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- HISTORY OF COMPANY "A", 16TH INFANTRY, FROM JUNE 8, 1944 TO JUNE 30, 1944

June 8, 1944- Company stayed in defensive position near Vic of Hauteville, France, and patrolled for snipers. Company moved forward one and one half miles at 2000 hours and took up new positions along the Cherbourg-Paris highway.

June 9, 1944- The company stayed in a defensive position all of the day. At 2100 hours the company moved east on highway 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles and set up defensive positions. The company was engaged in minor patrol activities.

June 10, 1944- Company moved 6000 yards at 0630 hours to Vic of Fontenay, France, and took up defensive position. The company sent out patrols each hour.

June 11, 1944- The company moved 3 miles south to Vic of La Communie, France, at 2015 hours and took up position.

June 12, 1944- The company moved forward at 1330 hours, a distance of 3 miles and took up position south of Bois de Bougy, still maintaining contact patrols. Kitchen trucks arrived from 16th Infantry Residue, but no hot food served as yet.

June 13, 1944- Company left Bois de Bougy at 0625 hours, and moved south about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles taking up defensive position near La Halgrenniere, France. Company had first hot meal there. The company left there at 2300 hours by truck moving north 10 miles to set up road block protecting division headquarters. The company got in position about 0145 hours. The company had patrols contacting the British Army every hour. Five tanks were attached to the company on the road block. Forty one enlisted men and three officers attached to company in grade. Captain Charles H. Cunkle attached to company from Hq and Hq Co. 2nd Bn, 16th Infantry, and assumed temporary duty as Company Commander. 2nd. Lt. George W. Wallace Asgnd to and joined company from Hq 17th Repl Depot and 2nd. Lt. Harry S. Tripp asgnd to and joined company from Hq 16th Repl Depot both officers assumed primary duties as Company Officers.

June 14, 1944- Company stayed in defensive of division road block all day. The company was engaged in patrolling every hour.

June 15, 1944- Company moved back to the old position at La Halgrenniere, France, by truck at 1300 hours. Company resumed normal patrol activity at the old area.

June 16, 1944- The company left La Halgrennaire at 2030 hours moving south about 4 miles. The company took up positions south west of Cormolian, France. Extensive patrol activity for snipers and also contact patrols with the 9th Inf., were maintained.

June 17, 1944- The company stayed in position near Cormolian, France all day, Patrolling for snipers. One of the patrols was pinned down by machine gun and mortar fire, but managed to pull out with no casualties. One enlisted man was killed by our own machine gun fire, returning from patrol, when he failed to answer the challenge.

June 18, 1944- The company left Cormolian, France, at 2130 hours moving back to La Halgrenniere, and taking up positions left by Co. "F", 16th Infantry. Co. "F", took up our positions. Mortorized patrols were sent out every two hours to contact the 2nd battalion.

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June 19, 1944- The company stayed in position all day, keeping up the regular motorized patrols. Conditions were very miserable due to inclement weather.

June 20, 1944-The company remained in position at La Halgrenniere, France, still keeping up motorized patrols to the 2nd. battalion, 16th Infantry, and foot patrols around the company area.

June 21, 1944- Company remained in position at La Halgrenniere, France, still keeping up motorized patrols and foot patrols. There was some air activity over the company area. Captain Charles H. Cunkle assumed primary duty as Company Commander.

June 22, 1944-Company remained in the same position keeping up regular motorized patrols and foot patrols.

June 23, 1944-Company remained in position one half mile NW of La Halgrenniere, France still maintaining motorized patrols to the 2nd battalion, 16th Infantry, and foot patrols to "B" and "C" company 1st battalion, 16th Infantry. 2nd Lt. Carl M. Evans asgd to and joined company from service company regt, and assumed primary duty as company officer.

June 24, 1944-Company left La Halgrenniere at 1930 hours moving about 2 miles to La Vallerie, 1 mile NW of Cormolian and taking up position in defense. Company maintained motor patrols to the 3rd battalion, 16th Infantry, and to the 9th Infantry. Foot patrols were maintained to battalion.

June 25, 1944- The company stayed in a defensive position at La Vallerie, France, keeping up patrols to the 3rd. battalion, 16th Infantry, and the 9th Infantry, by motor. Patrols by foot were made to company "B" and "C", and Hq Company, 1st battalion, 16th Infantry.

