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HEADQUARTERS 331ST INFANTRY
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

6 January 1944.

SUBJECT: History of 331st Infantry Regiment, 1943.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. In compliance with paragraph 11 b (1), A.R. 345-105, the history of the 331st Infantry Regiment, 83d Infantry Division, during the period 1 January 1943 through 31 December 1943, is herewith submitted to the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

a. Original Unit.

(1) Designation: 331st Infantry Regiment, 83d Infantry Division.

(2) Date of reorganization: 15 August 1942.

(3) Place of reorganization: Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

(4) Authority for reorganization: General Order No. 1, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, dated 15 August 1942. (Copy attached as Inclosure No. 1).

(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained: Members of original enlisted cadre were former members of the Third Cavalry. Our officer cadre was composed mostly of National Guard officers from various regiments, except for five regular army officers. The other officer cadre came to this regiment from officer candidate classes at The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Our other officers received were composed chiefly from officer candidate school and some reserve officers, and the rest by transfer from other units. Our other enlisted men were obtained chiefly from the draft direct and some by transfer from other organizations. A few were men returning from overseas service.

b. Changes in Organization: On the 16th of August 1943, Cannon Company 331st Infantry was organized. The authority was Table of Organization and Equipment No. 7-14, War Department, dated 15 July 1943. The officers and approximately one-half of the enlisted men were transferred to Cannon Company from Anti-Tank Co. 331st Infantry. The remaining enlisted men were transferred to Cannon Company from the 83d Infantry Division Artillery units.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

(1) At beginning of period: 1 January 1943 - Commissioned: 158, War-rant officers: 4, enlisted: 3666.

(2) Net increase each month:

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31 January 1943 - Commissioned: 16. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

28 February 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

31 March 1943 - Commissioned: 6. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

30 April 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 1. Enlisted: 0.

31 May 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

30 June 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 198.

31 July 1943 - Commissioned: 9. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

31 August 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 72.

30 September 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

31 October 1943 - Commissioned: 23. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 2.

30 November 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

31 December 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

(3) Net decrease each month:

31 January 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 1. Enlisted: 91.

28 February 1943 - Commissioned: 15. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 251.

31 March 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 386.

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30 April 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 54.

31 May 1943 - Commissioned: 5. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 43.

30 June 1943 - Commissioned: 9. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

31 July 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 35.

31 August 1943 - Commissioned: 2. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

30 September 1943 - Commissioned: 11. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 16.

31 October 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 0.

30 November 1943 - Commissioned: 0. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 320.

31 December 1943 - Commissioned: 2. Warrant Officers: 0. Enlisted: 28.

(4) At end of period:

31 December 1943 - Commissioned: 168. Warrant Officers: 4. Enlisted: 2714.

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof:

(1) Date of arrival at each station - Camp Atterbury, Indiana (Permanent station), arrived 15 August 1942 (date of reactivation of unit, see inclosure No. 1); Tennessee Maneuver Area, APO 83, Postmaster Nashville, Tennessee (Temporary station), arrived 23 June 1943 (see S.O. #138, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, dated 14 June 1943 attached as inclosure No. 2); Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky (permanent station), arrived 12 September 1943 (see S.O. #199, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, dated 25 August 1943 attached as inclosure No. 3).

(2) Date of departure from each station - Departed from Camp Atterbury, Indiana (permanent station), 23 June 1943. Departed from Tennessee Maneuver Area (temporary station), 8 September 1943.

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e. Marches: Company "F", 331st Infantry from Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Cincinnati, Ohio and return.

(1) Purpose: Company "F", 331st Infantry represented the 83d Infantry Division in Cincinnati, Ohio on memorial day, 31 May 1943.

(2) Length of daily march: 182 miles.

(3) Points between which marched, with dates: Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Cincinnati, Ohio (Motor march) 30 May 1943. Cincinnati, Ohio to Camp Atterbury, Indiana (Motor march), 31 May 1943.

(4) Condition of roads and weather: Roads were good paved highway, but wet. Weather was cloudy and raining.

(5) Remarks (other pertinent data): Company "F" represented the 83d Infantry Division by participating in the memorial day parade.

Motor march from Camp Atterbury, Indiana to vicinity of Grafton, West Virginia and return.

(1) Purpose: To guard the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, while traveling by rail through a certain section of West Virginia, assigned this regiment for guard duty.

(2) Length of daily march: 220 miles.

