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83rd DIVISION

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FIRST PLATOON

2nd. Lt. Forrest S. Koch, 1542 Plt. Ldr.
T/Sgt. Anthony J. Makoc, 651 Plt. Sgt.
S/Sgt. George Fuchs, 651 Plt. Gde.

Pfc. George Bires, 676 Plt. Msgr.

1st. Squad

S/Sgt. George Hubert, 653
Pfc. William Ankron, 745
Pfc. Charles Romes, 745
Pfc. Michael Pickett, 746 (Tempdy)
Pvt. Gregory Mastrangelo, 746
Pfc. Fredrick Scott, 745
Pfc. Anthony Sparaco, 745
Pfc. Charles Masters, 745
Pfc. Raymond Powers, 745
Pvt. Edward Gregar, 745

Bazooka Team

Pfc. Joseph Sznukowski, 745
Pfc. Stanley Skorski, 745

2nd. Squad

S/Sgt. Peter Miglionico, 653
Pfc. Reed Anderson, 745
Pfc. Robert Mark, 745
Pfc. Stanley Raptur, 746
Pfc. Jessie Rolen, 746
Pfc. William Kenney, 745
Pvt. Joseph Kelsey, 745
Pvt. Abraham Schneider, 745
Pvt. Stephen Schipitish, 745
Pfc. William Foutz, 745
Sgt. Joseph Hoover, 653

3rd. Squad

S/Sgt. Ralph Johnson, 653
Pvt. Alvin E. Kramer, 745
Pvt. Adolf Richardson, 745
Pvt. Eugene Howell, 745 (Hospital)
Pfc. William Ritter, 745
Pfc. James Nalley, 746
Pvt. Loyd Jones, 746
Sgt. Joseph Pertz, 653
Pvt. Murray 746
Pvt. Ashby 746
Pfc. S. Pickens 2nd Scout 745
Pfc. R. Hoover 1st Scout 745

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SECOND PLATOON

2nd. Lt. Richard A. Pollnow, Plt. Ldr.
S/Sgt. Charles E. Beavens, 651 Plt. Sgt.
S/Sgt. Lenus Owens, 651 Plt. Gde.
Pvt. Robert B. Miller, 675 Mesgr.
Pvt. Lawrence Heinz, 675 Co. Mesgr.

1st. Squad

S/Sgt. Harry Becman, 653
Pfc. Paul Hughie, 745
Pfc. Hershie Kern, 745
Pfc. Glen P. Cooke, 746
Pfc. Jessie Lyle, 746
Pvt. Frank Cipriani, 745
Pvt. Elias Hardacker, 745
Pfc. Duanau Chastian, 745
Pfc. Manuel Gongalis, 653

Bazooka Team

Pvt. Clyde Hendry, 745 (Tempdy)
Pfc. Paris Howell, 745

2nd. Squad

S/Sgt. August J. Hocevar, 653
Pfc. Richard Pettit, 745
Pvt. Arland Dean, 745
Pfc. Arthur Moore, 746
Pfc. John Proffett, 746
Pfc. Ralph Reynolds, 745
Pfc. John Halula, 745
Pvt. Joseph Lein, 745
Pvt. Vincent L. Carey, 745
Pvt. Lawrence Pullins, 653

3rd Squad

S/Sgt. Royal Huntington, 653
Pfc. Joseph Turnowchyk, 745
Pvt. Carle Harting, 745
Pvt. Donald R. Rader, 746
Pvt. Robert Jones, 746
Pvt. Thomas Arnald, 745
Pvt. Bert Gai, 745
Pfc. Anthony Varse, 745
Pfc. Clarence Motzko, 653
Pvt. Houchin
Pvt. T. J. Jones
S/Sgt. Howgate

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THIRD PLATOON

1st. Lt. Richard B. Atwell, Plt. Ldr.
2nd. Lt. James W. Green, Jr., Asst. Plt. Ldr.
T/Sgt. Corlus R. Liston, 651 Plt. Sgt.
S/Sgt. Anthony S. Provenzano, 651 Plt. Guide
Pfc. Everett V. Butler, 675 Plt. Messgr.
Pfc. Bruce Anderson, 675 Co. Messgr.

1st Squad

Cpl. Robert Crutcher, 653
Pfc. Edmund Glinka, 745
Pfc. Pasquale Gervace, 745
Pfc. Jahn O'Mally, 746
Pfc. Charles E. Parrish, 746
Pfc. Herman Schlagel, 745
Pfc. Hayden Eller, 745
Pfc. LeRoy Ellis Jr., 745
Pvt. Aurthur C. Hansen, 653

Bazooka Team

Pfc. Anibal Costa, 745
Pfc. Charles Waldrop, 745

2nd Squad

S/Sgt. Milton J. Chepp, 653
Pfc. George L. Wentzel, 745
Pfc. George F. Fee, 745
Pfc. Julian J. Wood, 746
Pfc. Carl L. Avant, 746
Pfc. Davis C. Anderson, 745
Pfc. William J. Watson, 745
Pfc. Algie P. Young, 745
Pfc. Lee Scully, 745
Pfc. Don L. Patterson, 653

3rd Squad

Sgt. Homer S. Harrlson, 653
Pfc. Edward E. Seaman, 745
Pfc. Clarence Collett, 745
Pvt. Nathan F. Paine, 745
Pfc. James Bowie, 746
Pfc. Earl Judd, 745
Pfc. J.B. Price, 745
Cpl. Thomas Kowalski, 653
Sgt. Oliver Lowe, 653
Pfc. Lathrop
Pfc. Causey
Pfc. Wagoner
T/4 Hamilton

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FOURTH PLATOON

1st. Lt. Andrew Roxburgh, Jr., Plat. Ldr.
S/Sgt. Herman Tudor, 651 Plat. Sgt.
Pfc. Lawrence Runion, 675 Plt. Messgr.
Pfc. Frank Papazian, 675 Plt. Messgr.

LMG Section

Sgt. Hershel Morrison, 652

60mm Mortar Sec.

