

MARCH ORDERCOPY NO. 11

Maps: Road Map, scale 1:200000, sheet No. 3

1. Omitted.
2. This regiment will move by motor to vicinity ALSDORF, GERMANY, on day and H-hour to be announced later.
3. Order of march - see March Table.
 Speed - day - 20 mph (March table figured on 12 mph through AACHEN).
 - night - 12 mph.
 Distance between vehicles - day - minimum of 60 yds.
 - night - close column.
 Halts - 10 minute halt at H plus 120 (Figured in March table).
 IP - see overlay.
 Route - see overlay. NL to AACHEN, N57 to ALSDORF.
 Clothing and Equipment - fatigues, full field. Overcoats and Arctics will be worn.
 Guides - Division MPs will mark route and will be supplemented by guides from regt, to be supplied by I&R platoon and MP platoon.
4. Movement will be made with utmost secrecy.
 Movement in assembly area will be held to a minimum.
 Movement number (to be issued later) will be posted on right hand corner of each windshield.
4. Kitchens will move under Bn control.
5. Current SOI in effect.
 Radio silence to be maintained.
 Bn and Special Unit CPs to be reported immediately.

MARCH TABLE

Serial	Composition	M/U	Gross IP	AACHEN		ALSDORF	
				Day	Night	DAY	Night
1	3rd Bn	1	H	57	95	85	145
		2	5	62	100	90	150
		3	10	67	105	95	155
		4	15	72	110	100	160
2	2nd Bn	5	25	82	130	110	170
		6	30	87	135	115	175
		7	35	92	140	120	180
		8	40	97	145	125	185
3	1st Bn	9	50	107	155	145	195
		10	55	112	160	150	200
		11	60	127	165	155	205
		12	65	132	170	160	210
4	Hq Co	13	75	142	180	170	220
	AT Co	14	80	147	185	175	225
	Cn Co	15	85	152	190	180	230
	Sv Co	16	From present location, join column: day, H plus 100; night, H plus 110	157	195	185	235

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HQ 329 INF

TOP SECRET

329TH INFANTRY UNIT JOURNAL

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February 1

Regiment still in VII Corps resting in reserve vicinity of Tohogne VK3900. Training, with emphasis on tank fighting, woods and village fighting. Resting since arrival on 22 January 1945. Care and cleaning of equipment. Reinforcements brought Regiment up to strength again. Quotas went to Paris and Corps rest center at Verviers.

February 2

- 1415 Regt'l CO's met with General Macon at 330th CP for warning order and plans to move.
Regt is now in XIX Corps, 9th Army; to go to vicinity of Vise, Belgium, night move either 4 - 5 February. 329th Infantry actually in Holland.
- 1520 Col Crabill held meeting with all CO's and S-3's to orient them on proposed move.
- 1530 Demonstration of new light tank was given in 2nd Bn area. All available O's attended.

February 3

- 0200 Received overlay of our goose egg. (returned to Div)
- 0800 Quartering parties left. Medics and Arty to move with us. Arty to care for own billeting party. Engrs moving under Bn control. Route OK as planned. March Order given out.
- 1300 Col Crabill left CP. He is going to give Moral Booster Talk to 2nd, 1st and 3rd Bns.
- 1500 Col Crabill returned to CP.

February 4

- 1210 Gen Farenbaugh arrived at CP. Had lengthy discussion with Regt'l Staff and Col Crabill. Delay in move. May be on night of February 6 - 7.
- 1230 2nd Bn put 2 platoons through attack on a tank problem.

February 5

- 1300 Col Crabill attended meeting at Div for final details on move.
- 1930 Received final instructions on move for tomorrow night. Changed route. Col Crabill held meeting at CP for Bn CO's and S-3's. Everything regarding move and concerning future operation is Top-Secret. Strictest security and discipline to be observed by all.

February 6

- 0800 Spent morning preparing for move. H-Hour at 1550. Order of March - 3rd Bn, 2nd Bn, 1st Bn, Special Units, and Arty. IP must be cleared by 1800.
- 1550 3rd Bn crossed IP. Convoy went well.
- 1830 3rd Bn closed in new area at 1830.
- 2nd Bn " " " " " 2030.
- 1st Bn " " " " " 2230.
- Special Units followed in after Hq Co. CP established at 2210 vicinity of Ekelrade, Holland.
- Received new code name. 329th Infantry is now Armor King 51 until further notice.

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February 7

Units were engaged in cleaning equipment, checking shortages of camouflage nets, and checking basic loads of ammunition.