(3) Points between which marched, with dates: From Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Chillicothe, Ohio 0600 to 1800, 26 April 1943; from Chillicothe, Ohio to vicinity of Grafton, West Virginia 0600 to 1815, 27 April 1943; from vicinity of Grafton, West Virginia to Chillicothe, Ohio 0600 to 1900, 29 April 1943; and from Chillicothe, Ohio to Camp Atterbury, Indiana 0700 to 1815, 30 April 1943.

(4) Condition of roads and weather: Roads were good paved highway. Weather - clear and warm 26 April 1943, Rained during morning but was clear and cold at night 27 April 1943, clear and warm 29 April 1943, clear and warm 30 April 1943.

(5) Remarks (other pertinent data): While guarding the president's train, Regimental Hq and Hq Company, Service Company, Medical Detachment, Anti-Tank Company, and First Battalion bivouaced at Prunytown near Grafton, West Virginia; Second Battalion bivouaced near Tunnelton, West Virginia; and the Third Battalion bivouaced near Clarksburg, West Virginia. Our bivouac site at Chillicothe, Ohio 26 and 29 April 1943 was on the same ground the 83d Infantry Division was activated during World War I. During the time the regiment guarded the president's train, our regimental command post was located in the upstairs offices of the railroad station in Grafton, West Virginia.

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Motor and rail movement march from Camp Atterbury, Indiana (Permanent station) to Tennessee Maneuver Area (temporary station).

(1) Purpose: To participate in Tennessee Maneuver No. 2.

(2) Length of daily march: Motor elements 110 miles. Rail movement approximately 280 miles (one day).

(3) Points between which marched, with dates: Rail movement from Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Gallatin, Tennessee 0110 to 1010 23 June 1943. Personnel traveling by rail, upon detraining at Gallatin, Tennessee, were transported by motors to our initial maneuver bivouac area near Lebanon, Tennessee. Motor elements from Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Eminence, Kentucky 0746 to 1330, 19 June 1943, from Eminence, Kentucky to Glasgow, Kentucky 2030, 19 June 1943 to 0400, 20 June 1943, from Glasgow, Kentucky to Hunter's Point, Tennessee 2015, 20 June 1943 to 1430, 21 June 1943. The motor elements were then bivouaced at our initial bivouac near Lebanon, Tennessee.

(4) Condition roads and weather: Roads good, and weather clear and warm.

(5) Remarks: The motor elements were composed of Regimental Headquarters Company and personnel to drive the motors of the regiment.

Marches during Tennessee Maneuver No. 2.

(1) Purpose: Participation in Tennessee Maneuver No. 2, 1943.

(2) Length of daily march: Daily average throughout maneuvers was 17 to 18 miles.

(3) Points between which marched, with dates: Various points within 1943 Tennessee Maneuver Area boundaries, 28 June 1943 to 28 August 1943. There were eight (8) phases or operations in all, each lasting approximately five (5) days.

(4) Condition of roads and weather: Roads were very poor, sometimes dwindling down to nothing but cow paths. Some parts were very rocky. Weather was clear and warm. It only rained on three (3) different occasions.

(5) Remarks: Our rest camp upon completion of maneuvers was at Springfield, Tennessee. We remained there until 8 September 1943, at which time we started our march to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. The maneuvers were very successful and the regiment and individual members were commended upon many occasions.

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Motor and foot march from Springfield, Tennessee to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

(1) Purpose: Reporting to our new station at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky (permanent station).

(2) Length of daily march: Twenty-five (25) miles.

(3) Points between which marched, with dates: From Springfield, Tennessee to Guthrie, Kentucky 0630 to 1230, 8 September 1943, (Walked 14 miles and rode in trucks 3 miles). From Guthrie, Kentucky to Hopkinsville, Kentucky 0630 to 1300, 9 September 1943, (Walked 15 miles and rode in trucks 10 miles). From Hopkinsville, Kentucky to Madisonville, Kentucky 0630 to 1330, 10 September 1943, (Walked 16 miles and rode in trucks 20 miles). From Madisonville, Kentucky to southern edge of Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky military reservation 0600 to 1210, 11 September 1943, (Walked 16 miles and rode in trucks 18 miles). From southern edge of Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky military reservation to our new barracks in Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 0700 to 1130, 12 September 1943, (Walked 12 miles).

(4) Condition of roads and weather: Roads were good and weather was clear and very warm.

(5) Remarks: None.

