

COMPANY "F" 16TH INFANTRY
APO #1 U. S. ARMY

HISTORY OF COMPANY "F", 16TH INFANTRY, FROM 1 July 1942 to 10 May 1945.

- 1 July 1942-Aboard "Dutchess of Bedford." Sailed at 0100 from New York.
- 2 July 1942-Aboard "Dutchess of Bedford." The weapons platoon and first platoon manned the ship's guns as gun-crews.
- 3 to 11 July 1942-At sea, aboard the ship #150. Morale excellent; men performing regular ship's duties.
- 12 July 1942-Aboard the ship #150 at Liverpool, England. Arrived at Liverpool at 1700.
- 13 July 1942-Disembarked at 1015 hours. Marched to railroad station. Entrained and left at 1030. Arrived at Tidworth at 1500. Marched to Camping Area, led by British Army Band.
- 14 July 1942-Performed regular camp duties at Tidworth Park Camp.
- 15 July 1942-Left Camp marching 3 miles to Tidworth Barracks.
- 16 to 30 July 1942-Company performed routine garrison duty, in addition to regular field training and conditioning.
- 1 to 31 August 1942-Company still at Tidworth Barracks, undergoing regular training and performing routine garrison duty.
- 1 to 22 September 1942-Company still at Tidworth Barracks undergoing regular garrison duty, in addition to attending demonstrations and training, with a lot of emphasis being put on night training and special operations.
- 23 September 1942-Left Tidworth Barracks at 1700; arrived at Ansburg Station at 1750. Entrained at 1800. Left at 1830; destination unknown.
- 24 September 1942-Arrived at destination at 2430.
- 25 to 30 September 1942-Observed demonstration, and practiced boat-landing.
- 1 to 13 October 1942-Company aboard ship doing regular ship duties and men being granted 24-hour passes.
- 14 to 30 October 1942-Men aboard L-12; regular ship duties.
- 1 to 7 November 1942-Aboard ship L-12. Training and hardening exercises.
- 8 November 1942-Aboard ship L-12. Loaded on L.C.A. and landed on White Beach in Arzew. Reorganized and marched to bivouac, rested; then, we advanced to LeGrande, went in bivouac for the night. Put road-blocks and outposts out. Also sent out patrols. We marched 17 kilometers that day.
- 9 November 1942-LeGrande. The company started from LeGrande at 1430, advancing toward LeFleurs. Two kilometers from LeFleurs we met strong enemy resistance. Took position along road and warm house, returning fire, then withdrew about one kilometer to a new line, digging in and posting outposts, awaiting for the dawn. In this skirmish, Capt. Heil, Company Commander, S/Sgt. Coggiano, Pfc. Wagner and Labrie were wounded, about 2130.
- 10 November 1942-LeFleurs, in position company was ordered to advance forward, met heavy enemy machine-gun resistance to our front, and strong sniper-outposts. All the company was on line. We advanced over a hill, knocked out machine-gun positions, took prisoners, re-formed, advanced and took next hill. Captured enemy position and more prisoners. Reorganized, moved forward to our objective, which was Oran. Sgts. Hanney, Wagner, Pfc. Hampton, Klirma, Weber, Pvts. Allen, Dolton, Fritz, Sauls, Shull were wounded. We reorganized again, and advanced toward our objective, Oran. Met no more resistance. Entered the city of Oran; the people seemed happy and friendly. We marched to railroad station and took positions around station, put out road-blocks and outposts and sent out patrols.
- 11 November 1942-Oran. Patrols, out-guards, road-blocks and bivouac; nothing exciting.
- 12 November 1942-Oran. The company, less one platoon and guards, moved bivouac to Franch Garr, Barracks at 1330. Arrived at barracks by marching thru center of town, About 1430. People cheering the troops. One man killed while on outpost duty at 0330.

- 13 November 1942-Reorganized the company. The third platoon was sent out on outpost duty, outside of the city. One squad of riflemen stationed at railroad-station for guard duty.
- 14 to 18 November 1942-Oran. Company continued having one platoon doing outpost duty outside of Oran. Sixteen EM doing guard-duty at railroad station, nine EM doing guard duty at city hall. Also devoted time to cleaning and replacing our equipment.
- 19 November 1942-Oran. Company "F" relieved Company "E" on outpost duty, and patrols around city. The Company CP was at the railroad station.
- 20 November 1942-Company was relieved from outpost and guard-duty around the city by Company "G" at 1000.
- 21 November 1942-Oran. Company put out passes for the first time since arrival in Oran. Capt. Heil rejoined company, relieving Lt. Wickers of temporary command.
- 22 November 1942-Company "F" relieved Company "E" on outpost guard-duty at 1300. At 2200 we had an air-raid which lasted about 20 minutes.
- 23 November 1942-Caserne Neuf. Company was relieved from outpost and guard around Oran by Company "G" at 1000.
- 24 to 29 November 1942.-Caserne Neuf. Usual guards and patrols in city; close order drill and regular camp duties.
- 30 November 1942-Caserne Neuf. Regular guard and camp duties. Fifteen men receive Purple Heart Medals for wounds in Algeria.
- 1 to 9 December 1942-Caserne Neuf. Usual guard and MP duty. Ran firing problems.
- 10 December 1942-Relieved Company "E" from MP duty in city of Oran and exterior guard.
- 11 December 1942-Company "G" relieved us from MP and exterior guard duty.
- 12 and 13 December 1942-Usual garrison duty.
- 14 December 1942-Caserne Neuf. The company with the 2nd Battalion stood a guard of honor at 1130 for Generals Allen, Roosevelt, Andrus, Col. Cheadle, after which Gen. Allen presented officers and men of 2nd Battalion with Silver Stars and Purple Hearts. Also the following Officers of Company "F" were commended for meritorious conduct in action: Lt. Wickers, Lt. Nimmo, Capt. George J. Heil, Jr., and S/Sgt. Joseph Caggiano, Jr.
- 15 and 16 December 1942-Caserne Neuf. The company moved out of Caserne Neuf in Oran to bivouac area in the airport of Tafaraoui. Company moved by truck for 30 miles; its mission was to prevent any enemy parachutist from attempting to capture the outpost or destroy it.
- 17 to 22 December 1942-Tafaraoui. Regular camp duties.
- 23 December 1942-Company took a 20-mile hike from 0830 to 1600 hours.
- 24 and 25 December 1942-Company had excellent Christmas Dinner.
- 26 to 31 December 1942-Usual camp duties.
- 1 January 1943-Tafaraoui. Usual camp duties. Had an air-raid alert at 0030 until 0100. Nothing happened.
- 2 to 6 January 1943-Usual camp duties, hikes and conditioning exercises.
- 7 January 1943-Three men injured and one man killed while firing anti-tank grenades. Cpl. Clark died at 1220.
- 8 January 1943-Company furnished firing squad and guard of honor at the funeral of Cpl. Clark, who died while firing anti-tank grenades.
- 9 to 18 January 1943-Usual camp duties and preparations for move.
- 19 to 23 January 1943-Company left bivouac area at 1600 hours by truck and arrived at Arbal station at 1630. Left Arbal station 20 January 1943 in boxcars; arrived at Guelma at 2300, 23 January 1943.
- 24 January 1943-In bivouac at Guelma. Left by truck for Salinas at 2100.
- 25 January 1943-In bivouac at Salinas. Left Salinas at 2300 hours by marching; arrived in new bivouac by 0530, 26 January 1943.
- 26 to 29 January 1943-In defensive position. Six kilometers east of Roboa. Reconnaissance and patrols to front. Patrols led by Lt. Moeller and Pvt. Peters; report no sign of enemy.
- 30 January 1943-In position east of Roboa. Lt. Brier reported no enemy sighted while on patrol. Pvt. Peters went on patrol at 0800, returned at 1630. Reported

sign of enemy patrol, and engaged them; no one lost; returned with useful information. S/Sgt. Ruske and six men went on reconnaissance patrol report no enemy activity.