Sgt. Antonio Garcia, 653
Pfc. Paul Novac, 675

1st. Squad

Pvt. Edward J. Rohrman
Pfc. Francis Taylor, 653 (Act. Sgt.)
Pfc. Dillian White, Gunner
Pfc. Harvey Fharis, Asst. Gunner
Pfc. William Geterding, Ammo. Bearer
Cpl. James Downing, Ammo. Bearer
(transferred to Headquarters)

1st. Squad

Pfc. Frank Marinelli, 653 (Act. Sgt.)
Pfc. James Stuart, Gunner
Pfc. Dominic Basile, Asst. Gunner
Pfc. Alva Dye, Ammo. Bearer
Pfc. Virgil Speckhals, Ammo. Bearer

2nd. Squad

Pfc. William Mandstock, 653 (Act. Sgt.)
Pfc. Roy Chapman, Gunner
Pfc. Ralph Sundy, Asst. Gunner
Pfc. Jessie Powers, Ammo. Bearer
Pfc. Augustus Jarman, Ammo. Bearer

2nd. Squad

Pfc. Earl Kether, (653 Act. Sgt.)
Pfc. Joseph Kuhn, Gunner
Pfc. Howard Meaton, Asst. Gunner
Pvt. Santaigo, Qurioz, Ammo Bearer
Pfc. Dewey Ballard, Ammo Bearer

Drivers

Cpl. Edward Wilson, Trans. Cpl. (Tiny)
Pfc. Leroy Reese, Driver
Pfc. Basil Graves, Driver
Pfc. Peter Conroy, Driver

3rd Squad

Cpl. Allen Warf, 653 (Act. Sgt.)
Pfc. Mitchel Budzilowitz, Gunner
Pfc. Albert Williams, Asst. Gunner
Pvt. Bronco Gustovich, Ammo. Bearer
Pvt. John Forsythe, Ammo. Bearer
Pfc. Carrasco

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ABBREVIATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KIA--Killed in Action

SWA--Seriously Wounded in Action

DOW--Died of Wounds

LWA--Lightly Wounded in Action

MIR--Main Line of Resistance

RTD--Returned to Duty

CP--Command Post

MG--Machine Gun

OP--Out Post

CO--Commanding Officer

AWOL--Absent Without Leave

16-June '44

Left Keele Hall, Stafford, England at 0530, entrained at Silverdale 0730. Arrived at Romley 2030. Detrained and entrucked for Fairley Farm to bivowac 8 miles from Romley. Arrived 0300.

17-June '44

Entrucked at Fairley Farm at 0900 and arrived at Camp Hershley at 1300. Martialing Area.

18-June '44

Usual duties; 2-hour alert order. Prepare to move out for embarkation overseas.

19-June '44

Moved by trucks from Camp Hershley at 1930 to South Hampton docks. Distance traveled about 16 miles. Kids throw roses and Red Cross gave us coffee and doughnuts. Fine deal Lucille.

20-June '44

Embarked aboard LST/o/s-1, English Transport. Moved to convoy area outside of harbour area.

21-June '44

Ship anchored in harbour. Brown D.A., Sore throat - Ships hospital.

22-June '44

Ship still anchored in harbour. Usual duties aboard ship. Hot chow. Morale good.

23-June '44

Ship started to leave harbour and rammed another ship. Pfc. Francis Harris was almost KIA. Early in the morning ship dropped anchor, looked over damages. No leaks, broke submarine detector.

24-June '44

Left South Hampton harbor at 232330. Proceeded to rendezvous area where we contacted rest of convoy going to France. All is well, no sea sickness as yet, weather calm and smooth. Arrived at Omaha Beach, France at 1230. Awaiting to unload. Trip successful. Harbor full of wreckage. Red Fox, Omaha Beach. Exit No. 4. Debarked at 1400 and walked thru mine fields to transit area No. 2. Arrived 1900. Left there at 2000 for a town called Bricqueville. Arrived 2330. Dug in and put security out. Snipers everywhere.

25-June '44

Coordinates T-58819 - Sheet 6E/6 3/4 miles South of Colombiers. Getting organized and set up to fight. Equipment came in.

26-June '44

Broke camp about 1900 and prepared to move forward to front lines after midnight.

27-June '44

Lost Lyles and Dye as of the 17th June '44. Left T-58819, sheet 6E/6 3/4 miles S. of Colombiers by trucks at 0230. Raining and cold. Detrucked and marched 5 1/2 miles to assembly area, 1/2 mile N.E. of Carentan, France. Assigned to the 101st Airbourne Inf. Co. in Reserve. Dug in and Security out.

28-June '44

Strength of Co. 186. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.W. of Carentan - Sheet 31/18 S.E. 377827. Left area and marched S.W. on Main road from Carentan and moved into defense position of Regt'l. MIR, dug in and security out. Sniper fire occasionally.

29-June '44

Richard Sullivan (SWA) by snipers. Remarks same as 28th. Shelled consistently by 88mm. Got snipers. Dead cows laying all over fields, the smell is terrible. French people gave us wine and cider. All young girls and boys taken out by Germans. Plenty Bosch equipment laying around.

30-June '44

Left area in orchard $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. 378819 of Carentan. Now located on MIR, 2000 meters S.W. of Carentan. Marched from there to another area. C.P. located in abandoned house overlooking swamps and thru mine fields. Shelled by 88mm. It's a deadly accurate gun. T/5 Victor F. Schuvie, Cook 060 (SWA) to DOW later. The tree burst. He just left me to go to his foxhole. Strength 185.

1-July '44

T/5 Schuvie died on operating table while being given bolld plasma. Dug in, security out and contacted patrols to 30th Division accross swamps. Strength 184. K-rations for all meals except when I could find eggs. Found one and was it good!

2-July '44

Same place. No casualitites as yet. Probably moved to front lines. Got paid. Patrols sent out and contact was made. Strength 184.

3-July '44

Orders issued for the attack at 0450. Terrific bombardment from our artillery first. Men ready to go. Everyone scared and tense.

4-July '44

Attacked at 0445 - Co. moved out at 0345 in attack from hedge to hedge. Contacted enemy at 0606. Shelled and Pierce hit in left hand. T/Sgt. Fields hit in stomach by shrapnel (SWA). Crossed MIR and continued attack on azimuth 180° and advanced 1400 yards. Captain Bodine, 1st Lt. Lietheiser (KIA). Furr Phillips, (LWA). Brown (SWA), Sgt. Harrilson (SWA) Koch (LWA), Rossetti, Sabota, Sgt. Stephens (SWA), Darcy shell-shocked. Stiff resistance, hard fighting all day and night. Snipers busy all the time. Can't see the Gerries, using camouflage sutis and smokeless powder. Berp guns and maching pistols automatic.

5-July '44 - Hedge Fighting

Enemy counterattack under heavy fire and we withdrew 400 yds. to better position. Dug in and then counterattacked at 1300 and drove them back (Master LWA). Attacked again at 2020, drove them back 1000 yds. and dug in - 10 casualties. St. Joseph, France. Holding MIR positions 371793.

6-July '44

Occupying MIR defense positions. Snipers at it again. Sgt. C. Fields, Massaro, Fautz (SWA). Enemy patrols attacking and infiltrating our OP lines. Attacked enemy at 2030 and drove them out of the building for our own security. They were occupying the houses and sniping continuously at us. Sgt. Gish (LWA), Bumberger (LWA).