Motor march for Anti-Tank Company, 331st Infantry from Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky to Henderson, Kentucky and return.

(1) Purpose: Participation in parade at Henderson, Kentucky for a scrap-metal drive. This company represented the regiment in this parade.

(2) Length of daily march: 48 miles round trip. (one day only).

(3) Points between which marched, with dates: From Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky to Henderson, Kentucky and return 24 October 1943.

(4) Condition of roads and weather: Roads were good paved highway. Weather was cloudy and rainy.

(5) Remarks: The company was mounted in vehicles during parade and had to wear raincoats. The spectators were watching from windows to keep out of the rain. After the parade, a few spectators looked over the 37 MM gun which the company had used in the parade.

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f. Campaigns: None.

g. Battles: None.

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements: None.

i. Losses in action; officers and men: None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

Present members of this organization who have distinguished themselves in action while members of another organization: Cpl. Donaldson.

(1) Engagement: Battle of Buna Mission.

(2) Name: Corporal George (NMI) Donaldson, 36113151, Company "F", 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Wounded 2 January 1943 while in a hand to hand fight with a Jap officer. Gun shot wound right arm and right chest.

(4) Reward: Purple Heart. (See Inclosure No. 4).

Private McLemore.

(1) Engagement: Battle at El Guettar, Tunisia.

(2) Name: Private James D. McLemore, 6048494, Company "M", 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Wounded by sharp lacerations of scalp as result of enemy action during assault on El Guettar, Tunisia, 30 March 1943.

(4) Reward: Purple Heart. (See Inclosure No. 5).

Corporal Drury.

(1) Engagement: Djebel Berda near El Guettar, Tunisia.

(2) Name: Corporal Richard E. Drury, 32140887, Company "H", 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Corporal (then Private) Richard E. Drury, 32140887, dis-

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played extraordinary heroism in action on 24 March 1943 at Djebel Berda near El Geuttar, Tunisia. When a strong enemy force attacked in the sector of Company "H", ** Infantry, Private Drury, together with others of their squad from the mortar platoon, turned his 81mm mortar on the enemy, shelled his positions and destroyed a machine gun. Almost immediately afterward, enemy artillery located the mortars and fired initial concentrations while an enemy tank moved to the flank, occupying a position where it could fire directly into the mortar emplacement. While nearby crews sought cover from the intense artillery fire, Private Drury, with his Corporal and another private, continued to fire their weapon. A direct hit from the tank's gun struck the position, felling the mortar and hurling the crew to the ground. With complete disregard for their own safety, they righted the weapon and resumed fire, destroying another machine gun. A second direct hit killed the Corporal. Still they remained at the gun, firing the mortar until it was too badly damaged to operate.

(4) Reward: Distinguished Service Cross (See inclosure No. 6).

S/Sgt. Maikowski.

(1) Engagement: Raiding an enemy radio station on the extreme North and East Coast of Greenland.

(2) Name: Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Maikowski, 36200305, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: S/Sgt. Maikowski was the platoon leader of the platoon sent to capture the German Radio Station on the extreme North and East Coast of Greenland. S/Sgt. Maikowski captured the only prisoner taken on this raid (See Inclosure No. 7.)

(4) Reward: Letter of commendation from S/Sgt Maikowski's commanding Officer. (See inclosure No. 8).

k. Present members of this organization who have distinguished themselves in acts of heroism while members of this organization:

2d Lt. Manley.

(1) Place and date: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 20 November 1943.

(2) Name: Second Lieutenant JAY (NMI) MANLEY, O-1297559, 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: 2d Lt JAY MANLEY displayed heroism during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officer's Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

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(4) Reward: A letter of recommendation for the Soldier's Medal has been submitted but final action on the award has not been announced by the Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (See Inclosure No. 9, Copy of letter of recommendation for Soldier's Medal).

2d Lt. MOTE.

(1) Place and time: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 20 November 1943.

(2) Name: Second Lieutenant KINGSTON H. MOTE, O-515031, 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: 2d Lt. KINGSTON H. MOTE displayed heroism during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officer's Barracks at Camp Breckinridge Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

(4) Reward: A letter of recommendation for the Soldier's Medal has been submitted but final action on the award has not been announced by the Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (See Inclosure No. 10, Copy of letter of recommendation for Soldier's Medal).

Tech 5 Rea.

(1) Place and time: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 20 November 1943.