- 31 January 1943-In position east of Roboa; the enemy made an attack this morning, captured our CP on hill. A patrol, led by Sgt. McQuiston, met the enemy and fired at them; the enemy withdrew; no one lost. First platoon shot and killed a German at a cross road, and captured another. One man killed while trying to contact the 1st platoon at 1830.
- 1 February 1943-Enemy laid a mortar barrage on hill occupied by second platoon. The second had to withdraw, but reorganized and went back in position. Third platoon stayed in, although subjected to heavy enemy barrage; five enemy soldiers surrendered to third platoon. Four men evacuated for shell shock.
- 2 February 1943-First and second platoons sent out patrols during the night. No enemy activity reported. One patrol from 1st platoon occupied the old CP on right of hill. Another of the enemy gave up to the 2nd platoon, which made it a total of six that came out waving white flags. Our artillery dropped on the enemy throughout the night.
- 3 February 1943-Still in position east of Roboa. Enemy has been quiet. French took over our sector at 2100 hours and we moved at 0330 to LaKessera.
- 4 to 6 February 1943-In bivouac near LaKessera, arriving at 1100, 4 February 1943, by truck. Re-equipping company and preparing to move.
- 7 and 8 February 1943-In bivouac at LaKessera arriving at 1100; Generals Allen, Roosevelt visit us at 1330. Moved to new position by truck at 1800. Arriving at 2230, took position in rear of Third Battalion and one Battalion of 26th Infantry.
- 9 February 1943-Relieved by Engineers at 2100. Entrucked and arrived at new bivouac area at 2330 hours.
- 10 February 1943-Entrucked at 1915; arrived at detrucking point at 2100; marched out to new position in the Djteflila and relieved Company "C".
- 11 to 16 February 1943-In position in Djteflila. Improved positions, no movement during the daytime. Enemy shelling our area with artillery and mortar fire. Sent patrols out every night.
- 17 to 21 February 1943-Relieved from Djteflila; went into bivouac for night; moved out on the 18th to relieve the French, place unknown. Relieved again on the 19th, went into bivouac on the 20th. On the 21st, moved into new position, south-east of Tebessa.
- 22 February 1943-The enemy made an attack against our position, but were stopped. There was heavy mortar, artillery and small-arms fire until dusk. Enemy patrols were sent out to our front; all night, nothing was reported.
- 23 and 24 February 1943-Heavy enemy patrols on the 23rd. On the 24th, we moved out to take a position as Battalion Reserve.
- 25 to 27 February 1943-Kasserine Valley. Moved out at 1200 towards Kasserine pass; went thru pass and took a position 11 kilometers from Kasserine. Second Battalion was in reserve. First and Third Battalions forward. Saw plenty of land-mines and disabled equipment.
- 28 February to 3 March 1943-Kasserine Valley. In position below the pass. Company "G" on the right, Company "E" on the left. Strengthening our positions.
- 4 March 1943-Company was relieved by 47th Infantry at 0800, and went for a rest in the vicinity of ElMirge. Traveled 64 miles by truck.
- 5 to 11 March 1943-Resting in ElMirge. Company doing close order drill, taking hikes.
- 12 March 1943-Left by truck from ElMirge at 2100 to new bivouac area at BouChebka. Arrived at 2330.

- 13 March 1943-Company marched 7 miles to new bivouac area in vicinity of Bou-Chebka at 2200.
- 14 to 16 March 1943-Bou-Chebka. Usual camp duties. On the night of 16th moved by truck at 2300 about 10 miles from Gafsa, and went into Regimental reserve.
- 17 March 1943-Company moved out of assembly area with 2nd Battalion, which was in Regimental Reserve, and marched into Gafsa. Marched through Gafsa and took a position about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Gafsa. Dug in. 18th Infantry was on our right, with three companies of tank destroyers to our front. Company had three platoons on line.
- 18 to 21 March 1943-Near Gafsa. The battalion has been in mobile reserve.
- 22 March 1943-Battalion moved into position near ElGuettar in the rear of the 18th Infantry. One EM missing in action.
- 23 March 1943-Second Battalion was moved to the left flank of the Regiment. Company "F" on the left; Company "E" in the center, and Company "G" on the right.
- 24 March 1943-Near ElGuettar. Enemy dive-bombed and shelled our lines.
- 25 March 1943-Enemy continued to shell our position. Company CP was hit a few times. Battalion withdrew and company took up new defensive position. One EM wounded in action.
- 26 to 29 March 1943-Company moved forward battling the enemy. One officer and 13 EM wounded in action.
- 30 and 31 March 1943-Enemy counter-attack held off; we continued to push enemy back. One officer and 15 EM wounded in action.
- 1 to 6 April 1943-ElGuettar continually pushing forward. Enemy has shelled us with mortar and artillery fire continually.
- 7 and 8 April 1943-Enemy has been withdrawing. Our patrols have not been able to contact them. Have been rounding up prisoners.
- 9 to 13 April 1943-Moved into the town of ElGuettar for a rest and reorganization.
- 14 April 1943-Company moved to Marsott by truck, arriving at 1445. Pvt. Nesevitch was awarded the Silver Star.
- 15 to 17 April 1943-Spent our time reorganizing and resting.
- 18 and 19 April 1943-Moved by truck at 1030 to bivouac area near Rouen Es-Souk at 2330.
- 20 April 1943-Moved by truck at 1415; arrived at new bivouac area at 2330, in the vicinity of Munhar.
- 21 April 1943-Near Munhar. The company is in defensive position, sending out patrols.
- 22 to 24 April 1943-Moved forward 4 miles in the attack on hill 400; heavy machine-gun and artillery fire stopped us. Continued on the 23rd with Hill 491 as our objective. Gained our objective. Three EM wounded in action. On the morning of 24th, Third Battalion took over our position; we withdrew back to Hill 413 to reorganize. At 1530, moved forward under heavy enemy artillery fire and took Hill 394.
- 25 to 30 April 1943-Continued attacking and finally, after many casualties, took up defensive position on Hill 523.
- 1 to 3 May 1943-Remained in defensive position, firing on enemy and plastering him with artillery. Sent patrols out.
- 4 May 1943-Went into Division reserve. Men took hot showers and rested.
- 5 May 1943-Last night moved 15 miles arrived about 2000.
- 6 to 8 May 1943-Moved into position in the rear of the 18th Infantry; stayed there two days, then returned to our previous area, marching 6 miles.
- 9 May 1943-Men wrote letters; sent out a patrol and brought back 6 German and 2 Italian prisoners. Word came from Battalion that the German forces have surrendered in North Africa.
- 10 to 12 May 1943-Usual Camp duties.
- 13 May 1943-Moved 184 miles by motor convoy, arriving 2 miles from Guelma at 1430.
- 14 May 1943-Left vicinity of Guelma at 0645, arrived at new bivouac area at 1045, near ElGuerrah; traveled 84 miles.
- 15 to 19 May 1943-Moved by train to St. Barbe; from train station to bivouac area in trucks.
- 20 to 29 May 1943-Performed routine training duties, with passes to Oran.
- 30 and 31 May 1943-Traveled by motor to Arzew, and boarded SS Samuel Chase for landing training.

- 1 June to 4 July 1943-Routine training in preparation for the invasion of Sicily. This training included several practice landings from landing craft, house to house fighting, physical training. Men were granted passes to Algiers and issued equipment.
- 5 July 1943-Boarded USS Thurston at 1220 hours, after 7-mile ride to Algiers by truck.
- 6 July 1943-Left harbor in convoy, headed for vicinity of Gela, Sicily, for the invasion of Sicily.
- 7 to 9 July 1943-Aboard USS Thurston; regular ship's duties, with instructions on landing and invasion of Sicily.
- 10 July 1943-First wave landed at 0245 hours. Company moved inland 5 miles to Hills 26 and 27. Company "G" on the right. 1st and 3rd platoons knocked out a coast artillery gun position and took a number of prisoners. Moved forward again to hill #36. At dusk, enemy counter-attacked with tanks and infantry, but were repulsed. (This action took place in Sicily.)
- 11 and 12 July 1943-Gela, Sicily. At daybreak, battalion attacked and took hill #9. Enemy tanks came around our flanks and battalion gave the order to withdraw to old position. The tanks were finally stopped. 83rd Chemical gave wonderful support. 2nd Lt. Clemens stopped a Mark IV tank from overrunning our position with an abandoned 37mm. AT gun.
- 13 July 1943-Niscemi, Sicily. At 0500 hours, battalion moved into an attack supported by tanks and artillery. Marched into the town of Niscemi at 1100 hours. No resistance was met. In the afternoon, Battalion moved into bivouac 2 miles east of Niscemi.
- 14 and 15 July 1943-Niscemi, Sicily. Left area at 2045. Marched to new bivouac area (9 miles) south of Mazzarino. Distance marched, 20 miles. Regiment has been Division Reserve since the 13th.
- 16 July 1943-Marched to new bivouac area 1½ miles southeast of Mazzarino. Arrived at 1545 hours, after marching 9 miles.
- 17 July 1943-Left Mazzarino at 0850 hours. Rode by truck to new area, 4 miles east of Pietraperzia. Rode 9 miles.
- 18 July 1943-Battalion reached its objective at 0400 hours, and organized its positions before daybreak. The objective was reached without opposition.
- 19 July 1943-Company still in Battalion reserve. Several patrols and road-blocks were sent out. One of them returned with 2 prisoners. Two other patrols shelling, but returned safely.
- 20 July 1943-At 1020 hours, company loaded on trucks and rode high ground between Enna and Calasciretta. Company was attached to 70th Tank Battalion. In this area, patrols were sent out and about 40 German, Italians who were lost were taken prisoners.
- 21 to 23 July 1943-Second platoon has been guarding a German ammo dump since last night. In afternoon, it was relieved by orders. It then went into position near Calasciretta. Rest of the company went into position after supper, and dug in. Our mission is to protect the town of Calasciretta, and prevent a breakthrough.
- 24 to 26 July 1943-At 1530 hours, company marched to a park, and went into bivouac. The company is detached from battalion to guard ammo dump. The necessary guard details were sent out.
- 27 July 1943-Company was relieved at 1850 hours by Company "C", 3rd Chemical Battalion. Men loaded on trucks at 1930 hours, and rode approximately 60 miles to rejoin the battalion.
- 29 July 1943-Company left bivouac area, southwest of Nicosia at 1240 hours. Moved thru town to assembly area. Battalion attacked with "F" Company in lead, toward hill #829. Moved under heavy enemy mortar fire. Arrived at 1st intermediate objective at 1600 hours. Company organized and covered the advance of battalion, while awaiting further orders. Opened fire on a group of Germans. Drove them into the open with machine-gun and mortar fire. Wounded 6 of them. The second objective was reached at 2040 hours after an artillery barrage. Hill #818 was occupied with 2 squads. Sgt. Zapolski's squad cleared enemy from hill, taking three prisoners. Sgt. Williams' squad took 4 prisoners. Company commander and 1st Sgt. took 2 prisoners. Communication was established to battalion. Company was ordered to resume advance at 0530 hours and occupied final objective.

