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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of AC of S, G-1
APO 83, U. S. ARMY

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5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report of G-1 Activities for Period 1 Aug to 31 Aug 1944

TO : Commanding General, 83d Infantry Division

Herewith report of G-1 activities as follows:

a. Personnel

(1) Replacements: The Division moved Southwest early in August from the vicinity of St Mesnil Vigot, and commenced the St Malo operation on August 4. During this period the Division had passed from First U. S. Army to Third U. S. Army. As was the case during the operations in July 1944, there was a time lag in the receipt of replacements. No substantial number of replacements was received until 12 August (See Incl No. 1 for tabulation). This somewhat impaired the combat efficiency of the Division, as the major losses were sustained between the period August 5 - 12. After 12 August the flow of replacements as supplemented by hospital returnees was satisfactory. Replacements in this Division continue to be given a short indoctrination course before being turned over to the regiments.

(2) During this period the Division Commander approved 51 recommendations for the battlefield promotion of officers and 8 recommendations for appointment of enlisted men to the grade of 2d Lieutenant, AUS.

b. Graves Registration: The Division Graves Registration Team continued to assist the subordinate units where necessary. (See Incl No. 2).

c. Red Cross: (See Incl No. 3).

d. Civil Affairs: (See Incl No. 4).

e. Special Service: During the latter part of the month after the conclusion of the St Malo operation on 19 August, the Special Service Office was able to provide entertainment to the troops in the shape of moving picture teams and USO shows. (See Incl No. 5).

f. Chaplains: The chaplains continued their usual work. Unit chaplains were constantly with the men of their units under fire.

g. Finance: The Division was paid promptly on the last day of the month. Members of the Division continue to return a large share of their pay to the US by money orders or PTA.

h. Awards and Decorations: See Incl No. 6.

i. Military Justice: See Incl No. 7.

j. Postal Service: Mail reached the troops at all times during the month. There was some irregularity in volume delivered to units due to fluctuation in the volume delivered by the postal regulating station. See Incl No. 8 for statistical data.

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k. Morale: Morale continued uniformly excellent throughout the Division during the month. During this month hospitalized wounded started to return in substantial numbers. Without exception all were eager to rejoin the Division.

l. Stragglers: Stragglers during the period amounted to only 5 reported by the Provost Marshal. Straggling presented no problem during this period.

m. Prisoners of War: The Division captured 12341 Prisoners of War during the St Malo operation including Col Von Aulock the commander of the area. Prisoners of War for the month 12,398; Prisoners to date 12,768.

n. Medical Data: See Incl No. 9.

o. Public Relations: The Division was finally released for publicity effective 28 August for activities up to 24 August. The first released publicity appeared in "Stars and Stripes" 28 August. See Incl No. 10.

p. Relations with Civilian Population: The areas within which the Division was operating were evacuated of civilians. Civilians in surrounding areas accorded the troops a very enthusiastic reception. This was in marked contrast to the rather apathetic reception received in the Normandy area.

A. F. S. Mackenzie

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Lt Col, GSC
AC of S, G-1

12 Incls.

- No. 1 - Replacement Data
- No. 2 - Graves Registration Data
- No. 3 - Red Cross Data
- No. 4 - Civil Affairs Data
- No. 5 - Special Service Report
- No. 6 - Awards and Decorations Data
- No. 7 - Military Justice Report
- No. 8 - Postal Service Report
- No. 9 - Medical Data
- No. 10 - Publicity release
- No. 11 - G-1 Journal
- No. 12 - Messages

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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 83, U. S. Army

CASUALTIES, REPLACEMENTS AND RETURNEES FOR AUGUST 1944

DAY	CASUALTIES				RETURNEES		REPLACEMENTS	
	Battle		Non-Battle					
	Off	EM	Off	EM	Off	EM	Off	EM
1	-	-	1	11	2	12	2	-
2	-	-	-	18	1	6	1	-
3	-	7	-	13	-	-	-	-
4	-	3	-	6	-	-	-	-
5	14	199	2	13	1	1	-	-
6	2	134	-	8	3	3	-	-
7	20	358	-	14	2	30	-	10
8	17	376	1	17	6	10	-	-
9	5	171	-	10	1	23	-	-
10	6	103	-	22	1	61	-	-
11	6	97	-	8	1	6	1	22
12	3	85	-	11	3	129	1	10
13	3	48	-	3	1	22	6	166
14	-	29	-	8	3	28	23	331
15	6	44	-	5	3	149	11	181
16	1	10	-	23	2	65	13	214
17	-	4	-	14	2	32	-	122
18	-	4	-	13	-	34	-	27
19	-	-	-	9	-	3	-	-
20	-	3	2	17	1	35	1	8
21	2	32	1	4	-	4	-	1
22	-	2	-	13	-	6	1	-
23	1	7	-	12	-	8	12	229
24	-	1	1	14	1	37	1	87
25	-	-	-	12	1	27	-	-
26	-	2	-	17	2	82	-	-
27	-	6	-	11	2	10	2	18
28	1	-	-	19	-	15	2	-
29	-	1	1	21	2	5	3	85
30	1	3	-	11	-	10	-	2
31	2	83	2	9	7	174	1	1
TOTAL	90	1812	11	386	48	1027	81	1514

