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10 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Troop History.

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

1. The following is the history of the 83rd Reconnaissance Troop, 83rd Infantry Division for the calendar year of "1944" as prescribed in AR 345-105, paragraph 11 b, (1) dated 18 November 1929:

a. Original Unit:

No change.

b. Changes in Organization:

Troop strength reduced from six (6) officers and one hundred and forty-nine (149) enlisted men to six (6) officers and one hundred and forty-three (143) enlisted men per T/O 2-27 -change No. 2 dated 6 July 1944. Troop authorized one (1) additional lieutenant per letter 1st US Army dated 21 Oct 44, file 200.31 Subject: Advanced issue of Officer Replacement. Total strength authorized on 31st December 1944: seven (7) officers and one hundred and forty-three (143) enlisted men.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Strength on 1 January 1944	8	145
Net increase for the month of January 1944	0	0
Net decrease for the month of January 1944	1	0
Strength on 31 January 1944	7	145
Strength on 1 February 1944	7	145
Net increase for the month of February 1944	0	6
Net decrease for the month of February 1944	0	1
Strength on 29 February 1944	7	150
Strength on 1 March 1944	8	150
Net increase for the month of March 1944	0	1
Net decrease for the month of March 1944	2	2
Strength on 31 March 1944	6	149
Strength on 1 April 1944	6	149
Net increase for the month of April 1944	0	1
Net decrease for the month of April 1944	0	1
Strength on 30 April 1944	6	149
Strength on 1 May 1944	6	149
Net increase for the month of May 1944	0	0
Net decrease for the month of May 1944	0	1
Strength on 31 May 1944	6	148

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Strength Commissioned and Enlisted continued:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Strength on 1 June 1944	6	148
Net increase for the month of June 1944	0	0
Net decrease for the month of June 1944	0	1
Strength on 30 June 1944	6	147
Strength on 1 July 1944	6	145
Net increase for the month of July 1944	1	17
Net decrease for the month of July 1944	1	28
Strength on 31 July 1944	6	136
Strength on 1 August 1944	6	135
Net increase for the month of August 1944	0	19
Net decrease for the month of August 1944	0	17
Strength on 31 August 1944	6	137
Strength on 1 September 1944	6	137
Net increase for the month of September 1944	1	10
Net decrease for the month of September 1944	0	4
Strength on 30 September 1944	7	143
Strength on 1 October 1944	7	143
Net increase for the month of October 1944	0	6
Net decrease for the month of October 1944	0	15
Strength on 31 October 1944	7	134
Strength on 1 November 1944	7	134
Net increase for the month of November 1944	1	15
Net decrease for the month of November 1944	0	8
Strength on 30 November 1944	8	141
Strength on 1 December 1944	8	141
Net increase for the month of December 1944	0	6
Net decrease for the month of December 1944	1	13
Strength on 31 December 1944	7	134

d. Changes of Station:

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.
 Date of departure from New York Port of Embarkation on Shipment 9511-S
 Detachment 427 (6 O's -149 EM) on board USAT George Washington
 6 April 1944
 Date of arrival at Liverpool, England
 Detachment 427 19 April 1944.
 Date of arrival at Durfold, England
 Detachment 427 - 20 April 1944.
 Date of departure from Durfold Hall, England - 1 May 1944.
 Date of arrival at Stokes Upon Tern Shropshire, England - 1 May 1944.
 Date of Departure from Stokes Upon Tern, Shropshire, England - 16 June 1944.
 Date of arrival at Weymouth, England - 18 June 1944.

Changes of Station continued:

Date of departure from Weymouth, England 18 June 44 enroute to France via LST.
Arrived Utah Beach, France 19 June 44.
Served in France, from 19 June 44 to 23 Sep 44.
Served in Luxembourg, from 24 Sep 44 to 6 Dec 44.
Served in Germany, from 6 Dec 44 to 25 Dec 44.
Served in Belgium, from 26 Dec 44 to date.

e. Marches:

Usual training marches day and night, mounted and dismounted.
Escorted Secretary of War from Sturgis Air Base, Kentucky, to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky and return.
Two M-8's - one officer and seven EM from Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, to Paducah, Kentucky, for Bond Drive.
Mounted and dismounted missions during battle participation. Detail of events covered in Troop Journal.

f. Campaigns:

1. Participated in the Normandy Campaign 4 July 1944 to 24 July 1944
letter AG 200.6 OPGA Hq European Theater of Operations dated 24 October 1944.

