vermillion, Vuzzuka assigned per P 1 30#39, Hq 87th Cml. Bn. 23 July 1943. Pvt. Rebold duty to hospital. T/4 Pratte, T/5 Ellis from furlough to duty.

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Entire company fired course 13 for record.

Weapon, rifle cal. 30, Springfield Model '08

24 July Cpl Wolf sick in hospital to duty.

Entire company completed rifle firing on range. Company average, 140.5%. Qualified as Expert, 8; Sharpshooter, 12; Marksman, 15 Unqualified, 16.

25 July Usual camp duties.

26 July Usual camp duties

27 July Sgt Sgts. DiPrato and Fagg, Cpl Grindle from furlough to duty.

28 July Camp Rucker Ala. Sgts Didio, Cantillion, Cpls. Pompei and Savage from furlough to duty

29 July Camp Rucker Ala. Left camp on practice road march. Distance travelled 10.2 miles. Returned via motor convoy. Roads good. Weather clear. Morale excellent.

30 July S/sgt Cape reduced to grade of pvt. per P. 1 SO #44, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. 30 July 1943. Pvt Cape duty to sick in hospital LDNO, AR. 35-1440. Sgt. Fagg duty to sick in hospital

31 July Pvt Rebold hospital to duty, Sgt Di Prato transferred to 341st QM. Depot company Camp Campbell, Kentucky per Par. 8 SO#2 Hq. 2nd Army 24 July 1943. Sgt Didio transferred in grade to 559 QM RHD. company, APO 402, Nashville Tennessee, per Par. 14 SO#180 HQ. 2nd Army 24 July 1943. T/4 Cantillion and Abraham transferred in grade to Hq. 2nd Army, Memphis

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Tenn, per Par 15, SO#180 Hq. 2nd Army 24 July 1943. Sgts Bell, Gee, Eckert, and Hudson transferred in grade to 505th MP Battalion, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, per Par. 16 SO# 180, Hq. 2nd Army 24 July 1943. S/sgt. Grohn transferred in grade to 344th Medical Regiment, Camp Blanding, Florida, per Par. 19 SO#180 HQ. 2nd Army, 24 July 1943.

Strength 6-0 52-MM.

1 August

Usual camp duties

2 August

Cpls. Grindle and MacCulloch transferred in grade to 35th Division. Pvts Waugh and Wimmer from duty to A.W.O.L. 2nd Lieut. Lundstrom from duty to detached service, 30 days, Band C School, Camp Blanding, Florida.

Strength 6-0 50 MM.

3 August

1st Lt. Hopkins relieved from assignment, transferred to Co. D. 87th Cml. Bn. (Mtz) 1700. 1st Lt. Trathem assumed command. 1st Lt. Jonas assigned to command from Co. D. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. Absent ~~MMMM~~ on detached service to Band C School, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Camp Ruker, Ala. Left camp on practice march 0700 conducted field exercises by company officers Returned to camp 1100. Distance marched, 7.5 miles. Roads good. Morale excellent.

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4 August Cpls. Dallape, Graham, Harrel and Miceli, Pfc. Richmond and Simon from duty to furlough, 14 days.

5 August. Pvt. Peeler, duty to furlough, 13 days. T/5 Walsh assigned and joined from Co. B. Pvt. Erie promoted to grade of Pfc.

6 August. Sgt Gallagher promoted to S/sgt. T/4 Pratte Cpls. Boland, Miceli, Pompei, Simmons, Stampolous and Savage promoted to grade of Sgt. T/5 Ellis, Dowdy and Lough, promoted to grade of Cpl. Pfc. Simon, Szabelski, promoted to grade of T/5. 2nd Lt. Jenkins assigned and joined.

Strength, 8-00 51 EM.

7 August Pvt. Cape, hospital to duty

8 August Usual camp duties

9 August S/sgt Campana reduced to grade of private.

Pvt. Campana promoted to grade of Sgt.

Pvts. Barker, Barber, Burke, Civito, Costanzo, Cotter, Grivello, Donahue, Dow, Dubrofsky, Evans, Fitzgerald, Gagliardo, Gagne, Glennie, Goodman, Goodwin, Hammel, Hammond, Hildreth, Imerito, Kemock, Lanaro, LaPlante, Lemelin, Lessieur, Lombardi, Lukshias, Maggs, Mannix, Martineau, Maynard, Moore, Morrison, Noon, O'Brien, Pittinari, Ploss, Psomas, Rau, Rezendes, Richardson, Richmond, Ruden,

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Sayers, Shepardson, Stenberg, Surette, Szubelik, Taylor, Thurber, Tracy, Vallera, Ventriglia, and Zenhye, assigned, reported and joined from Hq. 1st Service Command Unit No 1112, Ft. Devens, Mass.

Strength, 7-0 106-EM

- 10 August Usual camp duties
- 11 August Pvt, Martineau from duty to hospital. L.D.
- 12 August Pvts. Waugh and Wimmer from A.W.O.L. to arrest, 1820, Muphala, Ala. From arrest to confinement, camp stockade, 2015. Awaiting rtial.
- 13 August. Usual camp duties
- 14 August Usual camp duties
- 16 August, Pvt. Maees from duty to hospital. L.D.
Company fired course C with rifle cal. 30 Springfield '03. Recruits fired familiarization course.
- 17 August. S/sgt. Gallacher, from duty to hospital. Cpl. Graham and marrel from furlough to duty, Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp on routing march.
Conducted field problem. Returned to camp via motor convoy, 1600. Distance marched, 7 miles. Weather clear and hot. Morale excellent.
- 18 August. Pvt. Maees from hospital to duty.
Pvt. Sayers from duty to hospital as of Aug, 18.
Pvt. Martineau from hospital to duty.
- 19 August Pvt. Wallace from Duty to hospital as of 16 Aug.

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- Cpls. Dallape and Richmond, T/5 Bimbar and Pvt. Peeler from furlough to duty.
- 20 August S/sgt. Gallagher from hospital to duty.

Pvts. Beam, Duan, Eichinger, Feist, Ford, Girtom, Kirby, Lilienthal, Miller, Petrillo, Portis, Preder, Roe, Schultze, Scott, Schullaw, Siegel, Tomsovic, Weidemeyer, Wiggins, Zeihan, Assicneo, reported and joined per Par. #1, SO. 55 in compliance with par 250 #122 Hq. 1613th SU. Camp Grant, Ill. Dated 18 Aug.

Strength 7-0 127 - EM.
- 21 August Pvt. McCormick, from confinement camp stockade to duty.
- 22 August Pvts. Breindel, Caimano, Catarelli, Cernek, DeFrancesco, DelPrete, Dial, Ettienger, Ferranti, Jaffe, Kirchner, Kruse, Lieberman, Odoherly, Pasqualetti, Plimmer, Schiller, Spaceli, Stacker, Staniszewski, Stern, Tokarski, Wynne, assigned to unit per Par.1, SO#56 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn, Mdz. Camp Rucker, Ala. In compliance with Par. #2 SO #227, Hq. 1222 SCSU reception center, Camp Upton N.Y. Dated 19 Aug. 1943

Strength 7-0 150-EM
- 23 August. Pvt. Staniszewski, Duty to AWOL, 22 August 1600. Pvt. Lilienthal, duty to sick hospital.
- 24 August

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- 24 August. Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp 0800 Arrived Lake Tholocco 1000. Returned to company area 1300 distance marched 5 miles. Weather clear roads good. Morale Excellent.
- 25 August Pvt. Costanzo, duty to hospital. L.D. Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp on practice march 0700. Arrived at bivouac area 0900. Set up company bivouac area and security. Left bivouac 1600 and arrived camp 1615. Weather clear, roads dusty. Morale excellent. Distance marched 6 miles.
- 26 August Pvt. Caimano duty to skin hosp. LD. Entire company ran the obstacle course. Pvts Kenny, Kneiper, Lambert, Lamarcia, Leifeld, Conlon, Peeler, Sobole, Vermillion, and Cape promoted to Pfc. per company order no. 3.
- 27 August Pvt. Scott duty to station hospital, LD. Pvts. Preine, DeLong, Maahs, Wagner, assigned and joined from reception center New Cumberland, Pa. per par. 25061 HQ. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. Camp Rucker, Ala.
- Strength, 7-0 154-EM.
- 28 August Usual Camp duties.
- 29 August. Pvt. Jaffe duty to sick in Station hospital. Pvts. Alley, Brown, Byrns, Colley, Ellison, Grizzle, Mears, Powers, Pullon, Rose, Rowell, Smith, Swart, Assigned and joined 0700 from Hqs. RRC. 13030 SU. Camp Lee, Va. per par. 15062

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Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. Camp Rucker Ala.
 Pvts. Callet, Collins, Doran, Edmiston, Harshman,
 Iman, Keller, Kern, Martin, McCulough, Mowen,
 Park, Schuller, Snyder, Soltesz, St. Clair,
 Assigned and joined from Hq. SU. RC. Ft. Geo. G.
 Meade, Md. per par 2, SO# 62, 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz.

Strength 7-0 183 EM

30 August

Pvt. Dunn from duty to sick station hosp ital,
 LD. No EPTI, Pvts. Plimmer and Pvt. ~~MEMMM~~ Stern from
 duty to sick Station Hospital, LD. Sgt.

Boland and Pratte promoted to grade of S/sgt.
 per par. 2, SO. #63. Hq. Cml. Bn. Mtz.
 Cpl, Dallape and Pfc. Eary appointed T/5 by
 same order.

1 September.

Pvt. Wallace from sick station Hospital Camp
 Rucker to transferred detachment of patients, per
 par. ~~MEMMM~~ 4, #SO 65 Hqs. 87th Cml. Bn. Camp
 Rucker, Ala. Pvts. Diaz, Feist, Ploss, Miller, Richmo
 Richmond, Cagne, Weidermeyer, Civito, Moore, Lemlin,
 Schiller from duty to sick station hospital. No
 EPTI.

Strength 7-0 182 EM

2 September.

Pvts. Burke, Loporto, Roeder assigned and joined from
 Hq. CWS. RTC. Camp Sibert, Ala. Pvts. Iffland and
 Lelhback appointed pfc. per C.O. 5.

Strength 7-0 185 EM

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- 3 September 1st Lt. Jonas and 2nd Lt. Lundstrom from DS.
Band C school Camp Blanding Fla. to Ruty camp
Rucker Ala, 1900.
- 4 September. Pvt Costanzo from sick to duty. Pfc. Kenney
transferred to Parachute school Ft. Benning Ga.
per par. 24 SO 212 Hq. Camp Rucker Ala, 30 Aug.
Sgts. Campana and Rhodes transferred to parachute
school ABC Ft. Benning Ga. per par 1, SO#64
Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. 31 Aug.
- 5 September Pvt. HelPrete duty to sick station hospital,
Camp Rucker Ala. Lt. Jones transferred to 59th
Cml. Maint. Co. BEMP Campbell. Ky. per par. 11,
SO#208 Hq. 4th Service Command.
Strength 6-0 182 EM
- 6 September Pfc. Lehlback from duty to hospital. LD to DY.
Pvt. Dunn. from hospital to duty. MLD * EPTI.
- 7 September Pvts. Chimano, Diaz, from hospital LH to duty.
- 8 September Pvt. Staniszewski from AWOL to arrest, military
authorities Ft. Wadsworth N.Y. as of 30 Aug.
- 9 September Pvt Staniszewski from arrest to confinement
company stockade. Pvts. Plimmer and Stern transferred
from station hospital to detachment of patients.
Strength 6-0 180 EM

- 10 September Pvts. Face and Scott, Lemelin, Schiller, Cacno, Weidemeyer, Lilienthal and Richmond from sick station hospital Camp Rucker Ala. to transferred detachment of patients Camp Rucker Ala. per par. 1, SO#72 Hq. 87th Cml. Bm. Mtz. Pvt. Rowell transferred to QMRTC Camp Lee, Va. per par. 6 SO#72 Hq. 87th Cml. Na. Mpz, Camp Rucker, Ala. Camp Rucker, Ala. Company engaged in M.T.P. Training.
- 11 September Pvts. Catarelli, Mears Taylor and Tracy from duty to sick station hospital, NLD. EPTI. Pvts. Robinson, Boone, Catarino, Colder, May and Videtto assigned and joined, from Hqs. 131st SU.RC. New Cumberland Pa. per par 1, SO# 73. Pvts. Ploss and Sinito from sick station hospital to transferred detachment of patients Station hospital Camp Rucker, Ala.
- Strength 6-6 E75 EM
- 12 September Usual camp duties
- 13 September T/5 McManus duty to sick station hospital Camp Rucker Ala.
- 14 September Pvts Ford, Collins, Cacliardo, Maynard, Imerito O'Doherty, Nierehberg, Psomas, Scholtz, Wuzzuka promoted to Pfc. Pfc's, Lamarca and Conlon promoted to Cpl. Cpl. Graham promoted to Sgt. Cpls. Harrel and Wolf reduced in grade to Pvt.
- 15 September Pvts Harrel and Wolf promoted to Pfc. Pvt.

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Feist from sick station hospital to duty. Camp Rucker Ala. Left camp 0700 on route march and field exercise. Distance marched 7.5 miles. Roads good, weather clear.

16 September Pvt. Surette duty 10 days. Pvt. Morison duty for 12 days T/5 McManus, Pfc. Lehlbach, and Pvt. DelPorte from sick to duty. Pvt. Moore from sick station hospital to duty NLD EPTI. Pvt. Maahs from duty to sick station hospital Camp Rucker Ala.

17 September. Usual camp duties

18 September. Pvt. Ettlenger from duty to sick in station hosp.

19 September. Pvt. DelPrete and Pfc. O'Doherty from duty to sick station hospital, Camp Rucker, Ala.

20 September Pvts. Baksi, Boyer, Brazinsky, Carine, Cence, DeaBenderfer, Kochlek, McGranahan, Misina, Moricco Smith and Tresselli assigned and joined per par. 3 SO# 80 Hq. 87th Cml. En. Mtz. Camp Rucker Ala.

21 September Pvts. Miller, Taylor and Catarelli transferred to detachment of patients hospital, Camp Rucker.

Strength 6-0 184-EM

22 September Pvt Tracy from sick in Station hospital to duty.

23 September Pfc. O'Doherty and Pvt. Ettlenger from sick station hospital to duty L.D. Road march to area 17 miles. Marched 10 miles, weather clear, roads good.

24 September Usual camp duties

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25 September Pvt. Mears from sick station hospital to duty.

26 September Pvt. Surette from furlough to duty.

27 September Pvts. Hochman, McCormick and Szubelik promoted to Pfc. Pvt Morrison from furlough to duty.
2nd. Lt. Lyond promoted to 1st Lt.

28 September Lt. Massar, duty to leave of 10 days. Cpl. Richmond reduced to grade of Pvt. T/5 McManus promoted to Sgt. Pfc. Kneiper and Vermillion promoted to cpl.

29 September Pvt. Jaffe transferred to detachment of patients, Station hospital, Camp Rucker, Ala. per par. 5, SO# 86 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. Camp Rucker Ala. Staff Sgt. Howe assigned and joined from Hq. Co. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz.
Route march to area 17. Distance marched 13 miles, weather clear, roads good.

30 September Pvt. May from duty to sick in station hospital.

1 October 1st Lt. Lyons to detached service CML. Weapons instruction, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

2 October Pvt. May from sick station hospital to duty.

3 October Usual camp duties

4 October 2nd Lt. Shouse assigned and reported and Joined per par. 3 SO#89 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. Camp Rucker Ala. Pvts. Petrillo, Stahl, Tomlini, from duty to sick station hospital Camp Rucker Ala. NLD EPTI. Strength 7-0 184 EM

5 October
~~5~~0 October Pfc. Nierenberg from duty to sick station hospital.

6 October Lt Owens from duty to D.S. Atlanta Odr. School Atlanta, Ga. Pfc. Cacliardo from duty to sick

Pvts. Alley, Brown, and Costanzo from duty to sick station hospital.

Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp at 0700 Marched 15.5 miles to area 12, established company bivouac. Mortars and carts were pulled entire way. Morale of company excellent. Arrived in bivouac 1400.

7 Oct. Company bivouaced in area 12. Left area 12 at 0800 arrived Camp Rucker 1200 distance marched 11 miles. Morale excellent, mortars and carts pulled entire distance.

8 Oct. Lt. Marrar, leave extended 5 days. Pvt. DelBrete from sick station hospital to transferred det. of pat. sta. hosp.

9 Oct. Pvts. Baksi from duty to sick station hospital. Pvt. Staniskewski from confinement camp stockade to duty. Pfc. Vuzzuka reduced to grade of Pvt. per par. 1 Co 11 as of Oct. 8 1943. Pvts Beam, Portis, Kruse, Shallaw, O'Brien, Ellison, Kemoock, Schuller and Doran promoted to Pfc.

10 Oct. Pfc. Gagliardo from sick station hospital L.D. to duty. Pvt. Shahl from sick station hospital NLD. EPTI. to duty.

11 Oct. Lt. Evans assigned and joined per par. 1 SO# 94 Hq. 87th Cml. Bn. Mtz. Camp Rucker Ala. Sgt. McGrath, T/4 Stockman, Cpl. Olson, T/5 Katz, Pfc. Boulay, Brammer, James, Janzen, Lincoln, Lopresti, Stack, and Pvts. Brown, Burlingame, DiJoseph, Freedman, Lum, Perreira, Schiff and Tilikkela assigned and joined per par. 12, SO# 94, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn,

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Camp Rucker Ala. Pvt. Perrira transf. to sick station hospital. Pvt. Schiff transf, to sick station hospital. Pvt. Dow from sick station hospital to duty. Pvt. Baski from sick station hospital to duty..

Strength 8-0 203-EM

- 12 Oct. Camp Rucker, Ala. Left camp at 0700 arrived company bivouac area 8 via motor convoy D940. Conducted firing problem.
- 13 Oct. Pvts. Perrira and Tomlin from sick station hospital to transferred Det. of Pat. Sta. Hosp. Pvt. Kocholek from duty to sick station hosp L.D. Lt. Massar from leave to transferred to CWSRP Camp Sibert Ala. Co. Bivouac area 8. Conducted field problems and night exercises from 1900 to 2300.
- 14 Oct. Pvts. Alley and Brown from sick station hosp. to Det. of Pat. Camp Rucker. Pvt. Petille from sick to transferred Det. of Pat.

Strength 7-0 198-EM

- 15 Oct. Pvt. Costanzo from sick station hosp to duty. Co. Bivouac area 8. Left 1300 arrived Camp Rucker 1530 via motor convoy.
- 16 Oct. S/sgt. Howe and Pvt. Callet transf. to 59th Cml. Maint. Co. Camp Campbell Ky. per par. 21 SO# 251, Hq. Camp Rucker Ala.

Strength 7-0 196-EM

- 17 Oct. Usual camp duties

- 18 Oct. Pvt. McGraham transferred to Station complement per par. 1 SO#99 87th Cml. Bn. dated 17 Oct, 1943.
Strength 7-0 195-EM
- 19 Oct. Pvts. Maahs, Diaz, Ettlinger, Roe, Siegel, Thurber, Caimano, Evans, Moore, Stah and Tokarski, and Pfc Herrell transferred to PM. CU. TC., Fort Custer, Mich., per par. 2, SO# 254 Hq. Camp Rucker Ala.
Strength 7-0 183-EM
- 20 Oct. Usual camp duties.
- 21 Oct. Entire company participated in 4.2 CML mortar shoot on artillery range. Lake Tholosso.
- 22 Oct. Pvt. Citter, transfd, to Air Corps, unassigned. Attached for duty, adm, rations and quarters, per par. 1 SO# 14 Avn. Cadet Examining Board AAF. Pilot's School, Napier Field, Dothan, Ala.
Sgt. McErath furlough 10 days.
- 23 Oct. Usual camp duties
- 24 Oct. Pvt. Wimmer from camp Stockade to duty.
- 25 Oct. Usual camp duties
- 26 Oct. Pvt May from duty to furlough, 10 days. Pfc. Szubelik and Pvt. Smith from duty to sick, station hospital, Camp Rucker, Ala.
- 27 Oct. Pvts. Lum and Mears transferred to station complement. Lt. Owens promoted to 1st Lt. as of 26 Oct, 1943.
2nd Lt. Cool assigned and joined per par.4 SO# 107, Hq. 87th Cml. Bn.
Strength, 8-0 186-EM

- 28 Oct. Usual camp duties
- 29 Oct. Usual camp duties
- 30 Oct. Bpl. Phillips transferred to Hq. 2nd Army Memphis Tenn. perpar. 19, SO# 204 Hq. Camp Rucker Ala. Pfc. Kruse and Pvt. Steenberg from duty to sick in station hosp.
Strength, 8-0 185-EM
- 31 Oct. Pvt. Smith from sick station hosp to duty.
- 1 Nov. Usual camp duties sick station hospital to duty
- 2 Nov. Pfc. Hochman from duty to A.W.O.L. Pvts. Costanzo Breindel, Stamiczewski, Pasqualetti, Pittinari, Boyer, Rebole, Wimmer, DiJoseph, Lieberman, Smith, Freedman, and Roeder transferred to 37th Cml. Decontamination Co. Duesday Proving Grounds, Tooele, Utah, per par. 1, SO# 246, Hq. Camp Rucker, Ala. Dated 29 Oct., 1943.
- 3 Nov. Pfc. Nierenberg from sick in station hosp Camp Rucker to duty. L.D.
- 4 Nov. Pfc. Hochman from duty to A.W.O.L. hospital to read duty to sick station hospital, 30 Oct. From sick station hospital to duty, 4 Nov. Cpl. Lamarca from duty to sick in station hospital; injured by quarter ton truck in field. Pvt. May, furlough to duty. 1st Lt. Lyons from D.S. Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, M.D., to duty.
- 5 Nov. S/sgt. Chace, Sgt. McGrath, T/4 Stockman, Cpl

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Olson, Cpl. Woehrlle, T/5 Katz, Pfc. Iffland,
 Pfc. Peeler, Pfc. Wolf, Pvts. Brown,
 Carine, Hepp, Kockoler, LoPresti, Marocca,
 Noon, Pullon, Richmond, Schiff, Stacker, Tonelli,
 Videtto, Videtto, Feist, Baksi, Burlingame,
 Catarino, Colder, Kieby, LoPorto, May,
 Preine, Richardson, Ruden, Snyder, and Tracy,
 and Pfc. Nierenberg transferred to 35th
 Infantry Division Camp Rucker per par. 2
 SO# 270 Hq. Camp Rucker Ala. Pvt. Wauch,
 from confinement to duty.

Strength 8-0 136-EM

6 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 7 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 8 Nov. Lt. Owens from D.S. Atlanta Ord. Depot to duty.
 9 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 10 Nov. Pfc. Kruse from sick station hosp to duty.
 11 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 12 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 13 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 14 Nov. Usual camp duties.
 15 Nov. 2nd Lt. Edwards assigned and joined from
 Camp Sibert, Ala.

Strength 9-0 136-EM

16 Nov. Pfc. Szubelik from sick in station hops.
 to duty L.D.
 17 Nov. Camp Rucker Ala. Left camp on practice march,
 at 0700. Ret. to camp 1700. Dist. mar. 28 mi.

18 Nov. Lt. Jenkins from duty to leave, 15 days.
2nd. Lt. Anderson assigned and joined from Air Corps.

Strength 10-officers, 136-EM

19 Nov. Pvt. Sayers from sick in Station hosp. to transf. Det. Pat. sta. hopp.

20 Nov. Usual camp duties.

21 Nov. Pvt. Stenberg from sick station hopp to duty.

22 Nov. Cpl. LaMarca from sick station hosp to duty.

23 Nov. Usual camp duties.

24 Nov. Usual camp duties.

25 Nov. Pvt. Zeihan from duty to furlough 10 days. Entire company fired rifle cal. 30 M1903 and M3-A-3 on the transition course. Results - fair.

26 Nov. Usual camp duties.

27 Nov. Pvt. Cotter from attached unassigned to transferred Army Air Forces, ETTC. BTC No. 4, Miami Beach, Fla. Sgt. McManus promoted to S/sgt.

Strength, 10-0 134-EM

28 Nov. Usual camp duties

29 Nov. Usual camp duties

30 Nov. T/4 Ellis from duty to sick in station hosp.

1 Dec. The following privates were promoted to Pfc.
Barker, Crivello, Deaben, Derfer, Dunn, Ferranti, Fitzgerald, Goodman, Harshman, Inman, Jones, Kirchner, Lanara, Misinay, Park, Rezendes, Shepardson, Soltesz, Surrette, Swart, Tasseli and Ventriglia.

2 Dec. M.T.P. training and camp duties.

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- Dec. 3 T/4 Dallape, reduced to grade of Pvt. Cpls. Conlon, Kneiper, Schultz, Vermillion, promoted to grade of Sgt. T/5 Szabalski and Walsh promoted to T/4. Pfc.s. Imerito, Komock, O'Brien, Portis Shullaw, promoted to Cpl. Pfc. Ford,, Schuller, Tilikrala and Wynne promoted to T/5. Lt. Junkins from leave to transferred to C.W.R.T.C. Camp Sibert, Ala.
- Dec. 4 Usual camp duties. Strength 9-0 134-EM
- Dec. 5 Pvt. Zeihan from furlough to duty.
- Dec. 6 Usual camp duties.
- Dec. 7 Usual camp duties.
- Dec. 8 Usual M.T.P. training in camp.
- Dec. 9 Pfc. Harshman and Pvt. Rose from duty to emergency furlough 10 days, at 0100.
- Dec. 10 Four men attached for rations from III Corps testing team, Ft. McPherson, Ga.
- Dec. 11 Usual camp duties.
- Dec. 12 Usual camp duties.
- Dec. 13 M.T.P. tests being conducted by III Corps testing team.
- Dec. 14 T/4 Ellis from hospital to duty. M.T.P. tests successfully completed; 10 E's and 6 S's made in 16 tests given.
- Dec. 15 Usual camp duties.
- Dec. 16 1st Sgt. Czerwinski, S/sgts. Gallagher, Lough and McManus, Sgts. Colon, Kneiper, Pompei, T/4's Szabalski and Walsh, Cpl. LaMarca, T/5 Hall and P.F.C.s Leifeld, McCormick and Sobole from duty to furlough 12 days.
- Dec. 17 Eight men attached for rations from III Corps testing team detached. Pvts, Dallape and

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Hildreth from duty to sick station hospital.

Pfc. Harshman and Pvt. Rose from furlough to duty.

18 Dec. Usual camp duties.

19 Dec. Usual camp duties.

20 Dec. Pvt. Hildreth from sick station hospital to duty. Entire company participated in 4.8" mortar shoot conducted by platoon commanders.

21 Dec. Pvt. Dallape from sick to duty. Pvt. Preder from duty to sick station hosp.

22 Dec. Pvts. Robinson, Mowen and Eichinger, and Pfc. Kirchner from duty to sick.

23 Dec. T/4 Dowdy, Pfc's Tassel, O'doherty, Gagliardo, Pvt's Byrnes, Cernek, Cape, Martin, Surette, Vuzzuka, Martineau, Curtis, Girton, Wagner, and Barber from duty to sick station hosp Camp Ruker Ala.

24 Dec. Entire company participated in 4.2" Cml. Mortar shoot.

25 Dec. T/4 Dowdy, Pfc. O'Doherty, Pvts. Curtis, Mowen, and Preder from sick to duty.

26 Dec. Pvts. Martin and Cernek from sick to duty.

27 Dec. Pvts. Martineau and Robinson, Pfc's. Gagliardi and Surette from sick to duty.

28 Dec. Pfc. Kirchner, Pvts. Byrnes and Eichinger from sick to duty. Ist sgt. Czerwinski, S/sgts. Gallagher, Lough, McManus; Sgts. Conlon, Kaeiper, Pompei; T/4's Szabelski, Walsh; Cpl. LaMarca; T/5 Hall; Pfc's. Leifeld, Sobole, from furlough to duty. Pfc. McCormic from furlough to A.W.O.L.

29 Dec. Pvts. Cape and Girton from sick to duty.

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LtLundstrom from duty to leave 12 days.

S/sgts. Boland, Pratte; Sgts. Miceli, Savage,
Simmons, Staminopolus, Vermillion; T/5's

Dewey, Ellis, Simon; Cpl. Lehlbach, T/5 Eary,

Pfc. Lambert, Pvt. Martineau, from duty to furlough,

Pvt. Rau from duty to sick. Pvt. Tasselli from
sick to duty.

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Pvt. Vazzuka from sick station hospital to duty.

Entier company participated in 4.2" Cal. Mortar
shoot conducted by platoon commanders.

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Pvt. Colley from duty to furlough 10days.

