

1st Battalion Journal

Friday	June	9	Foot troops left Hodgemoor Camp at 0440. Arrived at marshalling area at 1200. Motor column arrived at area at 2100.
Saturday	June	10	Troops were briefed. Usual camp duties.
Sunday	June	11	Motor column under Capt McBride leave marsh area for Port of Embarkation, Southampton.
Monday	June	12	Nothing important happened.
Tuesday	June	13	Foot troops leave marshalling area for POE at 1730. Embarked on transport "Empress Rapi" at 1945. It was a British boat. Our destination was Omaha beach on the Normandy coast.
Wednesday	June	14	Battalion started disembarking at 1630. The first party to go in was Lt Col Cantey, Pfc Jack McCalligan and S/Sgt Collins the Operations Sgt. This group went over with Sgt King's platoon from Company A. Move thru transit area to ass area. We saw much knocked out equipment on the beach. On rout to ass area we saw our first dead Krauts. Our motor column went through <u>ISIGNY</u> .
Thursday	June	15	Bn moved to new ass area at 0630. Closed in at 1030 and opened CP. Gave us location of waterpoint 2 miles west of Isigny. At 1730 the 3rd plat of Co "B" sent to ARIEL as security. Late that evening they came back.
Friday	June	16	1st Plat of Co B went on patrol into Aerial. At 1330 the Bn leaves ass area and at 1630 we arrived at new area. At 2030 we had our first casualties of the war in Europe. Pfc Hurley and Lanasa were wounded when a hand grenade went off when the pi ll was pulled out Taken to 105th Clearing Station. The 175th Inf Rens report Bridge located at 503724 Battalion strength for unit report. EM 822 A 181: 5 officers: B 184 C 186 and 6 O: D 151 and 7 Officers Hq 118 and 10 officers.
Saturday	June	17	Crisis reports counterattack against 120th 37th and 38th Panzer Grenadiers identified. Lt Adkison Co C took out a patrol and they returned in tact. We captured some PW's. At 1700 we moved to another ass area. At 1820 we closed in new area located at 516716. Lt Collins of Co B took patrol into Le Meuffe and reported back there was Jerry activity there.
Sunday	June	18	At 0115 patrol of relieved Bn had withdrawn from Le Meuffe before our patrol arrived. Meanwhile enemy moved in and drove back our patrol. At 0230 Lt Morgan and 50 EM from the 175th Inf 29th Div withdrew from Le Meuffe and bivouaced in 1st Bn water.

Sunday June 18

At 0430 we had a message from Lt Rip Collins Co B that he was unable to reach town Le Meuffe. He established hasty defense along high ground before the 1st bridge. Co B enters edge of Le Meuffe report no activity. At 1000 hours enemy arty was falling in Co C area. Our 1st casualty from enemy action was Sgt Thomas, Co D supply sgt who later died of wounds from arty. At 1340 we had message from Crisis that Co K would take up Co A positions while A cleaned up river bank SW of church at Le Meuffe while B took up defensive on river bank of the VIRE. At 1620 Pfc Fernberg and patrol returned having crossed the river and located En MG positions. At 2000 hours Co's were calling for litter bearers... We were meeting heavy resistance in the edge of the woods. Lt Heginbotham wounded in the eye but only remained in the Aid station for a short while. During the fight the CO, 1st Lt Dent was seriously wounded thru the chest. Sgt Mayette Co C shot thru the arm. Pvt Kaufman Co D mortar section was KIA. Lt Missimer Co A plat leader was MIA. Pvt Casteneda of Co A KIA. Lt Howling goes on patrol contacting the 175th Inf of 29th Div.

Monday June 19

Lt Lefevre reports as Ln to 175th Regt. Lt Wilson of Crisis I and R plat reports to Crop CP with information for the S-2 Lt Walters. We were having much problems with the password and men were being shot by their own personnel. We had some sniper activity in the Battalion area.

Tuesday June 20

We had our first visit from Mr Lew Klewer American Red Cross. He brought some stationary for the men. Lt Howling and his patrol continue to make contact with the 175th Regt. The engrs suggest we do not blow up the ammo dump found in the Battalion area.

Wednesday June 21

Co C had man killed from long range machine gun fire. EM was Placek. We got some replacement officers in the Battalion. 1st Lt Bowers assigned to Co "C". At 1600 the 30th Rens advises they are sending patrol to woods south of Le Meuffe and will make rcn to the south. Co "A" reported they killed a sniper operating in their area.

Thursday June 22

At 1330 members of the 17th Engrs of 2nd Armad visit CP. Were receiving arty fire throughout the Battalion area. That evening we received 21 replacements from Crisis.

Friday June 23

Colonel Ednie called Col Cantey giving him verbal order to outpost right flank on river to quarry

Saturday	June	24	Pvt Thurmer Co "B" accidentally wounded himself when weapon went off in his foxhole. We moved our CP back some 400 yards. It was a well dug in CP some 14 feet below surface of the ground.
Sunday	June	25	Lt Carr reported a ton and a half vehicle hit by arty during the night. No EM injured. Letter prepared on Sgt Teja, 1st Sgt Co C for battelfield promotion. Col Cantey holds it a while. EM had done superior work at Le Meuffe. Name submitted for Silver Star for work done in getting a pinned down EM out of RR tracks where man was held by machine gun fire.
Monday	June	26	Co C sends out patrol with Pfc Dubreil and Pvt Olsufka, who was SWA. General Hobbs visits CP. Makes visit to Co's. Late in evening we spotted some enemy planes and the 50 calibre MG's opened up. Lt Ryan was working with is as Arty Liason Officer.
Tuesday	June	27	Recommendations on Sgt Cote for Silver Star sent in. Also one on Sgt Teja. We were notified that all the rear detachments were now present. It seems that they were out in the channel for 8 days caught in a rough storm making it impossible to land. Battalion strength was 30 Officers and 814 EM. We get three officer replacements, Lt McDonald asgnd to Co C: Lt Chase asgnd to CoA: Lt Knowe asgnd to Co B:
Wednesday	June	28	Lt Johnson asgnd to 1st Bn. Ganser al Harrson visits CP. We received 28 replacements. Baker Co calls they are receiving mortar fire in their area. Sgt Fordham Co C captures PW. We receive 28 replacements. Battalion strength 841 officers and 35 officers.
Thursday	June	29	Lt Garian traifd to Co E. He was not doing his job satisfactory. Nothing much occurred.
Friday	June	30	Lt Wilson of I& R platoon of Crisis reports to Battalion CP with some information. Regt notifies is all self inflicted wound cases will be thoroughly investigated. Sgt Loftis Co B accidentally wounded and evacuated.
aturday	June	30	No date.
unday	July	1	Jerry artillery falling in around the smoke stack in Le Meuffe. We submit recommendations for Good Conduct ribbons for Battalion. We are receiving mortar fire in Charlie Co area.
onday	July	2	Regimental commander visits CP, Colonel Alfred V. Ednie. Two EM from Co C killed by arty while in their trenches along a hedgerow. Baker Co reports they hear tank motor in distance,

Action Summary, First Battalion, 119th INF Regt, 30th Div.
July 1944

Wednesday	July	4	Letter of reduction on T/Sgt Lauderdale submitted. Colonel Cantey holds meeting of Company Commanders at Crop CP. Still have enemy arty and mortar falling in area
Thursday	July	5	Pvt Pernice Co A accidentally burned from bazooka shell. Not evacuated. Lt Taylor reports to Battalion as new S-3. Lt Walter takes back his S-2 job.
Friday	July	6	Lt Chase of Company A trfd to 2nd Bn as s-4. Lt Kessess assigned to Battalion as Asst S-3. Co C reports that Pvt Placek killed instantly from long range machine gun fire from across the Vire river.
Saturday	July	7	Sgt Howard of Co B SWA from arty shell losing a leg.
Sunday	July	8	No new activity in Battalion area.
Monday	July	9	Lt Ward Company B, first Battalion officer to be killed in this theater. Was killed from a mortar shell by his foxhole.
Tuesday	July	10	Battalion moved from old assembly area crossed Vire River. We closed in new area at 0830. Sgt Weatherly of Co A wounded from a mine. Only casualty we had crossing the first river in Normandy. It was the beginning of a powerful campaign in which we were to engage the powerful German armies. Again we moved and closed in ass area by 1530. Late that evening Able Co went along the river front to protect the Regt's left flank. Co A had 1 EM Dike injured. At 2100 Co C sent out a five man patrol under Pfc Witherspoon former Bn Supply Sergeant working with Lt Bradley. Another member of the patrol included Sgt Brought.
Tuesday	July	11	At 0630 Colonel Cantey held CO meeting. At 0640 we had report that enemy tanks in our rear probably in 2nd Bn area. At 0730 the companies moved forward. They in fire fight. Of the five man patrol fr Co C, only 2 returned. At 1130 we had a casualty report from Co C: Raulerson KIA, Patrick KIA, Brought WIA: Deracleo WIA: Whitlock WIA: Prisco WIA: Ternachi NBI: At 1530 the Battalion jumped off in the attack. We were located one half mile northeast of Le Lande, France. Using St map. Col Cantey called from the OP asking for more litter bearers. Lt Kirkland CO of Co B was wounded: Lt Lehnerd and 3 EM wounded: We were fighting the 902nd outfit: Counterattack on Co C: 1st Sgt Day is now Commanding the CO. At 1840 Co C had 26 casualties. Baker co's also 8 casualties. At 1900 Capt Bannerman 1st Bn medics reported that Sgt Smiley was KIA from direct tank fire. Also wounded were Decker, Hindt, Fowler.