- 30 July 1943-The company took a total of 12 German prisoners on hill #818. The company resumed advance at 0530 hours and occupied final objective. Received 19 replacements at 2100 hours.
- 31 July and 1 August 1943-Company reorganized and rested.
- 2 August 1943-Went into another assembly area behind hill #886. Patrols were sent to top of hill 886. Evidence of recent enemy occupation was found.
- 4 August 1943-At 0950 hours company was ordered to move 1000 yards to northeast to protect left flank of 3rd Battalion. Before the men had time to dig in, the enemy mortars laid down a heavy barrage. Lt. Kersey gave the order to move to a hill 200 yards to our right rear. Company remained in this position all day protecting left flank of 3rd Battalion. At 2200 hours, company "L" moved forward and Company "F" moved into their position.
- 5 August 1943-Company remained in position all day. Several men who were separated from the company returned. Companies "E" and "F" were consolidated into one company and are operating as one unit for tactical purposes.
- 6 August 1943-Battalion moved at 0940 hours 3000 yards to high ground overlooking Troina. Went into bivouac. Lt. Martin returned with 5 Italian prisoners.
- 7 August 1943-Company "F" led the attack and while crossing the slope of hill 919 were fired upon by enemy mortars and machine-guns from a well concealed dug-in positions. The company immediately deployed and took German positions under fire. The 2nd and 3rd platoons covering the advance of the 1st platoon. The 1st platoon drove the enemy from their positions. Early in the action, animals carrying our weapons were hit by machine-gun fire and stampeded. It took about one hour to get the weapons into firing positions. Lt. Pearre was wounded at about 0600 hours. The company commander led the assault of the 1st platoon the rest of the way. He received at first a head wound and later shrapnel wounds in the back of the neck. After the 1st platoon drove the enemy out, the company commander rejoined company Headquarters. In the meantime, the Company Executive Officer and 1st Sergeant got the weapons operating and placed fire on the enemy positions in front of the 2nd and 3rd platoons. The enemy launched a heavy counter-attack before the company had time to organize their positions. After a short while, the company was forced to withdraw. Positions could have been held had we communication with battalion and received artillery support. Company "E" withdrew from their position without notice, thereby exposing that flank. Enemy counter-attacked outnumbering our company 3 to 1, and was supported by machine-gun and mortar fire. Due to heavy casualties suffered by the company, it did not have sufficient fire power to stand off the enemy without additional support. The company withdrew 2 miles to the rear, and reorganized then joined the battalion. During the whole operation, 4 German prisoners were taken. Lt. Kersey assumed temporary command.
- 8 August 1943-Men still resting and writing letters. Company is still in same bivouac area west of Troina.
- 9 August to 21 October 1943-Sicily. Since the Sicilian Campaign was completed, the company began training and preparing for its next job. A great deal of swimming and athletics were conducted; in addition, English training methods were introduced.
- 21 October 1943-The men loaded on trucks and left area at 2430. Arrived at Augusta at 0930. Went into a staging area and boarded HMS Maloja at 1730.
- 29 October 1943-Usual ship duties aboard HMS Maloja training and regular ship duties conducted. On 5 November, at 2100 hours, men lined on deck with equipment. Disembarked at 2130 at Liverpool and marched in battalion formation to railroad station. Got aboard train at 2245 and left Liverpool station.
- 6 November 1943 to 7 February 1944-Arrived at Bridgeport England, at 1215. Billeted at West Bay. Men underwent training and drill till 7 February 1944. Passes were granted and morale was high.
- 28 October 1943-Ship sailed from Algiers at 1615 toward England.
- 29 October to 5 November 1943-Aboard HMS Maloja training and regular ship duties.

- 8 February 1944-Left Bridgeport at 0900 and arrived at Braunt Camp, Devon, England at 1450. Men moved into Niessen huts by assault section.
- 9 February to 26 February 1944-Men did usual camp duties and intense training in assault tactics, using live ammunition. Many problems were conducted. On 26 February, left Braunt Camp at 1100 and arrived at West Bay at 1530, after traveling 85 miles.
- 27 February 1944 to 24 April 1944-Usual camp duties plus training problems, firing of weapons and familiarization with latest assault tactics.
- 25 April 1944-Company left by truck for Martinstown at 0930; arrived at 1130.
- 26 to 30 April 1944-Men were preparing for movement and had additional training.
- 1 May 1944-Company marched to Dorret Road at 0500, loaded trucks and left at 0555. Arrived at Weymouth at 0700 hours. Received hot coffee and doughnuts. Boarded USS Henrico at 1000 hours.
- 2 May 1944-Company returned to Bridgeport at 0400 after landing and boat operation training.
- 3 May 1944- to 1 June 1944-Company had further training and inspection and moved to Weymouth, arriving at 1930 hours 1 June 1944. Boarded USS Henrico at 2330.
- 2 to 5 June 1944-Company had regular ship duties and training at 1745. The ship pulled anchor and left Weymouth for Normandy Peninsula.
- 6 June 1944-D-Day. Company landed on beach vicinity of Colleville Sur-Mer, France at 0640 hours, 10 minutes behind prearranged schedule. Each section came under small arms, machine-gun and mortar fire while disembarking. Company had to wade thru approximately 30 yards of water while fired upon by the enemy. Engaged in a fired fight with enemy strong points overlooking the beach for about six hours. Three sections were landed in 3rd battalion sector, where they aided in knocking out enemy beach defenses. The surviving men remained with 3rd battalion and rejoined company the following day. At 1230 hours, remainder of company met with 3rd battalion, and was ordered to move 500 yards to the right, where a breakthru had been established. Battalion moved inland near Colleville. The company because of loss of officers and in the process of reorganization remained with Battalion, furnishing local security. The officers and EM showed extreme courage and bravery while crossing the beach, aiding the wounded under fire and assaulting pillboxes even though flame throwers and pole charges had been lost due to casualties. Men with 3rd Battalion captured approximately 15 prisoners. Three officers and 23 EM killed in action.
- 7 June 1944-At 1000 hours company moved inland to Colleville under battalion control. Company furnished local security for the battalion. The overflow arrived in the afternoon, also the men who were separated from company because of the fact that their section landed on wrong beach. Company reorganized at 1700 hours and moved into position about 2 miles southeast of Colleville, behind the 18th Inf.
- 8 June 1944-At 2000 hours, company advanced behind 18th Infantry, under battalion control to Mosles about 2 miles, where secondary defensive position was taken up. Patrols sent out to maintain contact with units on right and left of company; battalion was tactically deployed in event of a break.
- 9 June 1944-Company moved under battalion control at 1400 hours to vicinity of Tour-en-Bassin about 3 miles. Company went into defensive position behind 26th Infantry. Outguards were used for local security.
- 10 June 1944-Company again followed up behind 26th Infantry under battalion control, mission of holding off counter-attack in the event of a breakthru. Company left Tour-en-Bassin at 0915 hours, arrived at Ruissear-de-cotton on at 1400 hours. Went into position on right flank of battalion. Some of men's rolls arrived at 2200.
- 11 June 1944-Company still in position with all around security established. Patrols were sent out to contact units on right and left.
- 12 June 1944-Company was alerted to move at 2000 hours. Company commander was called to battalion CP at 2130 hours, and company left area under battalion control and displaced forward about 3 miles and went into position on left flank of battalion.
- 13 June 1944-Company was alerted to move at 1200 hours. Left area at 1300 hours under Bn. control, Company "F" leading. Company crossed the Droine River, marched to the vicinity of LaButte and went into position of right of a British unit. Because of the advance of the Division being more rapid than that of the British, the

the flank and rear of the Division was threatened. The company and battalion mission was to protect the left flank and rear. Physical contact was made with the British. Patrols were sent out during the night.