Pvt. Barber from sick to duty. Pfc. McCormick
reduced to grade of Pvt.

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- 1 Jan. Pvt. Wagner from sick to duty.
- 2 Jan. Usual unit training.
- 3 Jan. Usual camp training.
- 4 Jan. Pvt. Rau from sick station hosp. to duty.
Left camp 1600 for Afea 19, night problem conducted by platoon commanders.
- 5 Jan. Usual camp training.
- 6 Jan. Pvts. Cernak, Lukshis, Martineau and Zenhye promoted to Pfc. Pfc. Szubelik reduced to Pvt. Left camp on forced march 7.7 miles. Time, 1 hour, 18 min. Weather clear, roads excellent, morale good.
- 7 Jan. Lt. Trathem promoted to Captain. T/4 Ellis promoted to S/sgt. Cpls. Collins and Shullaw promoted to Sgt.; T/5 Ford, Tilikkala, and Wynne promoted to T/4; Pfc. Bean, Ferrant, Gagliardi, Harshman, Hochman, Inman, Kruse, Lambert, Lanero, Misinay, Park, Soltezz, St. Clair and Sobole promoted to Cpl. Pfc. Brammer, Deabenderfer, Fitzgerald, Janzen, Kirchner, Leifeld, and O'Doherty and Pvt. Zeihan promoted to T/5. Left camp on forced march, distance marched 8.4 miles; time 1 hour 26 min. W Weather clear, roads good, morale excellent.
- 8 Jan. Usual camp training.
- 9 Jan. Pfc. Doran from duty to furlough 10 days.
- 10 Jan. Sgt. Shullaw, T/4 Wynne, Cpla. Bean, Hochman, and Kemock, Pfc's Lincoln and Maynard from duty to fur.

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10 days. Lt. Lundstrom from leave to duty. S/sgts. Boland, Ellis, and Pratte, Sgts. Miceli, Savage, Simmons, Stasinopolus and Vermillion, T/4 Dowdy and Simon, Cpls. Lehlbach, Lambert, T/5 Eary, Pfc. Martineau and Pvt. Colley from furlough to duty. UTP training.

11 Jan. 1st Lt's Lyons and Owens granted 10 day leave of absence. Left camp on forced march of 8 miles. Time, 1 hour, 22 min.

12 Jan. Lt. Anderson from duty to D.S. Chem. Warfare school at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Entire company took part in 4.2" mortar shoot conducted by platoon commanders.

13 Jan. Organization relieved from assignment to III Corps, assigned to IX Corps.

14 Jan. Usual camp duties.

15 Jan. Usual camp duties.

16 Jan. Lt. Lundstrom to T.D. enroute to Camp Forrest Tenn. Sgt. Graham, Collins, Pompei, Pvts. Cape, Eichinger, Lombardi, Boone, Donohoe, ~~MMMMM~~, Glennis, Stenberg and Wiggins on T.D. to 2nd. Army Umpires School at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

17 Jan. Usual unit training.

18 Jan. Pfc. Psomas, from duty to emergency furlough. 10 days. Company fired familiarization course with rifle cal. 30 M-1 and carbine, cal. 30.

19 Jan. Lt. Lundstrom from T.D. to duty. Pfc. Doran, extended furlough 5 days.

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- 20 Jan. Pvt. Dubroski from duty to sick. Sgt. Shullaw, T/4 Wynne, Cpls. Bean, Hochman, and Kemack, Pfc. Lincoln and Maynard from furlough to duty. Company moved to bivouac area 5 via motor convoy.
- 21 Jan. Lt's Lyons and Owend from furlough to duty. Company fired 4.2 mortars in area 8, returned to Camp Rucker 1940.
- 22 Jan. Usual camp duties.
- 23 Jan. Corporal Ferranti from duty to furlough 10 days. Pfc. Deram from furlough to duty. Company went through infiltration course.
- 24 Jan. Lt. Cool transferred to Co. B. Company fired 4.2" Cml. Mortars in shoot conducted by Platoon commanders.
- 25 Jan. Usual unit training.
- 26 Jan. Pfc. Psolnos from furlough to duty.
- 27 Jan. Usual camp training.
- 28 Jan. T/5 Calvert, Pfc. Willis, Pvt. Chase, attached and joined from medical detachment.
- 29 Jan. Pfc. Dubroski from sick to duty.
- 30 Jan. Pvts. Bennett, Barber, Dow, DeFrancisco, Kelley, Kern, McAlexander, and Vallera promoted to Pfc.
- 31 Jan. Pfc. Willis from duty to emergency furlough 10 days. Entire company moved via motor convoy to 2nd Army maneuver area, Ft. McClellan Ala. Left Camp Rucker, 0616, arrived to spend night in Ft. McClellan 1740. Weather clear, morale excellent, company on schedule, no vehicles seperated.
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Feb.1 Left Ft. McClellan 0718 arrived at Huntsville Arsenal Ala. 1442. Distance traveled 110 miles. No vehicles lost.

2 Feb. Left Huntsville Arsenal 0621 arrived Camp Forrest Tenn. 2nd Army maneuver area 1531. Distance travelled 115 miles. Entire company arrived on schedule; no vehicles lost. Sgt. Collins and Graham, Pvts. Cape, Eichinger, Lombardi, Boone, Donohoe, Glennie, Stenberg and Wiggins from T.D. 2nd Army Umpire School to duty.

3 Feb. Cpl. Ferranti's furlough extended 3 days. Sgt. Pompei returned to duty from Umpire School. Cpl. Inman and Cpl. Park promoted to Sgt. Pfc. Lukshis promoted to Cpl. Pfc. Cefnek and Swart, and Pvt. Morrison promoted to T/5.

4 Feb. T/4 Dowdy from duty to A.W.O.L.

5 Feb. Cpl. ferranti to A.W.O.L. status.

6 Feb. T/4 Wynne from duty to station hosp. Camp Forrest. 2nd Lt. Lundstrom promoted to 1st Lt.

7 Feb. Company preparing for P.O.M.

8 Feb. T/4 Dowdy from duty to A.W.O.L. corrected to read from duty to sick station hosp. L.D. and from sick to duty.

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- 9 Feb. Cpl. Lambert graded from Cpl to T/5. T/5
to
Zeihan ~~EMM~~ Cpl.
2nd Lt. Buck, Leonard W. assigned and joined
from Co. D.
- 10 Feb. Lt. Buck from duty to sick station hosp.
Lt. Anderson D.S. to C.W. School, Edgewood
arsenal, M.D. Placed on attached, unassociated
status with company.
Strength, 9-0 134 E.M.
- 11 Feb. Company preparing for P.M.
- 12 Feb. Company preparing for P.O.M.
- 13 Feb. Capt. Trathem from duty to leave 8 days. Command
assumed by Lt. Lyons. 2nd Lts. Edwards, Shouse, and
Evans leave of 8 days. 98 men and 2 medics from
duty to furlough 8 days.
- 14 Feb. Usual P.O.M. Preparations.
- 15 Feb. Lt. Anderson from duty to leave, 6 days.
Lt. Buck from sick to duty; from duty to leave,
6 days. T/4 Wynne, from sick to duty, from duty
to leave 6 days.
- 16 Feb. Usual camp duties.
- 17 Feb. Sgt. Stasinopolus from duty to T.D. prisoner guard
enroute to Hunter Field, Ga. to bring back one
prisoner McCormick.
- 18 Feb. Usual camp duties.
- 19 Feb. Cpl. Ferranti from duty to A.W.O.L. Reduced to grade
of LPvt.
- 20 Feb. Pvt. McCormick from A.W.O.L. to arrest by M.P.

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- As of 15 Feb. Confined to Base Guardhouse
Hunder Field, Ga. at 0800 15 Feb. Confined
to camp guardhouse Camp Forrest Tenn. 20 Feb.
1800. Sgt. Stasinopolus from T.D. prisoner guard,
to duty.
- 21 Feb. Pfc. Gunn promoted to Cpl.
Captain Trathen from leave to duty, re-assumed
command from 1st Lt. Lyons. 2nd Lts. Edwards and
Shouse and Evans from leave to duty. Lt.
Anderson from leave to attached unassigned status
again; 98 men and 2 medics from furlough to duty.
T/4 Wynne from furlough to duty, Pfc. Kelley and
Bvt. Szublik from furlough to A.W.O.L.
- 22 Feb. Pvt. Szubelik from A.W.O.L. to duty 1600.
Company fired carbine cal. 30 for record.
- 23 Feb. Pvt. McKenzie, and Pfc. Kilgore from Co. A
assigned and joined.
- 24 Feb. Pfc. Kelley, carried A.W.O.L. as of 21 Feb.
corrected to read sick at 811 Jenny Lind St.
McKeesport, Pa. L.D. per order Maj. Farley,
M.C. Comd. 1334th Service unit U.S. Army
General Disp Pittsburgh Pa/
- 25 Feb. Usual camp duties.
- 26 Feb. Pvt. Girtom from duty to sick L.D.
- 27 Feb. Usual camp duties.
- 28 Feb. Usual camp duties and P.O.M. training.
- 29 Feb. Pvt. McCormick from confinement camp stockade
to duty.
- 1 Mar. Pfc. Kelley from absent sick to duty.

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2 Mar. T/5 Calvert, Pfc. Willis and Pvt. Chase from attached for rations and administration to att. for rat. only.

3 Mar. Usual camp duties.

4 Mar. Pvt. Gorton from sick to duty.

5 Mar. Usual camp duties.

6 Mar. Lt. Anderson from att. unassigned to transferred 4th weather Sq. Walterboro Army Air Field S.C.
Strength, 8-0 138-MM.

7 Mar. Usual camp duties.

8 Mar. T/4 Ford from duty to sick station hospital.

9 Mar. Entire company present for duty. Went through night infiltration course.

10 Mar. Usual camp training and .POHM training.

11 Mar. Pfc. Lilgore transferred to 88th Cml. Bn. Camp Rucker Ala.

12 Mar. Usual camp duties.

13 Mar. Usual camp duties.

14 Mar. T/4 Dowdy from duty to sick station hosp.

15 Mar. T/4 Bowdy from sick to duty.

16 Mar. Pvt. Lessieur transferred to Co. D.

17 Mar. Usual camp duties.

18 Mar. Showdown inspection conducted by C.O.

19 Mar. Pvt. Robinson transferred to 969 Engr. Maint. Co. Camp Forrest. Tenn.

20 Mar. Pvt's Vuzzuka and Pvt. Wiggins transferred to 472 Amb. Co. Camp Forrest Tenn.

21 Mar. Pvt. DeLong transf. to 632nd. Engr. LM. Co. Camp

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Forrest Tenn. Pvt. Waugh transf. to 88th
Cml. Bn. Camp Rucker Ala.

Strength 8-0 129 EM

- 22 Mar. Pvt. Mannix promoted to Pfc. Pvt. Burke trans
to Co. B.
- 23rd Mar. T/4 Ford from sick to duty. Cpl. Harshman reduced
to grade of Pvt. Pvt. Cape promoted to Cpl.
- 24th Mar. Camp Forrest, Tenn. Entire company departed from
Camp Forrest 2030 via rail for permanent change in
station through Camp Shanks, staging area for
overseas shipment, N.Y. Per par. 8 SO#77 Hq.
ASF. Camp Forrest Tenn.
- 24 Mar. Enroute to staging area Camp Shanks. Entire
company displaying very high morale on this first
move to a definite change toward action.
- 25 Mar. Arrived Camp Shanks, staging Area. Entire
company billeted before mess noon and reorganization
and orientation undertaken by all officers and enlisted
personnel. Quarters and company area cleaned and
policed. Good housekeeping has been started with
enthusiasm.
- 26 Mar. Processing of personnel is proceeding at a very
fast rate.
- 27 Mar. Pvt. Dwornicki assigned and joined from NYPE RP
Camp Shanks.
- 28th Mar. Processing of all personnel continues.
- 29 Mar. Usual camp duties undertaken.

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30 Mar. Pvt. Ferranti from A.W.O.L. to dropped from rolls per par. 6 AR.#615-300. Entire company boarded H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth for permanent change of station. All personnel moved aboard ship for a theatre of operations in an orderly manner. The last good-bye's have been said to the U.S.A. What lies in store for Co. C only God Himself knows. We all feel that a good account will be shown against the enemy.

31 Mar. H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth. Got underway from New York at 1330. The C.O. is getting seasick, 10 miles out to sea.

~~MEMORANDUM~~
1 Apr. H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth. The seas are smooth. The first full day out is quiet and the company is settling down. Numerous games of chance, including craps, poker and blackjack are taking place.

~~MEMORANDUM~~
2 Apr. Usual activities aboard ship. Two or three cases of seasickness have been observed. The old man still looks pale about the chops.

3 April No change of routine. Inspection of men's quarters has been conducted by officers during emergency muster.

4 Apr. Pvt. Barber, from duty to sick in ship's hospital.

5 Apr. 2nd Lt. Buck from duty to sick in ship's hospital.

6 Apr. 2nd. Lt. Buck from sick to duty. Lost the first

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man from the organization, through illness:
 Pvt. Barber transferred from sick in ship's
 5th
 hospital to/P.O.E. no.506 U.S. Army, per
 orders of Comdg. General, E.T.O. Land in
 sight today. Spirits are getting high.

Strength 8-0 127-EM.

7 Apr. Preparation for disembarking.

8 Apr. Entire company left H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth and
 lighter and boarded one of those toy English
 trains, enForte to Tiverton, Devon county,
 England. The local chapter of the American
 Red Cross served coffee and doughnuts.

9 Apr. Easter Sunday. Just another day to the G.I.
 Arrived at Tiverton, Devon county, England.

10 Apr. Headquarters established. Equipment starting to
 arrive.

11 Apr. Sgt. Simmons and Pfc. James from duty to sick, 67th
 Gen. Hosp. Taunton, Devon county.

12 Apr. Usual battalion duties.

13 Apr. No change of routine activities.

14 Apr. Usual camp duties.

15 Apr. Usual camp duties.

16 Apr. Usual camp duties.

17 Apr. Cpl. Kruse from duty to sick 67th Gen. Hosp.

18 Apr. Company participated in 4.2" cml. mort. shoot
 conducted by platoon commanders.

19 Apr. Pfc. James from sick to duty.

20 Apr. Usual camp duties.

21 Apr. Pfc. Jones reduced to grade of Pvt. Lt. Shouse from duty to T.D. Pargaton England. T/5 Calvert and Willis M.D. attached for adm., rat., quart., and duty.

22 Apr. Sgt. Simmons from sick to duty.

23 Apr. Left Tiverton, Devonshire, at 0920, arrived at marshalling area, Plymouth, 1230 by motor convoy.

24 Apr. Cpl. Kruse from sick to duty.

25 Apr. Left Marshalling area and boarded troop transport for landing exercises, 1900.

26 Apr. Usual duties aboard troop transport.

27 Apr. Landed on beach at Slapton Sands from landing craft at 1035 with all equipment. Moved in support of 3 Bn., 8th Regmt. 4th Inf. Div. to Warcombe where bivouac was established.

28 Apr. Moved in support of inf. setting up mortars at alternate positions to Fowelscombe gate where bivouac was established.

29 Apr. Moved to completion of maneuvers at 1600. Bivouaced at Venn.

30 Apr. Lt. Evans from duty to M.D. 234th Bomb Disposal Co. Company departed from Venn 2300 from home station via motor transport.

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1 May Lt. Shouse from T.M at Paington. England, to duty. T/5 Galvert and Willis released from attachment for adm., rat., qtrs., and duty.

2 May. Company alerted for departure.

3 May Usual camp duties.

4 May Usual camp duties.

5 May Usual camp duties.

6 May Usual camp duties.

7 May Lt. Evans from T.D. 234th Bomb Disposal Co. to duty.

8 May Left Tiverton, Devon, via motor convoy 0700 arr. Scorrison Down 1030. Mortar shoot conducted by platoon commanders. Bivouaced for night.

9 May Mortar shoot conducted by Platoon commanders. Left firing area 1500 arrived at camp 1730 via motor con.

10 May. T/5's Galvert, Willis and Pfc. Chase, M.D., attached for administration, quarters and rations and duty.

11 May Usual camp duties.

12 May Sgt. Graham and Cpl. LaMarca reduced to grade of Pvt. Cpl. Cape promoted Sgt.; Pfc. Goodman and Pvt. Harshman promoted Cpl. Pfc. Zenhye promoted T/5. Pvts Curtis, Maggs, Smith and Stebugg promoted Pfc's.

13 May Pfc. Escinos reduced to Pvt.

14 May Usual camp duties.

15 May Company departed from Tiverton, Devon, at 1200 for marshalling area, via motor convoy, Residue of 2 officers, 54 EM. remained behind.

16 May. Usual camp duties.

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- 17 May. Usual camp duties.
- 18 May Usual camp duties. Pvt. Barber assigned and joined.
Pvt. Mowen promoted Pfc.
- 19 May Usual camp duties.
- 20 May Company engaged in 5-mile road march in marshalling
area vicinity.
- 21 May Usual camp duties.
- 22 May Usual camp duties.
- 23 May Usual camp duties.
- 24 May Usual camp duties.
- 25 May Cpl's Lanaro and Lehlbach aptd. T/5; T/5 Deabenderfer
and Janzen aptd. Cpl.
- 26 May Company's residue took hike to Sir John's Estate.
The boys were allowed to tour the grounds and everyone
was speechless after viewing the art work done on the
shrubbery. Everyone completed hike. Weather
good; morale excellent.
- 27 May Usual camp duties.
- 28 May Sunday. Activity at a standstill; men taking
advantage of summer-like weather.
- 29 May Residue anxiously awaiting replacements. Softball
team blows 9-0 lead by bowing to A Co. - 10-9.
- 30 May The functions fo the new mortar sight explained to
the residue by Lt. Lyons. After which the men put
their O.K. on the instrument. The softball team
turned back a last inning splurge to down B
company, 13-11.
- 31 May Usual company duties, but residue received no pay.

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I June Residue engaged in 10-mile road march. Weather cloudy, morale excellent. Men in marshalling area really on edge as D-Day thought nearing. The company has been briefed and issued the new-style combat jackets. Looks like the real McCoy...

2 June. Still waiting.

3 June Not much doing in residue outside of fact that men received a full pay and also their weekly rations.

4 June Another Sunday and everyone is still waiting for D-Day. Residue still at Tiverton, Devon. Assault section left marshalling area and boarded USS Bayfield men quartered, bedded down and fed. Everyone in best of spirits; much speculation.

5 June Still aboard USS Bayfield, fine ship. Still waiting and wondering...?

6 June D-day. Today was really the day. At last the invasion has started and with it came news that the residue was leaving Tiverton. We were supposed to board the landing crafts LCM at 0230, delayed to 0430. Landed Utah Beach, Uncle Red Sector, at 0805. Set up on beach, prepared to cover infantry 3rd Bn, 8th Div. Lt Col. Strickland commanding. Crossing inundated area were shelled rather heavily by German .88's and mortars, Pfc. Smith received direct hit and was killed instantly our first casualty. Cargo carrier M-129 received hit by tracer bullets and burned. Proceeded from beach S.W

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to Ste. Mere du Monte, then West to LesForges. 8th Inf. was pinned down by approx. 2230 by strong point south of St. Mere du Eglise, could advance no farh farther. Mortars set up in vicinity of Les Forged ready to support attack or repel counter-attack. Lt. Shouse and 1st Sgt. Czerwinski last seen at approx 2300. We have proved our worth already by firing severa missions successfully. Morale excellent considering everything.

7 June

First build-up from residue consisting of 2 officers and 22 EM. plus 11 EM attached from 113 Cml. processing company departed at 0715 via motor convoy for marshalling area. Second build-up remained at Tiverton consisting of 13 EM plus 12 EM attached from 113 Cml. Procs. Co. Second day of invasion. Still green, but game, began attack on strongpoint by firing H.E. and W.P. in large quantities. Destroyed two ammo dumps, much material and forced majority of personnel to evacuate. Inf. continued advance towards Ste. Mere Eglise, we supported from our same positions. Isolated individual weapons and snipers. Harrassed all roads leading forward. Our positions became precarious as infantry moved forward. Lack of sufficient automatic weapons to protect our forward displacement caused us some concern fortunately we were able to join the 8th Inf. regimental C.P. train as it moved forward. Occupied positions N.E. of St. Mere Eglise, bivouaced fo for night, men tired, morale still excellent. Worried about Lt. Shouse and Sgt. Czerwinski.

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8 June

Still in same position, supporting infantry attack on high ground vicinity of Freresville. Tall church in Freresville afforded enemy excellent observation of all roads in battallion sector making displacement forward by vehicle impossible. ~~EM~~ Displaced forward by crossing country in carts, very strenous and tiring pulling mortars. Received some shell fire on column but excellent dispersion reduced risk of casualties. 3rd Bn. took high ground but could advance no farther. Enemy observation from church tower finally reduced so further displacement forward was made by vehicke. Peculiar incident: due to mix-up in rendezvous point for vehicles and men to meet, the entire companyll vehicles and personnel - entered Montbourg which was still heavily garrisoned by Germans making the personnel of this company possibly the first American troops to enter this town. Honorable but risky. Lost one cargo carrier M-29 and one 1-ton trailer. Also lost a cargo carrier in shelling earlier in day. Cpl. StClair had leg

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broken in two places by .88 mm shell while acting as radio operator for Lt. Owen's forward observation group. Company moved into bivouac area north of Fresville for the night. There was little sleep, enemy patrols, frequent shelling, nebelwerfers, everyone physically exhausted - little inducement to sleep altogether. Morale - low, men getting nervous and jittery, but still game. Cpl. Kruse missing since approx. 1000; Pvt. Ventriglia evacuated to rear because of festering cut received while dis-embarking from landing craft.

June 9

Occupied positions - always ready to support infantry, they are very fond of us by this time. Our forward observers are doing an excellent job of reducing any and all enemy targets. Many successful missions have been fired. defenses are becoming very difficult; the German is stubborn, however the advance continues. Interesting story from Cpl Kruse, who returned telling of how he was attached to an infantry company in the assault. We remained in some positions all day and all night. Men feeling much better.

June 10

Continuing support of same positions, we had a red letter day. Fired over 1100 rounds of H.E. and W.P. mixed, effect devastating. Infantry advanced considerably and we were able to displace to a high ground north of Ecousseville. Betting closer to objective, fire very heavy upon us from here. Subjected to first aerial attack, both bombing and strafing. First platoon assigned to 1st Bn. 8th Inf. Second platoon still in support of 3rd. Bn. Men are becoming veterans now, taking everything in stride. Second buildup from residue, Tiverton, boarded SS. John Henry.

June 11

Still in support, still firing, infantry still advancing. Company re-assigned to 327th Inf. Bn. 101st. Airborne division for a special operation against Carentan. Continuous fire of mortars has played havoc with them only four remain in decent operation. Lt. Owens was forward observer for the company and shell-ed the city with white phosphorus until it was ablaze.. He continued his mission in morning by laying a smoke screen across the front enabling the paratroopers to enter and take the town. Mission completed, morale excellent. Men returned to rear company bivouac for much needed rest. Unfortunate incident: - While displacing forward from Ecousseville, to Carentan, our convoy was shelled and a cargo carrier ridden by T/4 Simon, Cpl Sobole, and T/4 Morrison was struck by shrapnel, injuring

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all three occupants; Simon seriously, the other two slightly. The vehicle and Jeep being towed by it were both damaged. Pfc. Doran, riding in the vehicle preceding damaged vehicle displayed rare courage and presence of mind. Seeing the accident and knowing that immediate help was necessary, he leaped from his moving vehicle and returned to the injured men. He remained with the injured for three hours, bandaged their wounds and administered morphine to T/4 Simon. During this time intermittent shelling continued and later some strafing. During this Doran stuck to his post, and had the injured men removed by ordnance. Having lost contact with the company he accompanied the vehicles to ordnance repair shops, had them repaired, and returned with them to our rear area. His outstanding actions were noted and the award of the Silver Star was recommended.

12 June

It has been described in the entry of 11 June how Lt. Owens directed the mission against Carentan. This was without doubt one of the highlights of our experiences. It was simply a matter of shooting them and watching them hit; our accuracy was uncanny. The area in which we had to fire was very limited due to the presence of the paratroopers in various sectors of the outskirts of the city. The men all feel proud of the job they've done, we were released from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division at 1300 and returned to our rear area for a rest, full of enthusiasm and anxious for more.

13 June

At last we've had a little time in the rear area, not very long but in the words of the French, "C'est la guerre", so we must carry on. We were assigned to 22nd Inf. Bn, 4th Div. to support the attack of the 2Bn. on the high ground west of Quineville. This was important territory as Quineville was the anchor for our advance to our final objective. The company moved into position at 330050. On the map of Montebourg MM 31/20 S.E. Set up guns and prepared to resume our usual fire. The Second Battalion was in a precarious position receiving heavy fire not only from the front, but also from the left flank. Numerous enemy elements had been by-passed in their rapid advance forward and these continually harassed their lines of communications. Heavy sniper fire and sporadic fire from automatic weapons made it impossible for our forward groups to reach the front lines today. Had a rather quiet day all in all.

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June 14

The situation clarified somewhat today, strong reconnaissance elements have cleared outmost of the snipers and we were able to get out forward observer group to the front. We got there in the afternoon just in time to support the final assault on the battalion objective. This objective proved to be one of the heaviest fortifications we have encountered to date, and it required the firing of several hundred rounds from our mortars before the positions could be taken. Meanwhile, the men at the gun positions were having a little of what they called "fum"; one of the French civilians in the vicinity had informed them of the presence of some Germans in an old building near by. A strong patrol, under the leadership of Lt. Buck, searched the building, and captured two German prisoners. These were our first prisoners. The presence of a strongly fortified dug-out with many wires leading into it, was also discovered and reported to S-2 of the 2nd Battalion. A demolition expert was dispatched to the vicinity and blew the lid off. The installation contained many terminal boxes and was later proven to be one of the control centers in the intricate German system of defenses. We are doing all right.

June 15

Company set up in a defensive position, still supporting the 2nd Bn. There is little activity for the guns, we displaced forward once in order to secure better positions and to set up better sectors of fire. The forward observers took a beating this day, heavy enemy fire was placed on the hill which they occupied and casualties among the infantry were heavy. A peculiar situation arose and Lt. Owens was temporarily made Co. commander of Co. E, 2nd Bn., Inf. He organized the remnants of the company, moved them forward out of the barrage and set up a defense line. His work in this case was commendable. We are rapidly rounding out and becoming a very versatile organization. Late in the afternoon the company was detached from the 2nd Inf. and returned to the rear area. We had no sooner arrived when orders came to prepare to move to a new sector in support of the 39th Inf. 9th div.

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June 16

Lt. Henn assigned and joined from 16th Repl. Depot. 22EM assigned and joined from 16th Repl. Depot. Company left the rear area at 0700 and proceeded to 258965 Ste. Mere Eglise Map 31/18 N.E. We were ready to support the attack of the 39th Inf. on Orglandes. Lt. Lundstrom acted as forward observer for the Company and was assigned to the 1st Bn. which was making the main effort. Today was a day of movement. Little opposition and no mortar fire was necessary. Enemy situation in Orglandes was not definitely known, so we had to be ready for anything.

June 17

1st Bn. made a mid-night attack on the town of Orglandes. Lt. Lundstrom was with Co. A which was making the main effort. They entered the town with apparently no opposition, when all hell broke loose. Now it was Lt. Lundstrom's turn to be an Infantry commander. He could not call for mortar fire on the town because of the presence of so many of our own troops. The company was forced to withdraw from the attack and Lt. Lundstrom lead two platoons out. The 1st Bn. reorganized and consolidated ready for a dawn attack. This attack was preceded by heavy fire from our mortars. Over 300 rounds were expended. After this the infantry moved in, took the town and many prisoners, without firing a shot. Much damage had been done and the effect of our mortars was plain to be seen. The objective MMH taken, once again the company set up ready to support the defenses of the Bn. sector.

June 18

Still in support of the 39th Inf. Company displaced as is our custom not only to secure better positions but also to prevent giving the enemy time to discover us and register in upon us. While displacing, Cpl. Soltesz was injured and had to be evacuated. Company remained in their new positions without firing a round and at 1300 we were relieved and reassigned to the 8th Inf. Once again we are back with our old friends. still operating in the vicinity of Eccoussville. Our movement was completed at 2200, positions taken up and ammo prepared ready to support the regimental attack at 0230 the following morning. 28 men added on D.S. from 113 Cml. Processing. Co.