2. Participated in the Northern France #1 Campaign 4 August 1944 to
14 September 1944 letter AG 200.6 OPGA Hq European Theater of Operations dated
1 December 1944.

3. Participated in the Germany #1 Campaign 25 September 1944 to 25
December 1944 letter AG 200.6 OPGA Hq European Theater of Operations dated 24
December 1944.

g. Battles:

None have been officially designated.

h. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

Heister H. Drum, Captain, O-23923, Cavalry, has been the Commanding
Officer for the entire year.

i. Losses in Action, Officers and Enlisted Men: The following men were KIA:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
BEATTY, Robert T.	13128595	Pfc	17 July 44	France
SWOGGER, WOODROW W.	35300295	Pfc	19 July 44	France
MULLINS, Robert	33214403	Pvt	19 July 44	France
OERTLEY, Earl E.	O-431817	1st Lt.	20 July 44	France
ROBINSON, Laurence E. Jr.	16118685	Pvt	20 July 44	France
KOHN, Mitchell D.	33338921	Tec 5	7 Aug 44	France
MILLER, Harold H. Jr.	36128476	Sgt	7 Aug 44	France
PHARR, Lewis H.	33378862	Sgt	10 Dec 44	Germany
MAGILL, Mervin E.	35714314	Tec 4	25 Oct 44	Luxembourg
NEWTON, Waldo E. Jr.	11080329	Cpl	15 Dec 44	Germany
CASH, James S.	37536153	Tec 5	14 Dec 44	Germany

Losses in Action, Officers and Enlisted Men Continued:

2. The following Officers and EM were wounded in action and have not returned to duty with this organization:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
JARZABEK, Chester N.	6937069	S/Sgt	30 June 44	France
MORROW, William D. Jr.	33307379	S/Sgt	30 June 44	France
BICKEL, William V.	33337389	Pfc	6 July 44	France
SELKE, William A.	11102180	Tec 5	6 July 44	France
SPIVEY, John H.	15332311	Tec 5	6 July 44	France
YODIS, Alexander E.	33338986	Cpl	6 July 44	France
MANSFIELD, Lester G.	35567965	Pvt	6 July 44	France
LOVELLETTE, Benjamin O.	35370041	Pfc	7 July 44	France
SLATER, Vincent L.	33378591	Tec 5	19 July 44	France
VRABEL, John A.	33369195	Tec 5	19 July 44	France
KITTOE, Edwin F.	36651099	Pfc	19 July 44	France
SERWAJTIS, Edward F.	36679918	Pvt	19 July 44	France
MOORE, Leonard L.	35714398	Tec 5	7 Aug 44	France
MATCHETT, Charles W. Jr.	33307254	Tec 4	7 Aug 44	France
WILK, Casimir P.	35343803	Pvt	13 Aug 44	France
SPERSCHNEIDER, Mylius H.W.	13135597	Cpl	25 Oct 44	Luxembourg
WALTON, Joseph F.	0-528686	1st Lt.	14 Dec 44	Germany
GAHAGAN, Robert C.	6268848	Tec Sgt	14 Dec 44	Germany
CLARY, William T.	42038754	Cpl	14 Dec 44	Germany
RAMSEY, Frank	15049109	Sgt	14 Dec 44	Germany

3. The following EM were Missing in Action:

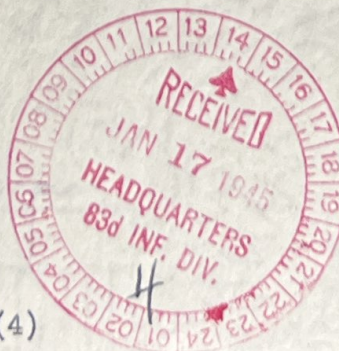
<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF MIA</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
SMITH, Berton L.	13144955	Tec 5	4 July 44	France

j. Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in action:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
DRUM, Heister H.	0-23923	Captain	BRONZE STAR
HAYNES, Adrian R.	35562526	Tec 4	SILVER STAR
RAMSEY, Frank	15049109	Sgt	BRONZE STAR
RUPPERT, William R.	13105847	S/Sgt	BRONZE STAR
WALMSLEY, Howard E.	33306648	Pvt	BRONZE STAR
KORSZNAK, Walter	33338725	Tec 4	BRONZE STAR
CORWIN, James R.	39847731	Tec 5	BRONZE STAR
VRABEL, John A.	33369195	Tec 5	BRONZE STAR

k. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes or Events:

None.



Heister H. Drum
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Captain, Cavalry
Cavalry.