June 26, 1944-The company stayed in defensive position in La Vallerie, France, keeping up same patrols, motor patrols to the 9th Inf and foot patrols to "B" and "C" company, 1st Inf. 2nd Lt. Haven E. Jones from duty to abs sick and relieved from duty as company officer. Lt. Jones was lightly wounded when he tripped a booby trap in a German ammunition dump.

June 27, 1944- The company stayed in same position at La Vallerie, France, still patrolling to the 9th Infantry and companies "B", "C", and Hq Co. 1st battalion, 16th Infantry. There was some shelling in the company area. No casualties. Sgt. Paul R. Shorter was appointed to Staff Sergeant. and Pfc. Benton was appointed to Sergeant, with no change in there duties.

June 28, 1944-The company stayed in same position at La Vallerie, France, still patrolling to the 9th Infantry and companies "B" and "C", and Hq Co. 1st battalion, 16th Infantry. There was some shelling in the area. No casualties resulted. 1st Lt. Donald B. Baughman assigned to and joined the company from service company 16th Infantry, and assumed primary duty as company officer.

June 29, 1944- The company remained in same position at La Vallerie, France, still patrolling to the 9th Infantry and companies "B" and "C", and Hq. Co. 1st. battalion 16th Infantry.

June 30, 1944- The company remained in position near La Vallerie, France still keeping in contact with the 9th Infantry by motor patrols and the companies "B" and "C", and Hq. 1st battalion by foot patrols.

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HISTORY OF COMPANY "A", 16TH INFANTRY
FROM JULY 1, 1944 TO JULY 31, 1944

July 1, 1944

The company left La Vallerie at 1445 hours and moved about two miles southwest of Cormolian to relieve K company on line. The company moved in approach march, second platoon, headquarters, third platoon, weapon platoon, and heavy machine gun section, attached to company from D company. The company moved to within 800 yards of K company's position, then by order of the company commander, the platoons moved up and relieved K company. The company was in position at 1615 hours. Outpost were placed 1000 yards to the front. Third platoon sent contact patrols to 38 Reconnaissance every two hours. First platoon sent patrols to contact outposts, and second platoon sent patrols to contact C company and the road block on the right of company and 800 yards to the front. Some mortar shells fell in company position, no casualties resulted. The following men promoted as-listed: T/Sgt. Pastuszynski to 1st Sgt., S/Sgt. Tighe to T/Sgt., Sgt. Becker, Sgt. Berry, Sgt. Borland, Sgt. Lego, To S/Sgt., Pfc. Ogniewski, Pfc. Leitz, Pfc. Eaton, Pfc. Polillo to Sgt.

July 2, 1944

The company remained in defense position. Patrols went out hourly after 2200 hours to contact outpost 1000 yards to the front and to the 38 Reconnaissance and to C company. There was some enemy shelling and machine gun fire. No casualties resulted. The company fed two hot meals, breakfast and supper, cold rations for dinner because company was under enemy observation.

July 3, 1944

The company remained in position $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, SW of Carmolian. Patrols continued to contact outpost 1000 yards to front, 38 Reconnaissance, and C company after 2200 hours. There was some shelling, no casualties. The weather was cloudy and rainy. Company on coordinates GSGS 42.50 Sheet 61 FA. 1.50,000. The company fed two hot meals and one cold. Pvt. Edmonds, Lowenthal, Powell, Rambo, Roche appointed Privates First Class as of July 1, 1944.

July 4, 1944

The company remained in position $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW of Cormolian. Contact patrols went out hourly after 2200 hours to 38 Reconnaissance, C company, and to outpost 1000 yards to front. AT 1200 hours all guns fired three rounds to celebrate the 4th of July.

July 5, 1944

The company remained in position $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW of Cormolian, France, with five outpost in front of company position. Patrols went out hourly after 2300 hours to contact all outposts and every two hours to contact the 38th Reconnaissance to our left about 1500 yards. Pfc. Erickson from asgmt while absent sick 2nd Evac Hosp. to duty with the company.