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19 June

This is one day in our history we would like to omit. Two serious accidents gave us at one time more casualties than we have had till now. To begin with, our schedule of fire for the 0230 attack called for 480 rounds of W.P. and H.E. combined on 17 different targets. This fire continued till 0250. The first platoon completed mission successfully, the second platoon fired on schedule but had a serious accident. One of our own shells exploded in the air above the 1st squad injuring one officer and 5 E.M. The platoon carried on and completed their mission. First Aid was given the wounded and they were evacuated.

During the day Lt. Owens was attached as forward observer to the 3rd. Bn. and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Lt. Lundstrom to the 1st Bn. Communications between Lt. Lundstrom and the 1st Platoon were not effective so the company was consolidated into one unit with Lt. Owens observing. We continued firing our various missions mostly from map data. At the order of the Regmtl. Cmdr. in order to secure better control the second platoon was displaced closer to the first. One section of the second platoon was moving in the vicinity of the ammo dump when the accident occurred.

For some unknown reason our ammo truck blew up. It could not have happened at a worse time, for the men from both platoons were drawing ammunition at the time and the displacing section of the second platoon had reached its closest point along its route past the ammunition. 11 men were killed and 15 wounded. It was a serious blow. Medical aid from both regiments and battalion collecting points was called for and the wounded and dead were removed in excellent time. The medics deserve praise.

The second platoon had to be evacuated to the rear for re-organization. The first platoon and company Hq. re-organized on the spot, displaced forward to new positions and continued to support the infantry. The two accidents in one day, neither of which were caused by enemy activity, make this our darkest day. We lost the following men:

Killed in action: Sgt. Cape, T/4 Olubowicz, Cpl. Misinay, Pfc's Eckhoff, Gaston, Mannix, Deace, Pvts. Edmiston, Grizzle, Martin and Tomsovic. Seriously wounded in action: Lt. Edwards, Sgts. Stasinopolus, and Vermillion, Cpl. Dunn, Pfc. Vallera, Pvts. LaMarca, McCullough, Pscoinos and S/ Sgt. Heiaracher; Rightly wounded in action Sgts. Pompei and Simmons, Pfc's Ellison, Maynard, Shepardson, Tasselli and Pvts. Burke, Hammond, Hildreth, Powers and Burns, and Sgt. Savage and Pvt. Gorton.

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June 20

Today was pretty much of a rat race with the enemy in full retreat and us hot on their tail. 2nd Platoon still in rear area reorganizing and the 1st platoon still attached to the 8 Inf. It was a day of movement, we were going so fast that orders to displace forward sometimes came before ~~the~~ occupation of the old position had been accomplished. Fortunately our reconnaissance elements were alert and kept abreast of the situation in a commendable manner. If this had not been so, the entire organization would no doubt have been annihilated, for our last order to displace forward would have placed us in the center of the most heavily fortified strongpoint we have seen up to this time. It was a comparatively new installation, a launching ramp for the new robot bomb vengeance weapon being used by the Germans. All avenues of approach to this installation were well covered by weapons of various calibers, both large and small. This installation, the regimental objective for the day, was not taken. As nightfall approached the infantry dug in and consolidated and we, in turn set up our mortars and made ready, as always, to support. Three E.M. assigned and joined from Co. B. Three E.M. attached for rations, quarters, and duty from 113 Chemical Processing Co.

June 21

The attack bogged down somewhat due to desperate resistance offered in and around the area of the strong point. There was not much we could do for the infantry, most of the fighting was taking place in the heavy woods directly to our front. In this case our mortar shells would have burst in the treetops and caused as many casualties among our own troops as among the enemy, had we fired in close support as we usually do. However we did have an opportunity to fire some interdiction fire on road junctions and various other targets using map coordinates for our data. The newly activated second platoon joined us in the line today. We displaced forward under cover of darkness and had our first trouble with the tracks of the cargo carriers, one of them threw a track and it required the efforts of several men and many hours of labor under the most trying conditions to repair it in order to complete the displacement.

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June 22

We finally reached a position favorable for mortar fire. This is one of the heaviest days of firing we have had yet. We fired upon everything within mortar range. Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. was in position to observe our rolling barrage laid down in support of the attack by the 8th Inf. He said "it was the most beautiful piece of mortar work he had ever seen." We felt honored by such a compliment. He visited our gun positions and personally complimented the men. However we could not expect our firing to be unanswered by the Germans. They searched for us with counterbattery fire and landed a few shells in the second platoon position. Three men, Pfc. Barker, Pvts. Lombardi and Spanagel were wounded and had to be evacuated. This baptism of fire for the second platoon was well met and the men carried on their usual good work. We were able to displace forward once more during the day, each displacement telling us that the infantry was still advancing.

June 23

Still attached to the 8th Inf. Lt Owens still observing and Lt. Lundstrom doing wonderful work as liaison officer at the ~~XXXXXX~~ regimental C.P. Regmtl. Comdr. has adopted new tactics and new use for our mortars. Today the 2nd platoon fired all map data on various points, all for harrasing purposes. The first platoon fired observed fire for close support of the infantry. This seems to be a satisfactory arrangement. The firing of the first platoon was especially commendable in at least one particular instance. The target was a small village heavily garrisoned by Germans. Several hundred rounds of HE and WP were expended on this target. The number of dead Germans and the condition of the buildings gave mute testimony of the effectiveness of the fire, of this mission. We had finally an opportunity to reward the older men in the organization for the wonderful work they have done. Promotions were given to fill the vacancies left by those men who have been lost. They will be hard to replace but we feel that the newly made men will carry on the job. S/sgt Pratte was promoted to 1st. Sgt. and Sgt. Schultz replaced him as platoon sgt. of the 1st platoon.

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24 June

Today the first platoon was placed in support of the 2nd and 3rd Bns. who had reached their objective and were set-up difinsively. The second platoon was attached to the 1st Bn. supporting their advance toward their objective. The 1st platoon had a quiet day but the second platoon was very busy. First of all they fired several missions and before long the 1st. Bn. had reached their objectives. A real show of what the mortars can do was shown today. At approximately 1500 the enemy counter-attacked in force. Lt. Owens' commands to the mortars were simply as follows: "Shoot. Shoot everything you've got, traverse right and left, shoot over and short." And we shot. Three vehicles were utilized for the resupply of ammunition. Everyone, including the communications personnel from company hq. was kept busy preparing the ammunition. Approx. 600 rounds of W.P. and H.E. were expended before the order "cease firing" was given. The counter attack was broken up by mortar fire only, showing what the W.P.-H.E. combination was capable of doing. It was later discovered that two .88 mm guns and one A.A. gun had been destroyed. Had another accident today, the wire-laying section of co. hq. struck a mine with their 3/4 ton weapons carrier and was destroyed, wounding T/4 Ford and Cpls. Hochman and Lukshis. All were treated and Hochman and Lukshis returned to the rear area to recuperate. Ford remained in the hospital for further treatment, to be returned to us later.

25 June

All assignments remained the same. Regiment was busy mopping-up small pockets of resistance within their sector and holding what they have. Cherbourg is in sight. We feel very much at home with the 8th. We like them, theylike us. We were ordered to change to the 12 Inf. but Col. VanFleet had those orders shanged in a matter of minutes. The third platoon fired 20 rounds today, destroying a small ammo dump.

26 June

Today was officially proclaimed a day of rest for all troops in the regiment. The 8th had reached their objective for the entire campaign and now is sitting tight waiting for flank units to gain theirs. Cherbourg has just about fallen. We expect to move in any day now. Plans are under was for the triumphal entry by the 4th Division. Our company has been selected to provide representatives for the 87th Cml. Bn. We are honored and feel very satisfied with ourselves. In preperation for the entry we moved to the vicinity of LaGlacerie from where we could observe the harbour. Since it was still a day of rest we did not set-up our guns. The men are relieved, the pressure is off and a holiday spirit permeates the outfit.

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27 June,

Still in bivouac in the vicinity of LaGlacerie. We didn't do much all day. The lull in activities has provided the men with an excellent opportunity to bathe and check the status of their equipment. We haven't had much chance to do those things since D-day. Cherbourg was entered by our forces but due to possible resistance by Germans still manning the harbor forts, the group was very small. The grand parade did not materialize. However, reports of time bombs found in the city in various places made us feel rather less disappointed at not being in the group!

28 June

Still with the 8th Div. We moved into Cherbourg this morning at 1030 as a part of "R" task force, with the mission of assisting the garrison of the city. We set-up our guns in the vicinity of the cemetery in the S.W. section of the city, and prepared to fire defensive fire along the shore line and the harbor itself. The men are anxious to go sight-seeing and investigate this city, their goal since D-Day. Regimental orders prohibit this so we spent the day in the vicinity of the gun positions.

29 June

Today we were relieved from attachment to the 8th Infantry and returned to the rear area 2 miles west of Valognes. The balance of the day was spent in clean up and checking equipment and getting some badly needed readjustments of personal matters accomplished, 400 gallons of decontaminating apparatus were secured and shower heads provided, the men all bathed. This was our first shower since D-Day. It sure felt good.

30 June

Still in rest camp. All repairs made, equipment all cleaned and checked, all personal matters taken care of. Company was ready for reassignment by noon. There is nothing to do now but rest and enjoy this climate, and the calm serenity of the French country side. Someone, we do not know who, discovered an abandoned stock of rare wines, liquors, etc.; it was a veritable gold mine to us. In short time a bar had been set up, the stock having been transferred to the company C.P.; the line formed to the left, canteen cups were filled and emptied many times. The stock diminished, the line shortened and as evening fell only a few die-hards remained. A good time was had by all, there was no rowdiness and the men proved that they could still drink like gentlemen (?) a very commendable trait.

- 1 July Another day in rest camp, the battle has moved South and we are prepared to follow. A new sith in the rear area was reconoitered. Reports arrived today informing us that 1st Sgt. Czerwinski's status was cnanged from missing in action June 6 to killed in action June 12, 1944.
- 2 July Weleft the old rear area at OBEO, moved to the new, established it and had a meal served by 1200. We considered that pretty good time, still resting and waiting.
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3 July We finally got assigned, we are attatched to the 331st Inf. 83 Div. a new addition to the VII Corps. The liaison and recon. was completed and the company moved into position in the vicinity of Meartis at 2000. We are prepared to support the attack south early tomorrow morning. The men are glad to get back into action again. Lt. Shouse's status changed from MIA. to KIA. 6 June, 1944. T/4 Simon from SWA. to DOW. 13 June, 1944
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- 4 July We did quite a bit of firing today, laying down heavy concentrations of HE and WP. Enemy resistance is stubborn and they are fighting from well fortified positions, This is the first engagement for the 331st. Guns were silent through the night. Gains during the day were slight and lesses heavy. Late in the evening the regiment was forced to withdraw to their line of departure once more. The front lines were not too secure. So our company moved into position, both platoons in close proremity to each other. This way we had better security, we are rather disappointed in the work of the 331st. but feel sure that their inability to make gains wasmostly due to their lack of cmbpat experiance.
- 5 July Company still attached to the 331st. Inf., first platoon to 2nd. Bn., 2nd. plat. to 3rd. Bn. Today the first Bn. made the main effort so one platoon of mortars was shifted to cover the advance of this bn. However, communications with the Bn. Cmdr. were not satisfactory and they never called for any fire. Meanwhile the other platoon coversd the 2nd and 3rd. Bns. in their defensive positions.

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6 July

Today we were relieved from attachment to the 331st. and assigned to the 330th. on the left flank of the division. This is rather a precarious situation since heavy enemy artillery fire was being placed on that flank. Suitable mortar positions were hard to find. We did get in and set-up our guns ready to support the attack of the 330th from the vicinity of LaSemmerville south to about 2000 yards to a high ground. Communication lines were ~~blown~~ constantly being knocked out by artillery fire, the communications section did an admirable job of repairing the breaks in short time. Lt. Egnatchik was officially assigned to us today, though he has been with us since 29 June, 1944. Pfc. Barker's status changed from SWA., 22 June to DOW 23 June.

7 July

Still assigned to the 330th. This regiment jumped off at 0710. Lt. Owens with Sgt. Stewart accompanied them as forward observers. It was a power push with plenty of supporting weapons. The objective was reached about ~~1530~~ 1530. About 0900 Sgt. Swart was shot through the right arm and had to be evacuated. The same bullet grazed Lt. Owens' field jacket and tore it about three inches, just over the right breast. A close one, but as "Tex" says, they'll have to shoot lots straighter than that.

8 July

Shifted again. This time we are back with the 331st. We did plenty of heavy firing, expending approximately about 800 rounds. However, this infantry does not take advantage of our barrages, they do not move in under them. Word is coming back that we are facing crack German troops, the infred fanaticist SS Troops and Panzers. ~~It~~ It will be tough to break their lines. Late this evening orders came to us through 1st Army limiting our firing to 240 rounds a day. This reduces our efficiency drastically, we will have to make the best of the situation.

9 July

Still supporting the 331st. They did not advance much yesterday so we still occupy the same positions. Our ammo allowance has reduced our firing considerably and it was rather a slow day.

10 July

Once again we are on the move, this time we are assigned with the 329th Inf. This shifting from one regiment to another increases our communication difficulties. Lines must be laid to the supported unit. Much credit must be given to the communications section for their fine work. Company displaced forward once today to the vicinity of Hotot. It seems that the 329 expected great things of the mortar and are very disappointed when they heard of our limited allowance.

11 July

Difficulties are beginning to rise in our association with the 329th. They fail to realize that our ammunition restriction seriously impairs the operation of the company. They want to use the mortar offensively. We sent Lt. Lundstrom forward as observer at approx. 2100 this ~~evening~~ evening to support the attack on a strongpoint near Bois Gremot. During his firing a 15-round volley destroyed an enemy tank there is no doubt that it was anything but a lucky hit since our mortars are considered ineffective against tanks, but this bit of firing caused considerable excitement through all echelons, especially among the men in our own company. The entire day's ammo allowance was expended in a period of 45 minutes, thus proving our theory that we should not be used in the offensive under such restrictions.

12 July

Situation same, we occupied the same positions all day and prepared to fire defensive fire if the situation called for it. No ammunition was expended at all today. The men are becoming restless, they are accustomed to activity and this laying around is getting on everyone's nerves. Regiment refused to acknowledge the situation and seem to think we are not doing our part because we do not fire more. It is very difficult operating like this and it is our fervent hope that the situation soon is changed.

13 July

Today we had 480 rounds of ammunition to expend because we used none yesterday. Lt. Owens and Lt. Egnatchik, who went along to learn the art of forward observation, accompanied the first battalion in their drive south. We fired many missions most of them smoke screens. The advance of the 1st Ba. was steady till 1500. At that time two enemy tanks opposed them. There was little protection for the doughboys and the tanks ran rampant in front of their lines, spraying them with machine gun and shell fire. Casualties were heavy. Lt. Egnatchik received a slight shrapnel wound in the right leg and was returned to the rear to recover.

14 July

More discouraging news today. Due to an unavoidable mistake we were informed that since the ammunition restriction began our company had used 220 rounds over its allowance, almost a full day's fire. Orders were received from our Batt. Cmdr. to readjust immediately. Since we could do no shooting we just took it easy all day. The guns still in position ready to cover the infantry, but only skeleton crews manning them.

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15 July

Division is finally mopping up on its objective and we are still waiting for support them if necessary. forward to vicinity south of Sainteny. Another "snafu" situation arose today. We were relieved from the 329th at 2100 and proceeded to our rear area feeling very much relieved at the turn of events. We had no sooner arrived when orders came through attaching us to the 331st Inf, presumably for a special mission. The company occupied the same positions we had just evacuated and prepared for this "special mission". Everyone was pleased because it looked as if we would finally see some action.

16 July

Our "special mission" turned out to be general support of the 331st Inf. Even though we were disappointed, our guns were available and ready on call. Only 62 rounds were expended all day. The company was relieved from attachment from the 83rd Div. altogether at 1600. About noon, Pfc. Kelley was wounded in the thigh by a stray bullet from the front lines and was evacuated. It was a beautiful day today, the nicest since D-Day. Our rear area moved to a new location, south of Carentan, on the road to St. Lo. It required a 12-mile drive for us to reach the new location for the gun positions. The trip was thoroughly enjoyable, and reminded us of the Sunday afternoon drives we used to take at home in the pre-war, pre-ration days. Missing of course was that certain someone who usually accompanied us at home, and the luxury of plush seats and wheeled vehicles instead of the M-29 cargo carriers. The remaining supply from our "Spoils of Cherbourg" were uncorked and this, bolstered by our ever-available supply of cider, provided the men with another party.

17 July

Still in rest camp. Speculation as to future assignments runs high. Perhaps we should mention a few of our old friends at this time. Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt - Jr. is dead, the victim of a heart attack. Col. Van Fleet, who commanded the 9th Inf., was promoted to Brig. Gen. Letters from former members of our company are coming in daily. The men whom we have lost so far are still with us in spirit. Someday we hope to have them back with us again. The day passed uneventfully, with showers for the men, check of clothing and equipment and letter writing keeping us all occupied.

- 18 July Another day in rest camp. The men are getting anxious to go back to work. News from the other fronts looks good. Italian campaign going strong, Russians still making gains toward East Prussia, British forces made a gain in the Caen sector and broke-through 8 miles. We are all watching, waiting and hoping for an early surrender of the Nazi regime. But it is feared that this time they will fight to the last German.
- 19 July We're getting a rest that is a rest this time. No assignment yet. We all feel something big is in the wind and we are ready to do our part. Had quite a bit of enemy aerial activity during the day. Reports of 4 Nazi planes being shot down have reached us. Many flares were dropped over the front lines tonight. These, plus tracers from hundreds of AA guns presented an awe-inspiring sight.
- 20 July Finally got an assignment, we are attached to the 47th Infantry, 9th Div. Liaison and reconnaissance are completed and all preparations made to move the company into position tomorrow are ready.
- 21 July Company occupied positions in vicinity of Sadec at 0700. The "something big" has proved to be a long-awaited break-through of the German position in front of us. We must wait for suitable weather, it has been raining for quite sometime and the ground is very muddy, making roads almost impassible.
- 22 July Still raining, operations are almost at a standstill. Company has occupied position defensively.
- 23 July Still raining and we are spoiling for action. We followed the artillery into action by collaborating with them in firing several interdiction missions on road junctions and likely assembly areas in the rear of German lines. The rain stopped late this afternoon and rumor has it that tomorrow will be the big push.

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- 24 July Today was to have been the big push. Everything was set and it looked like it was on. It was to have been preceded by an aerial bombardment, but the first few waves of heavies came over at 800 feet, found that visibility was too poor for accurate bombing and the push had to be postponed.
- 25 July Today was the push. We had good weather and everything went as scheduled. 1800 heavies, 500 medium and 500 fighter bombers provided the Germans with an aerial bombardment they will never forget. Troops moved forward, mopping up local resistance and by the end of the day had advanced approximately one mile. One of the heavy bombers of the leading wave was struck by flak and was forced to jettison its bombs before reaching the target, with tragic results for us. The stick struck the 3rd. Bn. of the 47th Inf. causing numerous casualties and among them was our Lt. Owens and Sgt. Gagliardo who were both killed. Lt. Henn, who had accompanied Lt. Owens to learn the ways of forward observing was wounded in the left foot and had to be evacuated. This was a serious loss to us and caused dismay throughout the ranks.
- 26 July Still with the 47th. They have entered the area which was bombed, and found it a shambles. Resistance is only local, very little firing is being done by any of the supporting weapons. Signs of a successful breakthrough are evident.
- 27 July Company attached to the 39th Inf., 9th Div. the 9th is gradually accomplishing its mission of rolling back the right flank of the breakthrough, opening roads for the armor to go through. Resistance is light, but there is still some German artillery and tank fire. Company took up positions in vicinity of La Butte. Shortly afterward a shell struck near one of the ammunition trucks, setting afire a five gallon can of gas and causing several boxes of W.P. to start smoldering. The flames were extinguished and the smoking boxes of ammunition removed by S/sgt. Gallagher, T/5 Lambert and Pfc. Eichinger. Their heroic actions may have prevented a repetition of the 19 June tragedy. They have been recommended for the award of the Bronze Star. Lt. Miller joined us today. He, with Lt. Edwards, who joined us on the 16th, brings us to full officer strength once more.

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- 28 July Division objective in view. Things are very quiet the break-through is definitely successful. There was no firing from this company all day. The objective was reached tonight.
- 29 July The war has moved on. The flank is secure and the 9th has been relieved. We were enjoyably surprised to learn that our attachment remained and we were to move with them to a rest area. Moved into the rest area in the vicinity of Marigny early this evening.
- 30 July The first day in the rest area was spent in the usual manner, cleaning equipment and arranging personal matters.
- 31 July Relieved from an attachment to the 39th and placed with the 47th again. Still in the rest area. We were alerted to move out, but the move did not materialize. We spent the day in the vicinity of Maupertuis.
- 1 August. Moved to an assembly area in vicinity of Mambye, being fifth serial, first march unit. We arrived in position and received combat orders for an attack due south in the morning.
- 2 Aug. This is another mop-up job, cleaning out small pockets of resistance, which had been by-passed or surrounded by our armored forces. It developed into a race to determine whether the Germans could retreat faster than we could attack. Many displacements forward were made.
- 3 Aug. Still attacking south, still a rat race. Substantial gains have been made by our foot troops. Finally fired a mission, placing 15 pounds of HE on a point designated by a prisoner as being a fuel dump.
- 4 Aug. Still in support of 47th Inf. Div.
- 5 Aug.
- 6 Aug.
- 7 Aug.
- 8 Aug. Still in support of 47th Inf. Div.

- 8 Aug. Continued in support of the 47th Inf. The infantry has determined that the enemy is in the forward edge of the woods towards our left front. Heavy concentrations of H.E. and W.P. were placed on these areas. Resistance was broken and the 2nd. Bn. was able to gain its objective.
- 9 Aug. Taking of the objective yesterday permitted the company to displace forward to the vicinity of La Nazaire. Considerable firing was done from these positions.
- 10 Aug. Infantry has finally ~~REK~~ reached its objective. The company is set-up defensively, waiting to be filled in by the 28th Div., which is advancing from the left.
- 11 Aug. Company moved from vicinity of La Nazaire to an assembly area S.E. of St. Georges. We had no sooner arrived and set-up our bivouac when the march order was given. The platoons were assigned to Bn. combat teams and immediately departed to join their battalions. Company Hq. remained in vicinity of regimental C.P.
- 12 Aug. The entire regiment moved to the vicinity of Pre-en-Pail with a mission to advance north until they met the British who are advancing south. A large part of the German 7th Army has been trapped to our north and are desperately trying to escape. Considerable advances were made this day against light enemy resistance.
- 13 Aug. Still advancing, heavily wooded areas make operations very difficult. Our advance is somewhat slower, but still steady.
- 14 Aug. Still advancing. Company has done very little firing due to the unfavorable nature of the terrain.
- 15 Aug.
- 16 Aug. Advance continues but company fires very little
- 17 Aug. due to present nature of terrain.
- 18 Aug. Today we met the advance elements of the British Army. We should reach our objective tomorrow.
- 19 Aug. We have reached our objective. While moving into a mortar position close behind the 1st Battalion, the enemy threw a few rounds of artillery at us which were very effective. Pfc. Glennie and Preder, Pfc. DeJoseph and VanMatre all received shrapnel wounds. Of these only VanMatre was able to remain with the company. 1st. Sgt. Pratte was discharged today

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to accept a commission as 2nd. Lt. 32 EM: from the 113 Cml. Processing Company were released from their temporary attachment and returned to their company. They have been with us since 18 June. "We wish them "Good Luck".

The entire company moved into an assembly area in the Montreuil Au Houline area, presumably for a rest.

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20 Aug.

Company relieved from attachment with 47th Inf and attached to the 60th Inf., 9th Div. Liaison was accomplished and orders were received to be ready to move tomorrow. 1st Sgt. Pratte commissioned 2nd Lt.

21 Aug.

Entire company moved to vicinity of Ste. Anne with a mission to be prepared to repel an enemy counter-attack from the North. Liaison was established to assault Bns. and mortar positions were reconnoitered, these positions were not occupied due to the extent of the fronts to be covered and our inability to determine which direction the counter attacks might come from. The company kept on alert status, ready for anything.

22 Aug.

Situation remained the same. Tonight while transporting supplies to the forward observers, two of our jeeps collided head-on in the black-out. S/sgt. McManus, Sgts. Savage and Stack, Cpl. Dallape and Pvt. Hughes had to be evacuated, all were injured. The two jeeps were damaged beyond repair.

23 Aug.

Situation remained the same.

24 Aug.

We moved today to the vicinity of La Pusinaye, still with the 60th, in an assembly area.

25 Aug

Still in an assembly area near La Pusimaye.

26 Aug.

Received orders today at 1815 to be assigned to the 47th Inf. We moved with them to the vicinity of Tilly during the night, making a motor march in the blackout during the night, hampered also by rain. Again tragedy rode with us, at 21:30 the ammunition cargo carrier M29 from the second platoon slipped from the road and went over a 6-foot escarpment. Pvt. Chase was killed, S/sgt. Gallagher seriously injured and Pfc. VanMatre and Pvt. Dubrofsky were slightly injured. All except VanMatre, who again escaped serious injury, were evacuated. Also the M29 was evacuated. Due to the accident, the convoy was split and the entire company separated, and considerable time was required before we finally got everyone to the assembly area. This was accomplished at 0500.

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- 27 Aug. Still with the 47th Inf. We crossed the river Seine by pontoon bridge at 800 with the vicinity of Chartres as our objective. The drive developed with the infantry going ahead. The objective was taken at 1700. We didn't fire a round. The doughboys expended a few shots, and a number of prisoners were taken. At 2030 orders were received assigning us to the 60th again. Liaison was established and the company prepared to resume the offensive tomorrow.
- 28 Aug. Resumed the drive with the 60th Inf. at 0800 the vicinity of Chartres was left and an objective near La Haute Maison was sought. Another motor march. Objective gained at 1500. No ammo expended.
- 29 Aug. Continued our forward drive in a northerly direction early this morning. This drive has been very successful so far. We reached Hautevesnes at 1400 after a motor march of 30 miles. We have been this every day since we crossed the Seine River. Passing through World War territory now and find it rather interesting. The Marne River, Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods, all have been left behind in our advance. No ammo expended.
- 30 Aug. Departed Hautevesnes 0800 arrived Moussy-Verneuil 1430. Movement the same as usual. Depart, ride, arrive. No ammo expended. All this rate we'll soon be leaving France. The pace is beginning to have its effect on our M-29's. One of them was evacuated today, making a total of five since these long fast moves were started. They are definitely not suited for mobile situations. This shortage of transportation makes it necessary for one squad to go out of action entirely. The first platoon now only 3 squads left in the line.
- 31 Aug. Departed from Moussy-verneuil 0710 arrived at Roznoy 1330. The first signs of the enemy in the form of a mined roadblock was encountered just short of the objective. Scattered small arms fire was received today within the town. Our mortars fired their first rounds in a long time. Nine rounds of WP. were placed on an area containing personnel by the 1st Platoon. Lt. Miller received slight shrapnel wounds near the left eye but was able to continue his duties.
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- 1 Sept. Mission today is to secure the right flank of the 7th Corps by taking the towns of Rozoy, Bruge-hamed, and Aubenton. Rozoy is already in our hands and the 1st and 3rd Battalions are advancing toward their objectives with the 1st and 2nd ptns. attached. These objectives taken at 1500.
- 2 Sept. Big day today. We crossed the border into Belgium at 1430 in our advance toward the towns of Chimax and Macom. There was slightly more resistance than usual, but this was easily overcome and the towns were taken at 1730. The 1st platoon fired 31 rounds at a German anti-tank gun and knocked it out. The Belgian people are happy to see us, seemingly more sincerely so than the French. The Battalion commander visited us for a short while this afternoon.
- 3 Sept. The advance continued today with the 1st and 2nd platoons in support of the 3rd. and 2nd. Bns. There is every evidence that we have overtaken the fleeing Germans. They are fighting desperate but light rearguard actions. The 1st. Plat. fired 100 rounds of HE. and 25 of WP. into their ranks. This firing stopped many German moves and was praised by all who observed it. We stopped for the night south of Phillipville.
- 4 Sept. Same attachments as yesterday. The regiment continued its attack changing direction to the East with the mission of forcing a river crossing across the Meuse River between Givet and Dinant. All bridges across the river had been blown, and well placed machine guns and anti-tank guns prevented our troops from crossing. The 1st. Platoon fired 70 HE. and 22 WP. on various targets while the second fired only 3 WP. Plans are being made to attempt a crossing at midnight using assault boats.