(2) Name: Tech 5 Donovan D. Rea, 35516649, Company "K", 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Tech 5 (then Corporal) Donovan D. Rea displayed heroism during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officer's Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

(4) Reward: A letter of recommendation for the Soldier's Medal has been submitted but final action on the award has not been announced by the Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (See Inclosure No. 11, Copy of letter of recommendation for Soldier's Medal).

Private Barnhart.

(1) Place and time: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 20 November 1943.

(2) Name: Private Atley W. Barnhart, 15115762, Company "F", 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Private Atley W. Barnhart displayed heroism during the

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burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officer's Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

(4) Reward: A letter of commendation from Major General FRANK W. MILBURN. (No copy attached as an inclosure as copy is not obtainable at this time).

Private Wells.

(1) Place and time: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 20 November 1943.

(2) Name: Private William R. Wells, 35664709, Company "F", 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Private William R. Wells displayed heroism during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officer's Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

(4) Reward: A letter of commendation from Major General FRANK W. MILBURN. (No copy attached as an inclosure as copy is not obtainable at this time).

Pfc. Benavides.

(1) Place and time: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 20 November 1943.

(2) Name: Private First Class (then Private) Horacio J. Benavides, 39251510, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 331st Infantry.

(3) Act: Exceptionally meritorious conduct displayed on the night of 20 November 1943, during the burning of the 2nd Battalion Officer's Barracks, 331st Infantry.

(4) Reward: A letter of commendation from Major General FRANK W. MILBURN. (See Inclosure No. 12).

L. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events:

(1) Photograph No. 1 is of Cpl. Donaldson (See par j above).

(2) Photograph No. 2 is of Pvt. McLemore (See par j above).

(3) Photograph No. 3 is of Cpl. Drury (See par j above).

(4) Photograph No. 4 is of S/Sgt. Maikowski (See par j above).

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(5) No photograph available at this time of 2d Lt. JAY MANLEY.
(See par j above).

(6) No photograph available at this time of 2d Lt. KINGSTON H. MOTE (See par j above).

(7) Photograph No. 5 is of Tech 5 Rea (See par j above).

(8) Photograph No. 6 is of Pvt. Barnhart (See par j above).

(9) Photograph No. 7 is of Pvt. Wells (See par j above).

(10) Photograph No. 8 is of Pfc. Benavides (See par j above).

M. D. Barndollar
M. D. BARNDOLLAR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

12 - Incls:

- 1 - True Copy G.O. #1, Hq 83d Inf Div, Camp Atterbury, Ind., dtd 15 Aug 42.
- 2 - True Extract copy S.O. #138, Hq 83d Inf Div., Cp Atterbury, Ind., dtd 14 June 43.
- 3 - True extract copy S.O. #199, Hq 83d Inf Div., APO 83, Nashville, Tennessee dtd 25 Aug 43.
- 4 - Extract page 15 Service Record of Cpl. Donaldson.
- 5 - Extract page 6 Service Record of Pvt. McLemore.
- 6 - True Copy G.O. #70, Hq North African Theater of Operations, APO 534, dtd 3 Aug 43.
- 7 - Extract page 15 Service Record of S/Sgt. Maikowski.
- 8 - True Copy of ltr of commendation to S/Sgt. Maikowski fr Capt. JENSEN.
- 9 - True Copy of ltr of recommendation for Soldier's Medal for 2d Lt. MANLEY.
- 10 - True copy of ltr of recommendation for Soldier's Medal for 2d Lt. MOTE.
- 11 - True copy of ltr of recommendation for Soldier's Medal for Cpl. Rea.
- 12 - True copy of ltr of commendation to Pfc. Benavides from Major General FRANK W. MILBURN.

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PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1.



Corporal George (NMI) Donaldson, 36113151, Company "F", 331st Inf.

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PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2.



Private James D. McLemore, 6048494, Company "M", 331st Infantry.

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S/Sgt. Thomas R. Maikowski, 36200305, Hq and Hq Company, 331st Inf.

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Tech 5 Donovan D. Rea, 35516649, Company "K", 331st Infantry.

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Private Atley W. Barnhart, 15115762, Company "F", 331st Infantry.

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PHOTOGRAPH NO. 7.