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HEADQUARTERS 83d INFANTRY DIVISION
Graves Registration Service
APO 83, U. S. Army

31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Graves Registration Report.

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

1. Submitted herewith is daily report of Graves Registration evacuation for the month of August 1944:

<u>Date</u>	<u>83d Inf Div</u>	<u>Other Units</u>	<u>German</u>
August 1	14	1	37
" 2	7	12	11
" 3	4	1	3
" 4	4	—	2
" 5	—	13	2
" 6	31	4	9
" 7	33	4	19
" 8	25	4	20
" 9	23	6	42
" 10	51	5	18
" 11	33	3	51
" 12	47	13	75
" 13	40	30	43
" 14	26	19	56
" 15	12	47	9
" 16	8	31	61
" 17	7	13	31
" 18	—	—	—
" 19	8	9	63
" 20	—	—	—
" 21	8	1	2
" 22	—	—	—
" 23	1	—	—
" 24	—	—	—
" 25	3	—	—
" 26	2	—	—
" 27	—	—	—
" 28	—	—	—
" 29	—	—	—
" 30	—	—	—
" 31	—	—	—
Totals:	<u>387</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>554</u>

Overall Total: 1,157.

Robert C. Lybrook
ROBERT C. LYBROOK
Major, Infantry
GRO

Incl No 2

AMERICAN RED CROSS

MILITARY AND NAVAL WELFARE SERVICE ABLE-BODIED AND STATION HOSPITAL REPORT

Insular & Foreign
(If insular and foreign, indicate)

Area

Month ending

August 31, 1944

194

SERVICEMEN

SERVICEWOMEN (Indicate branch of service)

Able-bodied

Station hospital

Able-bodied

Station hospital

I. Name and Location of Headquarters Station or Hospital

83rd Division

If insular and foreign show office number and APO

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II. ANALYSIS OF REFERRAL

(New, Re-opened, Recurrent)

	Able-bodied	Patients
1. Personal application	57	
2. Red Cross chapters	132	
3. Mil. or naval auth.		
4. AER, NR, CG Welfare		
5. Others		

III. CASE STATISTICS

	Able-bodied	Patients
1. Cases brought forward		
2. New & reopened cases	189	
3. Recurrent cases		
4. Total open during month	189	
5. Closed during month	152	
6. Remaining open end month	37	
7. Cases acted on during month:		
a. Continued service	189	
b. Brief service	143	
c. Total	332	

IV. ANALYSIS OF SERVICES

Closed Cases (See III-5)

	Able-bodied	Patients
1. Personal problems	27	
2. Family problems	96	
3. Home conditions reports		
a. Dep. discharge		
b. Parole		
c. Financial		
d. Health or welfare	29	
4. Furloughs		
5. Allotments & allow.		
6. Social histories		
a. Medical		
b. Psychiatric		
7. Post-disch. planning		
a. General		
b. Claims, pension		
c. Claims, all other		
d. Voc. rehab. referral		
e. Employment referral		

V. SERVICES NOT RECORDED (Estimate)

a. Brief interviews	172
b. Personal services	95

VI. LOANS AND GRANTS

Loans made (AB)	0	Amount
Loans made (P)		Amount
Loans purchased		Amount
Grants made (AB)	0	Amount
Grants made (P)		Amount
Purchased loan cases closed		

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

	In	Out
Letters	160	111
Telegrams	48	27
Radiograms		

VIII. RECREATION—HOSPITAL (See also reverse side.)

	Enter- tainments		Parties		Movies		Speci activi	
	*W	*RH	W	RH	W	RH	W	R
American Red Cross								
ARC with other agencies								
TOTAL								
Number individual patients referred by medical officer or social worker specialized recreation attention								
*W-Ward								
*RH-Recreation Hall								