- 5 Sept. The crossing of the Meuse River at midnight was only partially successful. Two battalions did get across with light casualties but the engineers could not construct a bridge for the vehicles and supporting weapons to use. This was due to well directed MG. mortar and artillery fire. The enemy definitely has the advantage of terrain. It later developed that the 2nd. Bn. which had crossed the river, was in very bad straits. They were entirely surrounded and suffered heavy casualties in wounded and prisoners. Lt. Miller was the r.o. with this Bn. and narrowly escaped the same fate. There was considerable firing on enemy personnel.

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- 6th Sept. Increased pressure was brought to bear on the Germans across the river today and a beachhead was definitely established. By evening the entire regiment had crossed via the bridge at Bastiere-par-Sela, and the 39th. and 47th. followed. Only 4 rds. of WP. were fired all day. This was due to the fact that we were in constant state of alertness to move across the river with our units.
- 7 Sept. During the night the Germans withdrew their forces from our immediate front. The 60th was ordered to an assembly area NE. of Dimant. Scattered resistance was encountered along the route and many fine mortar targets were available. We fired 165 rounds of HE. and 160 rounds of WP. today with excellent results. Our efforts drew praise from the lips of the Rgmtl. Cmr. the assembly area was reached at 2130.
- 8 Sept. Our objective today was Wazee, a small town SE. of Liege. Once again there was light resistance easily overcome. Our objective was taken at 2000. The gasoline situation is becoming acute. Tanks are low and our daily allowance is not sufficient to replace that used during the day. Ammunition supplies are not available at the ASP. We have approx. 400 rounds on hand. Today only 6 rounds of WP. were expended.
- 9 Sept. Today we are supposed to cross the L'eurthe River and take Spimont. This crossing was affected at the town of Esneaux, virtually unopposed. We are close at the heels of the Germans. The objective was reached at 1800 and a change of orders caused us to change direction to the South across the Ambleve river, into the town of Aywaille. While passing through Spimont, the 3rd. Bn, 1st. Ptn. attached was subjected to heavy enemy shell fire. Lt. Edwards and Sgt. Inman were both slightly wounded and had to be evacuated. No ammunition was expended. 166 rounds were taken in from the rear area. 1 M-29 was evacuated.

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10 Sept.

Our mission today is to continue the drive south to clean out the small pockets of resistance in that area. This mission was routine and required little time to complete. The situation seems static and some time has finally been found for much needed cleaning up and maintenance. Regimental CP. has set up in Aywaille. This is the closest contact we've had with the Belgian people and we can more fully understand their feelings upon being liberated. Received 370 rounds. On hand now are 417 W.P., and 689 H.E. That's much better and we have the assurance of plenty more when it is needed.

11 Sept.

Still in Aywaille. Situation unchanged. Orders were received at 1400 to move to an assembly area in the vicinity of Hornay. The platoons remained attached to the 1st and 3rd. Bns. The C.P. was set up in Ognée.

12 Sept.

Company detached from the 60th at 1200 today and assigned to the 47th. Laison and reconnaissance were completed and the company moved to the Regimental assembly area in the vicinity of Petit Rechain. No orders have been received pertaining to any mission. The Tillikaale was evacuated because of an infected hand.

13 Sept.

This is a big day in the history of our company. Another move has brought us at last to the borders of Germany. We are at an assembly area in the vicinity of Diebach, east of Eupen. This is a part of old Germany and close to the present border. The old days are gone, of friendly greeting. Now we are met with stony silence and hostile glances. No mission yet. Our gasoline is almost gone. Few tanks register more than 1/4 full. On hand at the present time are 585 rounds of HE. and 527 WP.

14 Sept.

This is a big day in the history, again: we entered Germany at the town of Roetgen, prepared to assault the vaunted Siegfried line. Outposts of the line were first encountered at Roetgen. By the end of the day we had pierced the line approximately 8 kilometers and had taken the town of Zweifel. Little opposition was encountered and most of the defenses showed signs of having been hastily evacuated, even though no fire had been placed on them. All indications point out to a fairly easy breaching of the line. No ammo expended. No gasoline received. The German people feel that the war will not last much longer. We hope they are right.

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Considerably more opposition was encountered today. Our mission was to outflank the defenses of Zweifall and Vicht, taking the town of Vicht from the NE. It was necessary to go through very heavy woods in order to accomplish this. Our progress was very slow but by the days end our battalions had maneuvered to within striking distance of the objectives. Our mortars expended 254 HE. and 28 WP. causing many casualties and destroying an oil storage plant. We drew 300 HE. from ASP. 121. On hand now 631 HE. and 499 WP.

16 Sept.

Today we were to take Vicht, Massbach and Gressenich. Much resistance was encountered. The Germans are holding desperately. Many prisoners were taken. No ammunition was expended. The Co. CP. was established in Vicht.

17 Sept.

Heavy artillery duels and enemy counterattacks ushered this day in. We are supposed to continue the offensive and capture Gressenich, after which the 47th prepares defensive positions for the Corps right flank. Once again we were able to gain our objective. We fired 117 HE. and 50 WP. destroying an ammunition dump and causing enemy casualties in numbers. But we were unable to take our objective.

18 Sept.

The situation is becoming precarious. Heavy enemy counterattacks are being beaten off. The battalions are spread out. Flank units are unable to advance and once again we are in the corps spearhead. We are reshifting our forces and will hold the ground we have gained until help comes. We fired 80 rounds of HE. and WP. each. Since finishing the above remarks at approx 1800 considerable ammo has been expended beyond that mentioned, against enemy attacks, AA guns etc. We usually try to avoid night firing when we can for the muzzle blast gives away our position. Shortly after the 2nd. platoon fired, heavy enemy shellfire landed in the area. They shelled at regular intervals all night. No casualties were caused but shrapnel ~~XXXXXXXX~~ pierced many times the vehicles and one M-29 had to be evacuated.

- 19 Sept. The 60th Inf. is supposed to move up to help us today, by securing and holding our fight flank. It will be a welcome relief as we have been exposed to attack from this flank for days. 112 rounds of WP were secured this morning. Total is now 349 HE and 372 WP. This afternoon the Bn. Comdr. visited us and wanted to see some firing. We laid down a barrage for him, results unknown.
- 20 Sept. Situation still static. The front is very quiet. Both sides have dug in. We are still waiting for our flank units to come abreast of us so that we can advance. 100 rounds of WP were received today and 93 were expended on a mission preparing for future operations. We smoked a valley in front of the 3rd. Bn. feinting the attack. We'll continue to do this if the ammunition holds out, and then when the time comes we'll fool Jerry and attack.
- 21 Sept. Today was relatively quiet. Little activity. Late in the afternoon the 2nd Plat. expended 46 rounds of WP.
- 22 Sept. The enemy counterattacked with a strong force today against the 3rd. Bn. We were forced to give ground. All arms fired heavily. Our supply line had become endangered and was cut by a company of Germans. The 2nd platoon was in bad straits for some time. All their ammunition was expended, so they dug in for an all around defense of their position, ready to fight as infantry if necessary. Reinforcements were rushed to the 3rd. Bn. and by 1030 the lines had been restored to their original position, with one Bn. of the 39th Inf. reinforcing our right. Ammunition was transferred from the 1st to the 2nd platoon.
- 24 Sept. The situation remained unchanged today. Word was received that the award of the Bronze Star had been given to the following men: Cpt. Trathen, Lt. Lundstrom, Sgts. Imman, Deabenderfer, Swart and Cpls. Doran and Portis. Pfc. Girton received the Silver Star. The 2nd, Plat. fired on a mg. nest, a tank and a house.

- 25 Sept. Situation remained unchanged today today. Several juicy targets did present themselves and the ammunition situation improved somewhat. Most of our firing was against personnel.
- 25 Sept. Ammunition in plenty again and our observers had a field day. It is refreshing not to have to conserve constantly or worry about it. 239 HE and 44 WP were expended with excellent results against OP's, personnel and AA guns. At 1800 word was received to send one platoon of mortars to the 60th Inf. Liaison was accomplished and arrangements made for the move tomorrow. An impressive ceremony was held at VII Corps.
- 26 Sept. (con't) Hq. today presented awards formally to a cross-section of all attached units. Mj. Gen. Collins made the presentations to Cpt. Trathen, T/5 Lambert and Pvt. Eichinger of this organization. We are all becoming tired of the static condition of this front. Several nervous cases are developing.
- 27 Sept. Today was a very quiet day for 2nd. Plat. No ammo was expended. One shell of large calibre fell in the gun position area but no damage was done. The 1st. Plat. had a field day but no damage was done. The 1st. Plat had a field day in support of the 60th. Successive rounds on phase lines was accomplished with good results. Known mortar positions and road junctions were fired on by use of map coordinates. Pfc. Boland had to be evacuated because of battle fatigue. This is our first such case. Lt. Miller received the Purple Heart for wounds received at Rozoy.
- 28 Sept. Today the 1st. Plat, continued firing in support of the 60th Inf. mostly from map data. Excellent results were observed by many people. The 2nd Plat. fired on the towns of Gressenich and Werth. Pvt. Dubfresky returned to us from the hospital Most of our men who were injured in the June 19 accident have returned to the Bn. some to this company. It surely is good to see them again. On hand, 491 HE and 436 WP/
- 29 Sept. The 2nd Plat. did not fire today, the 1st. again fired heavily on a wide variety of targets - pill boxes, mortars, tanks, SP guns, and personnel. Excellent results and many direct hits were seen. Total expended 12 WP. and 237 HE. After firing on the mortars and SP guns, no more shooting was heard from those sources. We drew rounds to bring up to 422 WP. and 654 HE.
- 30 Sept.

- 30 Sept. Even though the front has been stabilized for quite some time, some targets do present themselves to our ever-alert observers. Today the 2nd platoon fired 21 HE and 13 WP destroying an ammo dump and an enemy OP. The 60th front was, as usual, more active and the 1st. Plat. continued its effective firing on personnel and pill boxes. The weather is still against us, the health of the men is becoming a serious matter.
- 1 Oct. The 1st Platoon had a very quiet day today. No firing was done. The 2nd Platoon had several duels with enemy mortars. The results are unknown, but the mortars have not fired from those positions since the duel. Some W.P. was also expended against a plotted tank firing position. 131 H.E. and 16 W.P. were expended. Ammunition on hand 810 H.E. and 374 W.P. 400 H.E. were received.
- 2 Oct. Another quiet day all around our sector. Things are altogether too quiet. Something is in the wind. Once again the 1st Platoon guns did not fire. The 2nd Platoon expended 48 H.E. and 17 W.P. against enemy dugouts, personnel and on occupied town. Ammunition on hand 762 H.E. and 357 W.P.
- 3 Oct. We have been doing a great deal of firing recently on enemy mortar positions, some observed, others not. In all cases excellent results have been noted. Invariably the mortars are not heard from the same positions or not at all. Enemy activity has been noted and is usually greeted by a volley from our mortars. Today 256 H.E. and 52 W.P. were expended against such targets. 300 H.E. and 100 W.P. were drawn. Ammo. on hand 405 W.P. and 806 H.E.
- 4 Oct. The 2nd Platoon enjoyed another full days firing today, hitting everything that moved on their front. For example, 2 German officers, obviously high ranking, were seen inspecting installations. Their tour of inspection was speeded up somewhat by round after round of H.E. dropping at their heels. When last seen they entered a wooded draw. A heavy concentration was placed there, and reports from observers say heavy casualties were inflicted. The first Platoon did not fire a round. 235 H.E. and 54 W.P. were expended. Ammo. on hand 351 WP and 571 HE.
- 5 Oct. Quiet day on the front. Were still waiting for flank units to clear their sectors and get in

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- position for a general attack. Again the 1st Platoon expended no ammo. The 2nd Platoon fired 92 HE in continuation of the harrassing fires, being placed on the enemy before the 47th. 350 HE and 50 WP were received. Ammo. on hand 829 HE and 401 WP.
- 6 Oct. Firing all around again today. The weather finally cleared enough to permit the air to act. The 60th attacked after a heavy aerial and artillery bombardment. Good progress was made. The 1st Platoon fired 69 HE in support of this attack. The 2nd Platoon fired 155 HE and 7 WP on personnel and gun emplacements in their sector. We received a request for some mortar support from our old friends, the 8th Inf., 4th Division today. They are with the V Corps now. One squad from each company in the battalion was sent, forming a composite platoon. Lt. Miller was one of the 3 officers selected to accompany the platoon. We expect them back by next Wednesday. 224 HE and 7 WP were expended. Ammo. on hand 394 WP and 604 HE.
- 7 Oct. Little activity was observed today on the 60th front. Lt. Buck, F.O. for the 1st Plat., is with the 3rd. Bn. today. This Bn. has not moved for some time. The 2nd. Plat. fired rather heavily on enemy entrenchments and personnel with good results. 206 HE and 5 WP were expended. 470 HE. received today. On hand now 869 HE and 389 WP.
- 8 Oct. Little firing with great effect was the motto for the 2nd. Plat. today. An ammo dump of gasoline dump we could not tell which was destroyed. Only 3 HE and 21 WP were expended for this mission. The 1st. Plat. fired map data in support of the 1st. Biat today against personell, C.P.'s and gun positions. Much difficulty was encountered due to poor soil at mortar position. 280 HE. and 95 WP. were expended, with good results.
- 9 Oct. Business is picking up. More Jerries are sticking their heads out of holes and getting them knocked off. Definitely a pleasure to oblige them. Our work today helped to repay the loss of Cpls. Rose and McKenzie, who were wounded and evacuated as a result of enemy shellfire in the 2nd. Plat. positions. The 1st. plat. expended 289 HE and 72 WP against personnel, and the 2nd. Plat. fired 117 HE on enemy positions.

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10 Oct.

Rather bad today. Rain, fog, poor terrain, casualties. The 1st. plat. had to change positions in order to support the attack of the 60th. Heavy woods and marshy grounds prevailed, but a position was finally found. Enemy shellfire hit them almost immediately. Pl. Graham received shrapnel wounds in the left leg and was evacuated. Sgt. Knieper was pinned down by a fallen tree. Because of the many difficulties this platoon did not get into position to shoot. The 2nd plat. expended 80 WP on a mission of smoking 2 hills. It was a divisionary measure in conjunction with the attack by Co. E on a limited objective. 240 WP and 200 HE were received.

11 Oct.

In spite of the many handicaps the 1st Plat is doing a fine job in support of the 60th. The most difficult mortar terrain and shell has been encountered. It is only by dogged persistence and devotion to duty that these difficulties have been overcome, and that they are able to continue shooting. 59 HE and 25 WP were expended by them today. The 2nd Platoon repeated their smoke missions of yesterday, expending 48 WP. In addition 30 HE were expended, firing map data.

12 Oct.

For some reason, these regimental commanders are getting the idea that we are a miracle gun. We have been called on to support all three battalions in the 47th and 60th Inf. Thus far this has been done satisfactorily but occasionally missions cannot be fired because of lack of time, to properly re-implant the mortars. The 2nd. Plat. arc of fire was increased to approx. 4200 m. today, when we were called on to support Co. E's attack. 66 HE were expended by the second ptn. today. Two AA guns were destroyed. The 1st. Plat. still working under extreme terrain difficulties, fired 260 HE and 20 WP on enemy mortar mortar positions and for harrassing purposes. If such conditions continue we shall adopt the slogan of the late Col. "Paddy" Flint. "Anything, anytime, anywhere, bar nothing." Ammo on hand 368 WP and 619 HE.

13 Oct.

Today was the heaviest day's firing we have had, for along time. Slight improvements in the soil at the 1st platoon gun position and targets at shorter ranges helped considerably. Its tough and discouraging when you want to shoot and you must fight the soil and your gun for every round. 241 HE and 196 WP were expended by this platoon on enemy mortars, troops and two counter-attacks. Meanwhile the 2nd. Platoon expended 84 HE, and 58 WP on another feinting screen and personnel. Ammo on hand, 216 WP and 594 HE.

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- 13 Oct
(con't) Drawn today were 166 WP and 400 HE. Sgt. Vermillion who was injured in the truck accident on the 19 June returned last night. T/4 Tillikaala also returned from the hospital. We are glad to welcome these men back.
- 14 Oct. The weather was fair again today and heavy firing was anticipated. However, the front proved to be very quiet. The first platoon had a chance to rest for a change. Only 230 WP were expended by this platoon in support of an attack of the 2nd. Bn. The 2nd. Plat. expended 79 HE. on targets observed from the regimental OP. Casualties were inflicted on personnel in the target area. Enemy air activity is increasing in our sector. Their chief targets seem to be their big guns to our rear which according to reports are playing havoc with the German artillery. On hand now 1123 HE. and 277 WP. Received today 200 WP and 600 HE.
- 15 Oct. Sunday in the front in this sector was rather quiet. Some firing was done but not much. The men took advantage of the lull and cleaned up. Men from the 1st Army hq. inspected our quarters today and the guns, and found them satisfactory. The 1st. Platoon expended 24 HE and 52 WP on enemy mortar positions. The second platoon expended 95 HE and 3 WP on personnel in their sector. Ammo on hand, 222 WP and 1004 HE.
- 16 Oct. Rain again. Someone really turned on the faucet in this section this time. Movement is practically impossible and our front has stabilized into a series of artillery duels and foot movements - jockeying for positions. The 1st. Plat. fired 102 HE for harassing purposes, peppering likely enemy mortar positions. The 2nd Platoon fired two WP and 48 HE on enemy AA positions. Results unknown. The 1st plat. guns were inspected by 1st. Army men today, and found satisfactory, they were impressed by the adverse conditions at this position and promised to report it to the Army Chemical officer. Ammo on hand, 220 WP and 774 HE.
- 17 Oct. For the first day since those days of movement across France our guns were silent. Not a round was expended. The 1st. plat. took advantage of the

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lull and moved to a new position. The soil is much firmer and should afford more favorable operating conditions. Defensive firing charts were drawn up to support the entire regiment. Situation still the same with the second platoon. They have nearly finished their new dugout in the woods near their positions. This move was motivated by the increased enemy air activity in this section. Ammo on hand, 220 WP and 774 HE.

18 Oct.

Another rather quiet day in our sector. It's still a mystery why we are so inactive. The second platoon fired 125 HE and 5 WP on personnel on the 47th front, while the 1st Plat expended 60 HE and targets in the 60th front. Both platoons are now in general support of their regiments. Ammo on hand, 215 WP and 589 HE.

19 Oct.

Received two new men as replacements today, Pvts. Thompson and Ferguson. They will soon join us at the front. Rain again today, and to add to the discomfort of the Jerries the 1st Platoon fired 229 HE for harrassing purposes. The second platoon had another day of inactivity. 250 HE and 100 WP were received. Ammo on hand, 600 HE and 315 WP/

20 Oct.

Situation still static. Some harassing fire is being done to the extent of 32 HE by the 2nd. Plat and 103 HE by the 1st on a very quiet front. Lt. Miller and the men who accompanied him to the 4th Division returned today. He had glowing tales of fond place. The 8th Inf., 3rd. Bn still have in their hearts a fondness for this company. It makes us feel good to know that. 300 HE and 100 WP were received today. Ammo on hand 775 HE and 415 WP.

21 Oct.

Inspection day again! One vehicle stopped on the highway and spotchecked. Major Slovak inspected vehicles, small arms and mortars also. Efficiencies were noted. It is very difficult to cope with terrain, weather, and combat condition and still have things ready for inspection. The 1st plat fired 43 HE in the vicinity of a house while the inf. advanced to that house, Booby trapped it, and withdrew. The 2nd platoon expended 3 WP and 122 HE on personnel and mg. emplacements. All firing was successful. Ammo on hand, 412 WP and 512 HE.

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22 Oct.

Our sector was rather quiet today. Even the ever-shooting artillery was strangely quiet. The 1st. Platoon expended 52 HE on enemy mortar installations and a C.P. The second platoon placed 48 HE on two coordinate points. This fire was unobserved. Quite a bit of time was devoted to the discussion of plans to cope with the expected deluge of inspections. Every means at our disposal will be expended to meet all requirements. One casualty today: Pvt. Buck for some reason wandered into the mined area in the vicinity of the 2nd Plat. even though it was plainly marked. He tripped a booby trap and received shrapnel in the left foot and was evacuated. Ammo on hand, 510 HE and 412 WP

23 Oct.

Premature reports have it that the company may be soon be together again in one regiment. We sincerely hope so. It is very difficult maintaining unity under the present set-up. Quite a bit of time was spent in getting equipment in shape during the day. A concerted effort is being made by every one in the company to beat these inspections. In between times the 1st platoon expended 31 HE on an enemy CP while the 2nd. platoon shelled the town of Gressenich with 108 HE and 18 WP. We'd like to have burned the town out but it just won't catch fire. Much enemy activity is observed there. Ammo on hand, 551 WP and 514 HE.

24 Oct.

After a fairly active night of artillery night of artillery due today is the quietest day on record. No ammunition was expended. Good news about the company coming out of the lines was received and preparations made to billet the men in Vicht was finished. One officer and three EM were selected as the first in the company to receive passes to Paris - gay Paree. Two officers and 9 EM were also selected to go to Verviers. Those to Paris leave tomorrow. Have a good time, men. Ammo on hand, 551 HE and 514 WP/

24 Oct.

No ammo was expended by the 1st platoon today but the second platoon fired 64 HE by coordinates on an enemy convoy. Results unknown, as of 1200 this date. This company reverted to Corps control. Due to some difficulty encountered in locating a suitable rest area for this company no movement was done. Also the 60 Inf. refuses to release the 1st. plat, until their regiment has completely withdrawn from the lines. That will not be accomplished for a few days. Plans are complete to move the

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- 25 Oct.
(con't) 2nd. Plat. and Co. Hq. to the rest area tomorrow.
The 1st plat. will join us later.
Ammo on hand 494 WP and 507 HE.
- 26 Oct. Rest camp - officially and actually. A suitable
area was found in the vicinity south of Aachen -
8 houses with plenty of facilities for taking care
of the company and equipment. The 2nd plat.
pulled out of position at 1130 followed by the
Co. CP. group at 1400. The 1st plat. was finally
relieved at 1330 and left their positions at 1530.
Due to an error on the part of their guide this
platoon missed the road and after a tour of the
road map in the vicinity Super arrived at the rest
area at 2000. The men were bedded down,
most of them in real beds fortunately. The
vehicles dispersed and were camouflaged and our quart
ers made livable. Every one seems satisfied
and the prospects of a few days rest in a quite
sector with a roof over their heads is refreshing.
- 27th Oct. Our first day in rest camp. It was a busy one.
A complete overhaul of everything is in order.
The men entered into things with unusual gusto
and put a huge portion of their task behind them
by 1530 when they called a halt for the day.
We didn't have much luck finding showers and
shows for the men but we'll keep looking.
There is also the possibility of tapping in on an
electric line and having lights throughout.
Everythings possible is being done to provide
recreation for the men and still accomplish our
necessary overhauling.
- 28 Oct. Another day of rest, overhauling continuous.
We are getting done at a rapid pace. A shower
point is located some distance from here and the
men are taking advantage of it. Liquid refreshments
in 14 kegs was purchased in Liege. No show as yet.
The men going to Verviers on pass departed today.
Pvts. Powers and Lombardi have recovered from their
wounds and returned to their company. Glad to have
them back.

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- 29 Oct. Still resting. Only odds and ends of work remain to be done. Showers have become a daily routine. The lights are in, some empty kegs give mute evidence of imbibing G.I.'s. Administrative records are being brought up to date. It is remarkable how well they have been kept in spite of the events of the past few months. The men from Paris returned today.
- 30 Oct. There isn't much to be told in our company history in these peaceful days. We are enjoying ourselves as much as possible and accomplishing a great many things that we never had time for before. We don't know how long it will continue.
- 31 Oct. Situation remains the same.
- 1 Nov. Still resting.
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- Here we are again, everyone still busy resting. Housecleaning is in order, and after a rather unfortunate incident, T/5 Urey and Fitzgerald were reduced to the grade of Pvt. More beer was purchased. ~~MMM~~ Lt. Lundstrom and S/sgt. Harshman and Sgts. Vermillion and Woodman and Cpls. Goodwin and Maggs were sent to the 83rd Recon. Trp. of the 3rd Armored Div. to assist in the organization of a 4.2 mortar platoon.
- 3 Nov. Something seems to have gone wrong. Perhaps some of us are not readily able to make the change from combat to garrison life. Two more men were reduced to the grade of Pvt. today - S/sgt Ellis and T/5 Cernek. Lundstrom's task force did their first firing today and did surprisingly well. Our men must be commended for their excellent work they did in training a mortar platoon in one and one-half days. We expect to have them back with us soon.
- 4 Nov. Everything going fine again. We should receive orders soon to go into the line once more. This long a rest certainly hadn't been expected. Nevertheless it is greatly appreciated by all. Passes are still being given to Paris and Verviers.

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- Nov 5 Today was a repetition of 30 June - the supply of champagne, cognac, wine and whisky was adequate for all. A good time was had. Still ready and waiting to be assigned.
- Nov. 6 Still resting.
- Nov. 7 Not much to say. Still taking it easy.
- Nov. 8 Rumors- nothing official.
- Nov. 9 Finally assigned back again with our old friends of the 4th Div. WE are the only company with the division and as a result are spread pretty thin. The first platoon will work with the 12th Inf and the 2nd Platoon and Co Hq. with the 22nd. It's a situation similar to that we had during the latter part of our association with the 9th Division. We hope its only temporary especially since this big attack is expected to be launched. The men are ready and anxious to go to work. We had our first snow today. This will add to the difficulty of operation.
- Nov. 10 Liaison with the 4th Div. was accomplished and preparation was made to move. The 22nd. Inf. wanted us immediately so Co. Hq. and 2nd. Plat. departed the rest area, set up their CP near the Rgmt. CP and the 2nd. Plat. occupied the assembly area near the 2nd. Bn and prepared to support this battalion, in its attack on the coming push day. This attack has all the ear marks of being bigger than the 25 of July St. Lo breakthrough. The 1st. platoon did not have to move today and spent another night in the rest area.
- Nov. 11 Today should have been the day but it had to be postponed because of bad weather. The 1st. plat. moved into position with the 12th Inf. and fired 53 HE. and 48 WP, map data, harrassing. 2nd. platoon still sitting tight. 450 HE and 100 WP were joined to give us a large excess in the initial attack. Because of the difficulties of operation split as we are for an attack, both platoons were formed as task forces and made as self supporting as possible. It will be difficult but interesting. Ammo on hand 704 WP and 048 HE.

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- 12 Nov. The organization of the task force is completed and we are set to go as soon as the weather permits. The second platoon is still in their assembly area and the 1st. plat. expended 15 WP and 51 HE in support of the attacking 12 Inf. The men are taking the adverse weather conditions in their stride. Still waiting for good weather for the big attack. Ammo on hand, 689 WP and 897 HE.
- 13 Nov. Still raining, snowing, muddy and cold. We can find some comfort in the thought that the front line dough-boy is suffering far worse than we are. Second platoon still waiting. 1st platoon still shooting. 110 HE and 9 WP were expended today. Most of our firing is unobserved because of the heavy forest in this sector. To bring burst into view would increase the danger of tree-bursts among our own troops. Ammo on hand after drawing 300 HE. : 1087 HE and 680 WP.
- 14 Nov. We called today a big day because we received almost enough overshoes for all the men. We are very happy about it. The 1st. platoon expended 102 HE today, firing by sound on the enemy front lines, and to cover the withdrawal of the 2nd. Bn, 12 Inf. as they were being replaced by the 1st batallion. The 2nd platoon is still in the assembly area. Saw the blue sky today for a little while today but it didn't last long. Ammo on hand 680 WP and 915 HE.
- 15 Nov. Big push postponed again because of bad weather. The 2nd. Plat. still in its assembly area behind the 22nd. Inf and has set up housekeeping in a very commendable manner. The first platoon has also done a good job of making themselves as comfortable as possible and still fire its missions. This platoon now has an observer with the 1st Bn. 12th Inf. 63 HE were expended today and 200 HE were drawn. Ammo on hand, 680 WP and 1052 HE.
- 16 Nov. The big push at last. At 1100 hundreds of planes filled the air and provided a repetition of the July 25 St. Lo breakthrough. Tons of bombs were dropped and the roar of artillery pieces was almost constant. It's too early yet to ascertain how successful the big picture will be. Substantial gains were made in our sector. The 2nd. Plat. expended 38 HE while the 1st plat. guns remained silent. Our observers for some reason have been placed with assault company commanders. Visibility is very poor and they are pinned down most of the time with

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such an arrangement. Hence little observed firing can be done. Only scattered resistance was encountered today. Ammo on hand, 680 WP and 1014 HE. As the guards in the 2nd. platoon were being posted for the night a B.A.R. was accidentally discharged due to a faulty safety and Pfc. Brazinski was shot in the right hand and Pfc. Mowen received wood splinters in the face.