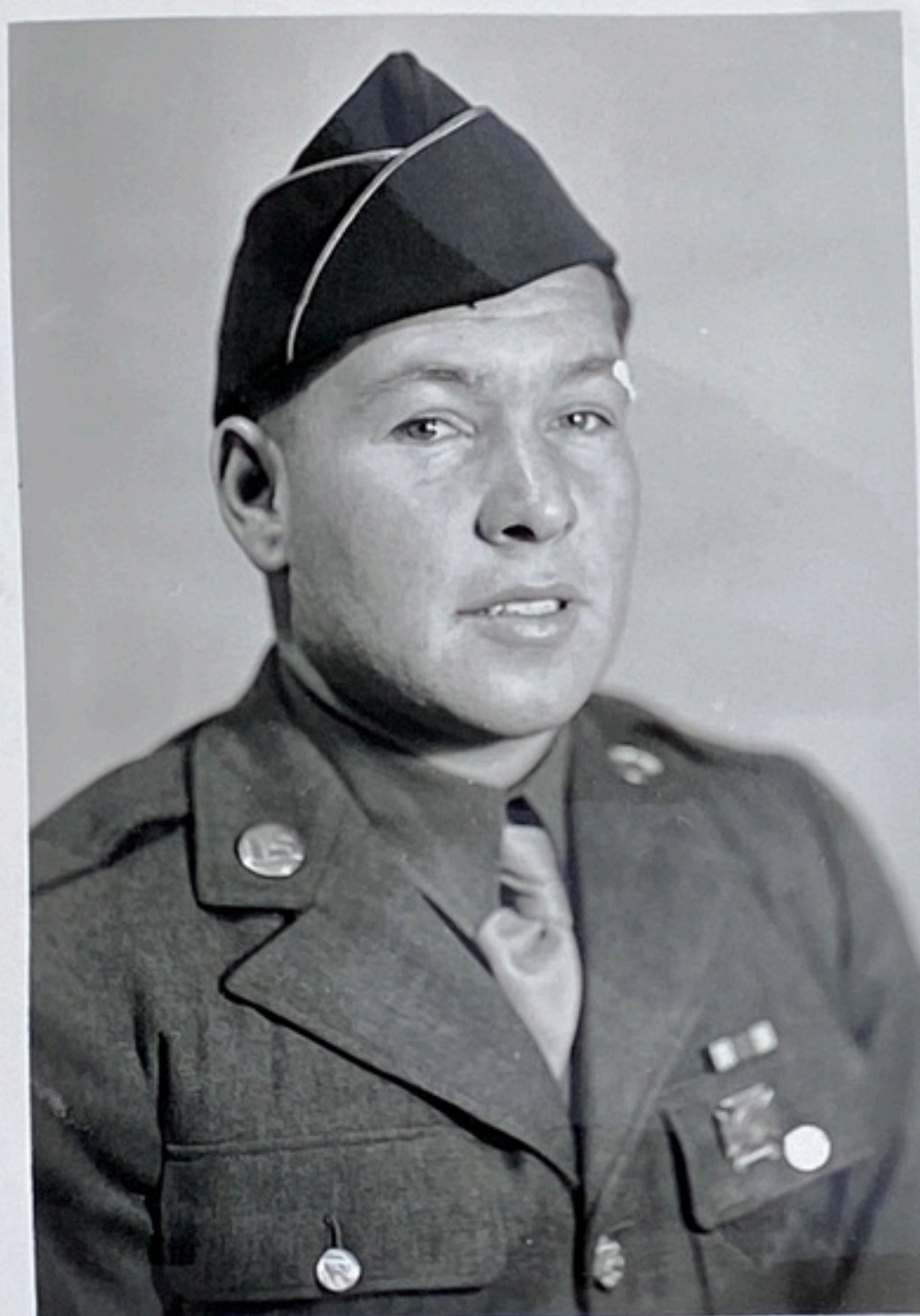


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Pfc. Horacio J. Benavides, 39251510, Hq Company 3d Bn, 331st Inf.

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HEADQUARTERS 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION

Camp Atterbury, Indiana
August 15, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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A C T I V A T I O N

I. Activation of 83d Infantry Division.- In compliance with Letter, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office, AG 320.2(5-26-42)MR-M-GN, June 9, 1942, Subject: "Ordering into Active Service, Certain Organized Reserve Divisions during August and September 1942," the 83d Infantry Division, is activated this date at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

II. Opening of Headquarters 83d Infantry Division.-Headquarters 83d Infantry Division is opened at this station at 0001 this date.

III. Assumption of Command.- By authority letter orders, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 300.4/304 (Travel orders) (AGF) - AGS, dated August 9, 1942, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 83d Infantry Division.