IX. PERSONNEL

	Camp		Hospital	
	Pd.	Vol.	Pd.	Vol.
1. Field director				
2. Asst. field director				
3. Adm. asst. f.d.				
4. Case supervisor				
5. Med. soc. worker				
6. Psy. soc. worker				
7. Social worker				
8. Recreation workers				
9. Staff aides				
a. Claims & referrals				
b. Recreation				
c. Personal service				
10. Asst. to f.d.				
11. Clerical				
12. Janitors				
13. Other volunteers				

X. RECREATION—Able-bodied, Insular and Foreign Stations O (See also reverse side.)

	No. event
1. Organized recreational activities, able-bodied	
1. Sports and athletics	
5. Entertainments	
a. Sports and athletics	
b. Entertainments	
c. Social recreation	
d. Special events (exhibits, memorials, demonstra- tions, etc.)	
2. Recreation centers on military reservations	
a. Number centers supervised by Red Cross personnel	
b. Estimated average daily attendance per center	

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

List all stations or units covered

ARMY

NAVY

MARINE CORPS

COAST GUARD

83rd Division

Articles distributed to division troops free

*
8 doz tooth brushes
1 gr tooth paste
3 doz razors
3 doz shaving brushes
600 blades
3 doz towels
350 writing tablets
1000 envelopes
250 ctn cigabettes

TOTAL

VIII—(Continued)

Recreation—hospital—List Special Activities—(Item VIII)

4.	7.	10.
5.	8.	11.
6.	9.	12.

(Continued)—Recreation—Able-bodied, Insular and Foreign only: List in order of popularity, most popular recreation opportunities offered, item X and other aspects of recreation program.

Activity	Average monthly participation	Activity	Average monthly participation
		5.	
		6.	
		7.	
		8.	

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HEADQUARTERS, 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO # 83, U S ARMY

Civil Affairs Periodic Report

2 September 1944
From: 1 August 44
To: 31 August 1944.

1. Summary of Civil Affairs Situation.

CA was occupied in the communities Remilly sur Lozon and LeMesnil Vigot, getting civilians rehabilitated from 1 August till 4 August when they departed to a new area near Pontorson and following day they proceeded to area near Le Tronchet. On the 7th of August 1944 the tactical situation was such that all available CA personnel went forward to the combat teams assaulting the St. Malo area, to be ready to follow the forward elements into the towns under attack, namely St. Malo, Paramé and St. Servan. Each CA team had 20 military police assigned for this operation. They were to function as directed by the CAO to help maintain law and order and to guard vital installations, namely Post Office, water and power stations, telephone company, banks and other public buildings. Civil Affairs moved forward with the advance elements and entered respective towns during the attack by our units. Two huge German warehouses captured in both St. Malo and St. Servan, were found to contain great quantities of foodstuffs and some clothing. Some foodstuffs were turned over by CA authorities for civilian use upon receipt.

Civilian police forces were organized in all three communities. City officials assured CA that food and water stores were sufficient for the civilian population. Hospital facilities with civilian doctors were made available. First aid supplies were brought in from captured German supplies at Rennes. Investigation revealed further that there was no disease nor threatened epidemics. Military cooperation was splendid.

During the evening of the 13th., word was received that the civilians who were being held in the Old City of St. Malo would be released. A messenger was stationed in an advance observation post to flash the word as soon as he saw the procession leave the old city. This occurred at 2000 hours. From that time till 0300 the following day, approximately 3000 people were fed and those without homes were given emergency housing. The wounded and sick were taken by ambulance to army aid stations for treatment.

At no time during the initial stage of CA operation in this area, that is while the division was in control of activities, were CA supplies used, but rather the captured German foodstuffs for which French officials signed receipts.

Rear CP moved on 16 August from Le Tronchet to area 4 km north of Dinan and on 20 August forward CP was moved to area near Rennes; following day rear CA moved to area south of Rennes. Moved to Chateaubriant 25 August. On 31 August CAO went to Nantes to arrange thru the medium of the French Red Cross the removal of 3000 Todt

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workers and 2000 French civilians from the St. Nazaire area.

2. Intelligence... none.

3. Personnel.

The following detachments were attached to division CA from Corps to give assistance:

Detachments D6A2 and D3A2

4. Status of Civilian Supply... adequate.

5. Report of Civil Affairs Supplies issued... none.

6. Action taken.

19 animals buried.

7. Action recommended for higher authority... none.

James C Hanrahan
JAMES C HANRAHAN
Major., SR
SCAO

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HEADQUARTERS, 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Special Service Officer
APO 83, U. S. ARMY

6 September 1944

SUBJECT: Special Service Activities For The Month of August.

TO: G - 1, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army.