7-July '44

Attacked by enemy at 0545 while we were eating chow. Raise h--- at night, no sleep and no chow. My supply Sgt. and Buddy were killed by a sniper while unloading ammo. It was a great shock to me. I can't hardly stand it. Skipper wounded in the left wrist by tank mine RTD. Attacked enemy at 0900, advanced 3 miles to Div. objective.

8-July '44

Enemy counterattack all night. Got no sleep again, no nothing. Disorganized. Enemy infiltration constantly. Harassing all day and causing hell. Pvt. Shulman (KIA), Rich (LWA). Col. McLinden relieved of his command.

9-July '44

Enemy patrols constantly infiltrating our lines. Raising hell all night. Blasting us with mortars, MG's and automatics fire. No sleep again. Attacked them at 1830. Co. A pinned down by fire from the flanks, killing 2 of their officers and wounding others seriously. We couldn't get wounded out until dark, then we withdrew to our original position. Their tanks shot 50 cal. crossfire. We were up to our knees in water and mud. One of our artillery shells almost killed all my CP group. Very close call.

10-July '44

Lalande $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. 3757703, sheet 31/18 S.E. Bn. in Reserve. Reorganisation of Co. Very little enemy action. Snipers busy of course. Shot a Mongolian right near my C.P. Getting replacements, 14 E.M. - 1 officer. Tank Co. said they never saw such fighting in all their lives. They were in Cherburg and they know.

11-July '44

Lalande $\frac{1}{2}$ mile NE 3757703 still holding defensive position. Will attack at 1100 to drive enemy across swamps to our front. Div. Obj. again. Co. A really took a beating that night. Suffered heavy casualties. 88mm shells killed 3 men in CP. Attacked 1130 against strong enemy opposition and tanks. Moved forward against enemy crossfire of 3 tanks. Three of our tanks and one TD knocked out but we still proceeded with our attack without their support. Co. was recommended for Unit Citation for bravery of all concerned. Co. B known as "fighting Co. B." 37757640 remaining in defense position.

12-July '44

Replacement 1st Lt. Richard S. Hart. Same as above. Very little enemy opposition. Snipers busy all day.

13-July '44

Had breakfast, received attacking order to move on azimuth 225°. Attacked enemy 0700 with little enemy opposition. Of course Co. B was the spearhead as usual. Enemy 88's blasted hell at us again as we attacked. Reached objective and dug in. Have been waiting to be relieved. No relief in sight just replacements. PROMISES. Advanced 1000yds. to Div. Objective, took same about 1200. Waiting orders to be in Div. Reserve. It's about time.

14-July '44

Co. moved in attack at Le Port. Attached to 60th Inf. of 9th Div. to give them support. Originally scheduled to have a rest but as usual we didn't get it. PROMISES! Co. moved to reserve location south of Tripehon 394726. Received 42 replacements at 2300. What a mess. Moved again 1 mile up and south of Tripehon to relieve the 1st Bn. of 60th Inf.

14-July '44 cont.

9th Div. about 2300 and there was still a good fight going on at the time. 88mm firing constantly. Killed a couple of their men. One landed close to me but I made the foxhole first. Finally moved in and took positions over with much trouble. Lt. Hart going nuts. Dug in but of course no sleep as usual.

15-July '44

Attacked enemy at 1130 and drove them back 1000 yds. S/Sgt. Morgan (KIA). Lt. Hart nuts, sent back. Hit swamp land and 1st Bn. cut off from supply so tanks carried food, ammo. and water to us. Situation very serious. Heavy casualties. Les-Champs de Losgue 396711. Called for air support and they bombed and strafed our lines erroneously. We also met heavy small arms and automatic fire from all directions. Resumed attack in swamps up to our a--es in water and were pinned down by fire. Dug in if possible.

16-July '44 - Sunday - Remielly Sur-Lozon 379708

Attacked again at 1000 following artillery bombardment and advanced but still received from them heavy artillery and small arms and automatic fire. 88mm's blasting h--- out of us. We spearheaded again. Lost 37 men, killed and wounded in the attack but an excellent performance of bravery was given by all, especially 2nd Lt. Cecil Maynard. What courage and faith one must have in God to be able to go through this.

17-July '44 - Remielly Sur-Lozon 379708

Attacked again at 1600. Co. was in reserve, thank goodness, but wait - - A and C Co's were pinned down and we were ordered to envelope around the left flank of A Co., to secure road junction which was accomplished by 2100. Moved forward and dug in whenever the 88mm's would let us. Killed four chickens and had boiled something or other. Occupied defensive position.

18-July '44

Received 22 replacements. No relief in sight, just replacements. The town of Remielly Sur-Lozon was captured and taken by Co. B, alone but we still encountered heavy German artillery fire (88mm) and automatic fire on both flanks. Suffered heavy casualties. Tanks came up to support us, but all they did was to draw 88mm fire.

19-July '44 - Thiebots

Received 22 more replacements and reorganized. Stayed in defensive position. We harass the Germans all day by M.G.'s. The Bosch loped 88's at us back in our rear position. Co. D M.G. them steadfastly all day. Tried to make them surrender. No soap. Dumb-bells.

20-July '44

Station 367719-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW of Remielly Sur-Lozen and remained in defense position. Sniped all day at the enemy across the swamps killing 15 or more of them. Made S/Sgt. Johnson and S/Sgt. Koch battlefield 2nd Lts. Congratulations: they deserve that and more.

21-July '44 - Thiebots

Same position. Mortar Squad blew h--- out of a 12 man patrol trying to establish an outpost for their M.G.'s in the swamp. Also they made a direct hit on their C.P., knocking off the corner of the house.

22-July '44

Moved again and marched into positions on MIR along with the 106th Cavalry. Another mess. The bast---s sneaked in our lines and cut communications wires and almost shot up George. Threw in grenades and M.G. fire at him. 1500 hrs. later a mortar shell hit a tree killing S/Sgt. Wise, Gromek and Bieber (SWA), Johnson, Riddle and 3 other men.

22-July '44 cont.

I can't stand much more of this, I saw every single one of them get it. I'll never forget it. We were on a special mission to protect the right flank of the 60th Inf., also the 24th Calvary. Enemy activities observed our front lines and heavy mortar and artillery fire was plunged directly into our positions. Killed 5 of my men. 391691 1 mile S.E. of Remielly Sur-Lozen. MIR 106th and 24th. I've got the shakes. Nerves all shot.

23-July '44 - Same position

Heavy enemy artillery and 204mm mortar, big bast---s blowing h--- out of us or trying to. No casualties as yet. Received 17 replacements. Reorganizing and instructions in Sticky grenades. Shelling our roads near 2nd platoon.