February 8

Units continued limited amount of training, in their own areas, and the subjects covered were; close order drill, attack of fortified position, village fighting scouting and patrolling, miscellaneous, and O's and NCO's schools. Much of this training consisted of discussions indoors.

February 9

Training continued, and the CO of Co A, 736th Tk Bn, a new attachment to Div, visited the Bns with some other O's from his Company and discussed tank-infantry cooperation.

1800 A meeting of Bn Comdrs was held to orient them on the coming big picture, the crossing of the ROER River, and the part the 83d Division was to play.
1030 Col Crabill, Col Walthour, Major Bagley attended meeting at Div.
1520 They returned with TOP-SECRET operational plans for future.

February 10

1210 Gen Farenbaugh and VII Corps Came down to see Col Crabill. Operation for Corps delayed for 24 hours. It is reported that the ROER River is rising due to the blowing up of a dam.

February 11

Today is Sunday and no training conducted. Training schedules submitted to Div for another three days.

February 12

Continued training. Small unit training up to company size. Platoon of tks from 736th Tk Bn to train with us. Tests for Div on Wednesday.

February 13

Col Crabill left to attend meeting at Armor King with CONQUER 6 and ARMOR 6 for 1230.

February 14

Continued training and Company problems. Schedules for the remainder of the week submitted to Division.

February 15

1930 Continued training and problems (day and night)
Gen Macon came down to GP. Had been to night problems.

February 16

Continued training. Emphasis put on problems of Company size and on night work that involved the use of the compass.

Unit Journal for the Month of February, cont'd.

February 17

- 1030 Finished off most Company problems.
Gen Farenbaugh came down to see Col Crabill. Advised he prepared to train for tomorrow. Left at 1130.
- 1600 Gen Macon came down talked over several things with Col Crabill. Called off training for Sunday. Left at 1700.

February 18

Today is Sunday and no training.

February 19

Continued training. Passes have been suspended.

February 20

- 1300 Continued training with 1st Bn going through a problem - Bn in Attack at 1400. Col Crabill went to Armor King for meeting. Came back with slight changes for operation.

February 21 & 22 & 23

For period of 21 & 22 Regiment sat still. Waiting for movements. XIX Corps jumped off with other Corps of the 9th and 1st Armies on the morning of the 23rd. At 0915, 23 Feb 1945 Advance Party with Major Bagley left for Alsdorf, Germany. Forward advance CP opened at 1500, 23 Feb 1945.

February 24

Received word from Div that operation now downgraded from TOP SECRET to SECRET also SECURITY measures rescinded.

February 25

- 0900 Most of CP moved into ALSDORF. 3rd Bn, 1st Bn, A&T Co, Cn Co, and fwd of 308th
1400 Med Co crossed IP. IP cleared at 1508.
1530 Col Crabill left for briefing meeting at Division.
1600 Liaison reports 330th going well receiving very light casualties.
1600 3rd Bn closed in vicinity of ALSDORF, GERMANY.
1630 1st Bn " " " " " "
1705 Cn, A-T, 308th Med closed in vicinity of ALSDORF, GERMANY. Col Crabill returned from Division. Nothing new. All of our units are to close in by 1200 tomorrow. 2nd Bn to leave old area tomorrow AM 0700.

February 26

- 0900 2nd Bn closed in with all remaining elements of Regt.
1830 Col Crabill called a briefing for all Bn CO's and Regt Staff.

February 27

- 0830 Moved Regt'l CP down to next street.
1900 Received alert for move. Possibility that 329th Inf Regt may be attached to 2nd Armd Div. Time unknown probably this evening.
1045 Major Bagley reported to Division.
2030 Col Crabill and Major Bagley went to Division.
2115 Col Crabill and Major Bagley returned. We move tomorrow about 0900 or 1030. Vicinity of CUSTEEN, GERMANY.

Unit Journal for Month of February 1945, cont'd.

February 28

1030 Crossed IP at 1030 - 3rd Bn, 2nd Bn, 1st Bn, Hq, Cn, A-T, Serv, TD's, 322nd FA in that order.
1220 IP cleared at 1220. Arty cleared their IP at 1310.
1345 Regtl CP established vicinity of GUSTEN, GERMANY.
1530 All units closed in.
1600 Gen Farenbaugh came to CP left at 1610.
1615 Col Crabill and Major Bagley left for Division.
2000 Col Crabill came back also Major Bagley.
2030 Col Crabill called meeting for Bn CO's giving them plan for next operation.
2330 Co Crabill and Major Bagley left for Division.