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This evening the company commander called in 2nd Lt. Evans and gave him a combat mission to take as many men as he wanted, and go out to the front and see if he could capture a prisoner for information. A sound power telephone was taken and wire was to be strung out as the patrol moved out. By this means contact was kept with the company CP. At 2300 hours 2nd Lt. Evans moved out with seven men, generally following the road. Everything ran smoothly. The patrol kept left of the road leading past the road block. Then along the left side of the road he continued until he hit the cross roads, there he was in enemy territory and the moon was shining clear, were you could see all of the movements of the patrol. He got his patrol accross the road safely into the next field, and keeping on the left of the road along the hedgerows he moved up three fields. Here he heard machine gun fire to his left about 200 yards. At this time the patrol ran out of wire. 2nd. Lt. Evans had a diamond formation formed so that the patrol had all around protection. Lt. Evans called the CP and notified them that he ran out of wire and that he had heard machine gun fire on his left. Lt Evans decided to investigate the firing and see if he couldn't get a prisoner there. It was now 0130 AM and time was passing rapidly so Lt. Evans had to work fast from here on, for daylight would be breaking at 0430 hours. He ordered his right flank men to observe the orchard to his front, and the road to his right front, for the enemy, and then he took a couple of the men to the left were his men could grab the enemy when they came out for a look again. The patrol was sweating the time away, for it was going fast, still hoping for the enemy to make an appearance. The patrol stayed in position for half and hour until 0330 hours, and decided to call the CP and he informed them that it was getting late, and that it would take him about two hours to get back to the company. The company commander told him to leave the wire laying, and bring back only the sound power phone, so that the patrol could make better time. Lt. Evans withdrew his patrol and returned safely just at the break of day.

July 6, 1944

The company remained in position $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW of Cormolian, France. Outposts were 1000 yards to the front, and patrols went out hourly after 2300 hours to contact them. Every two hours during the night the patrols went to contact the 38 Reconnaissance, 1500 yards to the left and C Company on the right. During the afternoon the company commander got a mission to send another combat patrol to get prisoners for information. At 1900 hours the company commander called 1st Lt. Dillon to the CP, and instructed him to take out a combat patrol, with the mission of taking a prisoner, to secure information. 1st Lt Dillon picked 14 men armed with tommy guns, BARs, and rocket guns, also a 300 radio operator, one aid man and 2nd Lt. Tripp as second in command. The patrol moved out at 2230 hours, moving generally along the road past are road block, to the cross roads.

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He moved his patrol up four fields from the cross roads following the hedgerows, until he came to a gate in the hedgerow. As he was crossing the gate enemy machine guns opened up from trees, pinning the patrol down, wounding Lt Tripp in the arm. Lt. Dillon spun around as if he was hit and took off across the open field where the machine guns were spraying the field. That was the last seen of Lt. Dillon. The patrol couldn't get to him on account of the heavy fire. The patrol withdrew with Lt. Tripp wounded. The patrol reached the CP at 0400 hours in the morning. A combat party went out to see if they could find Lt. Dillon where he was last reported but daylight broke and the patrol withdrew. This afternoon the company was relieved by G Company of the 2nd battalion at 1730 hours, and the company moved to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolien, France and took the remainder of the day to rest.

July 7, 1944

The company located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolien, France. Motor patrols were sent to the 9th Infantry and the 2nd battalion, 16th Infantry every two hours. The patrols consisted of 1 Officer and 2 enlisted men. The Companies in the battalion rotated on the patrols every 24 hours. In the morning the company was assigned three trucks to take the men to showers. The company had the showers from 0830 to 0930 hours. The rest of the day was for resting. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6/FA 1; 50,000.

July 8, 1944

The company located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolien, France. The company remained in defense position around the town of Cormolien, France. The morning was devoted to cleaning of weapons and equipment. Shortages were turned in to the supply sergeant. Weapons were inspected and found to be in excellent shape. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6/FA 1;50,000.

July 9, 1944

The company located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolien, France. The company took over the motor patrol from C company, and continued contacting the 9th Infantry and our 2nd battalion every two hours. The men were instructed to rest as much as possible and keep their weapons and ammunition cleaned up. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6 /FA 1;50,000. Lt Dillon Fr duty to MIA as of 5th July reld fr duty as com any officer. 1 enlisted man abs sick and droped fr asgmt.

July 10, 1944

The company located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolien, France. The company continued the motor patrol until 1600 hours, then B company took over the patrols. 2nd Lt. Brandtly assigned to the company from company D, 16th Infantry, and assumed primary duty as company officer. One sergeant was reduced to the grade of private. 1 enlisted man previously reported MIA reported in hospital. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6/FA 1;50,000.

July 11, 1944

The company remained in position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolien, France. Patrols

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were sent out to contact Hqs 1st battalion and B and C companys. The weather was fine today. The men camouflaged their clothing. Coordinates were determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6/FA 1;50,000. 1 enlisted man abs sick LD (NBC) evac hosp and dropped from rolls.