17 Nov.

The attack continued today, following only local action and gains yesterday. It is very difficult operating in these woods which have been occupied by the Germans for so long. Extensive mine, booby trap and barbed wire fields have been encountered making progress slow but steady. These fields are covered lightly by machine guns and heavily by artillery and mortars. Heavy casualties are being sustained. Lts Egnatchik and Sgt. Swart were both wounded by shrapnel while operating as forward observers and radio operator with the 22nd. Inf. The 2nd. Plat. expended 22 HE and 1 WP while the 1st. Plat. fired 254 HE. Most of this ammunition was observed by other than our own observers. We are tied in with the 81 MM and artillery observers for this purpose. Enemy MG.'s and personnel were engaged, results unknown. Slow but steady progress continued thru throughout the day. Ammo on hand, 679 WP and 988 HE.

18 Nov.

Another day of slow, dogged advances in the face of artillery and mortar fire, and the ever-present threat of mines, booby traps and wire. A number of prisoners have been taken, all troops of low calibre. It was a beautiful day and swarms of planes filled the air. Their work has reduced the amount of enemy artillery fire slightly. Some artillery fell in the 1st plat. area this afternoon, slightly wounding DeFrancesco, Zenhye and Spielman. These men stayed with us however. The 1st. plat. expended 13 HE on a crossroad and the 2nd. Plat. fired 33 HE on a crossroad and the 2nd. plat. fired 5 HE on enemy personnel. Ammo on hand, 942 HE and 677 WP.

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19 Nov.

There is little change in our front lines today. Continued shelling in the 1st. Plat. sector forced them to displace forward. 70 HE and 2 WP were expended against mortar positions with good results. The 2nd. Plat. also displaced forward and expended 49 HE against enemy personnel. The co. CP moved to a more advantageous position from which to supply our separate task forces. Lt. Murray joined the company and was assigned to the 1st. plat. A check on defective ammunition revealed 52 rounds of HE, lot #KN 5-336 and 4 rounds #KN 5-154 defective. These were returned to ASP # 127.

20 Nov.

There were only local gains on our sector today, with the picture remaining practically the same. However, the results of the large push of the past days is becoming evident in those sectors more directly influenced by it. Appreciable gains have been made and it shouldn't be long before a definite breakthrough has been made. In spite of almost constant rain today, the 2nd. plat. expended 254 HE against personnel in a draw in the 22nd. Inf. sector. Excellent results were observed. The 1st. plat. searched out likely enemy mortar positions in front of the 12th Inf. and expended 99 HE. His firing was unobserved. Cpl. Surette was wounded by enemy artillery today and had to be evacuated.

21 Nov.

There was much troop movement today because of a change in Corps boundaries. The 2nd. plat. remained inactive; the 1st. plat. was transferred to the 8th Inf and took up positions in the vicinity of Bend. They are being subjected to frequent shell fire. A new site for the Co. CP was selected. It will be occupied tomorrow. No ammo was expended.

22 Nov.

Busy day today. The co CP moved its new location. The 2nd. Plat. moved to a new gun position and fired 30 HE and 13 WP on an enemy mortar position. Considerable difficulty was encountered due to the nature of the terrain and weather conditions. The 1st. plat. moved one section of mortars to Shevenhutte for a special mission. The section fired continuously on an enemy OP with excellent results. They have been commended for their good work. We drew 300 HE today. Three replacements were received today, Preparations being made for Turkey Day tomorrow.

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23 Nov.

Today is a bright day for us. For the first time since August we are back together as a company in support of one Regiment; in other words, we are no longer separated into separate combat teams. The 2nd. Plat. was relieved from the 22nd. Inf. today but not released until 1600. They moved into the company OP as an assembly area tonight. Prior to being released they expended 141 WP and 126 HE against enemy mortars and personnel. They are now to support the 2nd. Bn. which is now securing the right flank of the Regiment. and will move into position tomorrow. The 1st. plat. fired 248 WP and 43 HE in support of the attack of the 1st and 3rd. Bns. A continuous smoke screen was maintained on an enemy OP. Enemy mortar positions were also targets for them. Once again we are in the process of reorganizing, this time to act as a company. We hope we have seen the last of the separated platoon system.

24 Nov.

It sure is good to be back home with the 8th Inf. again. They appreciate our work and have officially given us credit for our smoke missions. Under these screens one battalion was able to successfully withdraw to more favorable positions under cover of ~~fire~~ smoke screen. Another battalion was able to cross a prominent fire break without the loss of a single man. We really appreciate the comments we hear of that nature. Today the 1st. plat. expended 123 WP and 76 HE in support of the 1st. and 3rd. Bns. The 2nd. plat. expended 2 WP and 247 HE. against enemy mortars and personnel in the 2nd Bn. Sector. This Bn. is meeting considerable resistance while securing the flank of the Regt. Reorganization of the company continues and will soon be complete. The future looks bright for C Co. for a change.

25 Nov.

Today the 3rd. took over the sector formally held by it while the 1st. pulled back to give the men a rest. The 2nd. Bn. continued its drive and secured its objective. 350 HE and 110 WP were expended by the company in support of these Bns. Today as usual the fire was well received and the Regt gave out with its generous praise. The end of the campaign in these woods is in sight, much to the joy of all concerned. Advances are being made on all fronts, the French Army in the south has reached the Rhine and German armored reserves have been beaten in counterattacks against units to our north. The big picture looks good.

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26 Nov.

Another day of movement for the company, so we didn't fire as much as usual. The 1st. Plat. moved to better support the 1st. and 2nd. Bns. 170 HE and 42 WP were expended against enemy personnel with excellent results observed. The 2nd. plat. expended 40 HE, coordinate firing, unobserved. An unfortunate accident occurred today. ~~XXXXX~~ While reconnoitering for a better supply route to the gun position of 1st. Plat. S/sgt. Schultz was killed instantly when his jeep struck a land mine and was completely demolished. This is a very sad blow. He had been with us a long time and will be missed. Ammo on hand 606 HE and 560 WP.

27 Nov.

The 8th Ing. is still setting on its objective, waiting as usual for adjacent units to come abreast. There is still a gap to the South of our sector which makes forward movement precarious. We are taking advantage of the lull to improve our positions. Sunny weather (yes really) gives us an opportunity to dry blankets, clothing etc. 110 HE and 77 WP were expended today, mostly unobserved firing, harrassing the enemy to prevent his digging in in front of us. Everything is set for our push out of these woods.

28 Nov.

Since the 8th did not attack today again, we spent a busy day harrassing and interdicting the enemy MLR and supply roads. In one case, personnel were observed digging in and setting up defenses. They were "meat" for our mortars and after being shelled by us for a short time, they withdrew, leaving some casualties behind. We also assisted materially in breaking up a counterattack against a 10-man outpost by 70 Jerries. These who lived through our barrages were taken prisoner. According to the diary of one of the captured "Supermen" we are "beasts" for using WP on them. It is sure nice to be beasts!

29 Nov.

The 8th attacked today but progress was not too favorable. Limited gains were made in the face of heavy shellfire from mortars and artillery, with small arms and MG fire for dessert. Definitely not a combination conducive to good health. Most of our targets today were of the harrassing nature. We did smoke out a hill which seemed likely for an enemy OP to be located. The mess Sgt. insists that I add the following episode. As it was the "old man's" birthday, the mess personnel being of a sympathetic nature inclined to do things the old-fashioned way, decided to bake the traditional cake. Their efforts gave promise of being successful as the cake was rising under the watchful eyes of

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the chief cook. Just then a battery of 155's nearby cut loose with an earth-shaking salvo and the cake fell. Nothing daunted, the baker repeated his efforts. Once again his spirits soared as he beheld the product of his making assume the appearance of a store-bought merchandise. Once again the 155's spoke, and again the cake and the baker's spirits fell. The 155's won, the "old man" had no cake.

30 Nov.

The doughboys jumped off today at 0745, still heading for the same objectives. Progress was made but slowly in the face of heavy automatic weapons fire, artillery and mortars. We fired rather heavily today in support of this attack, firing preparatory concentrations, harassing and interdicting. 500 HE and 451 WP were expended, an especially good day. The 8th as usual is mortar-happy and gave us plenty of targets. Excellent results in the form of dead Heinies were observed in some of our target areas as the doughboys passed through them. The "beasts" still active. Ammo on hand, 448 HE and 530 WP.

1 Dec.

Still firing heavily in support of the attempted break out of the woods. Progress is still slow and costly. Practically the same targets as yesterday were engaged today, harassing the enemy's supply lines, etc. Replacement of broken parts is becoming quite a problem because of the age of our mortars and the heavy firing being done by them.

2 Dec.

Now it has come to light why our progress has been so slow. Opposing us in this sector is the 5th Panzer Rgmt., our old "friends" from the swamp campaign before the St. Lo breakthrough. Renovated no doubt, but still tough and formidable. It now becomes even more a pleasure to expend ammo against them. Today our WP was restricted because an OP for artillery observers was being hampered by it. 510 HE and 154 WP were expended. Some gains were made.

3 Dec.

Still progressing, slowly but surely. Today we had liaison with the 2nd and 3rd Bns. of the 8th Inf. We are beginning to get near the end of the woods. This woods campaign and "General Mud" were beginning to have their effects on our transportation. Daily mechanical failures are common. Every effort is being made to correct the situation.

4 Dec.

Orders were received today to the effect that we would be relieved from the 4th Div at 2400. It made us feel bad to be leaving our friends again but the prospect of a few days rest, meet with approval. Arrangements were made to move the

- 4 Dec. (cont) company into an assembly area in the vicinity of Aachen. Ammo on hand, 333 HE and 405 WP

- 5 Dec. Today we reverted to the VII Corps control, and were informed that the entire company minus the necessary guard and security details could go to the Jayhawk rest camp in Verviers. Some work was done outward maintenance and police of equipment. Everyone is happy over the unexpected turn of events.

- 6 Dec. 102 EM and 4 officers departed for Verviers at 0030 today. Definite word as to how long we would be out of the line was received in the form of assignment to the 9th Div. effective 1200 10 Dec. 1944. Still under Corps control.

- 7 Dec. Still under VII Corps control.

- 8 Dec. Still under VII Corps control.

- 9 Dec. Still under VII Corps control. Liaison and recon. with the 9th Div. was accomplished. We were assigned to the 60th Inf. in the town Langerwehe. The men returned from Verviers to our new sector early. All personnel were oriented as to what was to take place. 300 HE and 100 WP were drawn in anticipation of heavy firing.

- 10 Dec. Positions were occupied in the town of Langerwehe with the 1st platoon in the support of the 1st Bn. and the 2nd Platoon in support of the 2nd Bn. The attack was spearheaded by two armored task forces of the 3rd Armored Division and proved very successful. The objectives Obergeich, Geich and Etsch were reached and are being mopped up now at the end of the day. It was definitely a job for the doughboys. Supportive fire from our mortars is almost impossible because of the closeness of the operation. We are already wishing for the concealment of the forest we had been operating in especially after seeing the flat open country in this section. Gun positions are very hard to find.

- 11 Dec. Still supporting the 1st and 2nd Bns. Mopping up continues with Echts Konzenndorf marking our front lines. Our guns displaced to Jungersdorf from where we could cover the front lines. We must wait for the situation in Geich to clear before we can displace any farther forward. It is a very difficult situation.

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- 12 Dec. The situation for the 60th continued favorable today and cleared up for us also. Today the 1st. Bn. drove to Hoven and the 2nd. Bn to Mariweiler. The 3rd. held Aonzendorf and later in the day extended a bit S.E. to better secure our right flank. The company was able to displace to Echtz this afternoon from where we can support any attempted crossing of the Roer river in our sector. 166 HE and 33 WP were expended today in support of all three battalions, firing one smoke mission in the vicinity of Konzendorf, and harrasing the enemy along the river. Ammo on hand, 332 HE and 472 WP.
- 13 Dec. This morning the 1st Bn. moved from the captured town of Hoven south to Mariweiler to assist the second Bn. in cleaning out that place. This displacement was made successfully under the cover of one of our smoke screens. Meanwhile the 3rd. Bn. consolidated their positions along ~~MM~~ a pit S.E. of Echtz. Late this evening the two armored task forces were relieved and our front lines were extended to include the sector vacated by them. This line was outposted and defensive fire set up. 193 WP was expended in the early morning smoke mission and 130 HE were expended on strong points in Mariweiler. Ammo on hand 602 HE and 279 WP/
- 14 Dec. Artillery duels and mopping up constituted most of today's activities. The enemy seems to have plenty of ammunition and is making use of it. The level terrain affords him excellent observation. Today company I, 3rd. Bn. had a mission of taking a rather large factory S.E. of Mariweiler which had been giving us trouble. We assisted this ~~operation~~ operation by screening enemy observation with WP until Co. I had reached the factory. It was taken at 1600. The 1st Plat. fired 144 rounds of HE in the 1st. Bn. sector on enemy personnel. Excellent results were observed with at least one Heinke disintegrating from a direct hit. 79 WP were expended by the 2nd Plat. During the firing of the screen the enemy artillery registered on our guns. Pvts. Bates, Pawlawski and Fulmer were wounded, L.W.A. Pvt. Bates had to be evacuated. Both platoons are holding up very well in spite of the shell fire landing in their positions almost constantly. Ammo on hand 770 HE and 309 WP.

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15 Dec.

Today we received something new in the way of assignments - we are under Division control, ready to support all regiments. A satisfactory arrangement for liaison must be worked out, and the plan submitted is subject to approval by G-3. Meanwhile, the 39th Inf. was to have made a limited attack at 1300 under cover of a smoke screen. The 2nd. platoon was displaced to Konzedorf for this purpose and liaison with the 3rd. Bn. 39th Inf. established. However the attack was postponed. Meanwhile the 1st. ptn. destroyed an ammunition dump, fired on enemy mortars and scored probable hits on an SP gun of heavy calibre all in the 60th Inf. sector. 101 HE and 11 WP were expended. Ammo on hand, 764 HE and 548 WP.

16 Dec.

Due to difficulties encountered in getting proper liaison under the new set-up the orders were changed today and we were attached to the 39th Inf. for the one smoke mission, after which we will revert to the control of the 60 Inf. The attack of the 39th was again postponed due to unfavorable conditions on the right flank. This afternoon several smoke missions were fired for the second Bn., 60th Inf. and a battery of enemy mortars knocked out. Casualties were observed and several fires started. Ammo expended, 82 WP On hand, 769 HE and 516 W P.

17 Dec.

The 39th attacked today at 0830 under the cover of our smoke screen. Progress made was reported as good. All concerned were well pleased with our work. The second platoon fired the mission alone and expended 145 WP. They also expended 5 HE to register on a point for defensive fires to cover the right flank of the 60th. The 1st. plat. guns were idle all day. This afternoon while checking his vehicle in a "hot corner" of Echtz. Pvt. Szubcir was struck by fragments of a mortar shell and evacuated. Lt. Buck was also evacuated because of illness. He should rejoin us shortly. Lt. Kuenzi who joined us recently seems to be doing all right in his first baptism of fire in the 2nd. plat. Ammo on hand 764 HE and 371 WP.

- 18 Dec. A rather quiet day today for the company. Only 4 WP were expended these being used to register the 2nd. plat. on a point in defensive of the 3rd. Bn. 39th. which had taken its objective. Enemy aircraft have been very active over this sector bombing and strafing the entire post two nights and are seen in large numbers in the day. This activity is probably in conjunction with the heavy enemy offensive which has been launched against the 1st Army in the Luxembourg sector, led by Von Runstedt. The 39th RCP. plus this company has been alerted; prepared to move out to assist in repelling this sudden thrust. Ammo on hand, 764 HE and 367 WP. 19
- 19 Dec. This sector was quieter today than at any time since we came here. Everything seems to have concentrated on the Luxembourg offensive, details of which are still lacking. At 22400 last night we were relieved from the 9th division and attached to the 104th Div. They assigned us to the 60 Inf. RCT. which was also detached from the 9th and attached to the 104th. It is a purely defensive situation. Several harrassing missions were fired today in addition to point targets work on probably enemy OP's and installations. One oil storage dump was destroyed. At present the 1st platoon is with the 1st Bn and the 2nd. plat with the 3rd. Bn. 495 HE and 32 WP were expended. Ammo on hand 569 HE and 435 WP.
- 20 Dec. Attachments remained the same. Enemy activity was observed today and engaged by our mortars with excellent results observed. Direct hits were scored on an enemy OP. Open-type MG emplacements were hit. Personnel were also fired on when seen. These targets plus several harrassing missions used 205 HE and 54 WP. All concerned except the Heinies are well pleased with our fire. A commendation was received today from the 4th Div. citing this company for our work in connection with their operation through all phases of the campaign. We are proud of it. Ammo on hand, 764 HE and 381 WP. 21
- 21 Dec. Things are changing fast, in our sector, in view of the situation to our South. Word has been received that the 60th Inf. would be relieved at 2400 by the 413th Inf. of the 104 Div. It is possible that we will follow them within the next 24 hours. Meanwhile our mortars are still busy and gave a good account of themselves today. 294 HE were expended. Score, 1 tank, 1 self-propelled gun, casualties among enemy personnel, all observed and confirmed. It was a good day hunting and leaves us with that well satisfied feeling.

- 22 Dec. We were released from the 104th Inf. Div and attached to the 60th RCT. We joined them at 1300 in an assembly area in the vicinity of Busbach, and received orders to move with them at 1540 to the vicinity of Ouffett, Belgium. The convoy route was jammed with traffic and we were still on the road at the end of the day. We were bombed at Esneaux but sustained no casualties or damage. Two vehicles were damaged in accidents. One ammo truck had to stay behind because of flat tires. Before leaving the 104th several targets presented themselves and were engaged. 99 HE were expended, ammo on hand 571 HE, 481 WP.
- 23 Dec. The company finally arrived at Ouffett at 0730 today after the worst convoy we had ever been in. Quarters were found for the men in town. Meanwhile the 60th RCT received orders to rejoin the 9th Div. in the vicinity of Monschau, without us. Contact was made with our battalion rear CP at Havenlange and we were placed under their control awaiting further orders. We are now in position to swing into action to stem the enemy offensive. Things have changed fast for us.
- 24 Dec. Today was spent gathering up odds and ends of the company, checking vehicles and generally getting into shape for further action. Some of the men spent a few enjoyable hours in the church in Ouffette, this evening, singing Christmas Carols. Later on orders were received assigning us to the 3rd. Armored division effective 2400.
- 25 Dec. Recon. and liaison was completed early today and the company moved south. We were attached to the 280th RCT, part of the 75 Div. working with the 3rd. Armored. The 1st plat. occupied positions in Soy in support of the 2nd. Bn and the 2nd plat. set up in Ny, support of the 3rd. Bn. The Co. CP. occupied Ny. No ammo was expended. This was the 1st day of combat for the 75th division and the situation is not entirely clear. Somebody said today is Christmas. Sure didn't seem like it. Ammo on hand 571 HE and 481 WP.

- 26 Dec. Attachments remain the same. The 290th has gained its objectives and is now holding its own defensively. 2HE and 3 WP were expended by the 2nd. plat, for registering for defensive fires. Ammo on hand, 560 HE and 478 WP/
- 27th Dec. All was quiet today after a night of expected attacks. Nothing materialized however and the tension was relieved considerably today. Enemy activity was observed in the town of Trinal and some ammunition was expended. Casualties were inflicted and some heinies were seen running confusedly about with their clothing on fire from our WP. This mission was halted when the smoke obscured the region of other observers attempting to assist. A patch of woods were also worked over, results unknown. 155 HE and 8 WP were expended. While reconnoitering for a position for the 2nd. plat. S/sgt. Simmons and Sgt. Pompeii captured a German officer, who had been playing "dead". Defensive fires have been set up and will be coordinated by division artillery. Ammo on hand, 413 HE and 470 WP.
- 28 Dec. A low hanging fog obscured our vision today so most of our firing today was done on previously registered targets. Trinal was a chief target since patrols had reported enemy action there. Fires were started and kept burning by repeated fire missions throughout the day. 275 HE and 119 WP were expended. Ammo on hand 438 HE and 351 WP. Our spirits were dampened somewhat today by the news that co. B had been overrun by two companies of infiltrating heinies last night. Details are lacking as yet.
- 29 Dec. Last night was rather a hectic one, highlighted by two enemy attacks against our front lines. Both were repelled. The first came at 2100 at 3rd. Bn. sector and was promptly engaged by the 2nd. plat. mortars. It was completely stopped and the enemy had begun to retreat before any other supporting fire could be brought to bear. At 0345 the enemy attacked again, supported by tanks, against the 1st and 2nd Bns. This attack also bogged down in the face of the heavy mortar and artillery fire. By daybreak our lines were fully restored and except for a few enemy who had infiltrated behind our lines things became normal. The town of Trinal was shelled heavily again by the first platoon after reports of enemy activity came in. Fires were started.

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30 Dec. Enemy activity in our sector today was very light. Some movement and digging in was observed. Suitable targets were engaged. One hundred and forty-four HE and 35 WP were expended, results excellent. At 1700 one platoon of co B. was attached to us. That company had been hit pretty hard by the attack on their positions referred to previously. The platoons placed in support of the 1st Bn. occupied positions in Soy. Ammo on hand 412 HE and 525 WP/

31 Dec. We spent the last day of the year with our 1st. plat. guns shelling the town of Magoster. heavy fire was being placed on the 1st. and 2nd. Bns. by guns emplaced there. Fires were started in the town and the amount of fire received by our men was materially reduced. 208 HE and 112 WP were expended. The platoon from Co. B was released at 0800 today and returned to control of our batallion. The 3rd. Armored division was received by the 83rd. Inf. Div. today and as far as we know we are now under their control still in support of the 290th Inf. Pay-day today, Belgian francs on hand, cognac 400 francs per bottle, New Year's eve and the war goes on. May God grant us continuation of the series of victories we have enjoyed in the past year, throughout the coming New Year. Ammo on hand 203 HE and 413 WP/

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1 Jan.

The New Year was ushered in appropriately enough by abn artillery pieces in the VII Corps. The Germans answered back with a few rounds. It may be significant that such a barrage as ours should be so pitifully answered to. Targets today included the towns of Trinal, Magoster, and hay stacks in our sector believed to be shielding installations. Visibility was good and excellent results were observed. Fires were started and still were burning at dusk. 231 HE and 225 WP were expended. Ammo on hand 500 HE and 388 WP.

2 Jan.

Today we were assigned to the 331st. Inf and moved with them to the vicinity of Aisne. The 83rd. Div. is going into an assembly area in preparation for an attack south against the German Bulge. Arrived at Aisne 1300 and were reassigned to the 329th. Inf. Liaison was made and the company prepared to join the Rgmt. The 1st. Plat. is attached to the 2nd. Bn. and the 2nd. Plat. to the 3rd. Bn. We spent the night in Aisne.

3 Jan.

The company departed from Aisne ~~XXXX~~ 0700 today to join the 329th. This Rgmt. is the "mop-up" Rgmt. to follow the 3rd. Armored Div. and for the operation we have been split up into Bn. combat teams and will move only on Div. orders. The situation is very uncertain and a state of alert must be maintained. We were alerted at 1600 and moved in convoy to the vicinity of Bra. There the Rgmt. relieved elements of the 82nd. Airborne Div. The CP. was established in Trou de Bra. Heavy traffic and adverse weather conditions made the convoy, in blackout, a nightmare. Company Hq. moving with the 1st. Bn., was left stranded when the Bn. occupied Bra. We were finally able to pull off the road into a field where we spent the night.

4 Jan.

The front remained stable today after the slight gains of yesterday. Neither platoon was fired a round as yet. The CP was established in Chaveheid. After the deal we got last night we decided to revert to our usual method of operating, moving only to conform to the situation as our platoons are concerned.

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- Jan. 5 Another day of poor visibility and adverse weather conditions, all in favor of the enemy. None of the elements of the 329th have come into contact with the enemy as yet. Our armor has succeeded in repelling a counterattack this mornijg and gained approx. 1500 meters all day. Both platoons are in assembly and ready for anything. No ammunition expended.
- Jan 6 The weather continued unfavorable today, but slight advances were made. Progress is slow in the face of well-concealed A-T guns mines, blown bridges and unfavorable terrain. No contact with the enemy has been made. Situation unchanged.
- Jan. 7 Still advancing at the same rate. Approximately 7000 meters has been gained since the drive started. Reconnaissance was made today in view of possible displacement forward to relieve the 3rd. Armored. and to spearhead the offensive with the infantry.
- Jan. 8 This was a day of movement, complicated by icy roads and heavy traffic. It seems as though everyone was on the road. The company CP! displaced to Lernieux. Both platoons also moved, still with the 2nd and 3rd. Bns., to assembly areas preparatory to the attack. Difficulties uncountered due to road conditions may cause the "jump-off" to be delayed.
- Jan. 9 The 329th attacked at 1800 today from the vicinity of Sort and halt with an intermediate objective to secure a crossing of a small stream to the south and to sieze Petit Langlin and vicinity. Fair progress has been made, but the objectives were not taken. Artillery fire was heavy on both sides. The company CP moved to Sart. No a munition was expended. Guns were set up for the night on defensive targets.
- Jan. 10 Situation continues in the face of heavy enemy resistance. Our efforts to cut off the last remaining enemy suppy road are being fiercely contē tested. Some progress was made during the day, and the 1st and 2nd. Bns. managed to secure a bridgehead across a small stream east of Petit Langlin. A night attack was made at 2200, progress made unknown. Both platoon's fired today, hitting Petit Langlin and harrassing enemy supply lines. 72 HE and 100 WP were expended. While observing with the 3rd. Bn. were both killed when a mortar shell exploded in their foxhole. We will miss these men.

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11 Jan.

An unfortunate accident occurred at 0300 today. The 1st. plat. had been given a harrassing mission by the 2nd. Bn. as part of the defensive plans for the sector. While carrying out this mission a defective round of HE exploded in the barrel of one of the guns, seriously wounding Pvt. Spielman. Fortunately, no other members of the squad were close to the gun at the time. The attack continued during the day, with only slight gains. 32 HE and 33 WP were expended.

12 Jan.

The attack last night was successful and the towns of Langlin and Petit Langlin were taken. Scattered pockets of resistance were consolidated. Elements of the 3rd. Armored division were massed preparing to resume the offensive. Several replacements were received today, among them Lt. Dennis. 1 HE and 20 WP were expended against enemy personnel during the mopping up today. 36 HE of a defective lot number were returned to the ASP. Ammunition on hand, 459 HE and 335 WP.

13 Jan.

No activity today. Plans were made for an attack east to take Bovigny. Continued receipt of defective HE shells by this and other Chemical Bns. has brought about an order necessitating all HE be fired with a lanyard. We haven't any lanyards and until some arrive can only fire WP. This will seriously interfere with our operation, but the order must be complied with. 122 HE and other lot numbers were returned to the ASP.

14 Jan.

The 326th Inf. swept the woods east of Petit Langlin and had its objective in sight by dusk. The attack is to continue and secure Bovigny. No ammunition was expended by either platoons. Lanyards were received and issued to the platoons. The company CP displaced to Jouveval. Lts. Murray and Pratte were evacuated today for medical reasons. Also Pvt. Alicandro and Cpl. Lukshis. Evacuation of personnel and vehicles is becoming critical.

15 Jan.

Last night's attack did not materialize. It was carried out today. The 1st. Bn. had almost reached Bovigny, but a strong counter attack drove them back to their original position at the edge of the woods. While on a reconnaissance mission Lt. Miller was struck on the hip by shrapnel. He was treated and remained with us. During the counter-attack, S/sgt. Knieper was seriously wounded and evacuated. Pfc. Schul

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his radio operator, has not been found as yet. A search is being made of all installations to determine his whereabouts. A round of WP exploded today about 30 yards in front of one of the 2nd. Plat. guns today. No one was injured fortunately.