24-July '44

Received 26 replacements. Wrote a letter to my lovely wife. Pop George and I are planning what we are going to do after the war. Received heavy mortar fire injuring T/Sgt. Weaver (SWA) and Beberick (LWA). 204mm mortar. Heavy bombardment by B-17, P-15's, and 47's. Blow h--- out of the bast---s.

25-July '44

D-Day - Y Hour 0600 H Hour 1100 minus 80 min.

Allied bombers in great numbers bombed and strafed enemy positions all to h---. B24's. We have front line view, one of the platoons had to withdraw because they were bombing in their front. Pieces of bombs fell on house of Co. C.P. After 1 hour of terrific bombing there was so much dust and dirt in the air that you could hardly see in front of you. Terrific enemy anti-aircraft fire put out by enemy. Saw two big B-24 bombers go down. After fighting 25 days on the front lines Co. B after seeing such a terrific and tremendous bombing by out Allied planes are glad they are still up on the front lines. I don't understand how the enemy can stand such terrific bombardment and live. The concussion from our own bombs are shaking our C.P. something terrific and here we sit drinking coffee and coffee royals to initiate and start our attack. Flames still soaring over. P38's roaring over with bombs and strafing the enemy. It's a sight I and the Co. will never forget or ever see again. Co. Comdr. George Partamen is craking out a bottle of cognac to celebrate the opening of an attack. 391691 - 1 mile S.E. of Remeilly Sur-Lozen. Regt'l Reserve Paris declared Open City.

26-July '44

I've seen men and planes and squadrons of planes darken the skies and shake the earth with the thunder of their bombs and mortars. I've seen the Power of America at War. 372683 Co. crossed St. Lo-Pierres hwy at 1000 being the first to cross the Div. Attached with Co. G, North of hwy. Meeting strong enemy resistance and crossfire from M.G.'s which attempt to knock out enemy M.G. and artillery with little success. Finally located enemy lines where a break-through was possible. Attacked again and broke through enemy lines where we knocked out enemy M.G.'s by having Riflemen close in on their position. The attack then progressed successfully, toward La Colentinerie. Advanced 600 yds. and then ordered to withdraw to consolidate our positions and tied in our defenses on out right and Co. E, on our left. New replacements have more confidence.

27-July '44

369685 About 300 yds. East of La Colentinerie. Attacked at 0815 following an artillery barrage of 10 miles which fell right into our own positions, completely disorganizing Co. After reorganizing we attacked again and advanced 200 yds. and were met by a really strong force. Attempted to flank around the left but

27-July '44 cont.

again met stiff enemy opposition and suffered a loss of men. 88mm. fire and heavy artillery blasted us continuously. I almost got it again by a mortar 24mm. Sgt. Liston recommended for Silver Star. Outstanding bravery.

28-July '44

Began attack at 0900 towards our objective which is Le-Mesnil-Vigot. We were very surprised to find out that the enemy had broke contact and had to withdraw out of that sector. Continued in the approach march formations to La-Venondre and met no enemy resistance. Continued from there on hwy. in advanced guard formation, marching S.W. towards La Cordoniere. Orgn, defense positions and dug in. Enemy Aircraft dropped one projectile near our position and were pursued by three of our P-47's. Captured one German Officer, 2nd Lt.

29-July '44 - Le Lorey, France

Moved to new C.P. Co. moved into Le Lorey, marched about 3 miles and established my C.P. group in a Schoolhouse in Le Lorey. About 1900 an enemy plane came over and was shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. We did have our C.P. in a beautiful Chateau but naturally our Hqs. was jealous so they took over.

30-July '44 - Sunday - Le Lorey, France

Went to mass in a French Priests house. Church was ruined by bombs. Mass was in French and mostly sung. People were overjoyed that we went to Church with them. Reorganizing and equipping. We are now in the 3rd Army, under Gen. Patton. Armored division moving continuously. Town after down destroyed. Met Lt. Col Kulman in La Colentinerie on the 28-July '44. Sure glad to see an old face again.

NOTATION:

On July 8, 1944, our Regt'l. Comdr. Col. McLinden was relieved of his command for not issuing an order for rifle to attack against tanks on July 8, 1944. On the 19-July '44, Col Foster took over his command. General Fernbaugh commanded in between that time.

31-July '44 - La Lorey, France - Payday

Training schedule - A lot of eyewash. General Haybush here. Receiving 35 replacements.

1-August '44 - Le Lorey, France

Found 2 graves. The graves of two German Officers, Lt. Col. Horstmann and Major Bolte, who commanded troops facing us in the successful operation South of Carentan. They were found today in a cemetery about 2 miles North of Marigny. We were fully responsible for the destruction of the 37th and 38th Panzer Grenadier Regt's, of the 17th SS Div. "Goetz Von Berlichingen." Training schedule.

2-August '44 - La Lorey, France

Saw a movie at 0730 in an old French bombed building. The picture was "Chip off the Old Block".

The French population has started to move back to town (La Lorey). General food shortage. Attempted to assist by giving all our extra rations, also flour from our kitchen. British 1st Lt. Civil Affairs Office stopped in to inquire about the food situation in town and looking for Major. Investigated crashed P-47 in our area and found charred body of aviator, burned beyond recognition. Dug grave and buried same. Covered experience in battle and hedgerow fighting.

3-August '44

Alerted at 1145 to move by truck at 1300 to new assembly area. Entrucked and moved at 1300 and rode generally west to a town called Avranches and from there to Pantorson. Moved into assembly area 1 kilometer South of Pantorson arriving there at 1230. The trip was very slow and tiresome. The hwy. was lettered with wrecked and abandoned German equipment. Alerted for new move at 1730. Tentative assembly area located 7 miles due East of Pantorson. Slept in house 1 mile east of Dol (town)

4- August '44 - Near the Coast of France.

Attacked at 0930 towards Dol, that's the name of the town. Captured a Polish refugee who was forced to fight. I took him back to 2nd. Bn. C.P. Frenchmen wanted to kill the poor devil. Had the first drink of Champagne in town. People going wild over us. Found a bottle of perfume. Had all kinds of drinks. Whoopee, also a lady gave me a French Flag.

Au Pied Du Mont (Egg Omelette)

Turmel-Pince

Cafe Epicerie

Had eggs in the above Cafe.

Co. attacked at 1000 on right flank of Co. E to protect right flank of 2nd Bn. Met no enemy resistance and moved into the town of Dol and what a town. Wow! Captured 1 Bosch who was Polish, forced to fight. 7th Inf. Then Co. moved to Mont Dol set up security on Northeast side of Mont Dol. Also drove enemy out of the town of Le Viver and what a town! People went crazy about Americans. Cigarettes were all they wanted. We got plenty of congas, wine, and cider. Withdrew to assembly area at 2345 two kilometers Southeast of Mont Dol.