Tuesday	July	11	<p>Lt Collins, Company B was wounded. Lt Pearson takes over the Company. Lt Stroupe takes over Company B. Lt Babcock of Co D wounded from shrapnel. At 11 o'clock Col el Cantey had orders to procede and encircle the town. At 1130 at night we got regimental order to continue the attack at 0900 the following morning.</p>
Wednesday	July	12	<p>At 0630 Jerry was straffing our troops. We put panels out on our front lines. Company C was having casualties. Sgt Fordham, plat Sgt was KIA from enemy MG fire. He had done a spendid job and had absolutely no fear for the enemy. Cpl Pheifer also killed. At 0900 Co B was calling for litter bearers. We were being taxed to the maximum and the Medics first time under fire were doing a wonderful job. Captain Milligan, Battalion Liason Arty Officer was killed by sniper. S/Sgt Davidson selected for Battalion KIA man. He was picked for the job and began picking up men who were all well known to the members of the command and naturally was having a demoralizing effect on their fighting and morale.</p>
Thursday	July	13	<p>1st Battalion gets new CO, Major Robert H Herlong from the 2nd Battalion where he had been Battalion Executive Officer. Col Cantey goes to 30th Division. Also other changes are Maj or rather Captain Clayborn P Wayne assigned as Battalion Executive and Captain Laney goes to the 2nd Battalion. Captain Kerwin takes over Hq Co 1st Battalion. Battalion will attack at 1505 in the afternoon.</p>
Friday	July	14	<p>Battalion continues attack. Arty is falling in Battalion area. Lt Lavery Arty Liason O SWA and Sgt Oliver the Sgt is KIA. This occurs in memorable Death Valley. Sgt Collins, Co D supply sgt is KIA. A radio operator Zuckerman is KIA also in Death Valley. Colonel Sutherland is the new Regimental Commander relieving Col Ednie who went to the 115th Inf of the 29th Div.</p>
Saturday	July	15	<p>Very little activity. Co's were still holding the same line. At 1700 the Bn S-1 gets orders to move the Battalion CP. This was at Pont Hebert. At 2000 the Ln officer for Bn, Lt McDonald brought down new order- the 119th Inf was in Div reserve and we were to make preparations to move to new Battalion assembly area.</p>
Sunday	July	16	<p>At 0800 Col Sutherland and party visited the CP. At 0900 hours Capt Kerwin and his party go to new ass area.</p>

Monday	July	17	At 0900 the Battalion Commander held conference with Co Commanders.
Tuesday	July	18	Letter submitted on Lt Garian by Doc Bannerman. Letter sent in on promotion of Capt Wayne for majority. Lt Mullen assigned to Co B. 1st Lt Peterson also assigned to 1st Bn Hq as Asst Motor O. Lt. Butler assigned to Co D. Late that evening we got some replacements. Bn strength was 791 and 34 officers.
Wednesday	July	19	Regimental CO visited Cp at 0830. Co's were to jump off in the attack at 1100. Forward Cp established. We took over defensive positions of 117th Inf defending the west bank of the Vire River. Co A sent out patrols. CP moved about 2 miles from Mesny-Durant.
Thursday	July	20	At 0730 Col Herlong ordered to meeting at Division. Capt Wayne went to Co C to investigate KIA of Pvt Howrie. In the afternoon we got 41 replacements. At 1420 Bn Co held CO meeting. Major Herlong at 1520 had to go to Regt to receive Div Plan. At 2030 Lt Tazlor went to regt to receive order. The 119th Infantry will attack on H hour of D day with 1st Bn following second. Corps will have 56 guns supporting attack.
Friday	July	21	Regiment notifies us to hold off all plans of attack. Submitted unit report Bn strength 828 and 34 officers. A 181 B 178 C 187 D 152 and Hq 127. Nothing much occurred all day. Major Herlong held a CO meeting discussing the coming attack. D day was postponed another 24 hours.
Saturday	July	22	At 1100 we received 8 replacements. Late that night we were notified of another postponement of the attack.
Sunday	July	23	At 0900 Col Sutherland visited CP. At 1040 General Hobbs spoke to the troops. Stayed 10 minutes. Arty kept falling in area. Sgt White Co D KIA and Sgt Gregg SWA. Lt Col Cox reports to 1st Bn with no principal duty. Captain Kahle returned to 1st Bn.
Monday	July	24	At 0730 the Battalion was notified as to time essential to jump off. Co's notified to pull back and mark their front lines with panels. At 1100 aerial bombing starts with numerous fighter planes. At 1210 regiment notified us to move Co's back into original lines. Co C and A exchanged positions. Again the jump off was postponed 24 hours. We had many casualties from the bombing in our motor pool. Sgt Bland the Co A supply Sgt was KIA. There were 2 KIA and 7 KIA.

Monday	July	24	Also wounded were Sgt Lewis from Co B and Pvt Crocker of Hq Co 1st Bn.
Tuesday	July	25	Bn notified that H hour of D day was 1100. Panels were clearly displayed. We suffered again casualties from our own air bombers. Chaplain Rossetki, Protestant Chaplain was instantly KIA from a direct hit. Our immediate area was all under bombing. Hq Co had several casualties right near Bn Cp. Cpl Englisher SWA and Clayton SWA. Sgt Floyd LWA. Also Sgt Meurer of Co D SWA. 3rd Bn 119th Inf hit stiff resistance at line of departure. Regt'l directed 1st Bn to attack due south and take the high ground east of Hebecraven in an attempt to flank the strongpoint. The Bn attacked in a column of companies with B leading followed C. Co A mounted on tanks of 743rd Tank Bn was to follow behind 120th Infantry and enter Hebecraven from the NW. Co B hit strong resistance east and NE of the town. Major Herlong ordered B Co to bypass resistance by going to the left then committed Co C on the right. Bn had captured approx 60 PW's and 1 officer, the remnants of one Co, and were able to take the high ground east of Hebecraven about 2100 that evening. Our casualties were extremely heavy. Captain Kores of the Medics was SWA. Sgt Nichols was KIA. The wounded were evacuated by hand over a long rough terrain. Regt'l CO ordered 1st Bn to enter and take the town from the east that night about 2350. Because of resistance on our left front, the Bn was unable to pivot and leave an exposed flank. The 2nd Bn 117th Infantry was brought up on our left flank. Major Herlong ordered Captain Simmons of Co A to enter Hebecraven from the NW being supported by the attached tanks of 743rd. Co A notified Bn at 0200 on morning of the 26th that they were in the town. Co C sent patrols and contacted Co A.
Wednesday	July	26	Regiment ordered Bn to continue the attack south of Hebecraven, with mission of seizing main road running west from Saint Lo. The Bn attacked with Co A leading followed by C and B in reserve. Approximately one quarter of mile S of St Lo, heavy resistance was encountered. Hebecraven and vicinity was constantly under heavy arty fire. Co A was unable to advance having considerable casualties. Captain Simmons Commanding was LWA. Lt. Knowe assumed command. Co C was committed on Co A's exposed right flank. 3rd Bn Co K 119th Inf was committed on A CO's exposed left flank. making slow progress we broke thru at about 1400.

Wednesday	July	26	The Bn advanced rapidly, meeting no resistance cut the highway leading W from St Lo, and went into defensive position on its objective. The CG of the 30th Inf Division complimented the Bn for its splendid work.
Thursday	July	27	We jumped off at 0600 again as the leading Bn, with mission of cutting the main road running SW from St Lo and defending the west side of the Vire River. We advanced rapidly with no resistance until almost on objective where we came under heavy mortar fire and small arms. Co B was leading Co C was committed on B's right. Co B was able to advance, out-flanking the resistance in front of Co C. 1st Lt Pearson of Charlie was SWA and because of his inability at this time during this engagement, Captain Poinsett was relieved of his command of Co C. The Battalion took many prisoners, advanced, cut the road running SW from St Lo and was in defensive position along the Vire R. by 2000 that evening. The enemy could be seen east of the Vire withdrawing in disorder from pressure to their north.
Friday	July	28	We moved into rear assembly area, alerted for movement on 15 minute call. We reverted back to original corps at 1200. Co A received 5 replacements. Lt. Stahley reported to Co D. Medics got some men.
Saturday	July	29	At 0430 we received new attack order. The 119th Inf was to attack at 0800. At 0520 the Co's started to move to fwd assy area. At 0630 the CP was set up. Attack was met with stubborn resistance. We were suffering heavy casualties. Had Bn rear and Medical station in same building. Prisoners came in slowly. Cpl Chambers of 1st Bn Hq Anti-tank SWA from 88 fire near CP. At 1825 we moved CP. We had about 55 wounded that day and several KIA's.
Sunday	July	30	At 0930 the forward CP group moved up with front line elements. 1st Bn would attack S and SE on TROISGOTS and seize objective Q, outpost bridge No 3. We were delayed by direct fire. Lt Jolly Co C was WIA. Able Co had 10 KIA and Lt McCormick KIA from Co B
Monday	July	31	At 0715 the command group moved out. 1st Bn had the mission of supporting the 3rd Bn by fire until they reached their objective. At 0900 we received 36 replacements. Co C got 14 Co A 11 Co B 7 and Hq 4. At 1330 four prisoners were taken. Col Sutherland kept pushing wanting troops to get across Etournier road.