During the month of August, the following was made available to all Combat Teams and Special Units of this Division when operations permitted: Motion Picture projectors and operators, U.S.O. Stage Shows, G.I. Stage Shows, Division Special Service entertainers, and athletic equipment was issued to all. Novels, pocket-book-size, were distributed to all Combat Teams. Distribution was made to the entire Division of Yank Magazine and the Stars and Stripes Newspaper. A weekly Division newspaper was edited, published, and distributed to all Combat Teams. Small games and playing cards were made available to all units.

James R. Garaghan
JAMES R. GARAGHAN
Capt., INFANTRY,
Special Service Officer,
83d Division.

Reprint from The Stars and Stripes,
Monday, August 28, 1944

83rd Division Now in France

The 83rd Infantry Division—the outfit that took St. Malo and its fortress "Citadel"—was officially taken off the secret list last night with the announcement that they were fighting in France.

Arriving on the Continent from the rocky, rainy mountains of Wales, the 83rd tasted fire near Carentan and later assisted in the drive east of Perier.

Transferred to the Brittany Peninsula, the 83rd launched the hard-punching drive on St. Malo and Dinard, bottling up 12,000 Germans in one of the most heavily fortified areas of France.

The division's PW cage included remnants of Hitler's paratrooper divisions, SS troops, members of port security battalions, Luftwaffe ground crews and ack-ack personnel from ships in the harbor, fighting as infantry, Russians, Poles and Italian customs men. At St. Malo's Citadel, the 83rd captured Col. Von Aulock, who stated during a truce "I am a German soldier and German soldiers do not surrender."

During the 83rd's operations in Brittany and Normandy it has been credited with 12,366 prisoners, of which 984 cleared through medical channels.

Formed Aug. 15, 1942, at Camp Atterbury, Ind., the division's men hail from 47 States and Alaska and Hawaii. Most of the "83rd Thundering Herd"—as it calls itself—are from Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Later part of the division went to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., while the rest of the men trained in California.

The 83rd sailed from New York and until its arrival on the Continent trained in Wales.

G- 1 JOURNAL

From: 2400 3 Aug
To : 2400 4 Aug

Time
Dated

Message

Action
Taken

1615

2d Bn, 331, cleared.
Rr cleared CP at St Mennil Vigot.
Rr closed at Pontorson.

G-1 JOURNAL

From: 2400 2 Aug
To : 2400 3 Aug

Out	Time Dated	Message	Action Taken
0430		Called G-1 report to Hickory. Also placed call for Monarch. I could not hear them so I had the operator (Wittick) relay a msg asking Monarch 1 if they wanted the Blackstone G-1 report. Operator relayed a return msg saying it was not necessary.	
	1130	Lt Johnston called fr fwd CP w/this msg. Monotone has 1 off and 29 EM for G-1, call for them before noon.	
1430		G-1 report for July 1944 turned over to C/S and approved.	
1510		G-1 ret'd to CP. Div is moving to vicinity of Ponterson.	
1600		Call fr C/S. 4th Convalescent Hosp has 60 off and men for the Div, but needs transportation. Directed to use a vehicle fr Adm Cen. So advised AG.	
1809		Password and reply for 4 -5 Aug recd. Spirit Jewelry.	
	1200	GRO report - 4 Americans, 1 German evac. Report sent in writing by G-4.	

G-1 JOURNAL

From: 2400 1 Aug
To : 2400 2 Aug

Time Dated	Message	Action Taken
	G-1 Sec preparing statistical data for G-1 report for July 1944.	
1315	G-1 to War Room.	
1320	Col Shuck reported to G-1 office that a number of the new replacement officers could not be paid because of insufficient information re their pay status. This office called the 3 regts's S-1's and directed the men be sent to Finance Office to clear up their pay accounts. Div Arty also notified of the above.	
1410	Adm O #3 and #4 of Third Army recd.	
1845	Password and reply for 031200 to 041200 recd Thigh Whimper.	
1909	GRO report - 14 Americans, 11 Germans evac.	

