

83rd SIGNAL COMPANY
83rd Infantry Division
APO #83, U. S. Army

7 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Company History.

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

1. The following is the Company History of the 83rd Signal Company, 83rd Infantry Division, for the calendar year of " 1944 " as prescribed in paragraph 11b, (1), AR 345-105, dated 18 November 1929 and changes thereto:

A. 83rd Signal Company.

B. Changes in organization: 1. Table of Organization 11-7, dated 11 December 1943, per General Order #1, Hq 83rd Infantry Division dated 19 January 1944, authorized 8 commissioned officers, 4 Warrant Officers and 237 Enlisted Men.

2. Change 2 in Table of Organization 11-7 dated 16 July 1944 authorizes change in equipment and specialists.

3. TWX, Headquarters VIII Corps authorizes one Major in addition to Table of Organization as Assistant Division Signal Officer.

4. Letter WD AG 320.3 (19 May 44) OB-I-WDGCT-M dated 23 May 1944, Subject: Reduction of Basic Privates, authorizes a reduction in Enlisted Men from 237 to 226.

5. Letter 320.3 (AGCL) Headquarters First U. S. Army, dated 23 November 1944 authorizes 52 Enlisted Men overstrength in grade of Private, changing Enlisted strength from 226 to 278.

C. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Strength on 1 January 1944	9	4	171
Net increase for month of January	0	0	4
Net decrease for month of January	0	0	0
Strength on 31 January 1944	9	4	175
Strength on 1 February 1944	9	4	174
Net increase for month of February	0	0	91
Net decrease for month of February	1	0	0
Strength on 29 February 1944	8	4	265
Strength on 1 March 1944	8	4	265
Net increase for month of March	0	0	0
Net decrease for month of March	0	0	28
Strength on 31 March 1944	8	4	237
Strength on 1 April 1944	8	4	237
Net increase for month of April	0	0	0
Net decrease for month of April	0	0	0
Strength on 30 April 1944	8	4	237

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>C.O.'s</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Strength on 1 May 1944	8	4	237
Net increase for month of May	0	0	0
Net decrease for month of May	0	0	2
Strength on 31 May 1944	8	4	235
Strength on 1 June 1944	8	4	235
Net increase for month of June	1	0	0
Net decrease for month of June	0	0	0 0
Strength on 30 June 1944	9	4	235
Strength on 1 July 1944	9	4	235
Net increase for month of July	0	0	19
Net decrease for month of July	1	0	0
Strength on 31 July 1944	8	4	254
Strength on 1 August 1944	8	4	254
Net increase for month of August	1	0	6
Net decrease for month of August	0	0	0
Strength on 31 August 1944	9	4	260
Strength on 1 September 1944	9	4	260
Net increase for month of September	1	0	0
Net decrease for month of September	0	0	0
Strength on 30 September 1944	10	4	260
Strength on 1 October 1944	10	4	260
Net increase for month of October	0	0	0
Net decrease for month of October	1	0	1
Strength on 31 October 1944	9	4	259
Strength on 1 November 1944	9	4	259
Net increase for month of November	1	0	8
Net decrease for month of November	0	0	0
Strength on 30 November 1944	10	4	267
Strength on 1 December 1944	10	4	267
Net increase for month of December	0	0	4
Net decrease for month of December	1	0	0
Strength on 31 December 1944	9	4	271

D. Changes of station: Company left Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 25 March 1944 enroute to staging area and arrived at Camp Shanks, New York 27 March 1944. Left Camp Shanks, New York Port of Embarkation 6 April 1944 in three detachments and boarded USAT George Washington, HMS Orian and HMS Samaria and arrived at Liverpool, England 18 April 1944. Stationed at Keele Hall, England. Left Keele Hall, England 16 June 1944, arrived Winchester, England 17 June 1944 and boarded ship at Southampton 18 June 1944. Landed at Omaha Beach, France 24 June 1944. Served in France from 24 June 1944 to 23 September 1944. Served in Luxembourg from 24 September 1944 to 6 December 1944. Served in Germany from 7 December 1944 to 26 December 1944. Served in Belgium from 27 December 1944 to 31 December 1944.

E. Marches: All foot marches made were of short duration in all kinds of weather for the purpose of training. Longest motor marches made in convoy were as follows: 330 miles from Boigny, France to Kockelschever, Luxembourg.

125 miles from Luxembourg, Luxembourg to Aachen, Germany. 90 miles from Aachen, Germany to Havelange, Belgium. All other motor marches were of short duration for the purpose of obtaining supplies and short moves to new bivouac areas.

F. Campaigns: 1. Campaign of Normandy, France from 4 July 1944 to 24 July 1944, authorized per letter AG 200.6 OPGA Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, dated 24 October 1944.

2. Campaigns of Northern France from 4 August 1944 to 14 September 1944 and Germany from 25 September 1944 to present date are not as yet officially designated.

G. Battles: None.

H. Commanding Officers of important engagements: None.

I. Losses in action; Officers & Enlisted Men: The following were wounded in action and not returned to duty:

PFC John J. Schneider	4 July 1944	France
1st Lt George J. Korner	15 July 1944	France
2nd Lt Willis P. McCreary	15 July 1944	France
Tec/5 Anthony M. Ciance	18 December 1944	Germany
Pvt. Dominic F. Skonieczny	18 December 1944	Germany

J. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: The following were awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

1. Capt.	Marion L. Harkey	8. S/Sgt	Joseph P. Schaefer
2. 1st Lt	George J. Korner	9. Sgt	Irvin R. Currie
3. 2nd Lt	Dominic C. DiCicco	10. Sgt	Lacy L. Green
4. 2nd Lt	Willis P. McCreary	11. Sgt	George L. Pyles
5. S/Sgt	William Hamilton, Jr.	12. Tec/5	Richard T. Andrews
6. S/Sgt	George T. McCabe	13. Tec/5	Robert H. Stotzer
7. S/Sgt	Nicholas H. Posey	14. Pvt.	James L. Picco.

K. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: None.

Marion L. Harkey
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Captain, Signal Corps
Commanding

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EIGHTY THIRD SIGNAL COMPANY
A. P. O. 83
United States Army

4 August 1944

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&T 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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Copy of Unit Journal for month of July 1944.

Marion L. Harkey
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Capt, Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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APO 83, U. S. Army

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21 July 1944

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 83d Signal Company was bivouaced in the vicinity of Bricqueville, France on 24 June 1944. The company was alerted for movement on 27 June 1944 and moved to the vicinity of Vierville, France in the rear echelon of the 83rd Infantry Division which was at this time relieving the 101st Airborne Division in the Carentan Sector. The Division then consolidated its position and began preparations for an offensive operation South of Carentan. The operations platoon installed and maintained communications within the division and to attached units. The Message Center section was in 24 hour operation from the Division Command Post and also from the Rear Echelon Command Post. The Division Signal Supply was busy bringing the signal supplies of the division up to their normal strength. The other sections of the company had no operational duties at the time, with the exception of normal administration functions.



Marion L. Harkey
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1st Lt., Signal Corps,
Commanding.

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1 - Copy of unit journal for month of June 1944.

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HQ 83 D INF DIV, APO 83, U. S. Army, 22 July 1944.

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

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For the Commanding General:

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Major, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen. 4816 (24)

EIGHTY THIRD SIGNAL COMPANY
A. P. O. 83
United States Army

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] Cal.
- July 15, 1944: 1st Lt George J. Korner and 2nd 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