Monday	July	31	At 1336 Col Sutherland notified Major Herlong to clean out hill and get into the town. Sgt Hisson supply sergeant for Co D SWA and latter died of wounds. We were meeting heavy resistance from tanks. We had some of our own knocked out. Captured a medic armed with a pistol. Reported same to regiment. At 1805 the rifle Co's were notified to fall back to same line of defense occupied on the 30th of the month. Captain Simmons returned to duty and assumed command of Able again. That night the strength of Co C was roughly 90 EM and 3 Officers.
Tuesday	Aug	1	Battalion went into Regimental reserve. Co's received 62 replacements. The Bn strength was now 562.
Wednesday	Aug	2	Battalion EM go for showers. Rumor has us going into Corps reserve. Spirit of the Battalion was good despite the terrific hard fighting. The men were becoming battle wise and would soon profit from their errors of previous battles. General Hobbs will visit the Bn and speak to the men on the 3rd.
Thursday	Aug	3	At 0700 we had hot chow. During the night Jerry was very active and dropped Anti-Personal bombs near Bn area. We had no casualties. Strengths Co A 136 Co C 138. Companies received typhus shots. At 0945 General Hobbs addressed the Battalion. Cautions against abuse of private property. Sent in letters on promotion of Lt Anderson and Lt Parkins. Also letter on reclassification of Capt Poinsett. Submitted letter recommendation of Silver Star for Capt Bann. Submitted unit report: EM 626 0 28
Friday	Aug	4	Col Sutherland and Major McGowan visit Cp. Check training program. Catholic and Prot services were held. Award for Major Herlong submitted. A letter recommending battle field promotion of Tech Sgt Henry Waddell Co B sent into Regiment. In the evening we received some replacements. Bn Strength 788 Officers 34
Saturday	Aug	5	Regiment notifies us that Custom will start moving today. Companies given warning order. At 1000 we send S-1 and guides to Regt for quartering aprty. At 1000 we received quarter-master trucks. We had a clubmobile. Battalion strength 839 and we got two new officers. Lt Inman and another officer. We had also got Lt Ortega, Lt Kosicki and Lt Della Penna.
Sunday	Aug	6	At 0715 the Battalion started loading. Crossed IP at 0730. We rode 5 hours by truck. At 1200 we arrived at new Bn assy area.

Monday

Aug 7 We had sent Co B with our Anti-tank platoon to repel a counterattack around Division CP. 1st Bn had mission of protecting division area prepared to move on Div Orde. At 1520 Lt Reese came down from Custom. We sent Lt Gervater as Bn Liaison to Div. We were located near ROMAGNY France. We traveled about 8 miles today from outside La Ruffeville. At 1630 Bn sets up new CP. Took a few prisoners.

Tuesday

Aug 8 At 0900 we fired mission through 120th Fox Co. Co B was still under regimental control. 30th Div was given mission that is to 1st Bn to clear out high ground beyond Romagny. We got tanks. As of 1030 we had the following casualties. Co A 11: Co C 2. Sgt Danielek, 1st Sgt of Co A, evacuated for stomach trouble. In the afternoon we were receiving arty in our area presumably friendly from the 35th Inf Div. Our Bn Cp receives heavy enemy shelling. Had 10 wounded, 2 KIA. There were 6 Medics wounded. Dietch a litter bearer KIA. At 1800 Co B rejoined the 1st Bn

Wednesday 9 Aug At 0700 the Bn gets up. Crop 6 notifies Co's to get organized. We contacted Custom. They advise we are under control of Custer, Col. Burke's outfit, the 120th Infantry. At 0850 Co B sent a contact patrol out to unit on our right. Ln O from the 35th Inf Div visited CP giving us their situation. Corps to make coordinated attack at 1500. Mission of Bn was to clean out town. Still attached to Custer. Attack postponed to 1600. Regimental CO of the 320th reports to CP. 1st Bn crosses the LD on time. Progress slow meeting resistance from small arms and arty. We learned that Lt Parkins Anti-tank Plat Ldr was wounded on the 7th while he was working with Co B who were fighting some tanks in vicinity of the Division CP. At 2130 we had report that our tanks had made a breakthrough. We notified Custom. Our Co's keep moving. Medics received nine replacements.

Thursday 10 Aug Lt Adkins, S-2, trfd to Co B, 119th Inf. At 0900 the command group moves out. Co's set to move as soon as the tanks come up. Enemy arty drops in CP area.

Friday 11 Aug Battalion Command group moves out. Co's meeting little resistance. Arty of the 35th Div falling in our sector. EM Adams of Co D KIA. Col Stephens Div Chief of Staff visits CP. Justice notifies us they are moving up on our right flank. Our troops fighting for Le Mortain. At 2000 we get orders to move back on high ground. At 2300 we get orders to groundhog. Will jump off at 0800. We will have Co K with us.

Saturday 12 Aug Major Herlong's command group moves out at 0730. Co K to be committed on our right flank. By 1200 our units reached Bn of Custer (2nd Bn, 120th Inf) that had been cut off. Supplies and Medical aid were rushed through. at 2200 we reverted to regimental control. Battalion strength was 703 EM and 30 Officers.

Sunday 13 Aug At 0700 Major Herlong reports to Crisis to receive order. Battalion is still on the high ground beyond MORTAIN waiting orders. Late last night we received word to have guides go with Lt Carr to meet trucks. Waiting orders to move Southeast.

Monday 14 Aug We send S-1 with guides to report to Crisis at 1000. Companies alerted to move towards DOMFRONT. We have 1 plat Anti-tank and Cannon attached to Crop. At 1400 we crossed the IP and traveled 11 miles to St CYR DU BAILLE

Tuesday 15 Aug At 0800 we receive orders to move forward 3 1/2 miles foot troops start moving at 0800. Still in Division reserve. Closed in area at 1030. Lt. McDonald is now Ln to Div from Regt and Lt McAlpine Ln to Regt. We are to get Lt Ball in our Battalion. At 1445 we get alert orders to move forward. At 1600 the Co's start moving. Have about 8 miles to reach obj. Regt'l CO visits our CP. We did not reach our objective. Late the Co's had to groundhog.

Wednesday 16 Aug At 0700 the Co's jump off in the attack

1st Inf Division just outside DOMPIELLE. Set up CP. Regiment notifies us to groundhog until overlay comes down. We move to new assy area, Co's go into defensive positions. We make contact with 18th Inf, 1st Div, just outside DOMPIELLE. No enemy activity.

Thursday	17	Aug	Crop 6 reports to Crisis for a Bn Commanders meeting. Gen. Harrison, Asst. Div Commander visits CP. Co strengths Dog 151, Charlie 160, Able 153, Col Sutherland visits CP stresses military discipline and saluting. Lt Colonel ETOUSA visits CP. Inquires on replacements and their technical qualifications. Many of our new EM have not had proper training. We are notified to send a patrol to contact the British. The following O's and EM report to Crisis to be decorated: Bannerman, Waldo Cushing and Englebrech. Presentations made by General Hobbs.
Friday	18	Aug	We send motorized patrol to contact the British. Lt Howling who had been MIA since June 24th, a prisoner of war, returns to the 1st Bn and assigned to Co B, 119th Inf. Historian from the 19th Corps visits the CP. Got a full length story from Col Herlong on the attack on MORTAIN and how the 1st Bn so courageously fought and repelled all the German threats. That evening we received 21 replacements. We were filled up over T/O.
Saturday	19	Aug	We get orders to move. Are to have 30 2 1/2 ton trucks. Distance to be travelled 115 miles. Will have attachments tanks and Ki's. Are to cross the IP at 0845. Arrive Assy area located near "BREZOLLES".
Sunday	20	Aug	Regimental orders 1st Bn to attack generally northeast. 1st and 2nd Bn abreast at 0800. We had no casualties crossing the river. Bn stays in defensive position around "DROISY".
Monday	21	Aug	Regiment orders Bn advance and continue the attack. Yesterday we had advanced about 10 miles. Run into enemy resistance. Co B calls for belts. Lt Fleming tank CO is KIA by sniper activity. Co A took 14 prisoners. Co's hold up at 2300 just outside the town of "LeParc". Co C had 1 KIA and 5 WIA. Lt Henglein WIA they had Co A 6 EM KIA, 5 WIA. Lt Stahley Co D KIA.
Tuesday	22	Aug	Co's move forward at 0900. Col Sutherland visits CP. A and C Cos take 80 prisoners. We capture a battery of arty guns and much equipment near "PREY". Bn moves on takes objective. We get orders to move on next day at 0600. Today we moved approx. 15 miles.
Wednesday	23	Aug	Lt Revits Anti-tank officer KIA. He had just left the Bn CP. At 0630 regiment orders to move, cross the river go into assy area. We are northeast of "EVREAU". We reached regimental objective, just outside "AVIONS". Late in the evening we were notified we were in corps reserve as of 0700 the following morning.
Thursday	24	Aug	We go into corps reserve. Submit letter on commission of Sgt Rich. We are alerted to move 0600 the next

into assy area. We had no contact with the enemy. Evidently we were in British sector because we were ordered back to phase line 90, enabling Canadian troops to go through. We sent Sgt McCalligan to Crisis to meet trucks and we will go by truck SE.