/s/ F. W. Milburn
/t/ F. W. MILBURN
Brigadier General, U.S. ARMY,
Commanding.

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KARL N. SMITH
Captain, Inf.
Personnel Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 83d INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of The Commanding General
Camp Atterbury, Indiana

June 14, 1943.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

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E X T R A C T

1. In compliance with Second Army Ltr, file AG 370.5 - 132 (FE 143) GNMBC), sub: "Transfer of 83d Infantry Division to Tennessee Maneuver Area", dtd 27 May 1943 and Amendment No. 1 thereto, dtd 28 May 1943, the 83d Infantry Division WP o/a 18 June 1943 from Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Lebanon Tennessee for duty in connection with Second Army Maneuver No. 2.

Following instructions will govern movement:

- a. Movement will be by Govt motor vehicle and by rail.
- b. Elements moving by rail will detrain at Gallatin, Tennessee.

TDN. TC will furnish necessary T. FD 33 P 433-02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08
A 0425-23.

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By command of Major General MILBURN:

RINALDO VAN BRUNT,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

S/R. G. HARRELL
R. G. HARRELL,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

James W. Carter
JAMES W. CARTER,
CWO, USA,
ASST Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
APO #83, Nashville, Tenn.

25 August 1943.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 199)

E X T R A C T

1. In compliance with Ltr AG 370.5-132 (FE '43), Maneuver Dir Hq, Second A, dtd 21 Aug 43, sub: "Movement of 83d Inf Div to Cp Breckinridge, Ky," the 83d Inf Div (permanent sta Cp Atterbury, Ind) WP o/a 28 Aug 43 fr present temp sta in Tennessee Maneuver Area, to Cp Breckinridge, Ky, for permanent change of sta in accordance with the fol details:

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d. Personnel not required to accompany troops are authorized TPA under the provisions of par 1 j, AR 35-4820, dtd 19 Sep 42.

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TDN. TC will furnish necessary T. 1-5200 P 433-02-03-04-05-07-08 A 2121 40425. QM, 83d Inf Div, will furnish initial supply of gasoline and oil. Procurement enroute will be by courtesy card.

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By command of Major General MILBURN:

RINALDO VAN BRUNT,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ N. P. Cowden
/t/ N. P. COWDEN,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adj General.

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Robert C. Walker
ROBERT C. WALKER,
Captain, Infantry,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 331st INFANTRY
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

5 January 1944.

A TRUE EXTRACT OF PAGE 15, OF THE SERVICE RECORD OF CORPORAL GEORGE (NMI)
DONALDSON, 36113151.

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REMARKS--Administrative

Under this heading will be shown all administrative matter not shown elsewhere and not of a character authorizing pay. Show wounds, battles, engagements, etc., and such other entries not set forth elsewhere as may be required to make soldier's record complete.

Purple Heart, awarded par. 1, GO #2, Headquarters, 105th General Hospital, dated 2nd March, 1943. Medal not available for presentation. Int/JK

A TRUE EXTRACT:

James W. Carter
JAMES W. CARTER,
CWO, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

5 January 1944.

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MCLEMORE, 6048494.

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MEDALS, DECORATIONS, AND CITATIONS

Name of decoration	Authority and date
Purple Heart	Ltr Order Hq 26th Inf Apr 19/43

A TRUE EXTRACT:

James W. Carter
JAMES W. CARTER,
CWO, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

GENERAL ORDERS)

3 August 1943

NUMBER 70)

Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Distinguished Service Medal.....II
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster.....III
Award of Legion of Merit.....IV

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

SILAS H. PARKER, 18003697, and RICHARD E. DRURY, 32140887, Privates, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 March 1943 at Djebel Berda near El Guettar, Tunisia. When a strong enemy force attacked in the sector of Company "H", ** Infantry, Privates Parker and Drury, together with others of their squad from the mortar platoon, turned their 81mm mortar on the enemy, shelled his positions and destroyed a machine gun. Almost immediately afterward, enemy artillery located the mortars and fired initial concentrations while an enemy tank moved to the flank, occupying a position where it could fire directly into the mortar emplacement. While nearby crews sought cover from the intense artillery fire, Privates Parker and Drury, with their Corporal, continued to fire their weapon. A direct hit from the tank's gun struck the position, felling the mortar and hurling the crew to the ground. With complete disregard for their own safety, they righted the weapon and resumed fire, destroying another machine gun. A second direct hit killed the Corporal. Still they remained at the gun, firing the mortar until it was too badly damaged to operate. Their coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect the high traditions of the service. Residence at time of enlistment: Golden, Oklahoma, and Newark, New York.

