

HEADQUARTERS 16TH INFANTRY
Office of the Regimental Commander

APO #1, U. S. Army,
9 May, 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 - 24 April, 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.

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.

Abbotsbury, Dorset, England:
Company "K", 16th Infantry.

2. During period 1 April through 23rd the regiment followed the regular training schedule, emphasis being placed on hikes, problems, lectures, range firing and calisthenics.

On Sunday, 2 April, General Eisenhower, accompanied by General Huebner and General Wyman inspected the regiment. General Eisenhower presented awards to several officers and men of the regiment during a ceremony at the Cricket Field in Bridport.

General Bradley inspected the 16th Infantry Regiment on Tuesday, 11 April and also lectured all officers of the Regiment at the Church Hall in Bridport.

On 24 April the entire Combat Team began preparation for boat landing maneuvers in the Blapton Sands Area. The Combat Team moved on April 25th to the marshalling area in vicinity of Martinstown. Immediately upon arrival in marshalling area, Combat Team Headquarters was established and men were billeted in pyramidal tents. Men were instructed to dig slit trenches and proceed with care and cleaning of equipment. Throughout the six days spent in the marshalling area, movies were provided afternoon and night. All troops were thoroughly briefed on the forthcoming problem and on Sunday, 30 April, were packed and ready to move to the embarkation port.

Throughout the month recreational facilities such as movies, shows, and dances were afforded the troops.

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