Saturday	26	Aug	Leave for new CP just outside "Surveillance". S-1 with Co guides report to crisis for a quartering party. Crossed IP at 1300. We passed through Aveau, St Ondre, Ivry, Donmortain, Vert and travelled Approx. 50 miles. Set up new CP at "Scindres". We received order to cross the Seine river and relieve a battalion of the 315th Inf, 79th Div.
Sunday	27	Aug	Battalion starts crossing the Seine river at "LIMAY". Go into assy area waiting for corps attk. We attacked at 1600 with corps arty supporting. We met small arms automatic fire. Had 3 KIA and 11 WIA.
Monday	28	Aug	Continue attack. Bn goes into regt'l reserve. 3rd goes on our right and continues the attack. 2 Co's will hold Bn obj. Co A to go with 2nd Bn. Lt Adkins WIA by arty fire. At 1500 we get reg order to move on obj B, minus our Co A. Battalion stops just outside "OINVILLE". Co's set up defense prepared to push off in the morning. We captured back a 79th Inf Div vehicle taken by Jerry. Co C killed all occupants of the truck. Lt Legate of Co A WIA.
Tuesday	29	Aug	At 0800 we continued the attack. We go thru "SENECOURT". took three prisoners. We captured 7 anti-tank guns. We were ordered to push on another 2500 yards. We were involved in a bitter fight battling paratroop seasoned troops who were cunningly dug in. Lt Monroe Co C was WIA. Resistance was stubborn. Co A rejoined the Bn. We were in "Rueil" that evening.
Wednesday	30	Aug	Able, Baker, Charlie continue attack generally east, go thru Vigny, reach Regtl objective, Le Villenecure St Martin, no opposition, no casualties, Bn strength 783 EM, 26 Officers. Move forward to Regtl assy area from Courcelles-Sur-Voisne. Spend the night at Meyieres.
Thursday	31	Aug	Bn moves forward, mission 7 1/2 miles.
Friday	1	Sept	Ordered to move as combat team under General Harrison, Approx 108 miles, leave Neully En Thelle. Ride all night.
Saturday	2	Sept	Continue motor column, reach Belgium border at 1900, Behalavais, stop overnight, send out patrols.
Sunday	3	Sept	Co's start moving thru town, we stay in Tournai, set up outposts, keep active patrols, kill 20 Germans in Tournai. British 57th Northumbrian Div. come thru.
Monday	4	Sept	General Nox, General Hobbs and Col. Sutherland visit Bn CP in Grand Hotel, citz of Tournai, Belgium. Leave Tournai at 1300 and move to St Mauve appr 3 1/2 Kilo. Strength: Able. 140: Baker 166. Charlie 154. Doc 165

Wednesday	6	Sept	Ordered to move by truck approx 128 miles East. Bn gets 5 new officers. Assign 2 to Able and 3 to Charlie. Strength, Able 154, Baker 167, Charlie 162, Dog 167 and Hq 135.
Thursday	7	Sept	Travel approx 55 mi to Bonsval. Arrive at 1330
Friday	8	Sept	Ordered to move by foot 20 mi east and occupy town of Jouche.
Saturday	9	Sept	We leave Jouche at 1200 and go to original Assy in Thys approx 22 mi. Arr at 2100 hours.
Sunday	10	Sept	Ordered to leave Thys, move East 12 mi to Hernee, approx 25 mi from German border.
Monday	11	Sept	Bn is alerted at 1500, cross Albert canal at 1845 at Hermalle Sous Argenteau, arr at Richelle 2130 hours.
Tuesday	12	Sept	Continue forward at 0700, capture prisoners, head toward Vise and Mons. Receive order to attack at 0950. Enter Holland.
Wednesday	13	Sept	Continue attack on objective E. Lt. Kerrick assumes command of Co D. We request 1 platoon Tanks to aid in knocking out 20 mm guns. Order of march B, A, C & Hq. Lt. Lehnord Co D returns to duty. Hq Co is shelled in the town of Margoten. Capt. Wayne WIA also Lt Baker, Co D. Reach Bn objective at 1700 hours, set up defense in Sibbe.
Thursday	14	Sept	Send patrols to nearby villages, secure bridges which Regt will use as main axis of advance. Approx 50 mi from Corp obj which is Cologne. 2 New Off assigned, Lt. Hendley S-2 and Lt. McClary Baker Co Exec. Bn moves late in afternoon to Valkenberg.
Friday	15	Sept	We received severe and heavy mortar and artillery shelling last night. Capt Kahle injured, Lt Howling WIA, Lt Taylor reports to Bn as Temporarily Ex. O. Being continually shelled. Maj Herlong and Capt Simmons receive Silver Star.
Saturday	16	Sept	Ordered to move to Obj H. Start at 0800, attempt to contact Dutch for construction of 5 ton bridge, tanks blow hole thru wall, make crossing for B co. on Island. Did not reach Obj. Have security set up, we have 1 Co. Armd. Inf., also 1 Co 117th Inf. T Sgt Begore KIA by sniper at 2000, T Sgt Arnlaw SWA.
Sunday	17	Sept	We continue attack on original obj A Co leading, run into enemy mortar fire at head of column, Lt. Inman's platoon suffers casualties, Off slightly wounded, continue attack, we liberate Kunrad, arrive in Heerleen.
Monday	18	Sept	We are in Heerleen outposting the gooseegg, Co G, 2nd Bn under our control, alerted at 1400. Arrive at Groenstrat just before German Siegfried Line, we have a few casualties.
Tuesday	19	Sept	We get a no advance line, only 2 miles from German frontier, receive orders to attack Siegfried Line,

Wednesday	20	Sept	H hour is 1300, we are well prepared, Eng. have pole chargers and flame throwers, they will start bombing at 1100 hours. Corps attacks Siegfried Line, postponed 24 hours, Co C sends out patrols, Bn remains in Groenstrat, Lt Throckmorton, reports to Bn. wereceive some replacements.
Thursday	21	Sept	We are to send active patrols around Rimberg pending Corps attack on Siegfried defensive line. Capt Wayne returns to Dy. Everything quiet, Co C sends contact patrol to 117th who do likewise.
Friday	22	Sept	We are still alerted for push into Germany. Lt. Throckmorton sent back to Regt. Co C strength 155.
Saturday	23	Sept	Still in Groenstrat awaiting orders, yesterdays P-38 bombing was highly successful, especially the oil bombs.
Sunday	24	Sept	Still in Groenstrat, alerted to move back a few kilo to tng area. Co B to remain in Waubach covering Co C's old area. All attachments come with Major Herlong.
Monday	25	Sept	Bn less Co B moves back to train against fortified positions, Voorstaat.
Tuesday	26	Sept	Bn to run attack on fortified position , to return to Groenstrat under cover of darkness, start moving back at 1850 hours.
Wednesday	27	Sept	Back in Groenstrat, Co A sends patrol with Tank and Engineer Officers to go to edge of woods. Co C sends patrol out to pillbox, 3 EM KIA, Lt Bowers, CO, Co C KIA, some EM believed captured.
Thursday	28	Sept	Co A patrol reports in from rcn around Wurm river, Lt. Bons takes over Co C.
Friday	29	Sept	Major Herlong attends meeting at Div at 1300.
Saturday	30	Sept	Sgt Danner and Rich receive Commissions, make final preparations for attack which may come off on 1 Oct 44, weather permitting.
Sunday	1	Oct	Attack plan postponed 24 hours due to inclement weather. Major Herlong, Lt. Smith, Dunn, Baker, Bowers and Lt. Wells promoted.
Monday	2	Oct	Prepare to attack R plus 50, 1 hr of saturation bombing, 50 min of close bombing, everything set, attack to start at 1100. Up to 1430 we have had 20 casualties, heavy small arms and arty fire. 1 EM Co D, KIA at 1500. Still trying to get tanks across, our troops are partly across RR tracks, Co A and C assaulting, get across creek and up to RR, we had 4 KIA and 27 casualties, 2 officers WIA.