G-1 JOURNAL

From: 2400 31 July
To : 2400 1 Aug

Time Out Dated	Message	Action Taken
1030	Maj Seidler called - to whom do they write requesting return of pers now in England? Has anything been settled about carrying the "cumulative" figures in nightly report? Reported names of two American soldiers buried in German cemetery in vicinity of Blackdog area (Gorden Chesbrough, James W. Betram, 33463312)	
1405	Maj Cassaday, Asst G-1 XV Corps, to discuss XV Corps G-1 set up. Reports as called for by Army. I asked him to get a Lt Col G-3 and an Asst IG, Capt. He said he would get to work on it at once. Gave him a roster of Div Staff.	
1300	Recd password and reply for 021200 to 031200, Wharf Ticket.	
1540	Col Miller of EFRS was in to inquire about Col Bender. In conversation with him he stated all former members of the Div would be automatically returned to the Div as soon as physically qualified. Stated he had majors, Inf, available and would investigate as to why we had not received any by requisition.	
1615	G-1 fwd.	
1740	Maj Cassaday, Hickory 1, called and said we were to report to Hickory as of this date.	
1845	GRO report - 15 Americans, 37 Germans evac.	
1845	Warning O 1st Aug 83d Div recd.	
1915	G-1 retd to CP after a visit to Hickory Rear to see G-1 re getting some extra Lt Cols, Bn CO's. He put in a call to Lucky but was unable to get them. Said he would keep after it. I also asked him to see if he could get me the 4 Maj's Inf who have been on requisition since 11 July.	
2030	G-1 to Adm Center.	
2035	G-1 retd to CP. Discussed speeding up of preparation of reclassification cases with AG, preparations for moving his unit to canvas. Gave him ltr on Lt Col Sanders DSC for signature of CO 329th Inf and discussed promotions of certain Capt's of 329th to Maj. Discussed court martial cases with JA.	
	C/S at rear. OK'd Med Board for examination of persons being tried under AW 75. Gave him list of promotions submitted to date.	

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From:

To :

In	Time Out	Time Dated	Message	Action Taken
2045			Conferred with CAO re forthcoming opn. He will have his officers with the regts to reconnoiter area to which Div is moving.	
	2200		Called 453d AAA Bn and directed they send pers sec to Adm Cen.	
	2215		Called 802d TD Bn and directed they send pers sec to Adm Cen.	

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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

"SECRET"
By Auth. CG, TUSA
Initials _____
Date 2 August 44

ORIGINATOR C-1 Section TEL NO 110 INITIALS TKT DATE 2 August 1944
CLASSIFICATION SECRET Precedence ROUTINE

TO: CG 83D INFANTRY DIVISION

C-5318

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS REPORTS THE AVAILABILITY OF COLONEL
FREDERICK WILLIAM HYDE OBOE FIVE SEVEN THREE EIGHT CMA INFANTRY CMA
SOUTHERN BASE SECTION CMA FOR REASSIGNMENT PAREN TO CG EIGHT THREE
INFANTRY DIVISION FROM CG THIRD U S ARMY SIGNED PATTON CITE GNMCA
THIRTY PAREN OR FOR ASSIGNMENT AS A SURPLUS REGIMENTAL INFANTRY
STOP
COMMANDER/OFFICER DESIRES COMBAT DUTY AND STATES THAT COMMANDING
GENERAL EIGHT THREE INFANTRY DIVISION IS ACQUAINTED WITH HIS
QUALIFICATIONS STOP REQUEST COMMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SERVICES
OF THIS OFFICER CAN BE UTILIZED WITHIN YOUR COMMAND

B 15 July 95

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Authenticated by:

Charles C. Hamilton

CHARLES C. HAMILTON
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. General

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8/1/44

To

CG FUSA

File on Colonel ERNEST

L. MCLENDON 330 1st Inf

forwarded to CG 5th CORPS

24 July by mail

MACDONALD

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1640
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Blanchard Major General
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To:

COMMANDING GENERAL

83D INFANTRY DIVISION

PRECEDENCE

WIRE OR RADIO

ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL

Urgent _____

Air mail _____

Priority _____

Special delivery _____

Routine _____

Ordinary _____

Deferred _____

Registered _____

Week end _____

Any message not X'd for precedence
will be sent "Deferred."

Initial of officer
assigning precedence

MESSAGE:

ERNEST L RPT LOVE MCLENDON CMA COLONEL CMA THREE THREE
ZERO INF REGT CMA EIGHT THREE INF DIV WAS ORDERED TO
RECLASSIFICATION CENTER CMA UK RPT UNCLE KING ONE SEVEN JULY
ONE NINE FOUR FOUR PAREN TO CG EIGHT THREE INF DIV INFO COPY
TO CG EIGHTH CORPS SIGNED FIRST ARMY COMDR FILE ABLE THREE
THREE TWO FIVE SIX PAREN RECLASSIFICATION FILE NOT REPEAT NOT
YET RECEIVED PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPORT OF STATUS PD ATTENTION
INVITED TO PAR ONE TWO CIRCULAR SIX EIGHT THIS HQ CURRENT SERIES

Decoded
By
Lec. 5 Davis

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