July 12, 1944

The company remained in defensive position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Cormolian, France. The enemy was contacted through motor patrols every two hours, through the 2nd and 3rd battalions, 16th Infantry. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6/FA 1;50,000.

July 13, 1944

The company was relieved at Cormolian, France at 1700 hours and moved by motor convoy 25 miles to 1 mile from Colombiers, France. The company arrived at the new location at 2045 hours. The company moved into the rest area and put out 24 hour guard around the company area. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6/FA 1;50,000.

July 14, 1944

The company located at rest area at Colombieres, France. Company participated in calisthenics and games in the first part of the morning. The rest of the morning was spent in fixing tents and slit trenches. From 1300 hours to 1500 hours $\frac{1}{2}$ of the company went to the showers. The weather was fine. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000

July 15, 1944

The company located at rest area at Colombiers, France. Company had a rifle inspection at 0900 hours. There was also a company formation followed by calisthenics and signing of payroll. In the afternoon the company was paid by the executive officer. At 1830 hours half of the company went to see a show at regt., by motor convoy, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and returned later in the evening. Local guards patrolled the company area. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000.

July 16, 1944

The company located at rest area at Colombiers, France. From 0830 to 0930 hours the company held a showdown inspection. From 1030 hours to 1200 hours, physical training. From 1200 hours to 1600 hours, organized athletics. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000. 1 enlisted man from duty to ab sk LD (NBC) hosp and dropped from assignment.

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July 17, 1944- The company still located at rest area at Colombiers, France. From 0830 to 0930 hours, Company stood physical inspection. From 0930 to 1200 hours, $\frac{1}{2}$ of company went to a show. In the afternoon, there was an inspection of the area and platoon demonstration. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000. 1 enlisted man back to duty from the hospital.

July 18, 1944- The company in rest area a Colombiers, France. From 0830 to 0930 hours general cleaning of area. From 0930 to 1145 hours, calisthenics and athletics from 1300 to 1500 hours company went to the movies at regt. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000. 2 enlisted men from ab sk to duty.

July 19, 1944- The company in rest area at Colombiers, France. Company still maintaining a 24 hour guard around the company area. From 0900 hours to 1200 hours platoon in attack. From 1330 hours to 1600 hours, company hiked to regiment to see a Red Cross show. At 2030 hours company went to see a movie at regiment by motor truck. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000. 2 enlisted men from duty to ab sk hosp (L \circ D) and dropped from assignment. 2 EM transferred in grade from Company B, 16th Infantry and Hq & Hq Co. 1st Bn., 16th Infantry.

July 20, 1944- The company in rest area at Colombiers, France. In the morning the company participated in calisthenics and games. The company was preparing to move to new area. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000. 1 enlisted man from ab sk hosp (LD) to duty. 2nd Lt. Leonard E. Scott asgnd to and joined company from C company, 16th Inf. Assumed primary duty as company office

July 21, 1944- The company left old position near Colombiers, France at 0100 hours by motor convoy and arrived at Graignes, France at 0800 hours in the morning. Distance travelled by motor convoy 14 miles. Slow going because of traffic. The rest of the day was devoted to the cleaning of weapons and digging of fox holes. Weather was cloudy and rainy and the men were tired because of lack of sleep. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 6E/6 1;50,000.

July 22, 1944- Company $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of Graignes, France. The company was resting, officers and NCOs studied maps of the new area. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6F/2 1;50,000.

July 23, 1944- The company was resting at Graignes, France. Religious services in A company area, at 0900 hours and 1930 hours. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000.

July 24, 1944- Company resting in area at Graignes, France, waiting for orders to move.

July 25, 1944- Company at Graignes, France. At 1000 hours platoons went out separately for a four mile hike. In the afternoon the company rested. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000.

July 26, 1944- Company still resting at Graignes, France. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000.

July 27, 1944- The company left old position $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Graignes, France, at 1330 hours by motor convoy to Montreuil, France, where they rode tanks to Chapelle, France. Distance travelled by trucks 8 miles. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000.

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July 28, 1944-Company attacked at 0630 hours with light tanks toward Chapelle, France. Two platoons moved forward with tanks. The rest of the company followed with tanks, and travelled west 1 mile of Chapelle, where the company was hit and held up for the day. 25 enlisted men slightly wounded in action. 1 Officer from duty to absk (NBC). Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E6 1;50,000.