Tuesday	3	Oct	Companies continue attack. A and C leading, jump off at 0700. Co B is sent thru Rimberg and will come around left on our right Co, receiving heavy airburst arty, at 0900, Co C had 2 WIA, and Co A 6 casualties, at 1100 Co C knocked out 3 pillboxes and are slowly advancing, will try to push Co C thru gap, CCB under Col Quinn with B Co of our unit go around Rimberg, B Co in tanks, capture 135 prisoners, forward CP is about 500 yds in front of rear CP which is still in Groenstraat.
Wednesday	4	Oct	We start attacking at 0700, have a counter attack, 2 TD's are knocked out, Co I is under Herlong. We are suffering heavy casualties, Co B reports short counter-attack, we call for air support, they strafe too close, 2 EM from Verify KIA, Lt Dunn reports 3 casualties, moving very slow, at 1230 A Co was moving slowly attacking fortified positions, stubborn fighting going on, Bn suffering casualties, Lt. Missimer Co A returns to the Bn., casualties, Able 7, Baker 24, Charlie 19, Dog 17, their strength 143.
Thursday	5	Oct	Co's start moving at 0700, Co A in reserve, Lt Missimer asgd to A Co, Baker and Charlie are flushing out woods, knocking out pillboxes. EM Bethal KIA, strength of Co's dwindling down, A has only 70 men on front lines.
Friday	6	Oct	Continue attack at 0700, mission is to clean out woods in vicinity. Co B will hold up until Co C comes along, A in reserve, Co B took 15 prisoners, received word 2nd Bn being counter-attacked, fighting strength of co's: Able 55, Baker 75, Charlie 80, Bn praised by Corps and Div on their stubborn and aggressive fighting. Lt Labaugh B Co WIA, Bn CP being continually shelled, when we have completed our mission I Co of 120th will revert back to their unit, Bn moving on to Merkstein Hofstraat. Lt Bons slightly injured, continues on, T Sgt Vetter B Co. KIA by sniper, Lt Knowe KIA by enemy booby trap, receive 74 replacements, Able 22, Baker 22, Charlie 18, Dog 12.
Saturday	7	Oct	Bn gets mission to proceed to Merkstein, Co's cleaning out town, Co L 119th attached to us. Lt Missimer goes to rear, asks for reclassification, Hq Co moves CP into Merkstein Hofstraat. Bn Cp moves to Merkstein, Co's fighting on high ground.
Sunday	8	Oct	Bn keeps moving toward its obj, C Co takes 50 prisoners Strength Co C, 120, D 156, Bn CP moves forward toward Obj, Hq's Anti-tank platoon has 1 gun knocked out by anti-tank mine, 5 EM WIA, 1 KIA, we are in gooseegg at 1130 hours, moving on, meeting small arms resistance and heavy artillery fire, Lt Inman asgd to B Co as Ex. Lt. McClary asgd as Platoon ldr, Co's reach gooseegg in Bardenberg, Bn Cp outside of town.
Monday	9	Oct	We are to support 3rd Bn by fire and hold our present position, yesterday our casualties were quite high.

forced to withdraw, meanwhile 120th on our left did not come up abreast, Col Cox's Bn is sent down to Bardenberg with 4 TD's, continuous street fighting.

Tuesday 10 Oct

We will try to clean out enemy between Bardenberg and our CP, "A" Co. quite badly shook up. We get message from 2nd Bn that friendly troops attacking south, now to East of Cox, 1st Bn to be alert for any large withdrawal thru our sector, things clearing up, knocked out 1 tank, we are counter-attacked from SE at 1700, PW reports supply point near Julich, 120th sends patrol to middle of Herlong's gooseegg, we repel counterattack, Col asks for armored amb to be sent thru Brown's Unit, this is 2nd day we have been unable to contact the Bn with supplies, rations and water.

Wednesday 11 Oct

Bn remains on gooseegg, mission to hold active defense, set up road blocks, A Co to take up road block, lay artillery barrage in Bardenberg, we are notified that 3rd Bn, 120th is evacuating our wounded and 82 PW's, friendly troops advance 1/4 miles in Bardenberg with no contact, report from front is that there are 14 casualties to be evacuated, air mission bombing to the East, it hits near us, but we have no casualties, one of our tanks knocked out by air force, Custom reports enemy column moving West from 925483 to 895485, Danger is now firing on them. A Co receives 40 replacements, Lt Gervater goes back to guard 32 replacements for B & C co's. Col suggest sending his jeep, supplies, and medics thru MSR, at 1900 5 vehicles start forward, MSR is clear, A Co turns in 11 PW's, all vehicles get thru, B gets 12 and C 20.

Thursday 12 Oct

Bn Hq Co still back, the MSR is being continuously shelled. Regt reports Custer being hit by tanks at 877495, coming SE, Crisis 3 attaches 4 TD's from Brown to Herlong to protect the SE as its prime direction, Crisis notifies us location of 12 enemy tanks at 876589 and 6 enemy tanks at 866500, Baker reports seeing armored vehicles, requests arty on them, Bn Cp moves into Bardenberg, no change on Custer situation, Crisis notifies us P-47 typhoons to work area over, will fire concentration at 875495 at 1140 hours, all lines of communication are cut, Brown is firing mission for McBride, see 5 enemy tanks with camouflage on, B Co is fighting tank, Col Edwards left 1st Bn 119th Inf to return to the States, as G-3 of 63rd Div he did a remarkable job of observation. Strength: A 145. Lt Fay asgd to 1st Bn, we request air Liason, ~~him~~ Miskiewicz is KIA.

Friday 13 Oct

Baker reports a tiger tank coming up on his left flank, Co A pulls back into Bardenberg, 1st Bn 116th Inf of 29th Div. will maintain present position, assisting the 116th by fire, we will gap and mark all friendly mine fields to our front by 0900 hours and maintain guards at gaps until further orders from Regt. We have responsibility for maintaining road blocks 5, 6 and 7. A Co to be under Col Quinns control, not too much

Saturday 14 Oct

Ordered to hold our defensive position, C Co to tie in with 1st Bn 120th Inf on our left, we are under heavy mortar fire, C Co fires arty on supply house where enemy tanks are refueling, Crisis notifies us 116th Panyer Div calls for arty on 862492, this was picked up by Custom over the radio, we moved CP back to Bardenberg, all units moved back to Bardenberg, we are in Regtl reserve, units of 120th take over our positions, 2 new Off asgd to Bn, Capt Fell & Child. Child to A Co, Fell asgd as Ass't Exec.

Sunday 15 Oct

No activity. Co C strength 144, Co A 165. Gen Harris visits CP with his aide. Col H goes to regiment. Co B sends 7 EM patrol to Kohlscheide. Col H receives tentative plan of attack for Oct 16th. Capt Wayne, Lt Bons and Capt Fell go on rcn for possible route of advance if we attack in the morning. Lts of promotion on Lt. Spraker, Ortega and Shetter sent to regiment. Capt., historian, from the 19th corps visits CP. at 1810 that evening Col H goes to regiment to receive attack order. CO's notified to come to CP. We will move in the morning to Kohlscheide. Co A leading. Co B will have mission of cleaning out several pillboxes. Co C will remain in present position until notified by Crop 6. Our mission is to clean out sector of town, north side, 3rd Bn to clean out the rest. Cannon observers to go with Baker Co.

Monday 16 Oct

1st Bn, less C Co will attack from present position at 0500, seize its portion of obj "Joe" and reduce all enemy fire and resistance N of line. A & B prepare to continue attack and seize slag pile "X" when 3rd Bn is ordered to seize obj "Bill". Probable location of CP will be Kohlscheid, Command group moved out at 0625, Capt Wayne is promoted to Major, heavy mortar fire at the bridge site, A Co returning fire and receiving 20 mm fire, Col H sets up command group in B Co area, B Co had 2 casualties, A Co takes 16 prisoners, A Co on phase line Polly, A Co having numerous casualties, also B Co. At 0900 A Co had advanced 200 yds beyond phase line Polly, our bridge is in, tanks across with Able, C Co is in Regtl reserve, OP group is moving forward, at 1020 A Co is on Jane, C Co under indirect Bn Control, 2 Pillboxes at 834502 and 838504, platoon of tin cans from 743rd Tank Bn goes with Charlie Co, Pillboxes have Anti-tank ditch connecting them, C Co is still under Regtl control, Bn Cp moves to Kohlscheid at 1410, all units are on objective.

Tuesday 17 Oct

Bn after finishing up obj Peter will go into Div reserve, not too much activity during night, A Co cleaning out Peter, B Co finishing it's mission, steady stream of prisoners coming in, Lt Hutcherson made 1st Lt on 16 Oct 44. Co A to remain in Richterich, set up defense and hold, Lt Stroud asgd to Bn, Lt Dunn WIA, also 6 EM, from D Co. 43 Repl arrive: B 24, C 14, D 1, A 4. So far today we have taken about 100 PW's. Bn CP remains in Kohlsched.

Wednesday 18 Oct

At 0430 we receive orders to move approx 1000 yds. We are in Div reserve, 1st Bn attached 2 platoons, will attack at 0700, seize obj "Red" and "O" out in road

group leaves at 0700, Bn CP moves to Richterich 0930, we are taking steady stream of PW's, A Co captured 6 88 mm guns, B Co sent to 2nd Bn to help, we are now in Kohlscheid, receive 47 replacements.

Thursday	19	Oct	We are ordered to hold present positions, put out road blocks, B Co still under Regtl control, all replacements sent to Co's at 1600, A Co alerted, our mission isto replace 2nd Bn and tie in with the 99th Inf Bn, Norwegian outfit who are considered 19th Corps reserve.
Friday	20	Oct	Companies in position, the 116th to attack, C Co to take over sector of 99th Inf Bn, Co's B & C moving on to its obj. Lt Bush asgd to Co D as MG platoon Ldr. Strength: Able, 180: Baker, 177: Charlie, 172: Dog, 134: Hq, 135:.
Saturday	21	Oct	Co's B and C attack at 0650 to gain obj "Lead", then pull back on high ground and set up defensive position, we get arty preparation before jumping off at 0745. B Co calls for 4 belts, Crisis changes our attacking orders, Co's moving on original obj under enemy arty fire, B Co calls for 3 more belts, result of arty and mortar fire, Co C right flank receiving samll arms fire from enemy tin cans, we have mortars in our direct support, B Co still moving although receiving mortar fire, C Co flank on right to extend beyond original mission, all houses are being cleaned up along the road, Co C at 0815 takes 15 prisoners, at 2055 C Co has counter attack, 2 Off Ortega, and Shetter WIA, some EM MIA, T Sgt Mayle later found KIA.
Sunday	22	Oct	Our mission to continue on and consolidate Obj "Lead". 116th is pushing also, we have knocked out 1 tank, Jerry has done likewise, Col H sets up CP at C Co, Sgt Kenshals WIA, EM Cox, C Co, refuses order to return to his Co.
Monday	23	Oct	Receive orders from Crisis 0654, to take place at 1900 hrs. 1st Bn direct support, will organiye and actively defend sector as shown on overlay, maintain road blocks 13, 14 and 15 and maintain firm contact with 302 Rcn, C Co receiving much arty and mortar fire. B Co lost their Commo Off, place 1 anti-tank gun covering RB 13, also cover 14 and 15. C Co has pract-ically 1 platoon missing, reported strength C Co 115, C Co has 1 EM KIA. A Co finds 15 dead GI's, probably from C Co platoon, result of counter-attack, companies are moving around getting into position for the active defense of our sector. 3rd Bn will take our positions over after 1700. Strength: Able 170, Baker 142, Charlie 125, Dog 131, Hq 130. We, the 19th Corps, are officially part of the 9th Army, Capt Fell Trfd to C Co as CO. Lt Bons goes to Exec of C Co.
Tuesday	24	Oct	Bn will take over and relieve 99th Inf Bn, we will move CP into N. Wurselen, A Co on front line, C Co in vicinity of coal mine, B Co back to left rear. Lt Gervater trfd to Can Co.
Wednesday	25	Oct	Sent in recommendations on Lt Carr, Capt McBride and Lt Kerrick.