5-August '44

Co. moved by truck at 0645. Word came thru that Gliders were going to land but didn't for unknown reasons. Orders were to move came thru so we attacked in support of the Cavalry who were in the town of Chateau-Neuf D'ille ef Vilaine. Bypassed the Fort, same name. 88mm fire continuously, heavy artillery. Tanks blasting h--- out of us, also we retaliated. At 2345 as we were digging in close to the Gerries about 45 E.M. and 2 Officers, Germans came up to us. Co. B. of course took charge of them all. Commanding Officer was giving them drill orders to move out. What a bunch of young kids we're fighting.

6-August '44

Attack at 0900 about 2 Kilometers Northeast of Chateauneuf. Fort de Chateauneuf is just outside of town. Attacking towards St. Malo, a coast town. Meeting heavy enemy opposition. 88mm. Screaming Mamie. Heavy mortar and small arms fire. Casualties very heavy. Fighting 5 Bns. of SS troops. Broadcast at 2345 over loud speaker for them to surrender the next morning. Next morning many surrendered but the fight still rages on with still heavy opposition. Great numbers of pill boxes and firtifications. The Germans have all of the dug in deep. We can't get at the devils. Try to use flame throwers without success. Fields covered with mines and booby traps. Captured Germans. They used force to make the Poles and Russians and every other captured nation fight for them. Had German walk right into my C.P. to surrender. Was he happy when we said he was safe now. Gave him a cigarette and drink. Weather very hot. We took many prisoners today. 1st Lt. Wm. Brommer (KIA). Lt. Broomer, 1st Plat. leader was a swell fellow. He and I talked continuously about our wives and how we loved them and missed them. Good Officer and he had a swell wife. A man walks hand in hand with God. All I can say is that God has taken care of me and has saved my life so very many times.

7-August '44

Attacked at 0630 N. to La-Novette. Captured it at 1015. Attacked due West from La-Novette advanced 500 yds. and reorganized and prepared to move forward. Located enemy strong point and pill boxes directly to our front withdrew 200 yds. and placed artillery and mortar fire in that position. Continued attack with Co. A on our right and reached enemy strong point hold and was pinched out by Co. C on our left who attacked across our front. Mortar and artillery fire was lifted and enemy surrendered, about 71 prisoners taken. A lot of Polish refugees were in the ones captured. Co. C was low on ammo. so Co. B was ordered to pass through them and attack in conjunction with Co. A. Captured edge of St. Malo but it cost a lot of American lives. I went to see George, and the bas----- lobed everything but the kitchen sink at our C.P. Lt. Chipman (LWA), half of his wrist blown off and Garners full of holes with a big piece of shrapnel sticking out of his leg, also 2 fingers missing off the left hand. George and I bandaged them up as soon as possible. Co. A C.P. was hit direct in Pill Box killing many (13). Took 1, 2, 3, 4 up to front lines immediately. What a night! Won't be able to stand this much longer. Lt. Maynard hit (LWA). Lost a damn good officer, one of the best after George, my C.O.

8-August '44 - 816112 S.E. of St. Joseph 800 yards.

Still in same position but taking a hell of a lot of artillery fire and mortars. Just took 182 prisoners. What a picture! Took a lot of prisoners in this attack on St. Malo. Just sent the P.A. Systems out to broadcast to the Germans to surrender. Fight will cease between the hours of 2000 and 2200 so that the Gerries will have a chance to come in. Moving forward to new C.P. Remained in position until 1725, then attacked to the N.W. to get back in our zone. Advanced 800 yds. and swung to the West. Entered outskirts of St. Malo. Tanks attacked one platoon. Met small resistance and dug in. Captured many prisoners. Remained in position and shot every kind of weapons we had at a very high hill which was a German strong point located 900 yds. to our front. Observed many enemy on that hill and fired rifles, small arms all day causing many casualties on the enemy. Also fired direct fire from 4 medium tanks which were supporting us. Pill boxes and ammp. dumps were blown sky high. At one time we ceased fire and approximately 28 Germans surrendered. Moved out in the attack at 1725 after learning that we were in the 2nd. Bn. zone. We then attacked across a small creek to the black top hwy. and swung in the attack from there due West toward St. Malo. Advanced to Eastern outskirts of St. Joseph arriving there at 2030 meeting small arms fire and was caught in enemy 81 mm. mortar barrage inflicting a few casualties. Reorganizing and set up defense position in town. Roger out Sniper fire very persistant but we finally got the bas-----s after a while.

9-August '44 - 808117 - St. Joseph

Attacked due West at 0830 with 2 medium tanks supporting 60. Advanced 300 yds. meeting only occasional pill boxes and sniper fire. Then we met more resistance and pill boxes along railroad tracks. 100 yds. further West. Tanks would blast at pill boxes with 75mm. fire and we would close in on the position. In most cases we withheld small arms fire and the enemy would surrender. Captured 20 officers and 6 E.M. (This is where a sniper almost got me. He missed me by $\frac{1}{2}$ " Took a big hunk out of the corner of wall), at this point. All told we captured 2 or 3 hundred. From there we advanced into the outskirts of town (St. Malo) and located enemy hospital and more pill boxes south of hosp. Captured 56 prisoners in that area from Majors on down the line. Then we used a German Aid man to go forward and tell the Germans who were in the pill boxes and dug in emplacements to surrender. Many more came forward using that method. Advanced from there to the western edge of St. Malo and reached the channel west of the

9-August '44 cont.

railroad tracks generally north and south. Reorganized and took up defensive position in St. Malo. Still trying to get more prisoners at 1540. Lot of my boys giving me plenty of lighters, fountain pens, and perfume. Using German bomb proof bldg., for C.P. Lots of drinks, wine, cognac, rum and lots of everything.

10-August '44

Moved again further up town along the Sea coast. Gerries lobbing over artillery just to keep us company. Dear things, but we'll bust their heads pretty soon, shooting at us out from those islands off the Coast. St. Malo - Reorganization and care and cleaning. Patrolling and got many prisoners. Had a h--- of a time riding the motorcycles the fellows stole and confiscated. Gerries still blasting away at us from the island. We'll get them yet. WAIT!

11-August '44

At St. Malo and what a town. Blown to pieces. Gerries putting up a stiff fight. Stubborn bastards, they know they're licked. The French people hate them. Have been driving motorcycle all afternoon and monkeying around. Had some real fun for a change with the cycles. Moved to new C.P., back down near the waterfront. Set up C.P. in a very nice house. French owner tried to throw us out.

12-August '44

St. Malo. What a town! Reorganized and resting. We had 3 motorcycles and 2 cars. Having a grand time driving motorcycles. Plenty of wine, cider, cognac. St. Malo bombed off the map. Thousands of civilians fleeing the bombing. Many civilians killed and hurt. C.P. was really one big house that night.

13-August '44 - St. Malo.

