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83d INF DIV  
EIGHTY THIRD SIGNAL COMPANY

A. P. O. 83

United States Army

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For the Commanding General

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy Report.

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

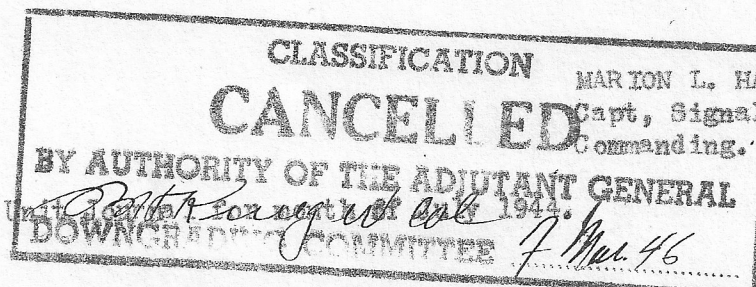
THRU : Command Channels.

1. In compliance with Ltr Hq FUSA, file 319.1/401 (c), dated 13 July 1944; and par. 10, C3, AR 345-105, 9 March 1943, the following report is submitted herewith:

The 83rd Signal Company was bivouaced in the vicinity of Vierville, France in the rear echelon of the 83d Infantry Division. During the drive through the bottle neck South of Carentan, the construction section installed and maintained communications throughout the division. They were laying spiral four cable and regular field wire. During one move they laid 85 miles of field wire alone. This was a tremendous amount of wire and communications to maintain with the amount of men the section had, so they received some replacements to supplement their platoon. During the entire month they laid approximately four or five hundred miles of spiral four cable. The Telephone and Telegraph Section was kept busy installing and operating the switchboards and local lines within both the forward and rear CPs. The Message Center Section serviced anywhere from 100 to 130 outgoing messages per day and approximately as many incoming messages. The Message Center Section operated a 24-hour message center both at the forward and rear CPs. The Radio and T AT Repair Sections and maintenance section repaired radios, switchboards and telephones; not only for the company itself but for the whole division. The Division Signal Supply section kept the signal supplies flowing rapidly and replacing supplies for the division. The rest of the company carried on their normal duties of supply and administration, repairing of company vehicles and messing.

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UNIT JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF JULY 1, 1944 TO JULY 31, 1944

- July 1, 1944: Company strength: 9 Officers, 4 W.O., and 235 EM
- July 2, 1944: Lost Private Atwell of Sig Photo Det. to hospital. Private Laurence E. Burke was wounded on lower left arm by shrapnel at forward C.P. Received purple heart (see order attached). Tec 5 Ludger J. Lizotte appointed Tec 4.
- July 3, 1944: Pfc Allison W. Glover assigned to this organization from 827 Sig Serv Co. but not yet joined.
- July 4, 1944: No Change
- July 5, 1944: Pfc John J. Schneider wounded in action. Traferred to 128th Evacuation Hospital.
- July 6, 1944: Pfc Edward G. Clair wounded in action. Traferred to 34th Evacuation Hospital Tec 5 Melvin, Robert H. appointed Tec 4. Pfc's Edward V. Dobb and Thomas H. Tilghman and Pvt Thomas E. Duff appointed Tec 5. Pvt James F. Delius appointed Pvt 1st Class.
- July 7, 1944: Company moved at 1300 to 3/4 mile NE of Douville, France and set up new bivouac.
- July 8, 1944: Pvt James B. Low wounded in action. Transferred to 34th Evacuation Hospital.
- July 9, 1944: Pfc Paul R. Bresojek joined company as replacement from 86th Replacement Bn.
- July 10, 1944: No Change
- July 11, 1944: No Change
- July 12, 1944: No Change
- July 13, 1944: 1st Lt. Edward A. [redacted] appointed Investigating Officer for this company
- July 14, 1944: [redacted] as replacements from 48th Replacement Bn. Company moved to [redacted] 1/4 mile SE of LaMonerie, [redacted]
- July 15, 1944: 1st Lt George J. Korner and 3d Lt. Willis P. McCreary wounded in action. Lt. Korner received the Bronze Star Medal. Tec 5 Richard T. Andrews also wounded in action, received purple heart and bronze star. Lt. Korner was transferred to 34th Evacuation Hospital. Lt. McCreary was transferred to 128th Evacuation Hospital. Tec 5 Richard T. Andrews remained on duty. 1st Lt. Marion L. Harkey, Company Commander, received the Bronze Star.



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- July 16, 1944: No Change
- July 17, 1944: No Change
- July 18, 1944: 1st Lt. Edward A. Doran appointed Summary Court Officer. Pvt Lincoln Hall jd Sig Photo Det as replacement for Pvt Atwell.
- July 19, 1944: Pvt Warren J. Poklen and Pfc Edward G. Clair joined company.
- July 20, 1944: No Change
- July 21, 1944: No Change
- July 22, 1944: S/Sgts Joseph P. Schaefer, Nicholas H. Posey, George T. McCabe, and William Hamilton, Jr; Sgts. Lacy L. Green, George L. Pyles, and Irvin R. Currie; Tec 5 Robert H. Stotzer, and Pvt James L. Picco received the Bronze Star. 1st Lt. Marion L. Harkey promoted to Captain. Pvts Dean L. Corwin, Mike M. Chattos, Neill R. Phillips, Peter Senkowitz, Alfred E. Sinesi, Harold A. Vittum, Joseph C. Whitlock, and Kenneth B. Diehl joined company as replacements from 48th Repl Bn.
- July 23, 1944: No Change
- July 24, 1944: Pfc Allison Glover's orders for transfer ~~to~~ to this orgn were rescinded.
- July 25, 1944: No Change
- July 26, 1944: No Change
- July 27, 1944: No Change
- July 28, 1944: 19 replacements attached to company for training in switchboard operations and line work. Company moved at 2100 to new bivouac area 1/4 mile SW of Les Champs de Losque, France.
- July 29, 1944: Company moved to new location 1/4 mile East of Le Mesni Vigot, France at 1800.
- July 30, 1944: No Change
- July 31, 1944: 2d Lt. Michael J. Strally asgd & jd this organization as replacement from 44th Tr Carr Sq, APO 133.

Company Strength: 8 Officers, 4 W.O., and 254 EM