meeting. We have associated press correspondent at the CP. That night the Battalion staff and section leaders of the 1st Bn, 406th Inf, 102nd Div. will stay at the CP. They were thoroughly orientated.

Friday	27	Oct	Col Herlong holds CO meeting at 0900. Units of the 406th Inf will take over our positions for three days. We will be relieved and go in the vicinity of Kohlscheid.
Saturday	28	Oct	Battalion goes to the rest area. Have good entertainmen shows, showers and rest.
Sunday	29	Oct.	Still at the rest area. A large monastery located at Kerkrade. It is under 30th Inf. Div control. We send 15 EM and 2 officers to Paris on a 48 hour pass. Lt. Bons and Lt Damer are selected.
Monday	30	Oct	We move back to Kohlscheid in the morning. Sent in recommendation for award on Capt. Kahle. Col Herlong reports to regiment. We are to relieve the 2nd Bn in their positions. Plat leaders go on rcn. We keep rear CP in Kohlscheid.
Tuesday	31	Oct	Not much activity during the night. Lt Childe Co A sent to the rear. Maj Wayne goes to Crisis Rear to investigate some court martial cases. We received four new officers. 1st Lt. Posner, asgd to Co B, 2nd Lt James Dugan Co C. We received 84 replacements; Dog 14, Baker 29, and Charlie 41. Sent letter recommending DSC for Lt Shetter. Sent in letter recommending Sgt Schifferdecker Co D for 2nd Lt. Lt Childe returns to duty. Strength; Able 166, Baker 167, Charlie 164, Dog 146, Hq 137.
Wednesday	1	Nov	Things are quiet. That evening while all the staff were at the CP, rear, three shells of heavy stuff came in. Sgt Ivan Fernberg was seriously wounded. We are to take over part of sector of 406th Inf. and they were to relieve the 3rd Bn, 119th Inf. Our 2nd Bn left yersterdy to go with CCB of the 2nd Armd Div.
Thursday	2	Nov	Not much activity. We had B Co of the 406th Inf atched to us.
Friday	3	Nov	Col Herlong to attend a meeting at Crisis. We are to send out active patrols during the night.
Saturday	4	Nov	Sent in final details on Soldier Voting. We get another quota for Paris and also are to send some EM and officers to Valkenberg for 48 hours.
Sunday	5	Nov	We tried Cooperstein on a special court martial. We lerned that Sgt Fernberg died the day followinghis injury. Col Sutherland visits our CP.
Monday	6	Nov	General Harrison visits the CP. 2nd Group leave for Paris and Valkenberg. We have some changes in Bn Staff. Lt Smith goes to Co C as Ex. Lt Kerrick becomes S-3. Capt. Hubbard is the new S-1 and Capt Kirwin becomes battle casualty officer. Rifle Co's have small mission to

Wednesday	8	Nov	Companies A and C pull back to Kohlscheid but Late evening they will go into the line. Co B to remain in present position and will be attached to 3rd Bn.
Thursday	9	Nov	We receive regimental order for D day. 1st Bn with 1 platoon C Co, 743rd Tanks and 823rd TD attached will attack S and E on reg order and seize obj 6 and 7 prepared to continue the attack and assist the 3rd Bn in the capture of obj D and I.
Friday	10	Nov	We get several old officers back. Lt Walters S-2; Lt Babcock to Co D; Lt Pearson to Co C and Lt Anderson to Co B. Also Capt Boswell asgd to 1st Bn Hq with no principal duty. The big attack probably will come on the 11th if the weather is right, at 2300 we get last easy on following days activities.
Saturday	11	Nov	Capt. Boswell reports to S-3, Lt Hendley goes to B Co as Exec, submit investigation of Cpl Wayne Russell. Capt Bannerman reports EM Belle of Co A went AWOL from Paris, Strength: Able 169, Baker 153, Charlie 164, Dog 149, Hq 134.
Sunday	12	Nov	No activity, it was Mike again. (Postponed 24 hrs.)
Monday	13	Nov	We are notified at 0600 that it is Mike again, attack postponed 24 hours.
Tuesday	14	Nov	Give Lt Inman recommendations from C Co for meritorious awards of Bronze Star, attack postponed 24 hrs.
Wednesday	15	Nov	Attack postponed 24 hours. Submit letters of promotion on Lt. Babcock, Anderson and Lt. Strnad. Receive quota for Paris, 2 Off and 18 EM. Each Co will send 4 EM.
Thursday	16	Nov	Attack to start at 1245. 1st Bn to move on Regtl order at 1430. Likely not to jump today. Both Croyden and Custer on objectives. There were some 3000 bombers. 3rd Bn attacked and moved slowly.
Friday	17	Nov	3rd Bn to attack at 0730. 1st still waiting Regtl orders. EM Douglas accidentally wounded. Investigation to be made. 1st Bn attacks at 1100 with B Co going farthest, C Co a short way and A Co a very short way. B Co moving, encountering mines and booby traps. Sgt Dunn SWA and 2 EM Co C had 3 EM SWA. Co's all on obj. Receive 22 old casualties. Able 7, Baker 6, Charlie 7, Dog 2.
Saturday	18	Nov	We are to move on Regtl orders to obj K. 3rd Bn to move on D and L obj. We jump off at 0945 Bn rear CP moved to Wurselen in schoolhouse, motor pool in Kohlscheid, Capt Simmons LWA, we had 7 casualties, Co's C & B are on egg, Co A 300 zds short, will complete occupation in the morning. Lt Bons takes over A Co.
Sunday	19	Nov	At 0700 A Co continues on to occupy its portion of road, send patrol to 120th on left. Lt Dalton reports to 1st Bn, probably will command A Co. Strength: Able 179, Baker 155, Charlie 175, Dog 152, Hq 132. Sgt Evans evacuated for stomach trouble. We are

Monday	20	Nov	Men are getting showers. Lt Dalton assumes command A Co.
Tuesday	21	Nov	Followingmen to receive awards at 0830 at Crisis: Maj Wayne, Zimpkin, McCalligan, Capt McBride, Lt Waddell T/V Podillo, Lt Strickland, Tyler, Thomas, Adams, Zasnuzski. These men receive awards given by Gen Hobbs. Col H, Capt McBride go to Valkenberg. Bn to move back to Kohlscheid in the morning.
Wednesday	22	Nov	We move back to Kohlscheid, have hot dinner and supper. At 1930 Regt notifies us to be ready to perculate in morning. Lt Kerrick less S Sgt Weidener, Co B and Pvt Wheeler C Co, return from Paris. Col H and Capt McBride return from Valkenberg. We are to load on at 0800 in the morning. Moveout at 0900. Sent in investigations on Pvt Clark, C Co and Edmundson, B Co.
Thursday	23	Nov	1st Bn to move by truck and foot to Aldenhoven to an assay area. 3rd Bn to attack at 1200, 1st prepared to move thru. Rifle Co's located in Aldenhoven, Bn rear in Schleiden. It is likely we will attack in morning on Div order. We didn't attack today.
Friday	24	Nov	No attack information, yet we attack on Div order. Regt notifies us to select 2 Off and 18 EM to go to Paris, Lt Peterson and Lt Inman selected as orientation officers. We did not attack today. Sent in rec for promotion of Lt. Babcock, Co D. Strength; Able 178, Baker 168, Charlie 166, Dog 154, Hq 135. Sgt Long is evacuated, we get order to move Bn back out of 29th Div sector in morning to Hongen.
Saturday	25	Nov	Bn moves out of Aldenhoven to Hongen, we are alerted to move with 2nd Armored Div for fear of counter-attack in that sector. Still in Hongen, Col H and CO's go on Rcn in Armd Div sector. Capt Kerwin notifies me of correct morning report figures: Able 172-8, Baker 158-8, Charlie 161-5, Dog 153-1, Hq 132-1.
Sunday	26	Nov	Col H and CO's go on Rcn of area, Bn CP will be in Frialdenhoven. We are alerted to move at 1600, men going to Paris leave at 0730. Town of Hongen is shelled. A Co had 5 WIA and D Co 1 KIA, Robert G. Peterson. Bn moves. Co's are in position to attack in morning. We were trucked by 2nd Armd QM.
Monday	27	Nov	Co's attack at 0715 under heavy arty barrage. Co's B and C leading, A in reserve. On the 26th they shelled this town, 1 EM WIA. B Co, 35 minutes after they jump are receiving small arms fire and intermittent mortar, this is first time we have been attacked to another armd unit. We met resistance, small arms, arty. Co's gained obj, they were severely shelled with mortar and arty fire. B and C had several casualties. 1 Medic KIA. Lt Waits, B Co, WIA. We had tank support. We had approx 35 WIA, 5 KIA in activity taking hill 100 with CCA.
Tuesday	28	Nov	We pushed out a bit today, Bn CP moves to Mergenhozen, we move rear where Col had fwd. Today we had 6 casualties. 2nd Bn pulls out and goes back to parent unit at Kohlscheid.

