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HEADQUARTERS 16TH INFANTRY
Office of the Regimental Commander

APO #1, U. S. Army.
7 February 1944.

SUBJECT : Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, 1st U. S. Infantry Division.

1. In compliance with letter, Allied Force Headquarters, subject as above, the following report is submitted;

1 - 31 January, 1944

Organizations were garrisoned as follows;

Parnham, Beaminster, Dorset, England;
Hq. & Hq. Co., 16th Infantry
Regimental Medical Section, 16th Infantry.

Beaminster, Dorset, England;
Antitank Company, 16th Infantry.
Cannon Company, 16th Infantry.

Lyme Regis, Dorset, England;
1st Battalion, 16th Infantry.
1st Battalion Medical Section, 16th Infantry.

Bridport, Dorset, England;
Service Company, 16th Infantry.
Hq. Co. 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry.
Company H, 16th Infantry.
2nd Battalion Medical Section, 16th Infantry.

Walditch, Dorset, England;
Company G, 16th Infantry.
Company E, 16th Infantry.

West Bay, Dorset, England;
Company F, 16th Infantry.

Litton Cheney, Dorset, England.
Hq Co. 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry.
Company I, 16th Infantry
3rd Battalion Medical Section, 16th Infantry

Long Bredy, Dorset, England;
Company L, 16th Infantry


Bexington, Dorset, England;
Company M, 16th Infantry

Abbotsbury, Dorset, England;
Company K, 16th Infantry

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2. Monthly training consisted of range firing of the following weapons: M-1, O3, BAR, Carbine, Pistol, 60mm Mortar and 81mm Mortar, rocket launcher, hand grenades, 30 calibre and 50 calibre machine guns. Emphasis was also placed on bayonet training, gas mask drill, and night problems. Platoons practiced assaulting fortified positions and street fighting. Weekly training was carried on in chemical warfare. Training films were utilized extensively. The Cannon Company fired on the artillery range in Wales from January 3 to January 9. Battalion marches and physical exercises were emphasized more than in previous months. Battalion staffs conducted Command post Exercises, and plans calling for a Regimental Command post Exercise during the first week of February were completed. Intensive training of all communications and Intelligence personnel was emphasized. Part of Regimental Headquarters Company and the Regimental Medical Detachment worked a night problem January 21, 1944.

General Montgomery addressed the assembled regiment at the Bridport Cricket Grounds, Sunday, January 16, 1944.


G. A. TAYLOR
Colonel, 16th Infantry,
Commanding.