Allied Planes bombed and totally destroyed St. Malo. Thousands of civilians made homeless.

14-August '44 - St. Malo

Prepared to move by truck to unknown destination. Loaded trucks at 1700. Crossed I.P. at 1900 (Regt'l Hq's). I took my motorcycle and Pop took his. Pop's motor clanked out so he left it in a ditch, rode a jeep. I got a sore a--- but continued on till I reached the destination. More fun!

15-August '44

Left St. Parame at 2100 by truck and ~~and~~ by motorcycle. Arrived at assembly area at 0130, this date. Reconnoitered zone from coordinates 712085 due North of grid coordinates 713103. Found enemy defensive positions, pill boxes, mine fields and wire entanglements unoccupied. French civilians state that enemy withdrew from the vicinity of St. Prianc earlier this morning. Reported same to Bn. Hq's and returned to Co. Assembly Area. Reported same to Bn. Hq' No enemy sighted, no shots fired, all is well. Proceeded to rest.

16-August '44 - St. Bruiac

Training schedule and rest. Cleaned weapons, washed clothes. Gerries marooned on island.

17-August '44 - St. Bruiac

Training Schedule and Rest. Patrols and Clearing Mines.

18-August '44 - St. Bruiac

Training Schedule and Rest. Patrols and clearing Caves.

19-August '44

Moved from St. Bruiac about 0730 and marched about 3 miles to St. Lunaire. Rest area. Established C.P. in town overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Beautiful view.

20-August '44 - St. Lunaire

In conjunction with Co. C we took over outpost duty along the Gulf of De Malo to prevent enemy infiltration from islands located in the Gulf. Also prevented pillaging and looting. Many mines and booby traps encountered especially on outpost position No. 7. Also remainder of Co. attended a formation at which the 3rd Division Comd'r presented Bronze Star and various awards to members of the 1st and 2nd. Bns.

21-August '44

St. Lunaire rest area. Bad weather and outposts spotted raft approaching land. Sent patrol to contact but never found them. Rest of Co. seeing movies. U.S.O. Shows. 3 men hurt by personnel mines. Training Schedule. Captured many enemy automobiles for our use. Had good fun riding around in them. Ford Motor Co. in Belgium made them. Weather very wet. Ocean in beautiful after fighting in green hedges for so long. Beaches mined and booby traps to beat them. No swimming and looking around. Fields also covered with mines. Island to our front is still holding out. Artillery pounding constantly, but they are tunneled in deep in solid rock on island. Won't surrender as yet. Many islands along coast still occupied by enemy.

17-August '44 - THE CITADEL FALLS.

The enemy had over 12,000 men in the area, some 8000 of which were concentrated on the St. Malo side of the Rance River. These 8000 represented everything from the fanatical paratroops of the 2nd and 5th Parachute Div., who saw action in Crete and Italy and whom we met in the Carantan Operation, to the unwilling Russians and two Security Bn's. Our prisoners of War Cage looked like the League of Nations. Numerous high ranking officers surrendered with their men. During our initial breakthrough into St. Malo, we captured Lt. Col. Jaeger, Col. Bacherer, the Comd'r. of the German Garrison at Dinard, Col. Wittenberg and other Nazi staff officers. But our greatest success came on August 17, 1944, Col. Von Aulock, German C. in C. of the entire St. Malo area surrendered himself, his staff, his men and the impregnable Citadel. Over 12,000 Germans taken prisoners of his men.

22-August '44 - St. Lunaire.

Firing Schedule and Range practice.

23-August '44 and 24-August '44 - St. Lunaire

Still pounding Island. Gerries won't surrender even though there is no possible hope for escape.

25-August '44 - St. Lunaire

Free French took over our outposts. Co. moved by truck 180 miles to Crieve. Arrived there at 2100. George is now a Capt. and it was about time. Captain George O. Partanen, Comd'g. Co. B. In assembly Area 2 miles North of Clere, France. Situation is, Co's A and C are outposted along the Loire River about 80 miles front. We are in Bn. reserve. What a break!

26-August '44

2 miles North of Clere, About 18 miles North of Tuilers, France. Enemy still occupying Tuilers.

27-August '44 - Clere
Still in Bn. Reserve. Patrols along La Lorei.

28-August '44 - Clere
Same Area. My Birthday.

Enemy Situation

I Sector Champtoce-Samur - Enemy estimated at 4000-5000 men occupying South bank of Loire River. Line held weakly from Champtoce to Rochefort, in strength from Rochefort to Samur. Enemy had bridgehead of 100-300 men North of Loire at Samur. Enemy patrols operate in area East of line Beaufort-En-Vallee 0774-Les Posers 0664 and South of Bange 1685. Enemy forces of one, possibly two, division with 40 tanks reported in area South of Angers probably in woods East of Cholet 5634.

II Sector Samur-Tours:

Enemy holds South bank of Loire River. Estimates strength at 1500 reported in river fork at Jct. of Loire and Vienne 2948. 800 in vicinity of Tours. F.F.I. hold towns.

III Sector Tours-Blois and Blois-Orleans: Enemy holds South bank of Loire River.

29-August '44 - 2 miles Clere
No Change. Slight enemy action

30-August '44 - 2 miles Clere
No Change

31-August '44 - 2 miles North of Clere
Training Schedule. No change. Good weather.

1-Sept. '44
Training Schedule. No change

2-Sept. '44
Received Sgt. McGrath, Harrelson, Gregar, Dye, Powers, R.T.D.

3-Sept. '44 - Tank Tactics
Made a reconnaissance of Co. A's outposts along Loire River. We take over their positions tomorrow at 0800. Fine deal. Move to Bourgueil, France.

ENEMY INFORMATION

Our men went from Chinon to Azay-Le-Rideau-Montezon. Cermen-Seignac-Comburg-3 Km. South of Chamburg - The Germans were at 200 M. They are in Loches 12,000 to 20,000 Germans probably two Divisions, Division general and Corp. d'Armies general. They seem to come back to Loches from the East. At Manthelan and St. Gouce and Ligueil there were no more Germans this A.M., Sept. 1st. The 32nd Inf. Rg. (French) is at Nard East of Loches. Our men take one prisoner at Nalieone, and 18 at Louzay, North of Chateaufoux there are big German Forces. Kriegsmarine from Rochefort and Hindon troops (about 10 Km. round Chateauroux; especially to the West.) No ?Germans, or very few between Chateauroux and Loches. The Germans are retreating by St. Gignon-Vierson-Bourges-Nevers. Our men in Loches suggest strongly not to patrol in the region but to come with big forces. There are no more bridges on the Indre but there are many crossing points at Kur from Azay between Antennes and Montbazen at Repault, Menbazen and Carmery. Germans left Chinon Wed. Morning, Tours Friday afternoon. There is but one bridge left on the Vienne at Noitre. Some Germans are supposed to be hiding in the Chinon Woods, but no sure information can be given about it. A german car had been seen yesterday A.M. at Avon, but they

ENEMY INFORMATION cont.

left the place. A Gibb (boat) can cross the Loure at Chouze. There are no Germans on the left side of Loure between Soumur and Candes and on the Vienne down to Noitre Bauge 1st Bn. C.P. 329th Inf.