July 29, 1944-Company moved and followed Co B into the attack toward Courey at 1330 hours. No opposition encountered. Travelled around 6 miles. The Company went into defense with companys B and C on the left. The company sent out a road block 1500 yards to the front and outpost 600 yards out.

July 30, 1944- Company remained in defense at Courey, France. Patrols went out every 2 hours to right front to contact 3rd battalion, 16th Inf. 5 enlisted men who had previously been wounded rejoined the company. At 2200 hours the company prepared to move by truck.

July 31, 1944- The company moved by motor convoy about 3/4 miles west of Dennis Le Gest, France. Left the old position at 0230 hours and arrived at new position at 0515 hours. The men dug in and sent out security to the front. Coordinates were determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6E/6 1;50,000

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August 1, 1944- The company moved to new location about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW of Le Cereser, France by foot, travelling about 16 miles. The company arrived at the new position at 1330 hours. During the night the CP was bombed by enemy planes and the company suffered 14 casualties, 12 enlisted men and 2 officers. The wounded were all evacuated. Coordinates were determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 6G1 1/50,000.

August 2, 1944- The company remained in defensive position about 2 miles NE of Brecey, France. Patrols were sent out to contact the 2nd battalion every 2 hours, and the outposts 1000 yards to the front. At 1300 hours the Company formed the advance guard to the new location at Reffelveille, France. The distance travelled was about 4 miles. At 1530 hours the company arrived at the new location and went into defense. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4347 Sheet 34/10 1/25000.

August 3, 1944- The company is in defense about 2000 yards south of the town of Reffelveille, France. 1 platoon is being used as a road block on the main road facing southeast. The remainder of the company defending west. Contact patrols were sent out hourly to B and C companies of 16th Inf. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4347 Sheet 34/10 1/25000.

August 4, 1944- The company remained in position patrolling out to the east all day. During the night contact patrols were sent out hourly to contact B and C companies of 16th Inf. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4347 Sheet 34/10 1/25000.

August 5, 1944- The company left the old position 2000 yards south of Reffelveille, France at 1830 hours. The company pulled in the outposts and platoons and loaded into trucks. The convoy travelled through the towns of Milly, La Perty, St. Symphoran, and Buois, France. The company arrived in new assembly area $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Buois, France and stayed for the night. The distance travelled by trucks 13 miles. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 6 G/4 1/50,000.

August 6, 1944- The company left Buais, France by truck at 0700 hours to Mayenne, France. The distance travelled by truck about 30 miles. The Company moved out and relieved the 3rd battalion about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles NE of Mayenne, France. The company was spread out on a wide front. The enemy attempted a counterattack about 1800 hours and were beaten off. The company suffered 2 casualties, both lightly wounded and evac. Coordinates determined on 4347 Sheet 7G/5, 1/50,000.

August 7, 1944 - The company was continually patrolling the wide front. Contact patrols were sent to C company every two hours. The 2nd battalion was 800 yards west of our position. At 1200 noon, the company received some shelling and suffered 2 casualties, lightly wounded and evacuated. At 1500 hours the company moved back $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to straighten out the line with the 2nd battalion. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4347 Sheet 7 G/5 1/50,000.

August 8, 1944- The company remained in the same position about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles NE of Mayenne, France. Outposts stayed in position and patrols were sent out to C company every two hours.

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August 9, 1944- The company remained in position continually patrolling to the front, feeling the enemy out. Contact patrols went out hourly to contact 2nd battalion. There was some exchange of machine gun and rifle fire and 1 enlisted man was slightly wounded and evacuated. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4347 Sheet 7G/5 1/50,000.

August 10, 1944- The company located $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles NE of Mayenne, France. Patrols were continued. Lt. Doucet 1st platoon leader got order from the Company Commander to send a combat patrol to contact the enemy and get a few prisoners. Lt. Doucet called S/Sgt. Borland to his CP at 1500 hours and told him to lead this patrol. S/Sgt. Borland was given a general route to follow to the northeast, and to reconnoiter a group of houses to the front about 1500 yards. The patrol was to continue to the right around three hedgerows and swing back toward the CP. At 1515 hours S/Sgt. Borland got 7 men of his squad and informed them of their mission. The patrol moved out with Pvt. Bejian as 1st scout, and S/Sgt. Borland as the patrol leader. The patrol moved out about 1500 yards to a group of houses before being seen. The patrol swung right along the hedgerows and moved up three fields where the 1st scout spotted two enemy machine guns one to the right about 100 yards and one to the left about the same distance. S/Sgt. Borland deployed his men along the hedgerow and at the same time noticed about 15 of the enemy on the opposite side of the hedgerow. At a given word from the S/Sgt. the men picked off the two machine gunners and jumped the hedgerow catching the others by surprise killing 10 of them and capturing 4 others. Pvt. Bejian working ahead down another hedgerow spotted more of the enemy and shouted to the patrol, but as he got up to proceed over the next hedgerow he was hit by machine gun fire. Seeing that the patrol had lost the element of surprise S/Sgt. Borland withdrew the patrol with the 4 prisoners. Two men were left to cover the withdrawal for a few hundred yards. The patrol got back to the CP around 1800 hours, with 4 prisoners and 1 private missing. Pvt. Bejian was believed to have been killed and the patrol could not get to him because of the heavy fire.