- 16 Jan. In view of the alarming ammunition situation, very little firing of HE is contemplated. A complete list of defective ammunition lots numbers was received, 159 of them. A thorough search for ammo in the company revealed 155 HE and 9 WP defective. These have been returned to the ASP. 121 WP were expended on the town of Bovigny. The situation remained stable on the 329th sector today. Pfc. James and Byrnes were evacuated because of illness. Sgt. Snullaw, 5/sgt. Harshman, and Lt. Murray returned to the organization.
- 17 Jan. The sector remained quiet today, still waiting for the situation on our right flank to settle. 32 HE and 17 WP were expended on various harassing missions. Reconnaissance was made for better positions where more support can be given the 339th. Ammo situation has improved very much. 300 HE were received with no more in sight. Cpl. Lukshis returned to us, and Lt. Murray evacuated again. Ammo on hand 650 HE and 281 WP.
- 18 Jan. The war picture definitely looks brighter for the first time since the German counter attack. The "Belgian Bulge" is rapidly dwindling, and a great Russian offensive is rolling unchecked. The offensive will have a great bearing on the immediate future of the war. On our front, the situation remained static. The enemy is believed to be evacuating Bovigny and Courtil. One column, moving out, was an excellent target for our mortars. 240 HE and 20 WP were expended. Casualties were observed. Both platoons displaced forward south into the woods just in time to be without good shelter in the worst winter blizzard we have had all winter. Ammo on hand 625 HE and 561 WP.
- 19 Jan. Patrols verified the fact that Bovigny and Courtil were evacuated by the enemy. By the end of the day, elements of the 329th Inf. had occupied these towns. The body of Pfc. Schuller was found today, but we are beginning to avenge the losses we have sustained. 23 HE and 27 WP were expended against the enemy; losses were observed among them.

- Jan. 20 Preparations were made today for the relief of the 329th Inf. by elements of the 84th Div. Our attachment to this regiment is to remain the same. No ammo was expended today. The sector was very quiet. A group of 15 Air Corps pilots and crewmen visited the company today and spent some time looking at the mortars.
- Jan. 21 Definite relief for the 329th and ourselves was evidenced today by the arrival of elements of the 84th Div. in our sector. We will not leave until sometime tomorrow when the 84th will attack through us. Billeting parties were sent to the vicinity of Waree, Belgium. No ammunition was expended. Lt. Watson joined the company today. Pfc. James returned to us from the hospital. ~~XXXXXX~~
- Jan. 22 The company moved to a rest area in the vicinity of Waree Belgium today, arriving at 1300. Convoy was excellent with a minimum of trouble. In keeping with usual policies we were ranked out of our quarters by a higher unit. Reconnaissance was made and other quarters found in the city of Tours. We will move tomorrow. One day of our supposed rest period has thereby been wasted to satisfy the whims of some self-centered "warrior".
- Jan. 23 The company moved to Tours today closing in by 1130. Quarters were occupied and the men immediately set to work on their equipment. A great deal of overhauling had been completed by nightfall. Arrangements were made for movies and showers tomorrow. Plans are in order for the participation of this company in the 329th Inf.'s anti-airborne defense of the area. Our billets are excellent, morale high, and hopes for a long rest period are in everyone's mind. Lt. Bellis was evacuated today because of illness.
- Jan. 24 Work on our ~~equipment~~ equipment continued throughout the day, and much progress has been made. Some of the men have been able to "infiltrate" the shower point which has been reserved for another unit. Movies were shown this morning and were enjoyed by all.
- Jan. 25 Class "A" overhaul of all equipment continues. By the end of the day, the entire company has been able, by one way or another, to complete taking showers. A doughnut dugout nearby was well patronized. So it goes. Work is being done, but at the same time, relief from work and duty has been discovered in the smiling faces and cheery banter of the Red Cross girls. Lt. Bellis returned to duty.

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- 26 Jan. This was a historic day for our battalion. We have been with the VIIth Corps ever since we arrived in England in April. All our combat experience has been with them. Today we were assigned to the XVIIIth Corps, part of the 1st. Army. Company C was assigned to the 30th Div., and attached to the div. Artillery. We are supposed to fire as part of the div. Artillery, something new in the line of operations for us. Our mortars will supplement the fire of the 197th FIAI in support of the 119th Inf. Such a role will undoubtedly prove interesting.
- 27 Jan. Company C departed Tournai, Belgium enroute to Vielsalm. Arrived at 1800 after another excellent convoy. This town is the assembly area for the 119th. All men have good quarters. We don't know how long we'll be here under the present circumstances. Plans are being made for training in our new role as "Div. Art."
- 28 Jan. Today there was nothing new for us. Our work on equipment continued. No further word concerning possible commitment of the 30th Div. has been received.
- 29 Jan. Again, no change. Elements of the XVIIIth Corps have "jumped off" the 1st. Inf. and the 82nd. AB making the attack. Good progress has been made.
- 30 Jan. Progress by the XVIIIth Corps continued good today. No word has been received concerning our commitment to day. It seems awkward for us to remain idle while elements of the Corps to which we are attached are attacking. Cpl. Surre rejoined the company today.
- 31 Jan. Continued progress today by the XVIIIth Corps. Still no word for us. A course of instruction for members of an 81 mm. mortar platoon ~~KXXXXX~~ from the 743rd. Tank Bn., was completed today. This was a 2-day course under the supervision of S/sgt. Simmons and was very well received. Again, we have HE ammunition available now. All impounded lot numbers may be drawn and fired by means of lanyards. Rain, for a change, appeared all day.

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Casualty ReportKilled in Action2nd Lt. Robert E. Kuenzi
Pfc. Norman W. SchwartzMissing in Action

Pfc. Henry Schuller

PromotionsEary, Lester T. T/5 To Sgt.
Van Matre, Oliver H. Pfc. To T/5Reductions

Pampe, Romeo F. Sgt. To Pvt.

Transferred MenPvt. Ray E. Hoss
2nd Lt. Forrest O. Prattle
S/Sgt. Joseph J. KnieperOfficers

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HospitalizedCpl. Edward Rumas
2nd Lt. Lewis C. Bellis
Pfc. Stanley W. Smith
T/5. Theodore Alicandro
S/Sgt. Robert E. Harshman
Pfc. Francis W. James
T/4. John K. O'Dcherty
Pfc. Herbert F. Byrne Jr.
Pfc. James W. Fitzgerald
S/Sgt. Joseph W. Knieper
Pvt. Bernard L. Spielman
2nd Lt. Forrest C. Pratte
1st Lt. William F. Murray
Cpl. Algert A. Lukshis
Pvt. Roye Hoss
T/5. Theodore AlicandroNew MenCpl. reginald J. Surrette
Pvt. Jack D. Meadows
Pfc. Robert Wonderling
2nd Lt. John W. Dennis
Pfc. Ferdinand R. Chapa
Pvt. James W. Glennie
2nd Lt. Raymond S. Watson
Pfc. Hubert E. Thomas
Pvt. Roy E. Ross
Pvt. Roland S. Cain
Pvt. Andnio R. Santos2nd Lt. Lewis C. Bellis
Sgt. Burton L. Shullaw

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- Feb. 1 The company was alerted at 1500 today for a possible move to an assembly area preparatory to go in into the line again. This was changed at 1800, delayed 24 hours. Steady progress is being made by the XVIII Corps., contact having been made with the Siegfried Line defenses. Little opposition has been encountered to date. As far as we know, everything is set for our employment as division artillery.
- Feb. 2 Many changes were effected today. The 30th Div. was detached from the XVIII Corps and alerted to move, destination unknown. We were relieved at 1400 and reverted to control of 87th Chem Mort Bn., in place. The company remained in Viellsalm, waiting further orders. This is our 28th day out of the lines, and two hundred and forty days of combat.
- Feb. 3 Still in Viellsalm. Much work has been done on equipment in the past few days. A blue Camel with a white arrow pointing through it has been adopted as our symbol, and is much in evidence already. Originality of the individual brought before us many new innovations, most of them useful and advantageous to the welfare of the man and the organization.
- Feb. 4 The re-shifting of units is beginning to affect us. The company was alerted today for a move in the near future, more than likely with the VII Corps. Where we are going, or when, have not definitely been decided. The prospects of returning to our friends in Jayhawk is pleasant.
- Feb. 5 Still in Viellsalm, Belgium. A quartering party has been sent to Brand, Germany. The company will move to that location tomorrow.
- Feb. 6 The company moved to Brand, Germany, by motor convoy today. Departed Viellsalm at 0929 and arrived Brand 1930. Convoy excellent. The men are all billeted and ready for anything.
- Feb. 7 Finally received an assignment. Company 8 is attached to the 13th Inf, 8th Div., effective 1200 9 Feb. Liaison with the division was effected today, and recon. for positions will come tomorrow. Once again we are to operate in the Duren sector.
- Feb. 8 Established Liaison with 13th Inf. and talked over our employment with the coming operations. The 13th Inf. is a very cooperative unit and having worked considerably with the 86th Cm. Bm. understands the use of mortars. We then made our recon. for gun

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positions and CP and after finding good locations in ~~XXXXXX~~ Gurzenich departed for Brand and will move into position early tomorrow morning, 9th of Feb. We closed in with the 13th Inf. by 1030.
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- 9 Feb. Orders were received at noon for the attack and we find that we are attached to the 3rd. Bn. for support. Lt. Dennis went to the bn. as Liaison with Lt. Bellis as observer. It was also necessary to send Sgt. Simmons to the 2nd. Bn. in case they need any extra firepower, however, priority of fire going to the 3rd. bn. We are to cross the Roer and attack through the Southern part of Duren, after which time the 3rd. Armored Div. passes through the 13 Inf. The time of the attack has been set at 0510 on the morning of the 10th but had to be called off because 7th Corps had not secured the dams to our South. Ammo expended was 17 HE and 1 WP for registration
- 10 Feb. We spent the entire day improving our positions and getting set for the attack. We also made a recon. into Rollsdorf for our next displacement and found excellent positions overlooking Duren, but a little exposed as yet. Duren is quite beat up from constant artillery and aerial bombardment and appears to have no activity within. At 1800 we received word from S-3 that the attack will be postponed another 24 hours. Ammo expended 1 HE and 8 WP leaving 460 HE and 498 WP on hand.
- 11 Feb. Orders received today postponing our time of attack till the 14th. This delay was caused by the flooded condition of the Roer River, due to the Germans having opened up the sluice gates controlling the river. The improvement of our positions and extreme camouflage measures were taken. Enemy recon. planes were active over the area today, shell fire remained extremely light. 12 Feb.
- 12 Feb. Still sitting and waiting. The Roer River is at the flood stage yet. Patrols have been unable to reach the far side. One patrol drew machine gun fire pointing to the fact that the Heinie may be making preparations for opposing our crossing at this particular spot.
- 13 Feb. Some additional base points were registered on today in preparation for the river crossing. 22 HE and 2 WP were expended. Once again the operation had to be postponed. It is set for the 15th but is entirely dependant on the position of the river.
- 14 Feb. Again the crossing of the river has been postponed. Neither the level or the swiftness of the water has decreased appreciably as yet. The sector remained

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quiet and plans for crossing become more complicated each day. Several points which may give us trouble in our crossing were engaged by our guns today. 63 HE and 186 WP were expended, setting fire to a large factory and harrasing an entire block of houses. This adds very little to the almost total destruction of the city of Duren. Ammo on hand, 575 HE and 560 WP.

- 15 Feb. No change in the situation. Still waiting for the river to subside. Meanwhile we are taking advantages of the lull in operations to take care of the personal needs of the men. Showers, shows, dental work, optical checks and passes to Paris, Verviers and the United Kingdom.
- 16 Feb. No change.
- 17 Feb. Our sector was rather rudely disturbed today by enemy shell fire from an enemy 210 mm gun. After one hour of shelling in which 18 rounds, six of which were duds, impacted in the 2nd. Plat area, this platoon was forced to displace. One mortar was damaged, 10 HE blew up and all the men were shaken up. This is the first shelling we have had for quite some time. Otherwise there was no change in the situation.
- 18 Feb. Everything was quiet today. Mortar and artillery fire in our sector seems to have increased slightly but has caused no concern as yet. The river level remains just about the same and the rains of the past few days have prevented its lowering to a point where forcing a crossing may be attempted. This fact necessitated the date for our crossing to be postponed till the 23. That will be just two weeks from the date we were just going adross. Meanwhile aerial recon. shows that the Heinies are bolstering his defenses in our zone. Many new artillery batteries have been located and at least one new division has been identified in the line, all of which will mean a very difficult crossing.
- 19 Feb. All squads constructed barricades today in front of the guns to protect against enemy artillery. Enemy artillery is sporadic and OPs report inactivity across the river. Late reports say the river is receding slowly. Ammo on hand 749 HE and 600 WP.
- 20 Feb. All was quiet on our sector today. The F.O. requested the guns on the base point; the rest of the day was spent in the showers and in the movies. Ammo expended 36 rounds of HE for registration.

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- 21 Feb. Still waiting for the river to receive. Meanwhile men are being sent to the shows and showers. Expended 29 HE and 2 WP leaving 689 HE and 588 WP on hand.
- 22 Feb. Final preparation have been made for the attack which has been scheduled for 0330 tomorrow. A large number of enemy planes were over us this afternoon but were engaged by our fighters. 9 rounds of HE and 23 WP were expended for registraton.
- 23 Feb. This morning at 0330 the 13th Inf. jumped off preceded by a 45-min. artillery preparation. Our mortars started firing at H plus 20 on the far bank of the Roer to screen enemy observation which he was getting on our bridgehead by the use of flares and the moonlight. Our troops had great difficulty in gaining a bridgehead because of enemy artillery which had been zeroed on the river. After daybreak the enemy was able to get excellent observation on the high ground south-east of Duren. Frantic appeals were received for smoke on this high ground and we started immediately and fired continuously on this mission till 1930. The end of the day found our troops holding a small bridgehead but as yet the engineers were not able to construct the bridge for vehicles. The large amount of ammunition that was expended today reminded us of the days back in Normandy. Ammo expended today 96 HE and 1031 WP.
- 24 Feb. This morning the company displaced forward to Rolsdorf and established positions in an ammunition factory. The "jump off" was delayed until mid-morning till the engineers could get the vehicle bridge constructed. After this was accomplished, our troops started to advance through Duren but were still under observation from the same high ground south-east of Duren. We started the screen at 1000 and maintained it until 1630. At 2300 we were detached from the 13th Inf. and attached to the 121st. Inf. Laison was accomplished and observers attached to 3rd. and 1st. Bns. The 121st. will pass through the 13th and establish a corps bridgehead. Ammo expended 1344 WP and 0 HE.
- 25 Feb. Early this morning reconnaissance was made in Duren to support the attack. A position was found in the eastern outskirts of the city around a hospital. Much to our surprise no mines or booby traps were found in Duren but the city was a mass of rubble. While moving into position a shell hit very close to one of our vehicles but fortunately no one was hurt seriously. T/5 Mellis as shell shocked and had to be evacuated. 75 HE and 709 WP were expended.

Feb 26

The attack continued today at a rapid pace. The 3rd. Armored passed through the 123 Inf. at midnight. Last night we continued generally north-east, closely followed by the 121st. Poor road nets, passability of cross country routs and AT fire caused the armor to proceed rather cautiously. By nightfall our frontlines were slightly passed beyond Eschweiler uber Feld. Both platoons moved by a series of replacements and set up in that town. The company CP moved to Gurbelulrath. Only 28 WP were expended today, giving our men the first easy day they've had since the crossing. Men from the 1st. plat. captured nine more Heinies making a total of eleven in two days. Not bad for the SOS. Ammo on hand 809 HE and 1482 WP.

Feb. 27

The attack is continuing as rapidly as possible. Continuous pressure is being exerted night and day. Resistance stiffened considerably during the day but steady progress has been made. Our units have now advanced beyond Blatzheim and Bergerhausen. They are now approaching Kerpim on the main road to Cologne. Our position defending the right flank of the seventh Corps is rather precarious and at times difficult. Enemy artillery has increased both from the front and the flank. At least one counter attack, supported by armor, had been repulsed. We saw our first German civilians in our current drive today in the town of Blatzheim. They are processed and treated as prisoners of war. By nightfall both platoons and the co. CP had moved to Blatzheim. 87 WPM were expended on local screening operations. Higher headquarters is very optimistic over the success in the drive today. They are pushing night and day to exploit the successes to date. It is very hard on men and material, but the Rhine is getting closer every day. Ammo on hand 809 HE and 1395 WP.

Feb. 28

Fighting in Kerpen continued during the early hours of the morning with the third bat. and armored units making the main effort. Meanwhile the 1st. and 2nd. Bns. by-passed Kerpen and drove on to the Erft river, with a mission of capturing any bridges in our sector. The second platoon was attached to the 1st Bn. which was making the main effort. This attack was unsuccessful due to the heavy enemy fire from small arms and SP guns. By dawn the town of Kerpen had been taken and both platoons displaced there. At noon another attempt was made to cross the Erft under a cover of smoke from our mortars. Both platoons were employed in this mission. Armored elements and foot troops crossed the river only to find that another small bridge was blown.

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<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Officers</u>
117	9
<u>Attached</u>	<u>Attached</u>
7	0

Casualty Report

Killed in Action

Pfc. Henry M. Schuller

Hospitalized

Cpl Charles L. Stump
 S/Sgt. George H. Inerito
 Pfc. James S. Walton
 Pfc. Paul N. Folmer
 T/5. John L. Willis
 Sgt. Ralph G. Portis

Promotions

Inerito, George H. Sgt. to S/Sgt.
 Deabenderfer, Howard E. Pvt. To Cpl.

Reductions

Brammer, Walter J. T/4 To Pvt.

Transferred Men

Pfc. Louis J. Granato
 Cpl. Edward Rumas
 S/Sgt. George H. Inerito
 Cpl. Charles L. Stumpp

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- Feb. 29 Tonight under cover of darkness the bridge was constructed and the attack on Modrath and surrounding high ground continued. 972 WP were expended today on the smoke screen which won the praise of all who ~~HEARD~~ saw it. 1st. plat captured 8 more Henies.
- 1 Mar. Last night's attack on Moderath was again unsuccessful. This town has been bitterly defended; fire of all types has made gain costly for every yard gained. The attack was assumed tonight by elements of the 28 Inf. They will pass through a sector of the 104th Inf and attempt to flank a town. No ammunition was expended by us today. But both platoons displaced to the forward edge of Kerpen to give better support if it is called for. Last night after the regular ~~XXXXXX~~ 1500 daily ammo report was submitted both platoons expended a total of 647 WP and continuing the screen started earlier in the day. Ammo on hand, 809 HE and 1076 WP.
- 2 Mar. The attack on modrath continued today with some success. By nightfall nearly all of the town was in our hands with only scattered pockets of resistance remaining. 300 prisoners have been taken since the attack on this town started, giving some indication of the resistance offered in the support of the defense of Cologne. Today's attack was supported by a smoke screen placed on high ground west of the town. This screen was continuous from 1100 till 1815. 2022 WP were expended. A strong flank wind made screening operations difficult, but this was overcome and enemy observation successfully obscured. 12 more Henies were captured by LT. Murray and T/5 Deavendorfer today. Total, 32 since crossing the Roer.
- 3 Mar. Another attack last night gained the town of Modrath for us and continued on to secure the small towns on the west bank of the coal quarries west of Freehen. 254 WP were expended in support of this operation. The 28th Inf. passed through the 121st to attack the town of Freehen. We were prepared to screen the right flank of the div. a task which would have been rather easy today. It looked like a rest for us. At 1700 orders were received, transferring us to the 1201st. By 2130 we had completely closed in. All details including recon, liaison, and establishment of communication were accomplished. We believe this to be somewhat a record for such a move. Both platoons were set up in the town of Greirath and the com CP established in Modrath. At day's end the attack on Freehan had progressed favorably, with the 1st. Bn. on the outskirts of town, the second rapidly approaching from the north and the 3rd running into heavy resistance while approaching from the south. Our observers are with the 1st and 2nd bns. 6 more PWs were taken today

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by that PW hunter, Lt. Murray.

4 Mar.- This was rather a bad day for us filled with difficulti
 The attack on Freehan progressed very slowly, bitter street fighting and SP guns and tanks roaming at will continually harrassing the troops. The 28th was to secure the town after which the 121st was to pass through and ~~MMMMM~~ continue the attack. At 1800 we were attached to the 121st again with the mission of taking a group of small towns ~~MM~~ east and southeast of Freehan. A company CP was established in Grelrath and our guns moved to Benzleth displacing after Freehan was taken to that town. 305 WP were fired to screen the advance of the 28th on Freehan. While laying wire during the night the Welles Fargo crew's vehicle was struck by another jeep. Pfc. Cernek received a broken ankle and had to be evacuated. T/5 Lehlbach and Pfc. Redman redeived lacert&ions but remained with the company.

5 Mar. The attack by the 121st progressed favorably during the night with the 1st Bn taking Horbell and the 3rd. followed by the 2nd. cleared Bache& and Glever. 38 HE were expended by the 1st plat, for a harrassing mission in supportf the 3rd Bn. The 2nd. pt. expended 158 WP for the 1st. Bn. to screen the movement of tanks and T.D.s to the city of Horbell. This screen received favorable comment from the T. D. btn. commandet. The platoons displaced to Bachen and the Co. CP moved to Freehan. The attack will continue tonight.

6 Mar. Last night's attack made good progress with the 3rd. Bn tearing the enemy from Horbach, Lastaden and Hurth. The 1st. btn. cleared Statzheim and Hernulheim. The 2nd. Bn. passed between the 2nd and 3rd attempting to take Kendenich. Repeated attempts to do this during the daylight hours today failed because of o the excellent observation of the enemy holding the high ground in this area. The 1st. Plat expended 100 HE and 14 WP in support of the 3rd. Bn. The 90 CP moved to Gluel while the 2nd. Plat. moved to A&atadt, to support the attack of the 2nd Bn.

7 Mar. While the 1st and 3rd. Bn consolidated their gains the 2nd. Bn. continued their attack on Kendenich and Fichinich. Both these objectives were taken, a sharp contrast to the firece resistance offered by the enemy to yesterday's efforts. Meanwhile the 28th Inf. passed through and continued their attack to the east. Contact with the 1st. Inf. Div was made in the vicinity of Vruhl. 34 HE and 10 WP were expended by the 2nd. Pt. in support of the 2nd. Bn. The 2nd. plat. displaced ~~MMMMM~~ to Fishinich and the 1st plat and the co. CP moved to Hurt. It is not antcipat that we will use any mortars in the drive to the river. We are looking forward to a much needed rest.

- 8 Mar. Today for the most part was a day of rest. We have been relieved by the 121st Inf. and placed under control of the control of the division. The division is passing to Corps reserve. Late this afternoon orders were received to move to an assembly area in Konigsdorf. The company departed Hearnth at 1715, closed a new area at 1800. The men are billeted and resting well.
- 9 Mar. Still in Konigsberg. Much has been done to clean up equipment and get ourselves ready for return to future operations. Showers have been arranged for the men
- 10 Mar. Orders were received today sending us ^{from} the 8th Inf. Div and placing us under bat. control again. Something big is in the wind for us. We have been alerted for a big move to the South. Where, when, or why I do not know. Meanwhile cleaning and repair of self and equipment has been continued. All excess ammo has been returned to the ASP, and has been sent to Co. B which is still in the line for expenditure.
- 11 Mar. No change. Still waiting for definite information concerning our move.
- 12 Mar. Still in Konigsberg. Orders received today to depart to France with the 7th Army. Final preparation for the journey has been completed and we are ready.
- 13 Mar. We departed from Konigsberg at 0840 enroute to Verdun, France. Closed in at Verdun at 1900 ~~MM~~ a distance of 213 miles. Along tiresome ~~MMM~~ trip Nothing eventful occurred except plenty of flat tires.. We were told that the transportation corps had no billets for our men and we were assigned a bivouac area in a large ~~MMMMM~~ field.. The men took a dim view of this and in a very short time found a large building spacious enough for at least a battalion. We spent the night there. We should take the T.C. with us to the front for a course in billeting.
- 14 Mar. Departed Verdun at 0805 today, arrived at Dahlingen France at 1400. Distance travelled, 115 miles. After a convoy of 330 miles we find ourselves attached to the 7th Army, XV Corps 3rd. Inf. Div. 15th Reg. in time for the start of a new general offensive. Initial the XV is in reserve but may be committed early. Laison eliminated; reconnaissance made by the 1st. Plat has been assigned to the 1st. Bn and the 2nd. Plat to the 2nd. Bn.
- 15 Mar. The 3rd div attacked at 0100 today, made only slight gains. Extensive minefields of all types were encountered. Slight artillery and scattered pockets of resistance. Some points were fiercely contested, others not at all

At 1800 the XV received orders to move into position for an attack to take Ormersbillers and Volmeister. The 2nd. Plat. is reassigned to the 3rd. Bn. which was to pass through the 1st Bn. and proceed upon capture of Ormeisbillers and take Volmeister from the NW. Both platoons set up in the vicinity of Urbach and the company CP moved to Guising. 800 WP and 100 WP were drawn in anticipation for heavy expenditures during the operation. Ammo on hand 1308 WP and 108 HE.

16 Mar.

Today was mostly a day of movement for us. The crust of the German defenses seems to have been broken. Extensive minefields, roadblocks, and blown bridges caused much delay in the movement of vehicles. As a result our guns are sometimes out of range of the units we are supporting. Diligent and continuous efforts on the part of our recon. elements permitted the platoons and company hq. to displace by a series of movement so Eschweiler Ormersvieller, Volmunster, Brenchelbach, Leutzweiler and Schwayen have all been taken. The attack is continuing tonight toward objectives which seem optimistically far. The drive here is reminiscent of the one from Duren across the plain. No ammunition was expended today.

17 Mar.

Off again today. By nightfall the XV had closed up to the dragon's teeth in the Siegfried Line southeast of Zweibrucken. This was accomplished after the capture of Ohrenthal, Hornbach, Mousbach, Dietrichengan, and Althornbach. Our platoons reentered Germany today - again. It doesn't seem likely that we shall have duplicate this feat any more in view of developments on other fronts. Considerable difficulty was encountered by our ~~XXXXXX~~ troops today from constructing bridges over a small stream running laterally over our front. The ~~MM~~ 1st. plat. displaced to Schweien and prepared to screen this movement if it should be necessary. It proved unnecessary however and over 2 rounds of WP for registration. They displaced to Hornbach and at the end of the day Monboux. The 2nd. Plat expended 113 WP to screen the movement of the 3rd. Bn. across some open ground. They displaced to Ohrenthaul and ended the day in Dietrichengan. Present plans of the XVth called for nothing tonight except for patrol activity in the Siegfried line defenses. The Co. CP moved to Schwein

18 Mar.

The XVth Inf. attacked at 0545 today to assault and breach the Siegfried line and capture Contrig.

By day's end the 1st. line of dragon's teeth had been taken and the 2nd. line reached by the 1st bn., while the 2nd. Bn. prepared to pass through the 1st bn. to continue the attack.,

111 WP were expended by the 1st. plat. to screen a 3rd. bn. patrol which was probing the line on the right flank of the regiment. Meanwhile the 1st. plat fired 802 WP to screen the 1st. bn.

engineers as they blasted baths through the dragon's teeth for the tanks and the vehicles to pass through. It was a good day's firing, both screens being excellent. Both platoons received heavy shellfire, almost continuously, of light and heavy calibre. Only the choice of a good position with stout houses for protection saved us from having heavy casualties. Cpl. Bean and Pfc. Thomason

were burned slightly when some powder bundles ignited near them. Neither had to be evacuated. One vehicle in the 2nd. plat. area was hit badly enough to be evacuated. Others received shrapnel wounds but not too seriously. The 1st plat. was

assigned to the 2nd. Bn. late in the period.

All in all it was a good day, full of accomplishment and much activity.

19 Mar.

Very limited gains were made today in the face of fierce resistance in the form of small arms, SP guns, and artillery fire. The pillbox defenses are heavily manned and desperately defended.

The 1st platoon continued firing the smoke screen to prevent observation on engineer working parties, movement of tanks and vehicles, and dughboys

deploying to attack the pillboxes. This screen was regarded as indispensable and was constantly

maintained even in the face of heavy and accurate counterbattery. Small arms fire entered the position of the forward section of this platoon which had displaced to a sand ditch in front of the 60 mm. mortars. The 2nd plat continued to work with the

3rd. Bn. which was screening the exposed right flank. Preparations were made to meet an expected counterattack which PWs said was imminent. Defensive fires were

set up and a state of alert was in existence. 1009 WP were expended today. The co CP moved to

Detrichengen. While returning from the ASP with a load of ammo, the truck driven by Pfc. Reedy went over an embankment. Fortunately no one was injured.

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20 Mar.

The counterattack did not materialize last night.

Instead the Heinies displayed one of his old tricks, spraying the area with artillery fire and then pulling out. This fact was discovered when the attack continued after daybreak today. Only scattered resistance was met and the town of Contwig and the high grounds surrounding it was taken earlier. The reason for the German withdrawal was apparent when the news was received concerning the swift advance by The 3rd. Army of General Patton which threatened the forces opposing it with encirclement. The first platoon and the 3 Co. CP moved to Contwig while the 2nd platoon moved to Frappencherhof. No ammo was expended today. However the new method of ammo expenditure reports -1200-1200 - revealed that the first platoon had expended 1223 WP in continuing their smoke screen. The 2nd platoon expended 225 WP to screen a hilltop, on the right flank of the regiment, which was supposed to be an OP. These late figures combined with yesterday's reports make yesterday the heaviest day of firing for us since D-day. No plans except patrol activity have been received for tonight.