- 14 June 1944-New men were placed in platoons. Situation remained generally the same. Company in same position. Contact patrols were sent out at night. Few administrative matters were taken care of.
- 15 June 1944-Company still in same position, due to the fact that replacements arrived. Patrols were sent out at night to contact patrols from 9th Infantry.
- 16 June 1944-Five replacements arrived; company overstrength. The company is in same position. 1st Battalion moved to positions near Cormolian. Same patrols were sent to contact patrols from 9th Infantry.
- 17 June 1944-Patrols were sent approximately 2500 yards south of Cormolian to contact 38th Recon. Our patrols also ran into patrols from Company "B". They reported Company "C" pulling back so that the artillery could shell German positions nearby. Company's disposition still the same. Besides the patrols, each platoon maintained its own local security.
- 18 June 1944-Company left area 2030 hours, following Company "E" under battalion control. Marched thru Cormolian and went into positions occupied by Company "A", approximately 1500 yards southwest of Cormolian. Patrols were sent during the night to contact patrols from 9th Infantry on our right.
- 19 June 1944-Three patrols were sent out during the night to contact 9th Infantry. Two reconnaissance patrols were sent to our front. A patrol sent out at 0930 ran into enemy outpost line of resistance, patrol with exception of getaway man was pinned down for 15 hours. One rifle platoon and 60mm. section were sent out to help the patrol. Although heavy fire was laid down on enemy, the patrol was unable to withdraw until 1200 hours. Patrol suffered 3 KIA and 4 WIA. Lt. Jamros' patrol knocked out machine-gun nest with hand grenades; also, mortar section knocked out one machine-gun nest.
- 20 June 1944-Contact patrols were sent to 9th Infantry on our right and reconnaissance patrols to the front. Strong outposts were established on right flank of Company "E" and between our lines and 9th Infantry. Snipers in the area wounded one of our men on outpost. A few mortar shells came in in the evening.
- 21 June 1944-Situation in this sector still the same. Company in same position. Same patrols were sent out during the night. Outguards of 2 squads on right flank of Company "E". Everything remained quiet except for our artillery firing overhead.
- 22 June 1944-Replacements were sent to platoons. Contact patrols were sent during the night to 9th Infantry at 2230 hours. Company was given a mission of stringing barbed wire in front of Companies "E" and "F" outpost.
- 23 June 1944-At 2230 hours, barbed wire laying party was sent out to complete the job started the previous night. Contact patrols were also sent out during the night to 9th Infantry. In the past two days, there has been no harrasing by enemy snipers.
- 24 June 1944-Company was relieved by Company "L" at 1915 hours. Left area and marched to former Battalion position. Company went into position.
- 25 June 1944-Men washed clothing, shved and stood foot inspection. During the night, 3 patrols were sent out to contact Company "I".
- 26 June 1944-Company in same position with same duties assigned. Men rested, had a foot inspection. Three patrols sent during the night to contact Company "I".
- 27 June 1944-At meeting of company officers, they were instructed in German tactics and a few administrative matters by the Company Commander. Three patrols were sent out to contact Company "I".
- 28 June 1944-Company in same position. Three hot meals being served daily. During the night, 3 patrols were sent out to contact Company "I".
- 29 June 1944-Local security maintained by each platoon day and night. Mail arriving daily.

- 30 June 1944-Company still in same position with the mission of protecting the right and rear of Division. Same patrols were sent to contact Company "I".
- 1 July 1944-Heavy artillery shelled the company position. At 1300 company left area, and arrived in new position at 1430; marched about 3 miles. Company went into position occupied by Company "A". At 1200 hours, a motorized patrol was sent to contact 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry.
- 2 July 1944-Three motorized patrols were sent to contact 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry. Two NCO's were presented with the DSC by Gen. Eisenhower for bravery during the assault on Normandy, France.
- 3 July 1944-Usual motorized patrols had no difficulty in accomplishing their mission.
- 4 July 1944-Company in same position. Same motorized patrols to contact 9th Infantry.
- 5 July 1944-The company commander reconnoitered Company "B's" position which the company is ordered to occupy tomorrow. Same patrols were sent to 9th Infantry.
- 6 July 1944-At 1300 company left area and marched approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles into new position on left flank of Battalion, relieving Company "B". First platoon sent three patrols during the night to contact 18th Infantry on left.
- 7 July 1944-At 0530, outpost #2 fired on 2 Germans who returned fire with concussion grenades and then withdrew. Three patrols were sent to contact 18th Infantry on left.
- 8 July 1944-At 1430, outpost #3 reported enemy activity 300 yards to front. 81mm. mortars were fired at the area. At 1700, a few enemy shells fell in the area, believed to be fired from an enemy tank near outpost #3. Patrols during the night to contact 18th Infantry on the left and Company "G" on the right.
- 9 July 1944-Company area was shelled by enemy artillery for about 1 hour in the morning.
- 10 July 1944-At 1100 hours a 7-man reconnaissance patrol was sent to LaMilitaire and returned at 1430 hours. At 1700 hours, company area was shelled by enemy artillery. At 2330 hours, outpost #4 received enemy mortar fire for about 20 minutes. Usual contact patrols between us and 18th Inf. on left and Company "G" on right.
- 11 July 1944-Outpost #3 reported enemy activity in front of their position. A few rifle shots were fired upon the enemy. Contact patrols to 18th Inf. and Company "G".
- 12 and 13 July 1944-Company area was shelled by enemy artillery for about 5 hours. Company was being relieved by 2nd Infantry, and marched under pln control to trucking area in the vicinity of LaMilitiere. Loaded on trucks and left area at 2230 hours and arrived at new area 0300 hours. Distance traveled: 25 miles.
- 14 July 1944-Coffee was served before men went to sleep. Day was spent washing clothes.
- 15 July 1944-Men went to take showers in the morning and were paid in the afternoon.
- 16 July 1944-Church Services in the morning; at 1700 movie was shown near the Regimental CP by Special Service.
- 17 July 1944-Calisthenics and close order drill; talk on importance of rifleman on patrol.
- 18 July 1945-Usual camp duties, with two movies being shown during the day.
- 19 and 20 July 1945-Usual routine camp duties; company took showers and went to movies.
- 21 July 1945-Company loaded trucks at 0130, and left area at 0200 hours. Convoy was halted due to poor roads and inclement weather, and resumed at daybreak arriving at an assembly area near Fouoherie at 1100 hours. Distance traveled was 18 miles.
- 22 July 1945-Tents were pitched due to inclement weather. At 2230 gas attack alarm was sounded by adjacent units. No gas was found in company area.
- 23 July 1945-Company still in same assembly area awaiting orders to move.
- 24 to 26 July 1945-Usual camp duties. At midnight, the company commander received orders to eat early breakfast and be ready to move at 0630.
- 27 July 1944-Company left Coucherie in trucks under battalion control at 1530 hours. Rode 10 miles and detrucked vicinity of Montreuil at 1730 hours. Company left area at 2230 hours. Company "F" was leading the 2nd battalion and was assigned the mission of keeping contact with 1st battalion during the march.
- 28 July 1945-Company moved into position at 0400 hours after marching 9 miles along Marigny. Coutances Highway. At 0730 hours, company moved to a new position, approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of LeChapelle, defending the right flank of the Regimental CP. Contact patrols sent out.
- 29 July 1944-Company crossed LD at 1115 hours and attacked southwest toward Belval. Company reached objective without opposition at 1500 and dug in on objective. Contact patrol sent out; one prisoner picked up in area.

- 30 July 1944-Company remain in a defensive position on the right flank of the Battalion. It was stated in an official report that the enemy had withdrawn. Company position was outposted. Company was alerted to move and stand by for orders.
- 31 July 1944-Company left area in trucks at 0400 and arrived at assembly area St. Dennis de Gast at 0450. Traveled 15 miles. At 1800 a meeting of platoon leaders was held to give orders on the next move. At 1900 company left area, rifle platoons riding tanks, and company headquarters riding trucks. At 1145, while the column was halted along the road, enemy planes came overhead and dropped bombs. No casualties in this company.
- 1 August 1944-Company arrived in an area near L'Epine approximately 8 miles from objective At 1630, company moved again toward objective, pursuing the enemy. After riding 2 miles, company detrucked and marched to objective. Company met no enemy resistance and dug in at objective.
- 2 August 1944-Company left area at 1230, crossed the I.P. at 1400. At about 1200 yards from the objective, company was ordered to get off the road and await new orders. Word was sent back that units of the 90th Division moved into our sector and occupied our objective. Company moved to an assembly area and was served a hot meal.
- 3 August 1944-Company left area in trucks at 1850 under company control to an assembly area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southeast of Reffuveille, traveling about 4 miles. Arrived in new area at 0745. Company was ordered to occupy positions near Juvigny. Plan was to surround enemy about 100 in strength already cut off by 18th and 26th Inf. At 1030, Company left the LD attacking north distance of objective. About half way to objective, 1st platoon encountered enemy resistance. Advance was held up temporarily, while pocket of resistance was cleaned out. 2 prisoners taken. At midnite, company was still 400 yards from objective.
- 4 August 1944-Company reached objective approximately 0200. Organized the ground and dug in. Patrol was sent to a crossroad in front of company position. 4 enemy soldiers were found sleeping. Upon being awakened, they began to yell, making it necessary for patrol to kill them. At 0900, 11 Germans were captured near the platoon area. In the afternoon, company's sector was extended to the right, making it necessary to move the 2nd platoon over to the right.
- 5 August 1944-At dawn, elements of the 9th Division made an attack, going thru company position. At 1130, company withdrew to an assembly area on the outskirts of Juvigny awaiting further orders. At 1330, enemy artillery shelled company area. Company was moved 1000 yards west. At 1700, company marched to trucking area near the Battalion CP, approximately 1 mile. Loaded trucks and arrived at new assembly area at 1845.
- 6 August 1944-After breakfast, company loaded trucks at 0910. Arrived at Mayenne 1200. Traveled approximately 35 miles. Company went into position protecting the eastern approach to the town. At about 1430, two platoons and several enemy tanks made an attack on our 2nd platoon position. Attack was repulsed and the enemy withdrew with the loss of about 12 men. 3 P-47's gave close support by bombing and strafing the enemy tanks.
- 7 August 1944-Two patrols sent out. At approximately 2400, small arms and mortar fire was heard about 500 yds in front of company sector.
- 8 August 1944-Patrol sent out, and returned safely at 1415. 3 German prisoners came into our lines during the day. French civilians have been coming in with information as to the location of German artillery. Local security during night.
- 9 August 1944-Company still in the same defensive position protecting the eastern approach to Mayenne. A prisoner came into our lines in the morning. Upon questioning, he stated that there are many Polish born soldiers in the German Army that would like to surrender. In the afternoon, a patrol was sent toward Aron, meeting no resistance. They found gun emplacements which were evacuated.
- 10 August 1944-Another German prisoner came into our lines in the morning. Patrol was sent toward Aron and was fired upon by enemy machine-gun, approximately 1 mile east of the town. Enemy planes came over the sector about 1900. At least one enemy plane was shot down by P-47. At 2300, patrol sent to Aron.