Thursday	30	Nov	102nd Div to attack in morning. Their L D thru our present sector today. We had 4 casualties, no orders for our Bn. Attached to CCA, 2nd Armd Div, under Maj Gen Harmon, Col H suggests promotion of Lt Dalton to Cap and Lt Rich to 1st Lt. A Co sends combat patrol out. Col H will send reinforced squad thru C Co, and protect friendly troops flank, the Bn from 102nd Div did not take Flosberg, they are some 400 yds short of the city, Col H in continuous conversation with CCA Col
Friday	1	Dec	We have mission of clearing out woods, elements of 102nd Div jump at 0700, EM and Off return from Paris. Lt Childs, A Co, sent to rear by order of Col H. Col will use all of A Co to clean out woods, will jump at 1125, 102nd Div as yet have not cleared out Flosdorf. A Co outposts the woods, we had no battle casualties today. 5-NBC, 1 case of trench foot.
Saturday	2	Dec	A Co will definitely outpost the woods and tie in with people located in town, we have another case of trench foot. A Co had 3 casualties, receiving much arty fire, they are having considerable trouble. S-1 took quartering party to Regtl Hq, we were supposed to leave in morning, however it has been postponed.
Sunday	3	Dec	A Co and reinforced platoon of B Co to clean out woods, we may be relieved later in the day. S-1 and quartering party stayed in Kohlscheid. A Co have cleaned out area. Took 1 PW. Gave Lt McAlpine papers on Weidener. C Co to lead at 1100, back to Kohlscheid. A Co took 1 Off and 19 PW's, some of whom were SS, all of A Co except 1 platoon relieved. Part of Bn has already gone back to Kohlscheid. We close out at 1330. Bn located in Southern part of Kohlscheid.
Monday	4	Dec	Regt asked for physical check all EM present. Co's went to bathing point and were deloused. Bn started tng of tank-killer teams. Moved CP about 200 yds. Col attended meeting at Croyden 1300 and Col Sutherland and Gen Harrison, Capt Bannerman gave lecture on trench foot. 2 more cases found. Bn strength 760.
Tuesday	5	Dec	Hot chow served, Bn will assemble for talk by Col H. at 1100. Col H took plane ride at 1300. Col Sutherland reviews Bn at 0900, Bn strength 750.
Wednesday	6	Dec	Kitchens are rejoining Co's today. Formal inspection by Col Sutherland at 1400 went off successfully, Maj Wayne held Special Court at 1600. Word comes down of rotation plan. 8 EM to go home on 90 day furlough. Men receive news enthusiastically.
Thursday	7	Dec	Col H will hold a Bn meeting at 1100. Co's were notified that all vehicles left on street will be impounded. Col H to attend meeting at Custom at 1255 8 Dec 44.
Friday	8	Dec	Crisis asks for 4 day tng schedule. Tng schedule to go in effect in morning. 8 EM going home on rotation plan leave at 0730 9 Dec 44. A - Cox, B - Plunk & Lesser, C - Schuster, Woodlief and Pearce. D - Morales

Kerrick, Carr, Sgt Falkenstein, Hartwig, Caughran, Molnar, Potts, Col H attends meeting at Custom 1300. All EM return from Paris except Lt. Lowry.

Saturday	9	Dec	Lt Campbell asgd C Co, we go to rest area in the morning. Col to go to Crisis in the morning at 1200 to attend a demonstration. Capt McBride and Sgt Hedgepath to go to TJA at 0930.
Sunday	10	Dec	Bn closes in rest area. Col to attend demonstration.
Monday	11	Dec	We attend demonstration in theatre. Col H speaks to men. Off hold a party.
Tuesday	12	Dec	We return to Kohlscheid at 0845. Bad weather postpones hike, amou. Church services and movie plan, no other information, submit Ltr on Bronye Star for Lt Bons.
Wednesday	13	Dec	We send 8 EM detail to clean theatre at 87 Main St. Co's commence Tng at 0900, Col to go to Crisis at 1000 to attend a demonstration. Submit recommendation of approval on Lt Waddell to 1st Lt. Lt Barker returns to duty. S Sgt Schifferdecker to be sworn in today at 1400. Party at Heerleen 15 Dec, send 50 EM. 1 Off and 20 EM for bathing. 10 EM per Co for party & 4 per Co for bathing.
Thursday	14	Dec	Col attends another demonstration, we submit letter on promotion to 2nd Lt on T Sgt Tate. Co's carry on Tng. Sgt Barna was commissioned today to 2nd Lt.
Friday	15	Dec	Companies continue training. EM to attend Party and Dance at Heerleen.
Saturday	16	Dec	A and C Co's take full field march, other Co's continue Tng. Showers and clean clothes are available for the EM. We are to have 250 EM attend USO show with Frank McHugh. Receive the following recommendation from General Collier of CCA:

"1. During the period 25th November 1944 thru 3rd December 1944 the 1st Bn, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, was attached to Combat Command "A", 2nd Armored Div., During this period the 1st Bn 119th Inf, reinforced by tanks and tank-destroyer elements from the 2nd Armored Div., succeeded in taking all objectives assigned to it. The objectives included the high ground north of Meryenhausen, and later the clearing of the wooded area bordering the Roer River between Barmen and Flossdorf.

2. The actions of this Bn during this period were commendable. It was a pleasure to have it attached to this Combat Command. The results which it accomplished, and its cooperation, are appreciated.

Sunday	17	Dec	We are notified by Crisis that paratroops landed in vicinity of Bardenburg and Wurselen. Crop send out motorized patrols. Two parachutes were found. Regiment alerts the Bn. Quartering party reports to Crisis at 1300. Bn leaves on trucks at 1800. Arrive at Eynatten, Belgium at 2200. We went through Aachen. Located close to "Eupen". Companies dig in the field. We are in regimental reserve. Traveled 13 miles.
Monday	18	Dec	Lt Dugan Co C evac for grippe. Next orders were for us to go in the vicinity of Malmady, but were changed. Left at 1330 and traveled 25 miles and the troops walked 6 miles to vicinity of "Lorcee Chevron", Belgium. Bn sets up defense position to hold R 7 at "Lorcee Chevron". Company C sent to Regt for security because of fluid situation.
Tuesday	19	Dec	We improved our defenses. Our 3rd Battalion was fighting approximately two miles ahead. Heavy concentration of miscellaneous troops in the area. Company C returns to Battalion Control. M/R, A 172, B 155, C 149, D 148 and Hq 136. We send out many motorized patrols. Co B and A ordered to defend road junction at Lorcee. One plat of B and Anti-tank plat ordered out on Regt right flank to furnish security for Armd Arty. 3rd Bn given orders to withdraw through the 1st Bn, 1st Bn to hold at all costs. Co C, attached to 3rd Bn, was working with 9 tanks, aiding 3rd Bn orderly withdrawal. Co B sent out patrols. Bn receives order at 1410 to attack with attachments - Co A 740 Tk Bn, Plat of 823 TD Bn. Attachments jumped off at 1500. Knocked out enemy tanks. We had one battle casualty and 6 NBI. We will attack in the morning. Climaxing the 3rd Bn was pushed back from high ground around Stoumont. 1st Bn held all ground. We have 2 Plats Co E attached.
Wednesday	20	Dec	We attack at 0830, Pvt Wensing, Co B goes AWOL. Both Co A and B are moving slowly. Baker sent back one PW from the 2nd Regt, 1st SS Div (Adolph Hitler). Co C taking out Jerry roadblock, knock out 1 tank. We are attached to the 18th Corps made up of Air Borne Units, notably the 82nd and 101st Div. At noon Co C was meeting resistance from both sides. Called for 1 belt. Crop 6 ordered A to push up on C's right flank, Co B to push up on the left. Co C calls for two belts. Dalton, Comdg A Co, wants tanks to follow him. Two C EM KIA. One friendly tank knocked out by mine. Rosse of Hq A & P platoon lost leg by mine. Likely move our CP to "Targan". At 1530 we are fighting close to Stoumont. We got regimental order at 1600 to continue the attack seize and defend Stoumont, defend in its zone and put out road blocks. 3rd Bn was to seize Stoumont in its zone, and the 2nd Bn establish positions around Targnon. We get 155 mm to use at our disposal. Capt Fell notifies us the lead tank is knocked out. At 1715 Crisis 6 tells us to hold up. set up defense wall.

