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HEADQUARTERS 16TH INFANTRY
Office of the Regimental Commander

APO #1, U. S. Army
8 April 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:

1-6, 7-12, and 13-31 March, 1944.

Organizations were garrisoned as follows:

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

Beaminster, Dorset, England;
Anti-tank 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

Litten 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

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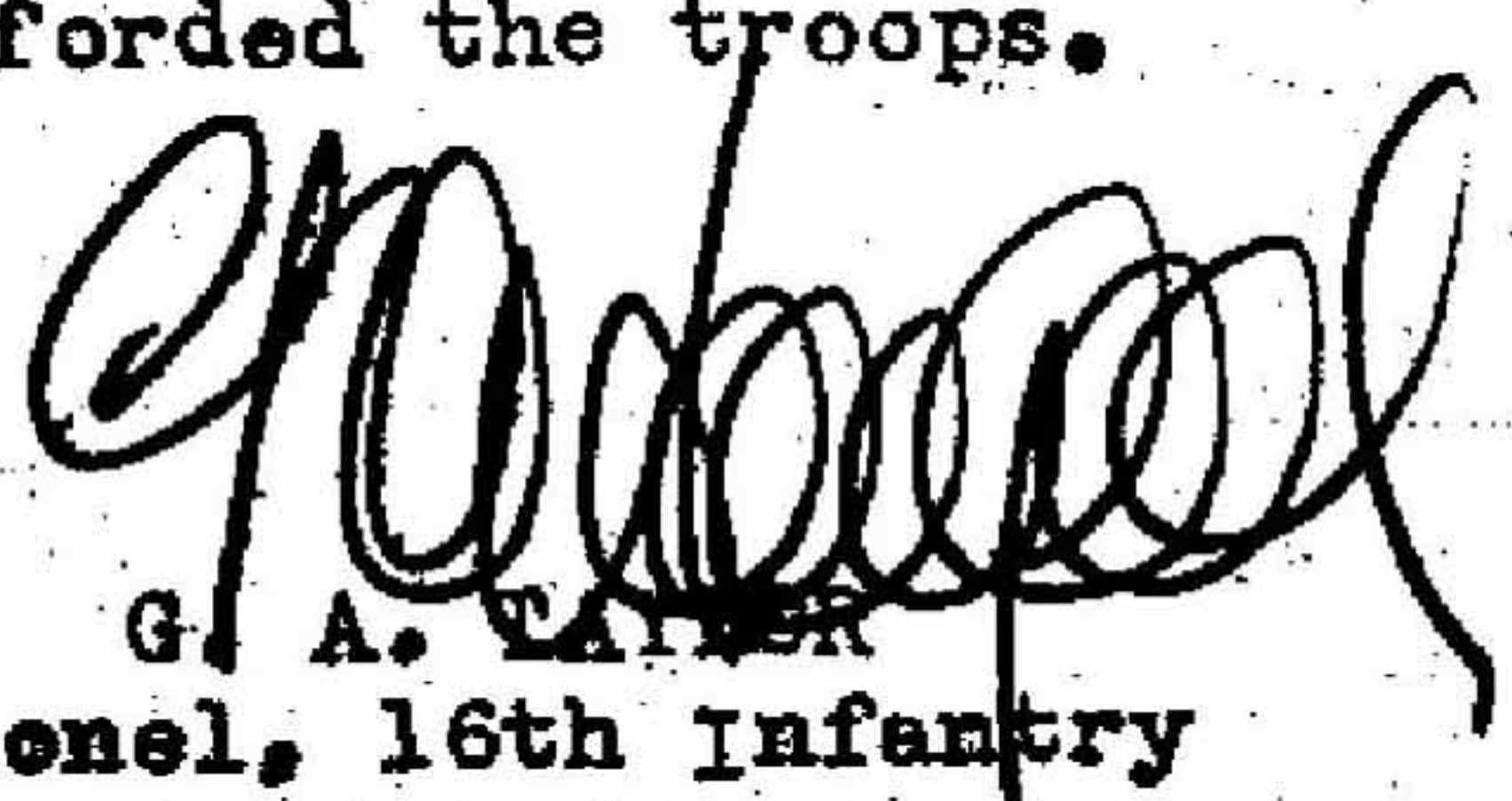
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Abbotsbury, Dorset, England;
Company K, 16th Infantry

2. During period March 1st through 6th the regular training schedule was followed with emphasis placed on hikes, problems, lectures and calisthenics. Units were allowed no passes or furloughs after the 2nd.

On March 7th the entire Combat Team made preparation for boat landing maneuvers in the Slapton Sands area. The advance detail moved out at 0400 hours, the remainder of the regiment following at 0630 hours on March 8th. Advance detail boarded the U. S. S. BARNETT in Weymouth harbor at 0930 hours. The balance of the regiment and combat team arrived in Weymouth and boarded the troopships at 1145 hours. During the next two days, March 9th and 10th, troops on board ship were given final instructions pertaining to the landing. Landing assault began at 0830 hours, March 11th with assault units hitting the beach. The problem got well under way with all units landing on schedule and the town of Strete being taken in order. At 1245 hours, Sunday, March 12th the troops were on their final objective and dug in, after which the problem ended. The men then moved to an assembly area where they received a hot meal and boarded trains to move back to old areas.

After returning to our area the regiment followed a training schedule very similar to that conducted previous to the boat landing exercise with the exception that range firing was included. Recreation such as movies, shows, dances, passes and furloughs were afforded the troops.


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