- 11 August 1944-Company sector quiet with exception of patrol. Patrol was sent toward Aron in the afternoon, and was fired upon by the enemy about 1 mile east of the town. Patrol engaged the enemy in a fire fight and then withdrew.
- 12 August 1944-Two patrols were sent to Aron during the day, but neither patrol met any opposition. At 0400, 4 enemy soldiers (Polish born) came into our lines to surrender. After supper, company was alerted to move. A reconnaissance party was sent to new area. At 2000, a French civilian voluntarily gave information to the effect that the enemy had withdrawn from Aron.
- 13 August 1944-At 0300, company was relieved by a Ranger company. Left area in trucks. arrived in an assembly area near Abrieres at 0615. Traveled 35 miles. Company loaded trucks again at 2000 and arrived at bivouac area at 2145. Traveled 20 miles (Chevaigne-du-Maine). Patrol was sent to contact First Battalion on our left.
- 14 August 1944-Left area in trucks at 1840, arrived in a detrucking area of LeFerte Maice at 2045, 5 miles east of objective. Traveled 20 miles. At 2215, company left area marching toward objective. Company "F" in battalion reserve. At 2400, company was ordered to go into bivouac with local security out near St. Maurice-du-Desert.
- 15 August 1944-Company left bivouac area at 0820 and marched 2 miles to objective in the vicinity of LaSauvagere. Company occupied objective at 1115. Company went into battalion reserve, position covering the roads entering the town. Patrols were sent to contact Company "E" and Company "A". At 1945, company was alerted to move to an assembly area and be prepared to go into the attack in the morning. Company left area at 2040, rode trucks 3 miles to an assembly area northeast of LaSauvagere. Local security during the night.
- 16 August 1944-Company "F" reserve company of the battalion; crossed the line of departure at 0850, following behind Company "E". No enemy opposition was encountered and the company occupied objective in the vicinity of LeMesnil-de-Briouze at 1310. The advance was about 5000 yards. Company occupied a position on the right flank of the battalion. A road-block consisting of one squad was sent northeast of town. Patrols were sent to contact Company "L" on right.
- 17 and 18 August 1944-Roadblock was pulled back to the company area. The company was taken off line and went into a rest area. One outpost northeast of company.
- 19 to 24 August 1944-Usual camp duties; men attending shows and writing letters.
- 25 August 1944-Company left area in trucks under battalion control at 0645. Arrived in the vicinity of Lardy at 1815. Traveled about 164 miles. Practically every man had sore eyes and headache upon arriving in the new area. Treated with a solution of boric acid.
- 26 August 1944-Company left area at 1615, following Company "E"; arrived at an assembly area in the vicinity of Borbeil at 2015. Marched about 11 miles. Upon arrival at the new area, a jeep was sent to the kitchen for hot food.
- 27 August 1944-Company left area at 1350. After marching 10 miles, company was ordered off the road to await trucks. At 1950, company loaded trucks and arrived at objective, in the vicinity of Pontault-Combault at 2130. Traveled about 12 miles. Total distance: 22 miles. Company went into position on objective establishing road blocks and outposts. Company crossed the Seine River at 1500. While enroute to objective, the civilians lined the roads, passing out fruits and, in general, giving the Americans a nice welcome.
- 28 August 1944-Company left area at 1200, halted at the I.P. and resumed the march at 1300. Company marched approximately 4 miles and then was shuttled in trucks to a point approximately 5 miles south of the Marne River. The company then marched to Tribardou, crossed the Marne at 1700. From Tribardou, company was shuttled in jeeps to battalion objective. Went into a reserve position at 1830. Marched 9 miles; in trucks for 15 miles. At 2100, company was ordered to occupy company "G's" position. Company established a defensive line protecting the town.

- 29 August 1944-Company left area at 1220; company occupied objective, vicinity of Forfry without opposition at 1415. Traveled approximately 8 miles. Outpost of one squad and several tanks was placed in the town of Forfry. Remainder of company went into position east of town. Contact patrols to Company "E".
- 30 August 1944-Company left area at 0700; arrived at objective at 1240, traveled approximately 23 miles. Company went into position covering road nets north of Villers-Cotterets, relieving Company "B" of the 26th Infantry. Motorized patrols were sent to contact the 1st Battalion.
- 31 August 1944-Company left area at 1205, riding half-tracks and trucks. Company arrived at objective at 1650, and went into a defensive position.
- 1 September 1944-A report by the civilians about 11 Germans was investigated by a patrol from the 2nd platoon. The enemy were last seen at a farmhouse, 1 mile north of company position, looking for food. Patrol returned and the information was verified, by us, but the enemy had departed and were thought to be hiding in the swamps.
- 2 September 1944-At 1430, company crossed the I.P. Company loaded on 7th FA trucks and stood by ready to move. Arrived at company objective at Proisy at 0730 and went into position protecting the town. Travelled approximately 37 miles. After dark, 7 German EM and 1 Officer were captured while trying to infiltrate back to their own lines. The Germans had 4 men from Company "G" whom they had taken prisoners. The men were rescued and the Germans were taken prisoner by the 1st platoon.
- 3 September 1944-Company detrucked in the vicinity of Maubeges and was ordered to search the homes and clean out the area of enemy. After this was done, company again loaded trucks and rode to objective in the vicinity of Mons under Regimental control. Companies "E" and "G" were given a new mission and a new objective. Company occupied objective at 2130 covering roads entering Mons from the southwest. Distance traveled approximately 53 miles. Company crossed the Belgian border at 1930. During the night, enemy trying to flee back to Germany were either captured or killed by the first and second platoons and tanks from the 3rd Armored. During the day, thousands of Germans were seen captured by different units and the French F.F.I.
- 4 September 1944-Company is now attached to 1st Battalion. During the day, 8 prisoners were taken by road blocks of the 1st and 2nd platoons.
- 5 September 1944-During the day, 11 prisoners were captured by the road-blocks. Company's positions were taken over by Company "B". Company reverted back to 2nd Battalion control. Company left area in trucks and went into position occupied by Company "C" 26th Infantry. Traveled approximately 7 miles.
- 6 September 1944-At 1300 a patrol consisting of one platoon and 6 tanks was sent out to patrol a road running parallel to company position. Patrol returned at 1545 2 prisoners were picked up enroute. The 3rd platoon captured 12 Germans near their position. Local security was maintained during the night.
- 7 September 1944-Company left area at 1210 riding light and medium tanks; company hdqrs. and weapons platoon riding trucks. Arrived at objective vicinity of Huy at 1950. Traveled approximately 72 miles. Company occupied objective defending the town from the north. Three motorized patrols were sent to reconnoiter roads in front of Battalion position. No enemy situation developed during the night.
- 8 and 9 September 1944-Company still in defensive position defending the town from the North. Motorized patrols were sent out.
- 10 September 1944-Company left area at 0745 and halted at the battalion I.P. awaiting further orders. At 0905, company crossed the I.P., rifle platoons riding light and medium tanks. Company arrived at objective in the vicinity of Disonat 1145. Traveled approximately 32 miles. Company went into a defensive position, tying in with Company "B" on right and Company "A" on left. Contact patrols were sent during the night to Company "A".
- 11 and 12 September 1944-Company left area at 0840. Arrived at a forward assembly area, formerly occupied by 1st Battalion at 1110. Marched approximately 8 miles. Company arrived at new assembly area at 1840 following behind the 1st Battalion Company arrived at the new assembly area at 2020 after marching 3 miles and

being skuttled i jeeps the remaining 2 miles.