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Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 331ST INFANTRY
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

5 January 1944.

A TRUE EXTRACT OF PAGE 15, OF THE SERVICE RECORD OF STAFF SERGEANT
THOMAS R. MAIKOWSKI, 36200305.

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REMARKS--Administrative

Under this heading will be shown all administrative matter not shown elsewhere and not ^{of} character authorizing pay. Show wounds, battles, engagements, etc., and such other entries ^{due} not set forth elsewhere as may be required to make soldier's record complete.

Sol spent Fr July 2/43 to Sep 14/43 on The Extreme North & East Coast of Greenland on joint Army and Coast Guard mission performing hazardous duty during which time an enemy station was raided & one prisoner taken Int/HW

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PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON
APO 858, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

2 October 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : S/Sgt Thomas R. Maikowski, 36200305, Hq & Hq Co., 73rd Infantry
Bn (Sep), APO 858, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

1. Your presence in my organization during our special mission to Northeastern Greenland was frequently brought to my attention, and those with whom we worked. Your excellent performance of duty, excellent character, and conduct under such difficult and trying circumstances was well executed. It is soldiers like yourself, performing duties to the best of their ability under such conditions, that are directly responsible for the successful completion of our mission. I, personally wish to commend you in this small way to show my appreciation and gratitude for your extraordinary service.

2. A copy of this letter of commendation shall be made a permanent entry in your service record.

/s/ Melvin M. Jensen
/t/ MELVIN M. JENSEN
Capt, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS 331ST INFANTRY
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

24 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of Soldiers Medal.

TO : Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1943, it is recommended that 2nd Lt. ^{1st} JAY MANLEY, O-1297559, 331st Infantry, be awarded the Soldiers Medal For Heroism displayed during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officers Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

2. Lt. Manley woke up in his room and smelled the smoke. He opened the door and flames were all around in the hallway. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lt. Manley went through the fire and smoke from his room at the rear end of the ^{1st}upstairs of the barracks, all the way down to the second room from the front end of the barracks, opening doors in an attempt to warn any person who might be still sleeping ^{1st}upstairs. Lt. Manley was overcome by the intense heat and smoke when he reached the second room from the front of the barracks and had been severely burned. He was found and rescued by Lt. Mote and Corporal Rea. Lt. Manley could have saved himself from being burned so severely had he so desired and the high degree of courage and bravery displayed by Lt. Manley reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

3. Lt. Manley's entire service has been honorable at all times.

4. Present status of Lt. Manley is 2nd Lt., Company "H", 331st Infantry, and at the present time is confined to the Station Hospital, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

/s/ M. D. Barndollar
/t/ M. D. BARNDOLLAR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

2 Incls:

- Incl #1 - Affidavit of Capt. Clarkson.
- #2 - Affidavit of Lt. D'Jernes.

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HEADQUARTERS 331ST INFANTRY
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

24 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of Soldiers Medal.

TO : Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division, Camp Breckinridge,
Kentucky.

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1943, it is recommended that 2nd Lt. KINGSTON H. MOTE, O-515031, 331st Infantry, be awarded the Soldiers Medal For Heroism displayed during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officers Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

2. Lt. Mote was awakened by Private Wells, the barracks fireman, who told him that the building was on fire. He heard someone say that there was still someone upstairs where the fire was. He ran up the stairs to the second floor landing and there he saw Corporal Rea, who was attempting to locate the person who was moaning. Lt. Mote took the wet cloth underwear that Corporal Rea had and covered his face and head and crawled along the floor in an attempt to reach the person who was later identified as 2nd Lt. Jay Manley. After two or three attempts to locate Lt. Manley, Lt. Mote located him almost in the corner of the front of the building upstairs. Corporal Rea helped Lt. Mote drag Lt. Manley to the head of the stairs where others helped to take Lt. Manley downstairs and outside to an ambulance. The high degree of courage and bravery displayed by Lt. Mote reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

3. Lt. Mote's entire service has been honorable at all times.

4. Present status of Lt. Mote is 2nd Lt., Company "F", 331st Infantry, duty.

/s/ M. D. Barndollar,
/t/ M. D. BARNDOLLAR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 331ST INFANTRY
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

24 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of Soldiers Medal.

