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# UNIT JOURNAL

JUNE 1944 HEADQUARTERS 329th INFANTRY Place - Erdigg Park, Denbighshire, 1944 Wales. June INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC. Usual camp duties. 2 3 11 11 11 1 11 11 11 5 11 11 11 Invasion began. Usual camp duties. 8 G-1 meeting at Div. 9 11 11 showdown inspection. Officers: foot-lockers were stored 70

- at Depot G-14 (Stanley whse.)
- Usual camp duties.
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- 1st Bn, T&R Plat of Hqs Co participated in a night village 13 in the attack problem. British home guard participated.
- 14 Usual camp duties. Brigadier General Ferenbaugh visited camp (just since promotion). Four boxes of Technical manuals and Field Manuals, one of which belonged to Col Crabill, were stored at Effects ETOUSA, APO #507. Identifying Marks: 47530.
- Preparing to move under SECRET orders.
- 2050 1st of five serials left Wrexham by rail for Heytesbury. Destination later changed to Plymouth.
- \$23\$\psi = 1st of six serials of motor convoy passed IP (Wrexham) enroute to Bodmin and Plymouth. \$32\$\vec{p} = 6th and last serial of motor convoy crossed IP (Wrexham). 0915 - Last serial of rail convoy left Wrexham.
- 18 Motor convoy closed in at (v) x 2067 (St Day, Cornwallshire) at \$7\$\$\$\$\$ (destination had been changed upon arrival at Bodmin at \$32\$).
- 19 Motor elements embarked at Falmouth for movement to France. Other elements of Regt embarked at Plymouth.
- Ships reached French side of Channel but due to heavy storm turned back toward England. 7 aug.

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- 21 Again reached French side of English Channel. Did not disembark. Anchored about 1 mile from French Coast.
- 22 Moved in closer to French Coast and received orders to prepare to land.
- 23 Disembarked in France and moved inland to Omaha Beachhead. Temporary bivouac was established at one of the Transient Areas on the St. Laurent Strip. During landing operations 4 men of Co B were killed by stepping on a German land mine and 13 were wounded.
- 24 Moved to French Lambert Zone 1 (Red) # 5782 and established C.P. General Eisenhower, Lt. General Bradley, Major General Macon, and Brigadier General Ferenbuagh visited the C.P.
- 25 General Ferenbaugh visited C.P. Col Crabill had a meeting with General Macon at 2000. Outpost established by one company of 1st Bn and 1st Company of the 2nd Bn reinforced by one platoon of A-T Co. Principal concern of the outpost is to secure the road passing the Regtl Concentration Area and leading to the front line positions.
- 26 General Ferenbaugh visited C.P. 1045 - Col Brown left C.P. to go to Service Co, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns. 1215 - Col Brown returned to C.P.
  - 1230 Telephone conversation for C.O. to report to Div Hq and receive orders preparing to move.

1305 - Col Crabill and Maj Holt went up to Div.

ILU - Lt Briggs, Civil Affairs Section, joined Regt.

Received Warning Order to move forward at approximately 1300. 173% - Col Crabill and Maj Holt returned from Div Hq with information that we would not move. Heavy rain fell most of the day.

27 1915- Lt Raikos to Utah Beachhead. F.O.#2 and overlay from Div.

- 1500 Capt Bagley went to Div Hq and rejoined us at our present location. The entire Regt moved by motor convoy to Catz and where they detrucked and proceded by foot to Carentan. Closed in bivouac area at approximately \$3\$5, 28 June. For detailed information pertaining to move see atchd order.
- 28 1st Bn is located at T 3984. Cn Co is located at T 3683. 2nd Bn " 11 T 3583. A-T11 11 11 T 3683. 3rd Bn " T 3683. 11 Serv " Regtl C.P. is located at T 3683.

1454 - Telephone communication established with Blackstone. Enemy situation and disposition of this Regt. (see atchd overlay and field order.

1230 - General Macon visited C.P. Overlay and F.O. #1, G-3 periodic report and overlay (Hq 83d Div).

Ø845 - Col Crabill and Maj Holt to front lines.

0900 - Chap Heuer and Lt Middleton to Div Trng Area. 11 11

returned to C.P. 1100 - Col Crabill and Maj Holt returned to C.P.

1115 - Col Crabill went to 1st Bn.

1210 - General Macon visited C.P.

1218 - Col Crabill returned to the Regtl C.P.

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- 1445 General Ferenbaugh and General Montague visited C.P. Col Woollums also visited C.P.
  - 1550 Capt Bagley and Lt Stout went to reconnoiter an area about 500 yds in back of C.P.
    - 1551 General Ferenbaugh, General Montague, and Col Woollums left C.P. 1610 Capt Bagley and Lt Stout returned to C.P.
    - Adm Order #2 and G-3 periodic report and overlay came down from Div.
- \$9\$\$ Lt Middleton to Div graveyard.
  - Ø91Ø Col Crabill left C.P.
    - 1150 Col Crabill returned to C.P. 1210 - Lt Middleton returned to C.P.
    - 1300 Col Crabill went to 3rd and then 1st Bn.
    - 1645 Maj Holt to 331st.
    - 1700 Col Crabill returned to C.P. G-3 periodic report and overlay.

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