- 13 September 1944-Company left area at 0900 hours with orders to occupy an objective in the vicinity of Aachen, across the border. After marching $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, orders were changed and company went into a temporary assembly area, awaiting further orders. At 1810, company started marching toward a new objective. Arrived at new objective without opposition at 2015. Distance marched: approximately 3 miles. Company went into a defensive position and sent a patrol to reconnoiter a road in front of the company position.
- 14 September 1944-At 0810, company crossed the L.D. after advancing 200 yards. Company received small arms fire. At this point, company was at the German border. At approximately 0930, company's position was shelled by artillery, whether enemy or friendly was undetermined. Company reorganized and resumed its attack. Company crossed the border at 1120, capturing several prisoners. Company later knocked out a machine-gun nest that was covering a road block. After crossing the border company halted until the engineers cleared the anti-tank obstacles which were holding up the tanks. Company resumed its advance again at approximately 1530. In the company's sector, there were 5 pillboxes, which were recently evacuated, except one. The pillbox which had enemy, surrendered after the tanks fired into the embrasures. Company reached the objective at 2040. Upon reaching the objective an enemy AT gun knocked out one of our tanks. One officer and 4 EM seriously wounded in action; 13 EM lightly wounded in action
- 15 September 1944-Company crossed the I.P. under Battalion control and marched to the vicinity of Eilendorf at 1700. At this point, company went off the road and awaited further orders from Battalion. Enemy artillery fell near the company. Company moved to the eastern edge of town and went into position. Upon moving into position enemy movement was noticed 800 yards in front of 2nd platoon. Mortar and artillery were fired at the enemy. Distance marched during the day approximately 7 miles.
- 16 September 1944-Company was ordered to move to a new position upon being relieved by Company "K". At 1415, Company left area and moved to a position occupied by Company "B", east of town. The new position is part of the Siegfried Line. Company occupied the position at 1530. Marched approximately 2 miles. Contact patrols were sent to contact Company "C" on right and Company "E" on left. One outpost placed, about 800 yards in front of position One EM LWA (NOT EVAC) as of 14 September '44.
- 17 September 1944-At approximately 0300, enemy counter-attacked in the vicinity of company outpost. The attack was repulsed. Later, the outpost was withdrawn and the company position was strengthened and physical contact was made with Company "E" and Company "C". Enemy artillery shelled the position. One enemy prisoner was captured by the outpost. One EM LWA.
- 18 September 1944-Left flank of company position received heavy shelling from enemy artillery. All enemy activity seemed to be concentrated in front of our left flank.
- 19 September 1944-Company in same position occupying pillboxes and defending the right flank of the battalion sector. At approximately 1100, 3rd Battalion, 18th Infantry, moved in on our left. No shelling by enemy artillery during the day, but after darkness, heavy artillery fell in the company position. During the night, 2 patrols were sent out to a point 800 yards east of company position. No contact was made with the enemy, but outpost received small-arms fire.
- 20 September 1944-During the night and day a few enemy mortar and artillery shells fell near the company position. After darkness one outpost on being placed in front of Company position was fired upon by the enemy. The outpost withdrew and took up a new position.
- 21 to 23 September 1944-A few enemy artillery shells seemed to be directed near the left flank in the vicinity of Company "E". A patrol was sent to a point approximately 800 yards east of company position. The patrol found some German equipment. No contact was made with the enemy.
- 24 September 1944-At 0500 a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage fell on Company "I". Some of the barrage fell in our 2nd platoon area. The barrage was followed by an attack on Company "I". Part of the attacking force succeeded in capturing one pillbox, which threatened our flank. The remainder were driven off. The enemy

held the pillbox for approximately 7 hours and then surrendered. At 1330, a patrol was sent out to a point 700 yards east of Company position for the purpose of gaining information. Upon reaching this point, the patrol was fired upon by enemy machine-guns. The patrol withdrew and luckily no one was injured. During the afternoon, there was some enemy activity near our left flank in the vicinity of Company "E". During the day, enemy artillery kept falling intermittently in the company position. No one was injured.

- 25 September 1944-In the morning, unoccupied pillboxes were blown up by the 1st Engrs. During the day, an occasional enemy artillery shell fell near company position.
- 26 September 1944-In the afternoon, the battalion mine platoon replanted mines in front of the 1st and 2nd platoons, which enemy artillery had blown up and uncovered. A few enemy artillery shells fell near company position during the day.
- 27 to 30 September 1944-A few enemy shells fell near company area during the day. The artillery fire increased after dark. At 2030 the outpost in front of the 1st and 2nd platoons were placed further away from the company position. After taking up its position, the 1st platoon outpost heard enemy movement and received small-arms fire. No one was injured.
- 1 and 2 October 1944-Company sector was quiet during the day. There was no enemy activity or artillery fire. At 2330, company sector received heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Also at 2330, the outpost near the right flank fired small-arms and inflicted casualties on the advancing enemy. The outpost then withdrew to its platoon position. The heavy artillery barrage lasted 1 hour without letup, breaking wire communications with the platoons and battalion. The heavy barrage was followed by an attack on the right flank.
- 3 October 1944-Company position was under artillery fire until 0400, the following morning. At 0430, an enemy light tank set off one of our mines. The enemy recovered the tank before anything was done about knocking it out. At 0800, the outpost was placed in front of platoon position.
- 4 and 5 October 1944-In the afternoon, enemy movement of vehicles was heard by the outpost on the right flank. About 2300, an enemy barrage fell near the 2nd platoon, lasting about 5 minutes.
- 6 October 1944-The company reorganized its position. It now has 2 rifle platoons on line and one in reserve.
- 7 and 8 October 1944-Company mortars fired at a target area designated by battalion from 0400 to 0550. At night, several flares were seen in front of Company "E".
- 9 and 10 October 1944-At 0545 a sniper fired on one of the mortar-men. During the day, enemy shelled company area intermittently.
- 11 October 1944-Two outposts are placed in front of company position in the woods every night. There was no enemy activity in the vicinity of the company area.
- 12 and 13 October 1944-Company sector was quiet during the day. Planes continued bombing and strafing Aachen. After dark, enemy planes dropped bombs to the right rear of company position. At 2230, enemy artillery fell in company position temporarily disrupting communications between the company CP and platoons. Flares were again noticed throughout the sector.
- 15 to 17 October 1944-Enemy artillery was harrasing company sector during the day. At approximately 0540 hours, enemy planes bombed and strafed company positions. At 1245, company sent a patrol 800 yards east of company position. Patrol was fired upon by the enemy. Patrol returned safely. No enemy artillery in company sector throughout the day. Flares again were noticed throughout the night.
- 18 October 1944-Enemy again attacked Company "G" at 0600 hours. Our artillery stopped the attack. At 0830, enemy patrol was spotted 1500 yards in front of company position. No enemy artillery in company sector throughout the day. There was a heavy enemy artillery barrage to left of Company "E" at 1600 hours.
- 19 to 21 October 1944-Company sector was quiet during the day. After dark, enemy machine-guns were harrasing company positions. At 2130, enemy planes were overhead, but our AA guns had them in hand.
- 22 and 23 October 1944-Company sector was quiet except for an occasional enemy mortar shell. An enemy patrol ran into our minefield. It soon was believed that one man was hurt. A patrol was sent to investigate but the enemy withdrew.

- 25 and 26 October 1944-Company spent these few days cleaning up and taking showers.
- 28 October 1944-Company began to move and was in position by 1940. Distance traveled, 4 miles, by truck. The 2nd Battalion was cited on GO #60 ED 29 July 1944, for heroic action on H-Hour, D-Day 10 July 1943 at Gela Sicily.
- 29 October 1944-Enemy artillery shells were falling in rear of company position. Enemy planes were over at 2100 dropping personnel bombs on our right flank. Flares were noticed throughout the night.
- 30 and 31 October 1944-Company sector was quiet throughout the day. At 0915 hours, company sent out a patrol 800 yards in front of company position. Patrol was not fired upon but spotted the enemy felling trees. Mortar section later laid down a barrage in among the working enemy.
- 1 and 2 November 1944-At 0800 hours company sent a patrol 800 yards east of company position. Two enemy soldiers were seen walking along a road. patrol returned safely. There was no enemy artillery landing in company sector. At 1900 hours, friendly planes were overhead returning from a bombing mission in Germany.
- 3 to 5 November 1944-Company sector was quiet. A patrol was sent 800 yards east of company position; no enemy movement was observed.
- 6 November 1944-At 1600 hours a patrol from Company "E" withdrew through the 2nd platoon outpost. At 2100 hours, enemy artillery and mortars were landing in Company "E" and Company "G" position. A few short rounds landed near 2nd platoon.
- 7 and 8 November 1944-Brand, Germany. Company started moving at 1400 hours and arrived at destination at 1530 hours. Marched approximately 2 miles.
- 9 and 10 November 1944-Zweifall, Germany. Company was scheduled to move at 0645, but the move was postponed till 1245 hours. At 1300 hours, company loaded trucks and reached its destination at 1500 hours, after traveling approximately 12 miles. Company bivouacked in the woods. Rained all night.
- 11 to 15 November 1944-Enemy artillery shells fell in rear of company area, and company was preparing to move.
- 16 November 1944-Funderheim, Germany. At 1700 hours, company received orders to move. Reached new bivouac area at 1845 after walking about 4 miles. Company "L" was in area before company moved in, and had shelters dug. Company then bedded down for the night.
- 17 and 18 November 1944-Hamich, Germany. Moved out of bivouac area at 0800 hours, and walked about 2 miles to forward assembly area. At 1345 assembly area was left by company and we walked $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to L.D. Was under harrassing enemy artillery fire. At 1415 hours, company went into attack with close artillery support. Reached objective at 1500 hours. Organized and dug in. Five EM killed in action; 5 EM LWA; 1 EM LIA.
- 19 November 1944-Heisteru, Germany. Company repulsed counter-attack from 0530 to 0730 hours at Hill #232. Enemy consisted of 2 reinforced companies and enemy casualties were extremely heavy. Company reorganized and prepared for an attack north of company position. Crossed L.D. at 1400 hours, drove into woods about 1000 yards and gained objective; organized and dug in. One officer and 7 EM KIA; 2 Officers and 17 EM LWA; 2 EM SWA.
- 20 November 1944- Patrol was sent at 0630 hours, 200 yards northeast of company position. No enemy was contacted and patrol returned at 0730 hours. At 0800 hours enemy combat patrol harrassed center of company position. They were driven off by small arms fire. At 1000 hours, company continued the attack northeast. Gained 500 yards and met stubborn enemy resistance. On order from battalion, company dug in and held position. 5 EM LWA; 1 EM LIA; 1 EM SWA.
- 21 November 1944-At 1000 hours, one platoon of company coordinated attack with Company "E". Regt. drove northwest 200 yards to seize important road junction. No enemy resistance was encountered. Defense was reorganized as to protect battalion right flank. 3 EM LWA; 1 EM LWA (NOT EVAC).
- 22 and 23 November 1944-Throughout the morning, the company was under enemy harrassing fire while Companies "E" and "G" were under heavy artillery fire. Company is set up in enemy bunkers. Company is in reserve.