August 11, 1944- Company $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Mayenne, France. Contact patrolling to the front was carried out. Also the 2nd. battalion on our right flank and C company on the left were contacted hourly. There was some machine gun fire and sniper along the company front. No casualties resulted. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet No. 7G/5 1/500000.

August 12, 1944- Company $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Mayenne, France. Company was constantly patrolling to the east. The enemy was not active, and it was assumed that the enemy had withdrawn to a new line. At 1845 hours, 1 officer and 2 enlisted men left the company by jeep as quartering party. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 7G/5 1/50,000.

Sgt. Ezzell, Sgt. Ogniewski appointed S/Sgts. Cpl. Latini, Cpl. Martin appointed sergeants. Pfc. Erickson, Pfc. Powell, Pfc. Thompson, Pfc. Storie appointed sergeants.

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August 13, 1944- The company located $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles NE of Mayenne, France. Patrolling until 0600 hours in the morning. Company was then alerted to move. Company moved by foot to Mayenne, France at 0730 hours from the company CP. The company travelled by truck to Ambrieres Le Grand to an assembly area. The company arrived there at 1030 hours, and had three hot meals. The company left Ambrieres Le Grand at 2000 hours and travelled through Lassay to Busson, France, arriving at Busson at 2230 hours. Security was put out by the company and company stayed for the night. Distance travelled by truck from Mayenne to Busson, 22 miles. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 37/8 1/50,000.

August 14, 1944-Company stayed in assembly area at Busson, France until 1800 hours, then moved by truck to 900 yards SE of Sauragere, France to another assembly area. Distance travelled 14 miles. The company arrived there at 2130 hours. The company left the trucks and went into the attack at 2145 hours, moving toward Le Mont DeHere, France. Company set up a defense for the night after attaining there objective without any casualties, but some small arms fire, and mortars were used by the enemy. Eight enlisted men returned to the company from hospitals. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 7G /1 1/50,000.

August 15, 1944-At daybreak, the company had a little fire fight with small arms fire. The company captured 5 Germans and killed one in the fight. The company suffered 1 casualty. The company stayed here in position carry out patrols to the enemy lines. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 7G/1 1/50,000. Thirty one enlisted men were appointed PFC from Pvt.s

August 16, 1944- The company moved from the old position 800 yards SE of Le Mont D'Here, France about 3 miles to new positions 400 yards North of Les Roussierer, France. The company moved by foot. The company attacked North generally following Company C on the left. Tanks were following in support. The company run into some small arms and mortar fire, capturing 4 prisoners, without sustaining any casualties. The first battalion captured over 100 prisoners and thirteen half tracks. Patrols were sent out to contact the 18th Infantry 800 yards to the left. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet 7G/1 1/50,000.

August 17, 1944-The company located 400 yards north of Les Roussieres, France. The company remained in position and continued the patrolling to the 2nd. battalion. At 1200 hours the 2nd. battalion contacted the British army units. At 1400 hours 1 officer and 5 enlisted men went on a patrol with 2 jeeps to reconnoiter the town north of our position called La Frenaie, they also patrolled through Le Blifetiere and Le Mesnil, France. The enemy withdrew to a new line. The motor patrol returned at 1845 hours travelling 6000 yards. Coordinates determined on GSGS 4250 Sheet No 7G/1 1/50,000.

August 18, 1944-The company still located 400 yards north of Les Roussieres France. The outpost were pulled in and the company was resting for the remainder of the day.

August 19, 1944-Company located 400 yards north of Les Roussieres. A showdown inspection was held in the company. The company took trucks to the showers in the afternoon.