TO : Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 12, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1943, it is recommended that Corporal Donovan D. Rea, 35516649, Company "K", 331st Infantry, be awarded the Soldiers Medal For Heroism displayed during the burning of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry Officers Barracks at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in the early morning hours on 20 November 1943.

2. Corporal Rea, thinking that there might be some officers sleeping upstairs, went up the stairway to the landing of the second floor where the fire and smoke was very thick. Hearing someone moaning to his right a few feet away, Corporal Rea, with utter disregard for his own safety, tied some wet underwear around his head and crawled towards the sound. Corporal Rea attempted several times to reach the person, but was unable to locate him as he could not see and was only able to feel around. The person who was moaning and in danger was later identified as being 2nd Lt. Jay Manley. 2nd Lt. Kingston H. Mote then took the wet cloth underwear from Corporal Rea and after attempting two or three times, managed to locate Lt. Manley almost in the corner of the building. Corporal Rea and Lt. Mote together then dragged Lt. Manley to the head of the stairs on the second floor, where others helped to take Lt. Manley downstairs and outside to an ambulance. Corporal Rea was overcome by the intense heat and the thick smoke and lost consciousness after getting outside the burning building. The high degree of courage and bravery displayed by Corporal Rea reflects credit upon himself and the military service.

3. Corporal Rea's entire service has been in Company "K", 331st Infantry and has been honorable at all times.

4. Present status of Corporal Rea is Corporal, Company "K", 331st Infantry, duty.

/s/ M. D. Barndollar
/t/ M. D. BARNDOLLAR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
APO 83, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

15 December 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation.

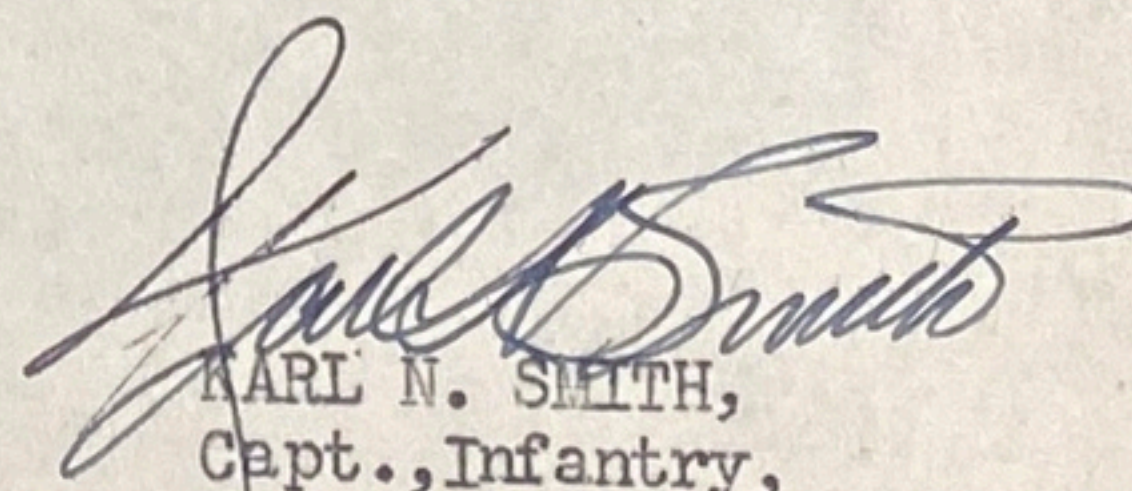
TO : Private Horacio J. Benavides, 39251510, Headquarters Co.,
3rd Battalion, 331st Infantry.

I desire to commend you for exceptionally meritorious conduct displayed on the night of 20 November 1943, during the burning of the 2nd Battalion Officer's Barracks, 331st Infantry. Through your prompt and efficient action as the guard on Post #3, 331st Infantry Guard Area, upon discovering the fire in giving the alarm, awakening personnel, and in reporting the fire, you have demonstrated that you were alert, fully aware of the responsibilities of your duty, and capable of taking the correct action in case of emergency. Your act of entering the burning building with disregard for your own personal safety to assist in the removal of personnel from the building is an indication of your courage, devotion to duty, training, and sense of responsibility for the welfare of others.

The high degree of courage displayed by you reflects great credit upon you and the military service.

/s/ F. W. MILBURN
F. W. MILBURN
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

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KARL N. SMITH,
Capt., Infantry,
Personnel Adjutant.

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