3-Sept. '44 - Rigney-Usse

Skipper, Reese, Hawgate and myself crossed the Loire River with the Duchess at 1:00 P.M. The whole town was there to meet us. Had a celebration with the Mayor.

4-Sept. '44

Pvt. Hendry duty to A.W.O.L. Co. moved by truck to Angers Marine Barracks. La-Pyramide.

5-Sept. '44

Co. moved by truck from Marine Barracks to La-Pyramide on outskirts of Angers. Co. on 9 outposts along Loire River, Automatic and Anti-tank support. Passes for 25% men. Received 14 Repl. 6 old men (RTD)

6-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide near Angers.

Co. on outpost duty along Loire River. 25% of men on pass. Training Schedule.

7-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide - 3 Miles Northwest of Angers.

Pvt. Hendry A.W.O.L. to arrest in quarters. Regt'l Comdr. Col. Foster inspected Co. C.P. and all outposts along the Loire River. Very wess pleased with the situation.

8-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide - 3 miles Southeast of Angers.

Situation the same.

9-Sept. '44

Skipper, myself and Reece went across La Loire River to have dinner with the Count in his Castle. Had a wonderful time. Stayed overnight in a Professors home. Very wonderful host. Next day had dinner at the castle of Count Lous De Blacey and his wife. What a set-up, about 8 courses in the meal. All kinds of wines. Servants and the works.

10-Sept. '44

3 miles Southeast of Angers - LaPyramide. C.P. located in Schoolhouse that the Gerries had used for a week. before we arrived. They're a bunch of dirty b-----s.

11-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide

Schoolhouse all cleaned up. Got hold of a radio and hooked it up. It sure sounds good. The Skipper and I listened half the night to it. Very good music.

12-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide

Guard duty and Patrols along the Loire River.

13-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide.

Passes and same schedule. No change.

14-Sept. '44 - La-Pyramide

Co. moved by trucks from outpost along the La-Loire River to reserve positions 4 miles Southwest of Angers. Pfc. Glinka restricted to area for 7 days.

15-Sept. '44 - 3 miles Southwest of Angers.

Accurso and Di Brancio court martialed. Report from Army Info. Bulliten.

16-Sept. '44 to 23-Sept. '44

Training in Tank tactics and Rest

23-Sept. '44

On Outpost Duty around Angers, France. All along the La-Loire River. Nice town.

1600 - Americans killed

9000 - Wounded in and around Brest.

24-Sept. '44 - Angers

Left by truck Convoy from Angers, traveled all night. Very cold, rain. Stopped in a big open field for 4 hours to prepare breakfast and gas up. Continued on untill we reached Luxemburg. Holding lines to relieve the 90th Division. Arrived in Luxemburg about 2300, on the 25-Sept. '44. Camped all night in cold damp woods. Weather cold and damp. Rained continuously. Set up defense positions. Germans on the other side of the Moselle River.

26-Sept. '44 - Luxemburg

The people are not friendly at all as they were in France. Route taken from St. Michel, France to Vaneulles, France. NH01 - 10.5 Mi.

" St. Benoit	NH01 - 3 Mi.
" St. Hilaire	NH04 - 11 Mi.
" Moulotte	C 53 - 1 Mi.
" Conflans	C626 - 95 Mi.
" Landas	RC 15 - 11 Mi.
" Audun	RC 15 - 6 Mi.
" Aumetz	NH06 - 3 Mi.
" Esch	GC 64 - 4.5 Mi.
" Luxemburg	N 4 - 11.5 Mi.

27-Sept. '44 - Luxemburg

Sandweiler 3 miles from Luxemburg in the woods. Very cold and damp. Miserable !. Pitched tents close to Airport.

28-Sept. '44

Same as above. Rain and Bombers over.

29-Sept. '44

Rain and bombers over.

30-Sept. '44

Sandweiler 3 miles outside of Luxemburg. Rain and cold. No letter for a week. Moving tomorrow to new area on the Maginot Line.

1-Oct. '44

Moved at 0730 by truck to relieve the 3rd. Bn. on the Maginot line. In barracks built by the French near Hettange-Grands, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Southeast. 862899. T/Sgt. Forrest S. Koch appointed 2nd Lt. Battlefield promotion.

2-Oct. '44

French barracks Hettange-Grande. Training in attack of the Maginot Line. Pill boxes and strong points. Cold and Rainy.

Map Central Europe 1/100,000 - Name Nuenkirchen Sheet #U I. 1st Edition (U862898) $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. of Hettange-Grande. Further Reg.-G.S., G.S. No. 4416.

3-Oct. '44

Outpost Duty.

7-Oct. '44 - Elavange-tes-Burmerange
 Map-Luxemburg: 1:50,000 Eastern France Sheet #XXXIV-10 973016. Left assembly area 0800, marched 10Kil. to Bn. Reserve position intown. Established local outpost for security. Germans patrolling very actively in area.

8-Oct. '44
 Receiving small 88mm and mortar fire, falling short of town. Went to Mass in town. Very beautiful Church. The Priest speaks English

9-Oct. '44
 Slight enemy activity. Reconnaissance and counter-attack plans. Plenty of Champagne. Skipper was sent to Paris for 3 days. Regiment taking 2 men from each Co. at intervals to go to Paris.

13-Oct. '44 - Burmerangen
 Map: Neunkirchen, Sheet #U I. - Scale 1:1000,000 9779;93

19-Oct. '44 - Burmerangen
 German patrols almost every day. We are just across the Moselle River. Mud, rain and more rain all the time. Little enemy activity sighted. Front remained quiet except for one patrol in vicinity of O.P. #3 at Busse-Krintz. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt visited out O.P. #5, along with various distinguished Army Intelligence Officers. Also enemy patrol tried to sneak through our lines. Killed 4 Gerries, they hit two of my men, slightly wounding them. Heavy enemy artillery barrage. Shook us up quite a bit.

20-Oct. '44
 Enemy patrol fired on, near our O.P. #11 at 0700. One German killed, and the body turned in for examination of papers and Insignia and Documents.

22-Oct. '44
 Enemy patrols very active. O.P. #2 received 15 rds of artillery and 20 rds of 240 heavy mortars from the enemy near their C.P. We called for artillery fire and hit on and around where the enemy were firing from. Clearing out woods in front of C.P. Captured Italian prisoner. Obtained a great amount of G-2 information from him, such as: where the Germans were whooting their Robot bombs from and their main defenses.

