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HEADQUARTERS 783RD ORDNANCE (LM) COMPANY
Office of the Company Commander
APO 83, U. S. Army

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: History of the 783rd Ordnance (LM) Company.

TO : Commanding General, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army.

a. Original Unit.

1. No change.

b. Changes in Organization.

1. T/O 9-8 dated 30 September 1942 changed to T/O & E dated 15 July 1943, which resulted in a decrease of 10 enlisted men, and an authorization for equipment.
2. Letter WD, AG 320.3, (19 May 44) OB-I-WDGCT-M Subject, Reduction of Basic Privates in Table of Organizational Units, dtd 23 May 1944. Reduced T/O Strength from 137 to 131 Enlisted-men.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted Men.

	Officers	WO	Enlisted-men
A 1. Strength on 1 January 1944	9	1	132
Net increase for month	0	0	1
Net decrease for month	1	0	1
Strength on 31 January 1944	8	1	132
B 1. Strength on 1 February 1944	8	1	132
Net increase for month	4	0	18
Net decrease for month	0	0	3
Strength on 29 February 1944	12	1	147
C 1. Strength on 1 March 1944	12	1	147
Net increase for month	1	0	4
Net decrease for month	4	0	12
Strength on 31 March 1944	9	1	139
D 1. Strength on 1 April 1944	9	1	139
Net increase for month	0	0	1
Net decrease for month	0	0	2
Strength on 30 April 1944	9	1	138
E 1. Strength on 1 May 1944	9	1	138
Net increase for month	0	0	0
Net decrease for month	0	0	1
Strength on 31 May 1944	9	1	137

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	Officer's	WO	Enlisted-men
F 1. Strength on 1 June 1944	9	1	137
Net increase for month	0	0	0
Net decrease for month	0	0	1
Strength on 30 June 1944	9	1	136
G 1. Strength on 1 July 1944	9	1	136
Net increase for month	0	0	0
Net decrease for month	0	0	2
Strength on 31 July 1944	9	1	134
H 1. Strength on 1 August 1944	9	1	134
Net increase for month	0	0	0
Net decrease for month	0	0	1
Strength on 31 August 1944	9	1	133
I 1. Strength on 1 September 1944	9	1	133
Net increase for month	0	0	3
Net decrease for month	0	0	2
Strength on 30 September 1944	9	1	134
J 1. Strength on 1 October 1944	9	1	134
Net increase for month	0	0	0
Net decrease for month	0	0	0
Strength on 31 October 1944	9	1	134
K 1. Strength on 1 November 1944	9	1	134
Net increase for month	1	0	1
Net decrease for month	1	0	3
Strength on 30 November 1944	9	1	132
L 1. Strength on 1 December 1944	9	1	132
Net increase for month	0	0	1
Net decrease for month	0	0	1
Strength on 31 December 1944	9	1	132

d. Station (permanent or temporary) of units or parts thereof.

Stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky on 1 January 1944
 Date of departure from Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky - 25 March 1944
 Date of arrival at Camp Shanks, New York - 27 March 1944
 Date of departure from Camp Shanks, New York - 5 April 1944
 Date of arrival at New York Port of Embarkation - 5 April 1944
 Dates of departure from New York Port of Embarkation on Shipment 9511-C
 Detachment 364 (2 O's & 44 EM) on board HMS Orian - 6 April 1944
 Detachment 427 (2 O's - 1 WO & 44 EM) on board USAT George Washington - 6 April 1944
 Detachment 457 (2 O's & 47 EM) on board HMS Samaria - 6 April 1944
 Advanced detail (3 O's & 3 EM) on board HMS Mauretania - 30 March 1944
 Dates of arrival at Liverpool, England
 Advanced detail - 5 April 1944
 Detachment 364 - 19 April 1944
 Detachment 427 - 19 April 1944
 Detachment 457 - 19 April 1944
 Dates of arrival at Durfold Hall, England
 Advanced detail - 5 April 1944
 Detachment 364 - 20 April 1944
 Detachment 427 - 20 April 1944
 Detachment 457 - 20 April 1944

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Date of departure from Durdold Hall, England - 1 May 1944
 Date of arrival at Stoke upon Tern, Shropshire, England - 1 May 1944
 Date of departure from Stoke upon Tern, Shropshire, England
 - 16 June 1944
 Date of arrival at Camp Hursley, England - 17 June 1944
 Date of departure from Camp Hursley, England - 17 June 1944
 Date of arrival at Southampton, England - 17 June 1944
 Date of departure from Southampton, England - 19 June 1944
 Date of arrival at Normandy, France - 24 June 1944
 Served in France from 24 June 1944 to 24 September 1944
 Served in Luxembourg from 25 September 1944 to 11 December 1944
 Served in Germany from 12 December 1944 to 26 December 1944
 Served in Belgium from 27 December 1944 to present.

e. Campaigns.