21 Mar.

Today opened with a bang. We were alerted to move with the 15th Inf. to mop up and consolidate gains made by the armor dispatched through us. The objectives were very ambitious and would carry us to about 10 miles from the Rhine at Ludwigshaven. The situation of the front seems highly confused and the development of the events during the day caused our plans to change. The 15th ~~MM~~ is now going to attack directly to the east to clean out any enemy in that direction. The 1st. platoon is attached to the 1st. Bn and the 2nd. to the 2nd Bn which is in reserve. The movement was made without any trouble and the objectives made early. 84 prisoners were captured. To cover the movement the 1st. platoon displaced initially to Walshausen and then to Windsberg.

22 Mar.

The war is moving fast and the 15th has been left far behind. After a day of rest orders were received to move to Hardenburg. The two platoons moved with their battalions to Ect, departing Entwig at 2030 and were enroute at the close of the day.

23 Mar.

After an uneventful convoy and bright moonlight the co CP closed in Hartenburg at 0200, distance travelled, 50 miles. The 1st. platoon was settled in Bobadurheim and the 2nd platoon was in Kaiserlauten with the 2nd. Bn. which was dropped for a special mop-up mission. Our ideas about a possible rest did not materialize. The co. CP again moved to Altleining at 1700 closing in at 1830. Distance traveled, 12 mi. 1st. platoon moved to the outskirts of the same town while 2nd. Platoon ~~MM~~ remained in Kaiserlauten.

- 24 Mar. Another day of movement. Today the 15th Inf. moved into position along the Rhine river, with the 1st. Bn. holding the entire 3rd. Div. front, along the river between Worms and Ludwigshaven. The 1st. plat moved to Worms and set up defenses for that sector. The 2nd. plat. moved to KleinNiedersheim with the 2nd. Bn. while the co. CP moved to Roxheim. Distance travelled, 24 miles. Departed Altleiningen 2015 arrived Roxheim 2130.
- 25 Mar. For the 2nd time we have approached the Rhine, prepared to assault and cross it. Again we are disappointed. The crossing is to take place at 0230 tomorrow, with the 30th and 7th making the main effort and the 15 in reserve. This co. will move to the regimental assembly area in Beindersheim by 0630 tomorrow, preparing to cross where and when possible. Final preparations have been completed for the movement.
- 26 Mar. The company crossed the Rhine river tonight at 2100 tonight in the vicinity of Worms. The 15th Inf, has been committed in the drive east from the Bridgehead. From an assembly area in Lampersheim the platoons were attached again in the usual manner. This is very fast moving situation. A substantial bridgehead has been established and our troops are moving ahead against light opposition. Crossing tonight was entirely peaceful; no planes, no artillery. A direct contrast to the Roer River crossing last month. At the close of the period the co CP was in Lampersheim and both platoons enroute to objectives with their battalions. Objectives are being taken one after the other.
- 27 Mar. Objectives still being rapidly taken in succession. The flat plain in the east bank of the Rhine has been crossed and we are once again in the mountains. There hasn't been much work for our guns. Both platoons have been pushing on right behind the doughboys anyway. We are always ready to help if needed. After a series of displacements the co. CP arrived in Heppenheim. The bridgehead is already 21 kilometers deep.

- 28 Mar. Rapid expansion of the brigehead is taking place, causing some confusion. Already the entire XVth Corps has crossed the Rhine and advance elements of the XIIIth Corps also. Movement forward today was rather difficult because the large units of the 12th Armored division are on the road in our sector. The 12th is passing through us and will swing southeast in the direction of Stuttgart. We continue generally northeast. By day's end the co. CP had moved to Krumbach and both platoons are on the road in the direction of that town. The enemy is completely disorganized and is offering little or no resistance. Reports from other fronts are encouraging and indicate a complete breakdown of resistance in the eastern front.
- 29th Mar. The movement continues forward at a rapid pace. The 15th Inf. has been placed in reserve and moved to Kurch Brombech in an assembly area. This gives our men the first chance to rest in many days. Full advantage is being taken of it.
- 30 Mar. 30th Inf. crossed Main river today. The plan called for the 15th to follow after a bridge had been constructed. The entire company moved to an assembly area in Hoingrund to await our turn to cross. Meanwhile we have been alerted for a move North, to rejoin the 1st Army. It now becomes a race to determine which order will materialize first, that putting us across the bottleneck (which would create a bottleneck if we should have to return) or that sending us to the 1st Army. The bridge across the river was not completed because of the shortage of material which put everything in favor of the latter. Meanwhile the 1st. Bn. of the 15th crossed the river by assault boats and proceeded toward objectives South along the east bank. The 1st. plat and co. CP displaced to Worth to cover this movement if needed. The 2nd. Plat remained in Hoingrund.
- 31 Mar. This company was detached from the 3rd. Div. 15th Inf. last night. Departed from Hoingrund and arrived at Heppenheim under Battalion control at 0915. Definite orders for the movement north to the 1st Army is expected soon.

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MONTH OF MARCH RECAPITULATION SHEET

Company Strength as of 31 of March, 1945

Enlisted Men

117

Attached

7

Officers

9

Attached

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Casualty Report

Killed In Action

None

Hospitalized

Pfc. George Cernek;
Pfc. Frank J. Gerety

Promotions

Melvin H. Bennett Sgt. To S/Sgt.
James T. Hall T/5 To T/4
Leroy L. Lambert T/5 To Cpl
Frank A. Simon Pfc. To T/5

New Men & Men Rejoined

Cpl. Charles L. Stumpp
Pvt. Charles W. Draper
Pvt. Henry W. Heine

Reductions

Alex Dowdy Cpl To Pvt.

Transferred

Pfc. Paul N. Fulmer
Sgt. Ralph G. Portis
Pfc. George Cernek Jr.

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- 1 Apr. Preparations for movement to the 1st. Army sector are in progress. Entire day was spent cleaning vehicles and preparing for the move.
- 2 Apr. Movement orders came at last for our move to the VIII Corps of the 1st Army. The Bn. cleared Heppenheim, Germany at 0630. The destination is Honnen. We stopped for the night at Prum. Distance travelled, 194 miles.
- 3 Apr. The Bn. left Prum at 0900 and closed in at Altenkirchen for the night at 2300. The convoy was excellent and all vehicles are making the trip in good shape. Distance travelled, 104 miles.
- 4 Apr. We left Altenkirk at 0800. Upon arrival at Honnen found our area had been changed to Giershagen. The company closed in at 1530. Distance for the day was 127 miles and the total milage for the trip 425 miles. 1st Lt, Victor B. Lundstrom assumed command of the company.
- 5 Apr. The Bn. was attached to the 104th Div. and liaison was completed. The next two days are to be used for maintainance and cleaning of equipment in preperation of future operations.
- 6 Apr. The company was reassigned today to the 1st. Div. Liaison was accompolished and we will remain in our present place till further orders from divis on. Meanwhile work is continuing on vehicles and equi pment. The entire company was sent to the Corps showers and received nclean clothing.
- 7 Apr. 2nd. Lt. Deal joined the company and was assigned to the 1st Plat. ~~MM~~ At 1500 received orderx to close in with the 16th Inf. of 1st. Div. We closed into our assembly area in Hrader at 1900. Lt. Murray will act as regimental liaison and Lt. Dennis as co. ~~MM~~ Contact officer. Ammo on hand, 500 WP and 468 WP.
- 8 Apr. Recon. was completed for gun positons in the town of Wehreden, for the crossing of the Weser river. The pla toons are attached as usual. The attack was scheduled for 0900 but was moved up to 0815. At prese opposition is light and as soon as the vehicle is completèd we should move very fast. Ammo expended 225 WP.
- 9 Apr. Engineers have had some dufficulty building a bridge due to the swiftness of the Weser. The co. Crossed the Weser and moved to Furstenburg. Lt. Bellis, forward observer of 1st. Bn. had a close call when two German half-tracks came down the road within 50 yards of their jeep and opened up on them with machine guns. They took to the woods but were

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- Tonight this re iment will be passed through by 26th Regiment but we will remain with the 16th in reserve. No ammo expended.
- 10 Apr. This morning we moved to Neuhaus, an assembly area and expect to remain for the night. In the afternoon vehicles and equipment were maintained. The balance of the day was spent in resting. Lts. Dennis Watson and Deal were promoted from 2nd to 1st. Lts. 540 WP and 468 HE on hand.
- 11 Apr We are still in reserve with the 16th Inf. At 1430 regmt. plus attached units moved to a new assembly area northeast of Northheim. We were given the town of Wiebrechism and cased in at 1600. It looks as if we may be committed tomorrow.
- 12 Apr. 16th Rgmt. moved today to Herzberg with the mission of clearing the city and continuing the attack to the east through the Hertz mountains. We also moved into Hertzberg and found excellent gun positions. No ammo expended.
- 13 Apr. The attack continued through the Harz mountains against stiffened resistance. The country is very scenic but difficult to fight in. The company moved into Sieber at noon and encountered sporadic enemy artillery in opposition fired 76 HE on enemy personnel in St. Andreisberg. Good results.
- 14 Apr. We moved into the town of St. Andriesberg this morning. The attack is going very well and many prisoners are being taken. Ammo expended 145 HE and 19 WP.
- 15 Apr. Today we moved into a hospital area southeast of St. Andresberg. Since this hospital contained about 77 wounded German soldiers it was searched and quite a number of pistols were found. The attack is going better and better but no ammo was expended.
- 16 Apr. Today the platoons were reassigned to the 1st and 3rd Bns. and moved to the regimental assembly area in Benneckenstein. We are to remain here for the night and continue the attack to the northeast tomorrow morning. No ammo expended.
- 17 Apr The attack is going quite well but it is taking time to clean out the woods. We moved into the mountain village of Tanne. No ammo expended.
- 18 Apr. We were visited late this evening by TMM an ETOUSA chem. officer and two other members of his staff. They were well impressed by the company. They will remain overnight and inspect the gun positions tomorrow. No ammo expended.

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- 19 Apr. We moved to Rubeland late this afternoon, it is quite beautiful. It looks as though the 16th may go into div. reserve. S/sgt. Harshman who was forward observer with B co. was with the plat. of Negro troops. He reports that they are excellent fighting men. The company took over 500 prisoners during the attack on Roubelin. Cpl. Kemock was killed and Malatis wounded when an artillery shell came into their position. 52 HE and 48 WP were expended. 379 HE and 430 WP on hand.
- 20 Apr. We are still in Rubeland with the mission of clearing the woods around our area. Prisoners continue to come in in large numbers. It looks as if the battle of the Harz mountains is about over. No ammo expended.
- 21s. Apr. Continued our mission of clearing the woods. Thus far over 50,000 Germans have been captured in these mountains. No ammo expended.
- 22n Apr. The entire day was spent on a maintenance of mortars and vehicles. The kitchen served ~~MINNEAPOLIS~~ girls of the donut clubmobile which is in our area a delicious supper. No ammo expended.
- 23 Apr. Preparations were made for a 60 mile move to the south. It looks as though we may go to a rest area. Everyone has his ears turned to the radio for the meeting of the Russian and American armies which is expected hourly. No ammo expended.
- 24 Apr. Today we moved in convoy with the 16th Inf. to the vicinity of Holdenstadt, Germany. We closed into Klooterude which was our area. It was a cold, damp drive after a hot chow everyone hit the sack.
- 25 Apr. At 1200 today we were detached from 16th Inf. and revert to Bn. control. We moved to the vicinity of our battalion in Eiselben. The remainder of the day was spent on maintenance of equipment.
- 26 Apr. This was a very busy day for everyone. All equipment was cleaned and checked for serviceability. The entire company is taking garrison life in stride with enthusiasm.

- 27 Apr. All small arms today inspected by Major Slovak and were in excellent condition. The men are to be commended as some of these are the same weapons they came in with on D-day.
- 28 Apr. Still resting.
- 29 Apr. We were given a new assignment today; we are under Corps artillery. From all indications we will do some occupational work., At 0950 the Bn. moved to Naumberg Germany where B and C company will guard a PW cage.
- 30 Apr. We pulled our first guard duty today. The whole company has been divided into three reliefs with an officer in each. The cage at present contains about 8000. The men are enjoying the change very much .

Final Entry.

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<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Officers</u>
118	9
<u>Attached</u>	<u>Attached</u>
3	0

Casualty ReportKilled In Action

Cpl. Walter Kemock

Hospitalized

Pfc. Samuel Clickstein
 T/5. Thomas O. Kirchner
 Pfc. Albert L. Ellison
 Pfc. Tony J. Milutis

Promotions

Michael J. Crivello	Cpl. To Sgt.
Roth Woodward	Cpl. To Sgt.
Hudson O. Powers	T/5. To Cpl.
Pershing A. Jones	Pfc. To T/5.
Raymond S. Watson	2nd Lt. To 1st Lt.
John W. Bennis	2nd Lt. To 1st Lt.
Samuel B. Deal	2nd Lt. To 1st Lt.

Men Transferred

Pfc. Frank J. Cerety
 2nd Lt. Lewis O. Bellis
 Pfc. Samuel Clickstein
 Pfc. Albert L. Ellison
 Pfc. Tony J. Milutis

New Men & Men Rejoined

2nd Lt. Samuel B. Deal
 Pvt. Harry H. Brown
 Pvt. Maurice Glatt
 Pvt. Walter H. Hinkley
 Pvt. Albert A. Disteso
 Pvt. Clifford N. Higgins Jr.
 Pvt. Anthony J. Settembre

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30 Apr 45

The Co. began its first day of training. We have had a long rest with nothing to do, and the men seem enthusiastic over getting busy again. In the P.M. a field was cleared off and was used as a softball diamond. At present we only have one, vollyball and net, and some softball equipment, which has been submitted since coming out of the lines, but the requisition for more athletic equipment which should be filled very soon.

Cpl. Edward O. Jenkins, Cpl. Donald M. Stewart, Pfc. Roland A. Cote, and Pvt. Harold E. Clark returned to the Co. after being hospitalized. We were all glad to see the fellows return.

1 May 45

The training program is progressing very well. The war picture is looking brighter every day, and it is a pretty safe bet that we will not go into the lines against Germany again. Although V.E. Day is very near the war in the P.T.O. is still raging, and that fact is being taken in consideration during this training program.

2 May 45

3 May 45

The training in the Co. is progressing very well. Everyone seems to be in better physical condition than anytime since D-Day. Three hot regular meals each day, plenty of exercise and comfortable bittets make this life very pleasant. There has been no change in our status.

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Company "C" History

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4 May 45

The 87th Cml Bn Mtz is to be reorganized under the new T/O, 29 Sept. 1944, and will become the 87th Cml Mortar Bn. The Bn. will consist of only three line Co.'s, A, B, and C. Co. C is being dissolved and its personnel will be divided among Co.'s A, B, and D. Co. D will become C, Co. under the new reorganization. 26 men from Co. C joined Co. D at approx. 1400. A 3rd Plt. was organized using 3 complete sqd's from Co. C. and 1 complete sqd. from the 2nd Plt. Beginning tomorrow we are allowed three days in which to complete reorganization.

5 May 45

Co. D, Camel Orange, has ceased to exist on the records, and has officially become Co. C, Camel Blue. Most of the day was spent straightening out equipment and personnel.

6 May 45

The Co. had no training program for today, but continued to reorganize. The 3rd. Plt. has received most of their equipment. Lt. Murry, and Lt. Miller were assigned to "C" Co. today. Lt. Murry joined the 2nd. Plt., and Lt. Miller went to the 3rd. Plt. Many of the men enjoyed movies which was run several times through the day.

7 May 45

The Co. continued its training schedule today. The men are gradually getting into the swing of garrison life, and seem to be enjoying it. There is now a regular schedule for movies set up, and one of the theaters in town has been taken over to accommodate the large number of men that attend the shows, at 1300, 1500, 1700, and 1900. During the morning Co. C, lost a hard fought well played softball game to Co. A by the score of 1 to 0.

8 May 45

Today is the day that we have been praying, fighting and waiting for. It has been announced that 8 May would be recognized as V E-Day. The 87th Cml. Mortar Bn. observed this day by rescinding all training programs and declaring a day of rest relaxation and celebration. The "what with" to celebrate was furnished by Bn. in a general breakdown of gal's of assorted "juice".

By JBS NARA, Date 3/92Company "C" History

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- 9 May 45 After letting off with a lot of "steam" celebrating V E Day, the Co. settled down to a full training program today. During the past four days a dental officer has been working on the men whose teeth were in number 2 classification and has taken care of everyone. except those men on pass.
- 10 May 45 The training schedule was called off in order that the Catholic could attend special services during the A.M.. In the P.M. services were held by Chaplain Gross for the Prodestant men. The maintenance of vehidles was continued today by the Motor Sgt., giving every vehicle in the Co. a through inspection.
- 11 May 45 The training program consisted of a Co. field excoercise. The purpose was to tetermine how difficult it would be to control three Plts., and to give the newly F.D.C. a chance to pperate. The exerise proved very successful in that many defects were discovered and steps have been taken to correct them. The Co. played "A" Co. in softball and lost 5 to 4.
- 12 May 45 The Co. went on a road march during the A.M., crossing the Saale River by bridge and coming back by use of a ferry therefore chalking us another river crossing to its credit. In the P.M. the men played softball and attended a movie. At 2400 hrs. the 87th Cml Mortar Bn comes under control of the Ninth Army.
- 13 May 45 No change, usual company duties.
- 14 May 45 No change, usual company duties.
- 15 May 45 No change, usual company duties.
- 16 May 45 No change, usual company duties.
- 17 May 45 1st Lt. Arthur E. Brouse returned to the company after recuperation from wounds received from enemy fire.
- 18 May 45 No change, usual company duties.
- 19 May 45 No change, usual company duties.
- 20 May 45 The company enjoyed a day of rest from usual training schedule.

By JBSS NARA, Date 3/92

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

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21 May 1945

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that 1st Lt. Arthur E. Brouse, ASN O-1285700, did faithfully, diligently, and courageously operate in the capacity of platoon executive, platoon leader, and forward observer from 12 July 1944 to 3 December 1944 at which time he was wounded by enemy action and evacuated.

Lt. Brouse very effectively directed numerous close support missions which in many cases involved risk of life. At the time of his injury his observation post was situated in front of the infantry line and he remained in this position for two days under intense enemy direct fire. From here his missions materially aided the advance of the infantry in their attack through the eastern edge of the Hurtgen Forest and to the communication center of Gey, Germany.

His attitude and his work reflect merit both on himself and his unit.

RALPH H. WALKER
CAPTAIN INF.
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that 1st Lt. William G. Mays, ASN O-1039094, did perform his duties as Platoon Leader from 16 January 1945 to 24 April 1945 at which time his organization was withdrawn from the line, in such an efficient and courageous manner as to set an example to all the men and officers in his organization.

His work as observer aided in the crossings of both the Roer and Rhine Rivers. On 8 February 1945 at Lendersdorf, Germany, a vehicle of his platoon was knocked out by enemy mortar shelling at a very important cross-road. Immediately and without regard for his own safety, he greatly aided in removing the vehicle in order to open the road for supply and medical evacuation which was impossible with the knocked out vehicle blocking the road.

His work and devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself, his organization, and the Army of the United States.

RALPH H. WALKER

By JBS NARA, Date 3/9

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21 May 1945

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
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In that 1st Lt. Arthur E. Brouse, ASN O-1039

... and in the course of his duties...
... he was wounded by enemy mortar fire...
... he heroically directed his mortar platoon...
... in the face of the enemy...
... his actions were of a heroic nature...
... and his work reflected credit upon himself and his organization.

RALPH H. WALKER
Commanding

87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION
"C" COMPANY
HEADQUARTERS

SI MAY 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that 1st Lt. William G. Mayes, ASN O-1039004, ASN
... he heroically directed his mortar platoon...
... in the face of the enemy...
... his actions were of a heroic nature...
... and his work reflected credit upon himself and his organization.

RALPH H. WALKER

By JBS NARA, Date 3/92

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

Certificate of Merit

In that Pfc Raymond DeRaymond, ASN 13186439, did faithfully and continuously serve as forward observer radio operator from 15 July 1944 until 24 April 1945. During this period he repeatedly showed outstanding ability in his assignment and devotion to duty.

At Lendersdorf, Germany on 23 February 1945 Pfc DeRaymond was in an OP which was under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Although the building in which he was operating the radio was hit three times by heavy mortars, Pfc DeRaymond remained at his post sending the corrections in fire data back to the guns. This enabled his platoon to fire a seven hour fire mission for the crossing of the Roer River.

Again at Niederau, Germany on 25 February 1945 when the officer forward was out of from the CP group, Pfc DeRaymond took over and sent the necessary information back to his company enabling it to support the advancing infantry.

On both occasions Pfc DeRaymond demonstrated his outstanding ability and devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions.

RALPH H. WALKER
CAPTAIN INF.
COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that S/Sgt Charles J. Hauser, ASN 33632332, did faithfully and continuously serve as squad leader from 6 June 1944 to 10 January 1945 and as platoon sergeant from 17 January 1945 to 24 April 1945 at which time his organization was pulled out of the line. In the performance of his duties as squad leader and platoon sergeant he repeatedly showed outstanding qualities of leadership. Twice during this period he performed not only his own duties but those of an officer as well--both times under intense enemy artillery fire.

On 23 February 1945 in the vicinity of Lendersdorf, Germany when one officer was forward and the other at regiment, he directed his platoon in firing a seven hour smoke mission while troops were crossing the Roer River. Throughout this mission S/Sgt Hauser was continuously exposed to enemy artillery and mortar fire.

On March 6, 1945 while moving into Ronsdorf, Germany the platoon was under heavy fire from a German Tank. S/Sgt Hauser remained outside and directed each mortar crew into position as they arrived, thus preventing confusion and possible casualties.

On both of these occasions S/Sgt Hauser demonstrated outstanding ability of leadership and devotion to duty.

By JBS NARA, Date 3/92

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COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that T/4 Frederick N. Sanders, ASN 36591720, did perform his duties as communication chief in an outstanding manner and did at all times conduct himself courageously in operations against an enemy of the United States.

When the company was in position around Lendersdorf, Germany, just prior to the Roer River crossing, enemy shelling was so intense that wire communications was constantly interrupted. T/4 Sanders and his wire crews were busy night and day repairing breaks in the wire and made possible to have wire communication at very critical times when radio was impossible. When the enemy fire was especially heavy, T/4 Sanders went himself to repair lines rather than risk the men of his wire crews.

RALPH H. WALKER
CAPT. COMDG.

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

From 6 June 1944 to 7 May 1945 S/Sgt John E. Donley, ASN 38027951, did faithfully and efficiently perform his duties in operations against an enemy of the United States.

When the company was short of officers, S/Sgt Donley on numerous occasions acted as forward observer and very effectively directed the fire of the company on enemy positions. He operated in this capacity during the period 16 June 1944 to 15 August 1944.

S/Sgt Donley also had the job of assisting the Regimental Liaison Officer and in the absence of this officer, he diligently performed the duties of liaison between his company and the supported regiment.

From 28 December 1944 to the cessations of hostilities in Europe S/Sgt Donley had the duty of company Ammunition NCO. Many times the company fired tremendous amounts of ammunition both night and day but because of S/Sgt Donley's resourcefulness, dependability, and untiring efforts the company at no time was out of ammunition.

RALPH H. WALKER
CAPTAIN INF.
COMMANDING

By JS SS NARA, Date 3/92

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that Cpl. Kenneth A. Castro, ASN 19062926, did faithfully and continuously serve as Forward Observer radio operator from 17 June 1944 to 30 December 1944. During this period he performed his hazardous duties in such a cheerful and courageous manner that he gained the respect of men and officers alike of his organization.

On 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of Dinant, France after a building collapsed upon him as a result of enemy shelling, he performed his duties for six hours until relief came.

At another time on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Lammersdorf, Germany when the officer observer was unable to continue to direct fire, Cpl. Castro conducted a four hour smoke mission--thus screening enemy observation while our own troops launched a successful attack.

RALPH H. WALKER
CAPTAIN INF.
COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY "C"
87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

21 May 1945

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

In that Sgt. Donald J. Courchane, ASN 37551786, did faithfully and efficiently perform his duties as squad leader from 15 June 1944 to 6 December 1944 and as platoon sergeant from 7 December 1944 to 24 April 1945 at which time his organization was pulled back from the line.

On 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bettyville, France Sgt. Courchane directed the movement of his platoon into position in the face of observed fire from enemy tanks and self-propelled guns. Throughout the night he supervised the firing of his platoon in preparation for the assault on the Siegfried Line.

His meritorious achievement in connection with operations against an enemy of the United States has gained respect and admiration from the men and officers alike within his company.

RALPH H. WALKER
CAPTAIN INF.
COMMANDING

By JBSS NARA, Date 3/92

HEADQUARTERS 87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION
APO # 230 U. S. ARMY

21 May 1945

GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 9)

1. REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS: So much Section I, General Order Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 15 May 1945, as awards the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class Paul J. Fogel, 32990907, Company "A", is hereby rescinded.

2. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following personnel who received a wound in action against the enemy:

WILEO M. WILLOUGHBY, 1039803, First Lieutenant, Company "B", 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion, Germany, 2 November 1944. Entered service from Oklahoma.

CHARLES RIBAUDO, 32965270, Private First Class, Company "C", 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion, Germany, 10 December 1944. Entered service from New York.

BY ORDER OF LT COL PATTE:

DEWITT SLAUGHTER,
1st Lt., CWS,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

D. W. Slaughter
DEWITT SLAUGHTER,
1st Lt., CWS,
Adjutant.

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21 May 45 We lost our 1st Sgt. Clyde Haywood today, as he happen to have enough points to return to the States for discharge.

22 May 45 No change, usual company duties.

23 May 45 No change usual company duties.

24 May 45 No change usual company duties.

25 May 45 No change usual company duties.

26 May 45 No change usual company duties.

27 May 45 No change usual company duties.

28 May 45 No change usual company duties.

29 May 45 No change usual company duties.

30 May 45 Company participated in Memorial Day Services in Battalion area Honoring our fallen comrades.

31 May 45 Regular training schedule followed out showdown inspection of clothing and equipment complete.

1 June 45 No change usual company duties.

2 June 45 No change usual company duties.

3 June 45 No change usual company duties.

4 June 45 No change usual company duties.

5 June 45 No change usual company duties.

6 June 45 No change usual company duties.

7 June 45 No change usual company duties.

8 June 45 No change usual company duties.

9 June 45 No change usual company duties.

10 June 45 Company attended Church Service, also engaged in athletic contests and enjoyed a day of rest from usual training schedule.

11 June 45 No change usual company duties.

12 June 45 No change usual company duties.

13 June 45 No change usual company duties.

14 June 45 No change usual company duties.

15 June 45 No change usual company duties.

By JBS SS NARA, Date 3/92

MONTH OF MAY RECAPITULATION SHEET

Company Strength as of 31 of May, 1945

Enlisted Men

158

Attached

13

Officers

11

Attached

0

Casualty Report

Killed in Action

None

Men Transferred

- Cpt. Robert D. Trathen
- 1st Lt. James R. Lyons
- 1st Lt. William A. Evans
- 1st Lt. Victor D. Lundstrom
- 1st Lt. Henry M. Miller
- 1st Lt. William F. Murray
- 1st Lt. John W. Dennis
- 1st Lt. Jamvel D. Deal
- 1st Lt. Raymond J. Watson
- Pfc. Walter C. Barthelemy
- Sgt. John W. Tondle
- Sgt. Francis J. Doran
- 1st Sgt. Clyde Haywood
- T/5. Ben Gonzales Jr.
- T/5. Paul B. Urey
- S/Sgt. John E. Donley
- T/4. John H. Kruger
- S/Sgt. Albert Pezzutiello
- Sgt. Harold G. Pepler
- 41 EM To Hq. Det. 87th Cml Mtr. Bn.
- 25 EM To Co. A. " " " "
- 26mEM To Co. B. " " " "

Hospitalized

- Sgt. Richard H. Goodwin
- Sgt. John W. Tonole
- Sgt. Francis V. Doran
- Pfc. Walter C. Barthelemy
- Cpl. Edward O. Jenkins
- T/5. Cramel W. Calvert
- Pfc. Johnnie J. Haley
- Pvt. Harold E. Clark
- Pfc. Albert Tall
- Pfc. Gilbert G. Cook
- T/5. Elias Klein
- T/4. John H. Kruger
- 2nd Lt. Julius H. Mappus
- T/5. Charles F. Moore
- Pvt. Leo E. Weaver

New Men & Men Rejoined

125 EM Fr. Co. D, 87th Cml Mtr Bn.

- 1st Lt. Henry W. Miller
- 1st Lt. William F. Murray
- Sgt. Ralph G. Portis
- Pvt. Joe P. Bates
- Pfc. Albert J. Ellison
- Sgt. John W. Tonole
- 1st Lt. Arthur E. Brouse
- Pfc. Walter C. Barthelemy
- 12 EM Fr. 18th R.D.