23-Oct. '44
 Relieved by the 32nd Cavalry. What a mistake!

26-Oct. '44
 My fourth Wedding Anniversary.

27-Oct. '44 - Elvange, Belgium
 Since B Co. landed in France we have transferred 267 men. 62 men killed in action, 419 have been in and cleared through the Co.

31-Oct. '44
 Still going strong. Rain, cold and mud.

4-Nov. '44
 Rain, cold and mud. Germans pushed the 32nd Cavalry off our old positions. Our Bn. had been committed back in the attack to push them back across the Moselle River. Trecherous, muddy country and the enemy can see every move we make. Co. A received 60% casualties. B Co. pulled an excellent attack and drove the enemy back across the river. Got two wonderful letters from my wife, about our Anniversary. I love her so much.

5-Nov. '44 to 13-Nov. '44
Lived like pigs. Mud and rain. 2 platoons on duty. 1 platoon in Reserve. Men getting trench foot and colds.

13-Nov. '44 - Burmerange
Map Thionville No.'s 3-4 Sheet # XXXIV-11 3&4 Scale 1:25000 994978

14-Nov. '44
Same as above - 1 Squad plus 2 men on O.P. #1 Lt. Browning relieved and transferred to Co. A

160	Present with Co.
3	D.S.
1	Division Stockade
<u>164</u>	TOTAL

15-Nov. '44 - Bumerange
Preparations made to relieve Co. A on O.P.'s

15-Nov. '44 to 23-Nov. '44
Enemy Patrols active. Received General Order #29, Hq's 83rd Inf. Div., A.P.O. 83, Award of Bronze Star. Section I Authority, dated 23-August '44.

16-Nov. '44 - Burmerange
Relieved Co. A on O.P.'s. Co. moved out at 0800, completed change at 1145.

19-Nov. '44 - Burmerange
Lt. Koch took patrol across Moselle River, took 1 prisoner. Later I went across with the wire patrol and brought back a civilian prisoner. Received 1st Christmas package from my Mom. Many Allied planes going over. Took a lot of pictures of the Moselle River.

159	E.M.
3	D.S.
1	Div.
<u>163</u>	TOTAL

Hesperange 1:50,000 Map - France and Belgium - Sheet 152 183103

25-Nov. '44
Moved from O.P.'s along Moselle River to German Barracks just outside Luxemburg.
8 Officers

170	E.M.
2	Temporary Duty
1	Div. Stockade
<u>173</u>	TOTAL

30-Nov. '44
Saw many rockets and V-2 bombs go over. Little enemy air activity every night. Bed check Charlie coming over every night. Payday.
8 Officers

169	E.M.
2	Hospital
<u>171</u>	TOTAL

Issued German Maps for possible movement Map - Germany - Sheet Lendersdorf 053383 Scale 1:25,000

2-Dec. '44

Left Luxemburg at 1200 by truck to Grobham, Germany. Saw a sign stating: "You are not entering Germany. Be Careful and Watch." Slept in trucks all night. Rain and cold. Saw front lines ahead. Hundreds of Artillery pieces booming all night. No sleep or rest, mud, and more mud.

3-Dec. '44

Orders to move in to relieve 22nd Inf. of the 4th Division. Marched up muddy roads through thickly dense forests. Rain and cold and mud. Shelled us continuously. Many enemy aircraft overhead. Strafed and bombed us.

4-Dec. '44

Relieved 22nd Inf. and moved in to attack through the woods. Route of supply very difficult. Enemy planes overhead, bombed and strafed us again. Mud is something awful. Rains continuously night and day and it's very cold. Many casualties from trench foot. Completely exhausted from walking and plowing through the mud and water and woods.

5-Dec. '44

Forest completely destroyed from shelling and strafing. Many casualties from tree bursts. Towns completely demolished, leveled to the ground. Rain and snow. Slept in foxholes full of water. No food or water.

6-Dec. '44

G.I. Riordon shot down enemy place with our 50 cal. gun on the jeep. Co. attacked through woods in a gully. Ravine full of our dead and also the German dead. Ravine constantly shelled by 155mm and mortars. It was murder for a man to go down, yet we stayed there for two days and nights and took everything the Germans threw at us. Men went hysterical and to pieces. Combat exhaustion.

7-Dec. '44

Skipper and Green went to reconnotier positions we were to take over. Germans threw big mortars at them and hit Skipper in the cheek, hand, and shoulder. Evacuated to Hospital. Sure miss him. I didn't get to see him.

8-Dec. '44

Moved out at 2000 in the dark. Gets dark at 0500. Pitch Black. Had to get into position that night for sure. Here's what happened: We moved out and got about 300 yards when the enemy threw over everything but the kitchen sinks. 155mm shells. We started in single file across open fields in the dark with mud and water up to our knees. Cold, but we kept marching on. Couldn't see, fell numerous times, finally came across Co. A in woods after going so far. Then we ran smack into a German outpost but we chased the Germans away with grenades. We turned around and went back to Co. A and found that they were in the wrong positions. We stayed in along the edge of the woods and froze until daylight. Then A and B Co.'s started attacks. The Germans must have heard us because they shot up four or five flares. Daylight we ran into the enemy and the battle started with a hot reception for us. We tried to dig in as fast as possible. They shelled and shelled us all day and night. Can't stand much more. No food, water or ammunition. Germans had us surrounded and counterattacked twice. We drove them back both times and captured 17 of them. Ten Gerries crawled within 30 feet of me and my buddy who were busy digging our foxhole. Finally our C.O. happened to come over to see me and by luck and the will of God saw them! We both opened fire and chased them away. Later snipers crawled in and started

8-Dec. '44 cont.

shooting. I sent a squad of men to clean them out. Found out there were about 25 of the enemy. Finally got them all cornered and called for a bazooka team which with one round killed them all in a cave. About 1600 P.M., five tanks broke through to us with food, water and ammunition. Boy were we sure glad to see them. The day was saved for us. They no sooner got there when the Gerries opened up again with all they had. Terrific shelling. It would drive anyone insane. I should know. Later that night we moved our positions to join in with Co. L, after we already dug our holes and had them covered. Then we moved again. Completely exhausted! We slept! No food for two days. When will we be relieved? Please God have mercy on us. Received a letter from my beautiful wife. If it were not for her I wouldn't really care what happens, for a man can stand only a certain amount of anything. I had to go back to check on my casualties.

8-Dec. '44 - Grobham, Germany

Snow, rain and mud. Men slowly growing worse. Humanly impossible to manuever.

11-Dec. '44

Sent to Hospital - Concussion - I was blown off a tank.