- 24 November 1944-Menanau, Germany. Company withdrew from its position and went into battalion reserve.
- 25 November 1944-At 0830 hours, company attacked a wooded ridge wouthwest Langerwehe. From L.D. to objective, company received heavy mortar and artillery fire. Company reorganized and dug in. One prisoner taken. Mortar and artillery fire continuous throughout the day. 17 EM LWA.
- 26 November 1944-Company CP was under heavy artillery barrage. Third platoon sent a patrol to clear woods north of company position. Patrol returned O.K. Second platoon sent 2 patrols to check buildings 150 yards to front. 1st patrol was driven back by intense small arms fire; 2nd patrol contacted enemy at 2100 hours and withdrew quietly. 3 EM LWA as of 25 Nov. 1944; 2 EM LWA.
- 27 November 1944-Huchein, Germany. Company in same position under considerable enemy mortar and artillery fire. At 1600 hours, company was withdrawn to reorganize. Marched $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to new area. 2 EM LWA; 1 EM KIA.
- 28 to 30 November 1944-Time was spent reorganizing and cleaning up.
- 1 to 4 December 1944-Time was spent in training, close-order drill and instruction in weapons.
- 5 December 1944-Monschau, Germany. Company left area at 1000 hours by truck. Arrived in new position at 1430 hours, traveled 40 miles by truck and marched $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- 6 to 8 December 1944-Mutzenich, Germany. Time spent in improving living conditions.
- 9 to 13 December 1944-Company prepared to move. Company left Mutzenich, Germany by truck at 0725 hours. Arrived in Thimister, Belgium, at 0830 hours. Distance traveled approximately 25 miles. Men are billeted in private homes.
- 14 to 16 December 1944-Gen. Huebner visited the company. Company was alerted and all passes were cancelled.
- 17 December 1944-Malmedy, Belgium. Company was placed on 1 hour alert. Boarded trucks at 1830. Left Thimister at 1830 hours, and arrived at Malmedy, Belgium, at 2400 hours. Distance traveled approximately 20 miles.
- 18 December 1944-Three patrols were sent out at 1100 hours to search for partroopers. Equipment chutes and tracks were found at one spot. No other trace found. Company in position in woods.
- 19 December 1944-Morning was spent improving our positions. At 1200 hours, orders were issued to move. Company boarded trucks at 1400 hours and arrived in Weismes, at 1500 hours, after riding approximately 8 miles.
- 20 and 21 December 1944-Company was relieved by Company "B" at 1700 hours. We are now in battalion reserve. The 2nd platoon is committed between Companies "E" and "G".
- 22 December 1944-Company CP was moved about 2 miles.
- 23 December 1944-First platoon sent a patrol 500 yards to the front. Signal lights were observed. Mines have been laid and wire is being put up to our front.
- 24 and 25 December 1944-Company sector quiet during the day. Men had Christmas Dinner.
- 26 and 27 December 1944-Patrol attempting to enter a house 600 yards in front of company position were fired upon by the enemy. Patrol withdrew. Lt. Kolb and Pfc. Lamphier salvaged an abandoned 40mm. gun and brought it up to the company to back up the line. Plenty air activity. 1 EM LWA.
- 28 and 29 December 1944-Lt. Jamros and his patrol returned at 0300 hours without any prisoners. Company sector quiet throughout the day.
- 30 and 31 December 1944-Company sector generally quiet. At about 1705, about 10 rockets landed in the field near Company CP.
- 1 and 2 January 1945-Lt. Lombarski took a patrol out at 0700 hours and placed satchel charges on tail where enemy patrol passes. Patrol returned at 0900 hours. Company sector quiet throughout the day.
- 3 and 4 January 1945-About 2000 hours, a few artillery shells landed in rear of Company area. Company continued improving defenses. 1st platoon laid more wire.
- 5 and 6 January 1945-About 0300 hours, 2 enemy approached the listening post. The listening post waited until they were about 5 yards away, and then opened up on them, killing one and capturing the other.

- 7 to 12 January 1945-Company sector generally quiet. Slight enemy air activity.
- 13 January 1945-Company relieved by 120th Infantry, and marched about 2500 yards to new quarters. Considerable shelling throughout company area. 1 EM LWA.
- 14 and 15 January 1945-Company awaiting attack orders.
- 16 January 1945-Company arose at 0300 hours, had breakfast and moved out at 0500 hours. Went into the attack with no trouble. Germans brought up tanks which fired upon the men. Friendly artillery also caused some casualties. Woods very thick and dark. Snow suits made Germans and Americans unrecognizable to each other, until only a few feet apart. About 1900 hours, moved back nearer town. 8 EM LWA; 2 EM SWA.
- 17 January 1945-Faymonville, Belgium. Company received more mortar fire. Checked losses; re-equipped and moved into town at 1500 hours. 1 officer and 17 EM LWA. 1 Officer LIA.
- 18 January 1945-Day spent in reorganizing and reequipping; each platoon sector unusually quiet.
- 19 January 1945-Schoppen, Belgium. Moved out at 0500 hours for attack on hill from which we had been driven 2 days before. Everything progressed well until the afternoon when enemy tanks brought fire on the company, causing casualties. 8 EM LWA.
- 20 to 22 January 1945-Company sector generally quiet. Improved positions.
- 23 January 1945-Company is in battalion reserve. Sector quiet throughout the day.
- 24 and 25 January 1945-Company was relieved, having been squeezed out by the 18th Infantry. Marched about 1 mile into town. Men are in billets.
- 26 and 27 January 1945-Steinbach, Belgium. Company entrucked at 0900 hours, and rode about 3 miles to Steinbach, Belgium. Arrived approximately 0945 hours. Set up in billets. Remainder of day spent in cleaning up.
- 28 to 31 January 1945-Men generally resting and reorganizing.
- 1 to 3 February 1945-Men undergoing training and resting.
- 4 to 6 February 1945-Entrucked at Steinbach, Belgium, at 0800 hours. Arrived in woods west of Kleinau, Germany, approximately 1130 hours. Distance rode: 30 miles. At 1830 hours, marched 8 miles through heavy mud to Untermabach, Germany. Relieved Company "E", 13th Infantry, in a defensive position. Positions have been well prepared and left in very good condition. Enemy has perfect observation on us, so no movement by day. Area heavily covered with enemy AP & AT mines.
- 7 and 8 February 1945-Nothing can be done in the daytime. Men sleep all day and work at night. Lt. Lombarski and 4 EM went on patrol along the river bank and hit one of our mines. 1 EM SWA; 2 EM LWA.
- 9 and 10 February 1945-Company was being relieved from positions by Company "C", 26th Inf., which was going well.
- 11 February 1945-Gey, Germany. Relief completed about 0130 hours. Marched 5 miles to kitchen area and arrived about 0430 hours. Men had breakfast at 0630 hours. Moved 800 yards to new area. Dug in against possible artillery. Continuous rain.
- 12 and 13 February 1945-Company sector generally quiet.
- 14 to 22 February 1945-Company in same area. Things generally quiet.
- 23 February 1945-Company was making preparations to move.
- 24 and 25 February 1945-Drove, Germany. Company moved out at 0630 hours for final assembly area in Niederau. Crossed LD at 1230 hours, with Krenzau first objective. Resistance moderate; took 90 prisoners. Left Krenzau at 1330 hours and entered Drove at 1430 hours. Occupied town behind Company "G". Developed defensive position and mopped up, taking 56 prisoners. Third platoon took high ground east of Drove. No resistance encountered. 2 EM LWA.
- 26 February 1945-Left Drove at 1300 hours to completely clean out woods. Nothing encountered. Moved beyond woods and prepared for attack on Soller. Waited for other elements of Regt. to come on line. At 2000, order was given for pre-dawn attack. on CO's request, time was changed to 2130 hours, and to attack alone. Attack went very well, preceded by a beautifully placed and well-timed barrage.