Reductions

John M. Smith S/Sgt. To Pvt.

" Extract of Original Copy."

HEADQUARTERS 87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION
APO # 339, U. S. ARMY

26 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 16)

1. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy

ALFRED LESSIEUR, 31388929, Private First Class, Company "C", 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion, Germany, 2 November 1944. Entered service from Massachusetts.

BY ORDER OF LT COL BATTE:

RUFUS K. HAWKINS,
CWO, USA,
asst. Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

RUFUS K. HAWKINS,
CWO, USA,
asst. Adjutant.

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COMPANY "C" HISTORY

- 16 June 45 At 1400 hours on 16 June 45 a formation of this unit was held at which time the roll was called and all personnel present as shown on attached roster were advised of the last sentence of AW 28 its meaning and that they were under Movement Orders involving important service within the purpose of AW 28.
- 17 June 45 S/Sgt. Rex M. Duncan, was promoted to 1st Sgt. today.
- 18 June 45 No change usual company duties.
- 19 June 45 2nd Lt. Walter G. Atkinson, Jr., was promoted to 1st Lt. today. The company also left dear old Naumburg, Germany this morning at 0710, inwhich is the start to the good old USA.
- 20 June 45 Enroute to assembly area the company left Geissen, Germany at 0755 and arrived at the new station at 1800 by motor convoy.
- 21 June 45 Company left Nancy at 1032 by motor convoy and arrived at this station at 1600, inwhich was Camp Mimie, located in France.
- 22 June 45 The last sentence of aw 28 was read and explained at 1600 hours on 22 June 45 to the members of this organization whose names appear on attached roster, and each was enformed that he was under Movemants Orders involving important service within the purpose of Aw 28.
- 23 June 45 No change usual company duties.
- 24 June 45 No change usual company duties.
- 25 June 45 No change.
- 26 June 45 Last Morning Report to be submitted to 6925.
- 27 June 45 While we were at Camp Mimie, we lost one of our officers, 1st Lt Richard B. Redwood, inwhich he was transfered to camp Mimie Headquarters.
- 28 June 45 Again the last sentence AW 28 was read and explained at 1400 hours on 28 June 45 to the members of this organization whose names appear about and each was informed that he was under movements Orders involving important service within the purpose od AW 28.
- 29 June 45 No change.
- 30 June 45 Left Camp Mimie at 2030 hours by rail for Camp Lucky Strike, which is atbll located in France.
- 1 July 45 Arrived at Camp Lucky Srrike at 1900.
- 2 July 45 No change.
- 3 July 45 No change.
- 4 July 45 No change.

By

JBS

NARA, Date

3/92

MONTH OF JUNE RECAPITULATION SHEETCompany Strength as of 30 of June, 1945Enlisted Men

160

Attached

0

Officers

9

Attached

0

Casualty ReportKilled in Action

None

Promotions

Rex M. Duncan S/Sgt. To 1st Sgt.

Walter G. Atkinson 2nd Lt. To 1st Lt.

Donald J. Courchane Sgt. To S/Sgt.

Ralph G. Partis Sgt. To S/Sgt.

Ray M. Williams T/4 To S/Sgt.

Reductions

Mathew M. Volpe T/5 To Pvt.

Hospitalized

Pfc. Emroe E. Gilbert Jr.

Pvt. Jack H. Taylor

Pfc. Walter C. Barthelemy

Cpl. Herman C. Keller

Pfc. Billy G. Browning

Lt.

New Men & Men Rejoined

Sgt. Charles E. Shepard

Pvt. Jessie L. Freeman

Pvt. Harry A. Okalski

Pvt. Howard J. Russell

T/5. Colbrit W. Wooten

Pfc. Mont Robinett

Pfc. Ross B. Throop

Pvt. James F. Harper

Pvt. William H. Tucker

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5 July 45 Tec 5. Salvator Nardozi was the member of our company to accompany the Battalion Forwarding party for the States.

6 July 45 No change

7 July No change.

8 July 45 No change.

9 July 45 Left Camp Lucky Strike by Mortor Convoy at 0600 to aboard the SS Exchequer which left from Le Harve France at 1400 and arrived at Southhampton, England at 2200, and from their took tarin to Camp Barton Stacey, England.

10 July 45 The Gompny received the first pay in American Currency since March 1944.

11 July 45 No change.

12 July 45 No change .

13 July 45 No change.

14 July 45 No change.

15 July 45 No change.

16 July 45 No Change.

17 July 45 No change.

18 July 45 No change.

19 July 45 No change.

20 July 45 No change.

21 July 45 No change.

22 July 45 No change.

23 July 45 No change.

24 July 45 No change.

25 July 45 No change.

26 July 45 No change.

27 July 45 Left Camp Barton Stacey enroute to Greenock Scotland at 2030 .

28 July 45 Arrived at greenock Scotland at 1315 by rail, then boarded the HMS Queen Mary at 1500 hours.

By JBSS NARA, Date 3/92

MONTH OF JULY RECAPITULATION SHEET

Company Strength As of 31 July, 1945

Enlisted Men

160

Attached

0

Casualty Report

Killed in Action

None

Reductions

Gilbert A. Veit Pfc To Pvt.

Officers

9

Attached

0

Hospitalized

Sgt. John W. Tonole
Pfc. Harry A. Okalski

By

JBS

NARA, Date

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COMPANY "C" HISTORY

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29 July 45 No change.

30 July 45 No change.

31 July 45 Company on last lap of journey for home, so the men are enjoying a 99' little relaxation.

1 Aug 45 No change.

2 Aug 45 Arrived at New York port at 0530, in which we were serenaded by a WAC dance band which sailed along side the Queen Mary as we were approaching the port., also loud whistles from factories and trains. After leaving the Ship we boarded a train enroute to Camp Kilmore.

3 Aug 45 On arriving to Camp Kilmer we were screened out to our Reception Centers, and from there we received our thirty day furlough.

4 Aug 45 No change.

5 Aug 45 Permanent change to station Attached for assignment to 4th Hq & Hq Det Sp Trps 2nd Army this station.

6 Aug 45 No change.

7 Aug 45 No change.

8 Aug 45 No change.

9 Aug 45 No change.

10 Aug 45 No change.

11 Aug 45 No change.

12 Aug 45 No change.

13 Aug 45 No change.

14 Aug 45 No change.

15 Aug 45 No change.

16 Aug 45 No change.

17 Aug 45 No change.

18 Aug 45 No change.

19 Aug 45 No change.

20 Aug 45 No change.

21 Aug 45 No change.

22 Aug 45 No change.

By JBS SS NARA, Date 3/92

MONTH OF AUGUST RECAPITULATION

Company Strength as of 31 of August, 1945

<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Officers</u>
160	9
<u>Attached</u>	<u>Attached</u>
0	0
<u>Casualty Report</u>	
<u>Killed in Action</u>	<u>Hospitalized</u>
None	None

By

JBS

NARA, Date

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COMPANY "C" HISTORY

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23 Aug 45	No change.
24 Aug 45	No change.
25 Aug 45	No change.
26 Aug 45	No change.
27 Aug 45	No change.
28 Aug 45	No change.
29 Aug 45	No change.
30 Aug 45	No change.
31 Aug 45	No change.
1 Sept 45	No change.
2 Sept 45	No change.
3 Sept 45	No change.
4 Sept 45	No change.
5 Sept 45	No change.
6 Sept 45	No change.
7 Sept 45	No change.
8 Sept 45	No change.
9 Sept 45	No change.
10 Sept 45	No change.
11 Sept 45	No change.
12 Sept 45	No change.
13 Sept 45	No change.
14 Sept 45	No change.
15 Sept 45	No Change.
16 Sept 45	No change.
17 Sept 45	No change.
18 Sept 45	No change.
19 Sept 45	No change.
20 Sept 45	No change.

By JBS NARA, Date 3/92

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HEADQUARTERS 87TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

18 September 1945

GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER 17)

1. OAK LEAF AND STEM TO PURPLE HEART: So much of Section IV, General Order # 3, this headquarters, dated 21 March 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to Pfc William Pawlowich, 38769925, Company "C" is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

BY ORDER OF LT COL BATTN:

JOHN W. DENNIS,
1st Lt., CWS,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

John W. Dennis
JOHN W. DENNIS,
1st Lt., CWS,
Adjutant.

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By JBSS NARA, Date 3/92MONTH OF SEPTEMBER RECAPITULATION S. VTCompany Strength as of 30 of September, 1945Enlisted Men

151

Attached

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Casualty ReportKilled in Action

None

Promotions

Edward J. Starkey Pfc to T/5
 Steven A. DiGiacomo Pfc To T/5
 John Demcheck Cpl to Sgt.
 Jack E. Collins Cpl To Sgt.
 Salvatore Nardozi T/5 To T/4
 Gilbert D. Leon T/5 To T/4
 Harry J. Kenreigh Pfc to Cpl
 James E. Williams Pfc To Cpl
 Melvin M. Keefer Pfc To Cpl
 Anthony J. Battaglia Pfc To Cpl
 Jack W. Coy Pfc To Cpl
 Donald J. Courchane S/Sgt To 1st Sgt
 Walter P. Kerber Sgt To S/Sgt
 Russel F. Baker Sgt To S/Sgt
 Clarence A. Schlie Sgt To S/Sgt
 Herman J. Paquette T/4 to S/Sgt
 Richard M. Holland Cpl To Sgt
 Frederick J. Carr Cpl To Sgt
 Herbert M. Wheeler Cpl To Sgt
 Raymond J. DeRaymond Pfc To Cpl
 Manuel Pavo Pfc To Cpl

Transferred Men

Pfc. Frank Moniz
 Pfc. Homer L. Parent
 Pfc. Edward J. Simeneau
 Pvt. John M. Smith
 S/Sgt. John C. Taylor
 T/5. Charles F. Moore
 Sgt. Pershing W. Jones
 Cpl. Howard O. Jenkins
 Pfc. Salvatore J. Marsla
 Pfc. Salvatore Ransese
 Pfc. Saul Schatman
 T/4. Richard R. Chaffin
 T/5. George E. Lenoir
 Pfc. Tyros Reck
 S/Sgt. Henry E. Blaessing
 T/4. Robert R. Reichardt
 S/Sgt. Charles J. Haisner
 T/5. Colbrit W. Wooten
 1st Sgt. Rex M. Duncan
 Sgt. Herman B. Lussan
 Cpl. Edward V. Hughes

Officers

12

Attached

0

Hospitalized

1st Lt. William F. Murray
 Pfc. Lewis W. Pimard
 Cpl. Henry E. Medeiros
 Pvt. Harold E. Clark
 Pvt. Jessie L. Freeman Jr.
 Pfc. Tom R. Sisneros
 Pfc. Thomas B. Price
 Cpl. Vito J. Tasselli

New & rejoined Men

2nd Lt. Robert E. Niemi
 2nd Lt. Norman C. Tuttle
 1st Lt. Charles F. Bien
 2nd Lt. Robert C. Schroeder
 2nd Lt. Worthington C. Hildreth
 18 EM Fr. Hq. Co.
 Pvt. Gilmer F. Ward
 Pfc. Charles E. Doty
 Pfc. Edward A. Wallace
 Pvt. John H. Fleigley
 6 EM Fr. 4th Hq & Hq Det
 Cpl. Richard J. Woolsalager
 T/5. Vernon E. Simpson
 Pfc. Claude N. Marks
 Pfc. Robert S. Lewis
 Pvt. Andrew Smerek
 Pvt. Michael W. Stewart
 Pvt. James C. McMauley

Transferred Men Contd.

T/5. Richard A. Peters
 Sgt. Newton E. Watson
 Pfc. Ralph J. Paschall
 S/Sgt. Ray M. Williams
 Cpl. Kenneth R. Castro
 T/4. Edward W. Dullard
 T/4. Francis P. Walsh
 Pfc. James C. Coleman
 Pfc. Joe Bates
 Pfc. William Pawlowich
 1st Lt. William G. Mays
 1st Lt. Arthur E. Brouse

By JFS NARA, Date 3/92

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COMPANY "C" HISTORY

21 Sept 45 No change.
 22 Sept 45 The company has completely assembled from the thirty's at home.
 23 Sept 45 No change.
 24 Sept 45 No change.
 25 Sept 45 No change.
 26 Sept 45 No change.
 27 Sept 45 No change.
 28 Sept 45 No change.
 29 Sept 45 No change.
 30 Sept 45 No change.
 1 Oct 45 No change.
 2 Oct 45 Lt. Harvey to hospital, Lt. McGill assumed command of company.
 3 Oct 45 No change.
 4 Oct 45 No change.
 5 Oct 45 37 men left on furlough.
 6 Oct 45 Company "C" mess hall closed. Company now united with "A" Company mess. Lt. Harvey reported back and resumed command of company.
 7 Oct 45 2 barracks closed.
 8 Oct 45 5 men left on furlough.
 9 Oct 45 2 men left on furlough. 12 men left for 4th Det. Hq. & Hq., 2nd Army, reporting for discharge. They are.

S/Sgt. Portis	T/4 Hockman	PFC. Cook
S/Sgt. Schlie	Cpl. Dow	PFC. Ferguson
Sgt. Boward	Cpl. J. Humphrey	PFC. Higgins
Sgt. Pacard	T/5 May	PFC. Jones

10 Oct 45 No change

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- 11 Oct. 45 4 men transferred to 4th Hq & Hq Det. for discharge.
They are: T/4 Leon, Gilbert F.
Sgt. Tonole, Gilbert J.
Cpl. Burke, Thomas F.
Cpl. Simmers, Kenneth
- 12 Oct. 45 8 men left for 4th Hq. & Hq. Det. for discharge.
They are: Sgt. Loomis, Henry R.
Cpl. Medeiros, Henry R.
Cpl. Surette Reginald
Cpl. Swenaskowski, Henry
Pfc. Lincoln, Hays N.
Pfc. Mello Manuel J.
Pfc. Ribudo, Charles
Pfc. Stasiefski, Bernard
- 13 Oct. 45 7 men left for 4th Hq. & Hq. Det. for discharge.
They are: Cpl. Greenwood, William
T/5. Humphrey, Lorn S.
Pfc. Crane, Clayton J.
Pfc. Ellison, Albert L..
Pfc. Sisneros, Tom R.
Pfc. Cote, Roland
Pvt. Clark, Harold E.
Orders received to move to main post.
- 14 Oct. 45 No Change.
- 15 Oct. 45 Movement to main post began. 10 men left for 4th Hq. & Hq. Det. for discharge.
They are: Sgt. St. Germain, Joseph
S/Sgt. Vermillion, Jay
Sgt. Rizzo, Lawrence F.
Sgt. Stack, James F.
Sgt. Bullock, Richard D.
Cpl. Arcand, Raoul H.
Cpl. Fasselli, Vito J.
Cpl. DeRaymond, Raymond
Cpl. Madusky, Russel A.
Cpl. Keefer, Melvin A.
Cpl. McLaughlin, Joseph T.
T/5. Boden, Harold G.
Pfc. Lopez, Joseph
Pfc. Smith, Matthew G.
Pfc. Stamber, Vernon F.
Pfc. Hill, Clifford
Pfc. Grout, Joseph W.
Pfc. Hardin, Joseph
Pfc. ...
- 16 Oct. 45 Movement to new area continued. 7 men left for 4th Hq. & Hq. Det. for discharge.
They are: ...
- 17 Oct. 45 Completed moving to new area.

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COMPANY "C" HISTORY

- 18 Oct. 45 It was learned today that the Battalion is on deactivation list.
- 19 Oct. 45 Company has began to turn in T/O equipment and supplies.
- 20 Oct. 45 No Change.
- 21 Oct. 45 Battalion was transfered back into First Army.
- 22 Oct. 45 No Change
- 23 Oct. 45 No Change
- 24 Oct. 45 No Change
- 25 Oct. 45 Company united headquarters and barracks with other companies. Company cleared previous area.
- 26 Oct. 45 1 man left for 4th Hq & Hq Det for discharge. He was: Salvatore Nardozi
- 27 Oct. 45 No Change.
- 28 Oct. 45 No Change.
- 29 Oct. 45 No Change.
- 30 Oct. 45 No Change
- 31 Oct. 45 57 men returned from furlough. 1 man left for 4th Hq Hq Det for discharge from service. He was:
Eddie G. Ramos
- 1 Nov. 45 7 men returned from furlough. All 60 point men are now back.
- 2 Nov 45 No change
- 3 Nov 45 44 60 point men transfered to Gp Rucker and 4th Hq & Hq. Det. For discharge.
- 4 Nov 45 Company strength approaching zero.
- 5 Nov 45 Company strength approaching zero.
- 6 Nov 45 Company strength zero. Company C 87th Cml Mortar Bn officially deactivated this date.

LAST ENTRY

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Casualty ReportKilled in Action

None

Promotions

Dale Bray Pfc To Cpl
 Charlie J. Carvalho Pfc To Cpl
 Donald L. Colley Pfc To Cpl
 Robert J. Parker pfc To Cpl
 Edward F. Patala Pfc To Cpl
 John A. Quick Pfc To Cpl
 Steven A. DiGiacomo T/5 To T/4
 Anthony Battaglia Cpl To Sgt
 Arthur H. Maggs Cpl To Sgt
 John Tillikkaia Sgt To S/Sgt
 Emmet D. Steelman Pfc To T/5
 Carroll Stegall Pvt To T/5
 Gilmer Ward Pvt To T/5
 James F. Harper Pfc To T/5
 Frank E. Pelkey pfc To T/5
 Urbanowski Pfc To T/5
 Walling Pfc To T/5
 Gilbert A. Veit Pvt To Cpl

Transferred Men

Capt. Ralph H. Walker Jr.
 1st Lt. Walter G. Atkinson
 Pfc. Thomas B. Price
 1st Lt. Cleo M. Willoughby
 T/5. Salvatore Bonanno
 Pfc. Edward R. Dobie
 Pfc. James S. Walton
 T/5. Robert F. Wilson
 T/5. Cramel E. Calvert
 2nd Lt. Northington Hildreth
 Pfc. Glen O. Thomason
 Sgt. Joseph T. Boward
 Pfc. Lawrence Jones
 T/5. Guy W. May
 T/4. Joseph J. Hochman
 Sgt. Edward V. Pachard
 S/Sgt. Ralph G. Portis
 Cpl. James E. Humphrey
 Pfc. Gilbert Cook
 Pfc. Arthur H. Ferguson
 Pfc. Clifford W. Higgins
 S/Sgt. Clarence A. Schlie
 Cpl. Harold E. Dow
 Pfc. Creval Rowland
 Sgt. Vito J. Tasselli
 Pfc. Vernon E. Stamper
 Sgt. James A. Stac k Jr.
 Cpl. Russel A. Sausky
 Sgt. Lawrence F. Rizzo
 Cpl. Melvin M. Keefer
 Pfc. Willard L. Hill

Officers

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Attached

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Hospitalized

1st Lt. Robert J. Harvey
 Cpl. William E. Greenwood
 Pvt. George Whitmore

New & Rejoined Men

Pfc. Albert L. Hovson
 Pfc. Attilio J. Galgano
 Pfc. Tony B. Macri
 Pvt. Phillip O. Nicklow
 Pfc. Edwin C. Leadbetter
 Pfc. Victor A. Stefano
 Pfc. Arthur D. Emrick
 T/4. Junior Ypung

Transferred Men Counted

T/5. Donald C. Gooden
 Cpl. Raymond J. DeRaymond
 Sgt. Richard R. Conlon
 Cpl. Joseph T. Callaghan
 Pfc. Tom R. Sineros
 T/5. Reutilio Perez
 Pfc. Basil V. Orcutt
 T/5. Lorn S. Humphrey
 Cpl. William E. Greenwood
 Pfc. Albert L. Ellison
 Pfc. Clayton J. Crane
 1st Sgt. Donald J. Courchane
 Pfc. Roland A. Coty
 Pvt. Harold A. Clark
 S/Sgt. Jay L. Vermillion
 Cpl. Kenneth Simmers
 Pfc. Mont Robinett
 Pfc. Bernard J. Staniefski
 Pfc. Charles Ribaud
 T/5. George Zenhye
 Cpl. Henry W. Swenszkowski
 Cpl. Reginald J. Surrette
 Pfc. Manuel J. Mello
 Cpl. Henry A. Medieros
 Sgt. Henry R. Loomis
 Pfc. Hays M. Lincoln
 Pfc. Alfred Lessieur
 Pfc. Pasquale Ventaiglia
 T/4. Gilbert P. Leon
 Sgt. John Tonole
 Cpl. Thomas P. Burke
 1st Lt. Charles F. Bien
 1st Lt. Cleo M. Willoughby
 1st Lt. William F. Murray
 T/4. Salvatore Mardozzi

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER RECAPITULATION SHEET

Company strength as of 6 Nov 45

Enlisted men

0

Officers

0

Attached

0

Attached

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Casualty Report

Killed in action

None

Hospitalized

None

Promotions

Swan, Charles E. Pfc to Cpl

Reductions

None

New & Rejoined Men

None

Transferred Men

See Attached Roster

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NAME	COMPANY " C "	ARS	GRADE	LOCATION	ASN
Harvey, Robert J.	6	1	Lt	dy	0-524634
Mappus, Julius H.		2	Lt	TD	0-545189
McGill, Harold T. Jr.		1	Lt	dy	0-545187
Niemi, Robert		2	Lt	dy	0-1536096
Schroeder, Robert T		2	Lt	dy	0-1536381
Tuttle, Norman J.		2	Lt	dy	0-1536231
582204					
Allen, Ernest L.		59	Pfc	fur	34387411
Baker, Russell F.		66	S/Sgt	fur	31366839
Barthelmy, Walter		66	Pfc	fur	31366130
Battaglia, Anthony J.		67	Cpl	fur	33694321
Behrmann, Walter C		20	Pfc	fur	42187826
Botchers, Luther F.		56	Pfc	fur	47559143
Bray, Dale		69	Pfc	dy	34883082
Browning, Billy G		21	Pfc	fur	37753717
Carr, Frederick J		66	Sgt	fur	31367016
Carvalho, Charles J.		64	Pfc	dy	39414581
Clark, Elwood H.		66	Tec 5	fur	33764421
Colley, Donald L.		65	Pfc	fur	33644224
Collins, Jack D.		65	Sgt	fur	33655655
Coy, Jack W.		61	Cpl	dy	39704767
Crivello Michael J.		61	Sgt	fur	31367018
Demchak, John		65	Sgt	fur	33682959
Dickteen, Ernest		38	Cpl	fur	39719865
DiGiacomo, Stephen A		66	Tec 5	fur	32991190
Doty, Charles E		36	Pfc	fur	32949366
Draper, Charles W		24	Pfc	fur	44010645
Dworznioki, Anthony		66	Pfc	fur	33366413
Edwards, Kenneth E		61	Pfc	fur	33707030
Eanson, Niel M		66	Tec 4	fur	3286140 32986140
Earlock, Arthur E.		21	Pfc	fur	36911215
Evans, Harold F.		61	Pfc	fur	32608611
Figley, John H.		58	Pvt	fur	39215558
Fresman, Jesse L.		53	Pvt	fur	34771153
Galafaro, Attilio		42	Pfc	fur	36957767
Glaza, Stanley L.		46	Pfc	fur	36519921
Gift, Melvin R.		65	Sgt	fur	33514369
Green, Charles		30	Pvt	fur	33587035
Hanson, Maynard		31	Pvt	fur	37597825
Harper, James		53	Pfc	dy	37413261
Heine, Henry W		2	Pfc	fur	36913842
Hobson, Albert		38	Pfc	fur	38526152
Holland Richard M		60	Sgt	fur	41325358

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Johnson, Harold E.	61	Pfc	fur	36699385
Keller, Herman G.	66	Cpl	fur	31379169
Kemreigh, Harry J	50	Cpl	dy	37725823
Kerber, Walter P	65	S/Sgt	fur	33698932
Klein, Elias	64	Tec 5	fur	38295485
Kowatch, George	69	Tec 5	fur	31129731
Lanaro, Amerigo J	66	Tec 5	fur	31337155
Leadbetter, Edwin J.	59	Pfc	fur	3222136
Lewis, Robert S	54	Pfc	fur	32425290
Long, Hugh E.	50	Pfc	fur	37680315
Maeri, Tony B.	46	Pfc	fur	36956896
Maggs, Arthur H.	66	Cpl	fur	31389044
Marks, Claude N.	52	Pfc	fur	33470914
Martin, Robert	36	Pfc	fur	17134236
Martin, Thrumen D	22	Pfc	fur	35240279
Mastinardo, Samuel E	34	Pfc	fur	35240235
McCavley, James	50	Pvt	fur	35757264
McMannemy, Edward L.	58	Pfc	fur	39188824
Mercier, Clarence F	67	Pfc	fur	36422911
Nardozi, Salvatore	66	Tec 4	fur	31379349
Newstrom, Frank P	40	Pvt	fur	17187468
Nicklow, Philip	9	Pfc	fur	33961747
Norris, Melvin	68	Tec 5	fur	36673277
Okalski, Harry A	68	Pfc	fur	16150824
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Paquette, Herman E.	67	S/Sgt	fur	31379302
Parker, Robert J.	66	Pfc	fur	31367027
Patala, Edward F.	54	Pfc	fur	42018101
Pavao, Manuel E	66	Cpl	fur	31366623
Pelkey, Frank E	67	Pfc	fur	31351172
Pinard, Lewis W.	61	Pfc	fur	31373897
Bowell, Mervin T	46	Pfc	fur	34917062
Quick, John A.	69	Pfc	fur	18128367
Ramos, Eddie G.	60	Pvt		38556917
Riebe, Walter R.	43	Pfc	fur	38537829
Rogers, Sylvester	47	Pfc	fur	32371964
Roper, Walter E.	21	Pfc	fur	44037545
Rotz, Lawrence	65	Cpl	fur	33514358
Russell, Howard J.	61	Pfc	fur	32100055
Silvio, Victor	36	Pfc	fur	38610622
Simmons, Jackie F	19	Pfc	fur	37755884
Simon, Frank A	67	Tec 5	fur	33690061
Simpson, Vernon	46	Tec 5	fur	37520572
Smerek, Andrew	50	Pvt	fur	13076509
Starkey, Edward J.	45	Tec 5	dy	32384300
Steelman, Ernest J.	43	Pfc	dy	44048660
Stegall, Carroll Jr	20	Pvt	dy	44041592
Stefanik, Victor A	54	Pfc	fur	35601139

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Sternaha, Michael M.	45	Pfc	fur	36666023
Stewart, Michael	57	Pvt	fur	31076509
Stump, Charles E.	64	Cpl	fur	42042746
Swan, Charles E.	20	Pfc	dy	33893935
Taylor, Carl A.	20	Pvt	fur	24042936
Taylor, Jack K.	19	Pvt	fur	44018381
Throop, Ross B.	47	Pfc	fur	36421176
Tillikala, John	66	Tec 4	fur	31389000
Tucker, William	52	Pfc	fur	39564435
Urbanowski, John	49	Pfc	fur	36771106
VanAlstyne, Donald W.	19	Pvt	fur	31418677
Veit, Gilbert A.	66	Pvt	fur	36830051
Wallace, Edward	35	Pfc	fur	33772808
Walling, Robert M.	66	Pfc	fur	33386144
Ward, Gilmer F.	36	Pvt	dy	34869517
Weaver, Lee	14	Pvt	fur	44021141
Weaver, Donald R.	15	Pvt	fur	37712383
Weir, William H.	37	Pfc	fur	38685836
Wheeler, Elden	44	Pvt	hosp	36829311
Wheeler, Herbert M.	65	Sgt	fur	33655554
Williams, Driskell	60	Pvt	fur	38271023
Williams, James E.	22	Cpl	dy	33410811
Woolshäger, Richard	48	Cpl	dy	32744812
White, George	17	Pvt	For	31437238
Young, Harry	63	Pvt	fur	33929400
Young, Junior	66	Tec 4	fur	37472107
Young, Kyle	15	Pvt	fur	36644480
Yuet, Moy S.	39	Pvt	fur	31449589
Zarin, Paul	14	Pvt	fur	42191326
Zweygardt, Reuben A.	14	Pvt	fur	37713490