1. Participated in Normandy Campaign - 4 July 1944 to 24 July 1944
Ltr. AG 200.6 OPGA Hq European Theater of Operations dated
24 October 1944.
2. Subsequent campaigns not as yet officially designated:
 - a. Northern France Campaign - 4 August 1944 to 14 September 1944.
 - b. Germany Campaign - 25 September 1944 to present.

f. Battles.

1. None

g. Commanding Officers in important engagements.

1. None

h. Losses in action Officers, and Enlisted-men.

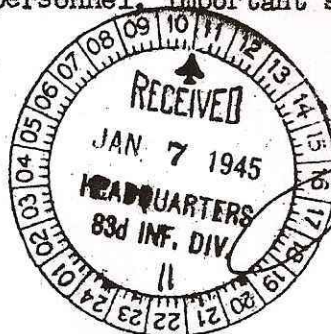
1. None

i. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

1. 1st Lt. Joseph W. Brown - Bronze Star - Meritorious service
2. 1st Lt. Basil L. Kimball - Bronze Star - Meritorious service
3. S/Sgt. Percy W. Mohon - Bronze Star - Meritorious service
4. Tec/3 Earl F. Graham - Bronze Star - Meritorious service

k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events.

1. None



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JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

- June 1. Actual Company Strength: 9 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, 137 Enlisted Men. Attached to Company for Rations and Quarters: 1 Officer, 4 Enlisted Men from Chemical Warfare Service. Normal maintenance and Supply functions and training at Stoke on Tern, Shropshire, England, 16 Mile Map of Great Britain VK0949.
- June 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Same as 1.
- June 11. Relieved from attached to Company for Rations and Quarters, 1 Officer and 4 Enlisted Men. (1) Normal maintenance and Supply functions and training.
- June 12, 13, 14, 15. Same as (1) of June 11.
- June 16. Preparations for Movement were initiated and all sections started packing. Received Secret Orders at 2230, to move Company to Camp in Southern England, C-14 Marshalling Area. Departed Stoke on Tern with Convoy of 30 Vehicles and all members of Company except 5 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer to act as Rear Guard and Clean up squad, at 2230 16 July, 1944.
- June 17. Arrived at C-14 at 1400, all vehicles arrived safe, Spirit and Morale was high. Started water-proofing vehicles immediately for Beach landing of all vehicles, Order rescinded at 1930. Received Special Briefing Top Secret at 2200 from Motor Traffic Control Officer at C-14. Moved Company to old Berth 39, Southampton, England and started loading Vehicles on Liberty Boat for crossing.
- June 18. One First Aid man from Special Troops Headquarters assigned to Company. Finished loading and pulled out to stream waiting for Convoy.
- June 19. Crossing Channel, Rations issued. Morale High.
- June 20, 21, 22. Abandoned Transport during Storm with High Waves and Strong Wind.
- June 23. Started unloading procedures at 2300.
- June 24. First Barge of vehicles left Ship at 0400, Finished unloading at 1930. Unloaded at Ramp on Utah Beach Northwest of Les Treveries at 0100 went to Transit Area # 2.
- June 25. Moved from Area # 2, to Southwest of Bricquville T6080 Cherbourg & Caen Map of (France) Sheet No. 3A & 8.
- June 26. Received Verbal Orders to move Company North of Bricquville at 1000 Reconnoitered Area, then received orders to hold position.

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June 27. Received Orders to move to new area.

June 28. Started movement at 0730 proceeded by infiltration 10 minute interval between vehicles. Vicinity of Veriville, closed on new area Les Droueries, France 385888 La Haye Du Puits Map of France 1-50,000. Had large amount of ammunition to police up of American and German make. Company suffered loss of 1 Enlisted Man (Non-battle Casualty)

June 29. Normal Supply and Maintenance. Have 255th Ordnance (MM) Company as support with 184th Ordnance Battalion and 195th Depot Company for support.

June 30. Normal Supply and Maintenance. Good Support from both Ordnance supporting Companies.