- 27 and 28 February 1945-Company moved out for Vettweiss foot at 1330 hours; arrived at Vettweiss at 1430 hours. Marched about 4 miles. Enemy artillery coming in all day.
- 1 March 1945-Moved at 2415 for Gld Bach. Proceeded at good interval as considerable mortar and direct fire received along road. Arrived in town approximately at 0100 hours. Set up defensive positions.
- 2 to 4 March 1945-Company entrucked at 1500 hours. Rode approximately 8 miles to Freisheim. Arrived approximately at 1545 hours. Town full of civilians.
- 5 March 1945-Marched at 0530 hours to Wielerwist and arrived there at 1100 hours. Marched approximately 6000 yards. At 1230 hours, jumped off for Metternich with one platoon of heavy machine-guns and 1 of medium tanks. Moderate artillery landing on approach to town, which was taken at 1530 hours. CP was set up in Schloss, Metternich but battalion CO declared it off limits to all troops as it is a historical monument. Civilians say that many Volksturm threw away their uniforms and arms and put on civilian clothes when the Americans were approaching. Recaptured 10 Frenchmen who were pw's since 1940. 1 EM LWA.
- 6 March 1945-Waldorf, Germany. Left Metternich at 1800 hours, on foot and arrived at Waldorf at 1945 hours. Marched approximately 4 miles.
- 7 March 1945-Moved at 2430 hours from Waldorf to Rankenberg Castle on a hilltop. Distance marched 1500 yards. At 0630 hours, moved into the City Hall at Bornheim.
- 8 March 1945-Marched from Bornheim at 0930 to Alpter; arrived at 1005. Distance, 2000 yards. Some direct fire from across the Rhine. Spent the day awaiting orders. Moved out at 2000 hours and arrived at Bonn at 2100 hours.
- 9 March 1945-Left Bonn at 1915 hours by foot and marched 6000 yards to Hersel. Arrived at 2030 hours.
- 10 to 14 March 1945-Things generally quiet. Company was relieved by 28th Infantry. Moved by truck at 2200 hours. Traveled about 7000 yards. Arrived at a point near Waldorf at 2250 hours. Men were put in billets.
- 15 to 18 March 1945-Things generally quiet; men took showers and were awarded Purple Hearts. On 18th, entrucked at Waldorf at 0545 hours and traveled 30 miles to Rhine River. Arrived at 0815 hours; marched 1500 yards to Rheinbreitbach. Arrived at 0900 hours. Company ate dinner and supper there. Entrucked at 1800 hours and traveled approximately 8 miles to Seifenhoven. Arrived at 1900 hours. Company went into defensive position slightly in rear of main line, closing a gap. The Rhine was crossed on a treadway.
- 19 and 20 March 1945-Left Seifenhoven on foot at 1745 hours. Arrived at Bellinghausen at 2130 hours. Marched approximately 4 miles. Relieved Company "A".
- 21 March 1945-Company was assigned a series of three platoon objectives. Started moving at 0300 hours and gained last objective by 1200 hours. Enemy showed little resistance with small arms fire. Many tanks and self propelled guns in area. 2nd platoon got one tank. Company captured approximately 150 prisoners. 1 EM KIA; 1 EM SWA; 1 EM LIA.
- 22 March 1945-Moved to Soven at 1500 hours by foot. Marched about 800 yards. The move was rapid as the road was under observation. Plenty of enemy artillery in area. 2 EM LWA; 2 EM LWA, (NOT EVAC.)
- 23 and 24 March 1945-Company took its objectives, meeting medium resistance, mostly self-propelled guns and mortars. There was practically no small arms fire. 1 Officer LWA; 2 EM SWA; 3 EM LWA.
- 25 March 1945-Company was relieved by 309th Infantry, so that we could go attack in southern sector. Relief was not completed by midnight.
- 26 March 1945-Moved by truck at 1830 hours. Arrived at Kircheib at 2030 hours, after riding approximately 15 miles. At 2035 hours, company marched 5 miles into woods to L.D.; arrived at 2330 hours. 1 EM LIA.
- 27 March 1945-Company moved into attack at 0330 to east and met light resistance. Final objective reached at 1530 hours. Received some heavy mortar and rocket fire. Sent patrol to reconnoiter and hold high ground to north. 2 EM LWA; 1 EM MIA.
- 28 and 29 March 1945-Entrucked at 1230 hours and traveled 35 miles to Wurgendorf. Arrived at 2300 hours.

- 30 March 1945-At 1900 company attacked toward Rundorf. Plenty of artillery and small arms fire. Completed taking town by 1700 hours. Buttoned up and prepared to hold. 5 EM LWA.
- 31 March 1945-Entrucked at Rundorf at 0330 hours; rode 5 miles to Wurgendorf. Had hot breakfast at 0630 hours. Entrucked with 5th FA at 1030 hours and rode 122 miles to Buren. Arrived at 2345 hours. Company was placed in billets. Company is in a non-tactical position.
- 1 April 1945-Moved 1st platoon at 1000 hours on reconnaissance with tanks. Company followed at 1320 hours on tanks and halftracks. Took up defensive position north of town.
- 2 April 1945-Improved positions. Regtl. CO visited company. At about 0200 hours, 2 German Officers and 1 EM in a car tried to go thru our lines. One of our riflemen killed two of them with three shots and knocked out the car. The third German was captured.
- 3 and 4 April 1945-Company still in same position. Made preparations to coordinate with 8th Armored and meet them as they are attacking directly toward our front.
- 5th April 1945-8th Armored Division have contacted us. Company pinched out in this sector. 1st Lt. Robert L. Wilmott, O-1292972, Commanding.
- 6 April 1945-Left Geseke on foot at 0630 hours. Marched 2 miles and entrucked on Cannon Company vehicles. Traveled 51 miles. Arrived at Brakel at 1545 hours. Had some difficulty with the 3rd armored about billets, as they arrived the same time as we did.
- 7 and 8 April 1945-At 1445, marched to Webrden, and took boats across the Weser River. Marched to Derenthal. Arrived at 1935 hours. It was a complete surprise to the enemy. 80 prisoners were taken.
- 9 April 1945-Moved on foot at 1300 hours; closed on objective at 1545 hours. Met no resistance. Distance traveled $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Sent contact patrol to 3rd Battalion in town of Neuhaus and a reconnaissance patrol to ridge in front of us. Dug in defensively.
- 10 April 1945-At 0945 hours, company marched 1 mile to Neuhaus.
- 11 April 1945-Moved at 1400 hours on 5th FA vehicles. Entire regiment and attached units are in convoy. Arrived in Imbshausen at 1700 hours after traveling 35 miles. Advance party had to fight off about 60 Germans. 50 prisoners taken.
- 12 April 1945-At 1300 hours, company moved on 103rd AAA bn. trucks and arrived at Herzberg at 1515 hours. Distance traveled 24 miles. Quiet operation. One self-propelled gun firing into town for a short time.
- 13 April 1945-Furnished detail to round up all non-Germans in area. Sent patrol south of area and returned at 1945, reporting no resistance.
- 14 April 1945-Moved into St. Andrensberg with light resistance, on trucks.
- 15 April 1945-Company moved at 1200 hours. Two platoons on trucks, remainder of company on foot. Distance traveled $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Arrived at 1600 hours. Vehicles were held back by many felled trees and craters. Took 59 prisoners.
- 16 April 1945-Left Bristenberg on foot at 1300 hours. Met 2 road-blocks. Arrived at objective at 1900 hours. Distance 5 miles. Many small arms fights all the way. 3rd platoon sent out combat patrol ahead of company by 2 hours to halfway pt.
- 17 April 1945-Moved at 1815 hours on tanks and trucks. Distance traveled 10 miles. Very dark and much rain. One tank overran another, muzzle of rear tank jammed men against turret of front tank.
- 18 April 1945-Attacked at 0730 hours thru woods to Elend. Took 278 prisoners against light resistance. Arrived at Elend at 1130 hours. Continued attack at 1300 hours to the east. Advanced 800 yards. Company was held up $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours by 3 Royal Tigers and 200 infantrymen. Knocked out 2 tanks with the aid of the 7th FA Observer. 1 tank got away. Infantry retreated leaving many killed and wounded. Closed objective at 1930 hours. Prisoners taken in the afternoon totaled 157.
- 19 April 1945-Moved on foot from Mandelholz. Traveled $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Rothebutts. Company went into defensive position. Area quiet.
- 20 April 1945-Company moved out at 0730 hours to clean out small pocket of enemy to our front. Took 32 prisoners. Returned at 1230 hours.

- 21 to 24 April 1945-Things generally quiet. Moved at 0720 hours on trucks; arrived at Beyernaumburg at 1140 hours. Distance 58 miles.
- 25 to April 1945-Usual camp duties. Billeting party left at 0615 hours. Company departed at 1400 hours. Arrived at 2300 hours. Distance traveled 151 miles.
- 28 April 1945-Vostanov, Czechoslovakia. Left company area at 1245 hours. Traveled 10 miles. Set up defensive positions. Moved out again at 1520 hours. Arrived at Vostanov at 1635 hours. Traveled 3 miles. Met no resistance.
- 29 and 30 April 1945-Defensive positions continued. Some krauts still reported digging in to our front.
- 1 to 5 May 1945-Improved defensive positions. Sent out patrols. On 5 May, company alerted to move out. All CP's were pulled in. Order were changed and took up same position.
- 6 May 1945-Company moved into attack at 1600 hours. Enemy resistance light in the morning. Pinned down in the afternoon by sniper fire and infantry fire. Moved into our objective at 2100 hours. Distance traveled 23 miles. 52 prisoners taken. 2 EM LWA.
- 7 May 1945-Company moved out at 0700 hours on foot. Traveled $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Arrived at 0815 hours. Halted on battalion order to stand pat. OP'S were sent out.
- 8 May 1945-Company formed for the reading of the surrender of Germany by the CO. After the reading of the surrender, company paraded thru town.