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JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- 83rd INF DIV
- July 1. Actual Company Strength 9 Officers 1 Warrant Officer, 136 Enlisted Men. Location: Les Droueries, France Cord. 385888 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile West. Lost 1 MM NBC dy to deceased, Accidentally shot by Garbine at 1800 hours while getting out of Pup tent.
- July 2. Normal Supply and Maintenance Functions, cleaned area of all German and American Ammunition. Heavy demand for all types of Automatic weapons and vehicles to replace Battle losses sustained in Battle. Company had contact parties out to repair & Collect Vehicles and weapons also salvage and captured Enemy Material.
- July 3, 4. Same as July 2.
- July 5. Heavy demand for supply of automatic Weapons & Vehicles. Have Location of two $\frac{1}{4}$ -Tons which have become Battle Losses but can not Evacuate same due to Enemy Shelling. All Sections working Hard.
- July 6. Same conditions exists and Supply Section has been very busy getting Replacement Vehicles & Automatic weapons. Have had several 57's Replaced & Repaired by the 255th Ordnance MM Company. Lost 1 EM Accidentally shot while on guard duty by another guard. NBC Duty to deceased.
- July 7. Received Verbal orders to move Location of Company. Moved Company to New Location Cantepie, France. Cord. 354841 $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile North Move made from 1300 to 1545, distance 6 miles.
- July 8. Company Dug in and well camouflaged and all units have new Location. Issued 4 of Companies Rocket Launchers for Infantry to stop Tank Attack. Have three contact parties out, for Automotive Spot Check, Small Arms & Artillery Spot check.
- July 9. Have three Salvage parties out picking up Reclaimable & Repairable Ordnance Equipment. Considerable amounts of Small Arms Automatic Weapons slightly damaged and rusty have passed thru the Armanent Section to the Supply Section for Reissue.
- July 10. Continued the salvage operations some trouble with Snipers. Recovered four German Vehicles two 20MM Cannons complete. Large numbers of Small Arms & Automatic German Weapons Evacuated to 974th Evac. Co. Truck loads of Ammo both American & German evacuated to ASP.

July 11, 12.

Same as

July 13. Received orders to move Company to new location at St. Quentin, France Cord. 377807 $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile West.

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Journal of the 78th Ordnance Company (LM) continued.

- July 14. Moved Company at 0730 closed at new area 1045 distance 5 miles. Company dug in & well camouflaged, spent night in Fox hole with Heavy Artillery Fire close.
- July 15. Heavy supply problem, Infantry still requests many weapons and Vehicles are being destroyed by heavy artillery fire and Tank Action.
- July 16. Usual operations of Supply and Maintenance. Supply is getting caught up on back orders. Spot check crews have checked vehicles at QM breakdown. Results - Good. Vehicles are being maintained in good condition.
- July 17, 18, 19, 20. Usual Maintenance & Supply Duties.
- July 21. Have new supporting Company. 16th Ordnance MM setting up 2 miles from our area. Evacuated all German Equipment & two 57mm Guns to 16th Ordnance Company for repairs, more supplies are coming in and back orders are dropping.
- July 22, 23, 24. Usual Duties of Supply and Maintenance.
- July 25. Received special Service B-Kit consisting of Radio, Phonograph and 125 Books.
- July 26. Sent nine Alligators back to unit and carried on with Normal Duties.
- July 27. Received orders to move Company to new Location, Tribehou, France. Cord. 388736 1 mile South distance 7 miles Started move at 1830 closed at 2230.
- July 28. Received orders to move to new location Les Mesni Vigot, France Cord. 366676 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -miles South. Distance 7 miles moved at 1915 to 2130.
- July 29. Started plans to spot check entire Division with 65 Men from 16th Ordnance MM Co. to assist LM Company Normal Duties.
- July 30. Completed all preparations and notified units. Normal Duties.
- July 31. Started Inspection & Repair Teams at 0800 Reports during day indicated units were in good shape maintenance has improved a great deal since last inspection in England, 100% Inspection of Vehicles Weapons and Artillery Instruments. Company very busy, Finished first units and reports are very satisfactory. Company has made many repairs of mechanical nature to all vehicles & Weapons needing 3rd Echelon Repair.

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy. Reports After/After Action Reports.

TO : The ADJUTANT GENERAL, Washington, D.C.
(Thru: The COMMANDING GENERAL, 83rd Inf Div., APO #83, U.S. Army)

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 (C3) AR 345-105 and Letter, Headquarters, 83rd Infantry Division, APO #83, U.S. Army, dated 19 July 1944, above subject, the following report and information for the month of June 1944 is furnished herewith:

Operations of the 783rd Ordnance Company (LM), 83rd Infantry Division for the first part of June 1944 consisted of unit and individual training, Automotive and Armament maintenance services for organizations of the parent unit and supply of Ordnance materiel to the Division units and preparation in general for movement from the United Kingdom to an overseas destination. On 18 June 1944 entire Company departed the United Kingdom and on 24 June 1944 landed on the coast of France. Remainder of month was spent in performing Ordnance maintenance and supply services to Division units in preparation for engaging the enemy in combat.

The 783rd Ordnance Company (LM), during the month of June, did not have occasion to contact any of the enemy's forces in combat.

2. Copy of Unit Journal and Records of Events attached hereto.

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1-Unit Journal & Records of Events.



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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 83, U. S. Army, 14 Aug 44.

TO: Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U. S. Army.

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For the Commanding General:

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