230 Co B was receiving a unterattack around the Chateau. One of their MG knocked out. Ask Culture for 1 Co to help and use as reserve. Able send one platoon to back Baker. All troops alerted. They call for more 30 Cal heavy MG ammo. Maj McGowan laerts Co F. We get report that Jerry has overrun the chateau, although we have some EM and O in a wing. Plat communication to Co B is cut off. We could hear Jerry on the phone. At 0200 we had another counterattack. This time they hit Co C. Lt Spraker WIA. We also had several EM wounded. They attacked again at 0400. The Chateau with Lt Anderson, Hendley and Heginbotham and several EM including Sgt Tate was definitely in Jerry hands. We had 4 tanks knocked out.

Thursday 21

Dec Capt Fell reports he has 60 EM. Both B and C were badly beat up. Widener and samll group were still holding out in the chateau. Baker estimates strength about 60. Up until 0920 we had 20 casualties. Co's reorganiying and will take Stoumont. At 1045 the Bn Liason brings down order. Arty will be fired in both towns from H to H plus 15. Everybody will jump at H hour not waiting for tanks. Infantry will use smke grenades, to screen advance in necessary. Engrs will be prepared to life mine fields. We are to organiye defense of Stoumont as soon as possible. Early in the morning, Higgins Co A medic KIA. We will attack at 1245. Col H advises Crisis 6 the road is not clear of knocked out tanks. General Harrison and Col Sutherland visit CP. A Co jumped on time. Tanks moving slowly across open field. We are receiving Enemy mortar fire. We could hear some 20mm firing. Able calls for 4 belts. A Co's left unit is pinned down by MG fire. Likewise his right unit is also pinned down from Enemy MG cross fire. Cpat Fell at 1400 is committing his support platoon. They call for 2 belts. We are fighting in the chateau. Dalton has 6 EM wounded that they can't get to. Co C calls for grenades. We get report Jerry has a tank in rear of the Charteau. Both B and C call for more mortar ammo. Crisis 6 advises Crop 6 the 2nd Bn will be pulled back and around to assist the 1st Bn. This will give depth to the 1st Bn. Advises Co A to groundhog in best available condition. All of Co Baker and Charlie EM who were fighting in the chateau get out safely. Co's all in all gained very little ground. Dig in approximately the same postions. We had definitely 15 KIA and 48 WIA. Had at least 50 MIA. M/R A 151, B 86, C 107, D 141, Hq 131.

Friday 22

Dec General Harrison and Col Sutherland visit CP. Crisis send 155 mm gun in immediate vicinity of our CP and fire in town. TD also fire into Stoumont. Both B and C have cleaned out chateau. All Jerries have gone. We get orders to jump at 1320. We will move after the 3rd gets on obj. Take the town wit little difficulty. During the night Jerry dropped from planes supplies and gas for the cans. For the day we had six casualties. Late in the evening Lt Walters took a patrol and led Capt

chateau about 600 yards beyond the front lines. Evacuate wounded Americans, some aid men and also some Jerry prisoners.

Saturday 23

Dec We get orders to move on attack of La Gleize, 1st Bn to attack in its zone. Attack at 0830. 504th Paratroops continue to hold present position on our right. At 0910 we had not met any resistance. We found many Jerry wounded at the chateau and numerous dead Germans. The place was a ghastly mess especially in the basement. Strengths of units: A 151, B 86, C 107, D 141, Hq 131. Attack progresses fair. Able calls for three belts. 1 tank knocked out in La Gleize. Mine fields holding progress up. Co C in its present position when they move they receive machine gun fire. Col H gives order at 1900. 2nd Bn will make jump for the town. Our mission is to clean out woods, get back half sector. We attack the hill south of La Gleize and prepare to continue on.

Sunday 24

Dec 2nd Bn has mission of taking the town. All direct fire weapons will lend support to the attack. At 0900 the 2nd Bn was in the town. We heard over Jerry radio they were trying to escape. Apparently this was true because the enemy had gone. Of course we recovered all our captured American personnel from the 3rd and 1st Bn. Found Lt. Hendley KIA. Lt Heginbotham and Lt Anderson were alright, although evacuated from concussion. Our Bn was sitting on hill overlooking the town. 1st Bn goes into the town. That day we received 84 replacements of which 16 went to Dog, 31 to Baker and 37 to Charlie. We found a tremendous amount of abandoned equipment. It was a costly blow to the SS Hitler Division. They were a pathetic sight as they had the wounded march down the road. Many had been wearing GI clothes which we removed. Bn strength was 716. All personnel from Baker Co captured in the chateau were retaken, although a few were evacuated. We found over 100 dead Jerries Maj McGowan was still missing. Col PIPER of the SS had taken him with him. We set up defense around La Gleize. A final showdown of Jerry equipment showed 28 tiger tanks, 70 half tracks. Complete list: M-4 6, M-5 15, M-6 7, half tracks 70, Assault guns 75mm, 2, 2 1/2 ton trucks 3, Red Cross Ambulance 1, German jeeps 4, 120 mm mortars 6, AT gun 88 1, 20mm 5, Armored Cars 8, self propelled howitzer 170mm, 6, half track Red Cross 3, GI tracks 6, 2 1/2 ton trucks 1, Flak wagons 4.

Monday	25	Dec	<p>We are sitting in defense around La Gleize. Co's had hot chow. Ordnance was to come around and pick up Jerry vehicles and tanks. Waiting orders. M/R A 146, B 142, C 139, D 154, Hq 133. We definitely had turkey for dinner. All during the day press people visited our CP, including Wes Gallager from AP. Also a photographer took some pictures and Lt Kerrick made a record for "Combat Diary". Sgt King, Co A receives his commission. Lt Brooks to be trfd to Co C. We send 2 jeep patrols at different hours to contact our 2nd Battalion. The 119th Inf, minus Crop, will move to vicinity of Custom.</p>
Tuesday	26	Dec	<p>M/R A 146, B 138, C 138, D 154, Hq 133. We readjust our lines. Co B will be along the river outposting. Our mission is to protect roadblocks 1, 2, 3, 4, a series of strongpoints. General Hobbs and Col Sutherland hold meeting at our CP. About 1900 we were notified that CO of Co A had made Captain, Oscar Dalton. Lt Rich had a roadblock in vicinity of Col Cantey of 2nd Bn, 120th Inf.</p>
Wednesday	27	Dec	<p>M/R A 147, B 137, C 137, D 154 and Hq 133. We resubmitted letter of commission of Sgt Bruce Tate of Co B and also Lt Babcock of Co D. Col Sutherland is relieved of command of our regiment. Our new regimental CO is Col Baker. We get orders to move since we will relieve 2nd Bn of the 117th Inf. Col Herlong and all plat leaders and Sgt's go on reconnaissance. We will go into positions after dark. Battalion moved shortly after 1700 and arrived in vicinity of "Masta", Belgium late at 2100. That is we were all closed in. They went into positions that night.</p>
Thursday	28	Dec	<p>Col Baker visits our CP. M/R show A 146, B 138, C 137, D 154 and Hq 133. Sent in ltr on commission of Sgt Cordele. Our mission is to organize and defend area. EM from Co B killed by friendly laid Booby traps. 2nd Bn 119th Inf is now on our left. Submitted letter on promotion of Lt Kerrick to Capt. Co A sent 6 EM patrol into the woods and to the river bank. That day we evacuated 3 EM for NBI. Lt Rich also evacuated for a leg injury recurrent.</p>
Friday	29	Dec	<p>M/R A 144, B 137, C 136, D 154 and Hq 133. Co A to send another patrol with mission to get a Jerry prisoner for information. Capt Kahle returns to the 1st Bn, assigned no principal duty. We got back 26 old EM. EM from the I and R platoon was KIA while out on a patrol. Sgt Wilson, Co C took a squad out and they recovered his body led by Sgt Grenier.</p>

Saturday	30	Dec	M/R A 149, B 140, C 144, D 160 and Hq 134. We are to continue to send active patrols for obtaining information. Able sent another patrol which ran into trouble. Sent a patrol to help them. 1 EM from Co C was wounded.
Sunday	31	Dec	M/R A 149, B 140, C 144, D 160 and Hq 134. We are still in Masta in defensive positions. Lt Kind and squad will pull raid on town with mission to get a prisoner. They had no luck. Today we had one casualty from Co D.
Monday	1	Jan	M/R A 152, B 144, C 153, D 160, Hq 134. On the 2nd we will take over from our 3rd Bn and go into Division Reserve. Col Baker visits our CP. Co A to make attack and clean out area, still with aim of getting a prisoner. Gen. Harrison visits our CP. All the 3rd Bn platoon leaders go on recon in our sector prior to moving in.
Tuesday	2	Jan	Co A and B will be relieved first followed by Co C. Go into Division reserve. Located in "Ster", Belgium. Battalion closes in at 1500. That same day Co A went for baths in "Spa", a famous mineral bath city.
Wednesday	3	Jan	Today we received 16 replacements. Later in evening we received 8 more. Another company went for showers and baths. Nothing unusual occurred.
Thursday	4	Jan	We are still in Ster, Belgium. Names of EM to go home on 30 day furlough submitted. A sends Cushing, B sends Kirpatrick and C sent 1st Sgt Day. 1 officer from the regiment and the honor fell to Capt. McBride, commanding B Co since 12 July 1944, after the battalion crossed the Vire River.
Friday	5	Jan	We held both Catholic and Protestant services. Late in the afternoon we are alerted to move in vicinity of Malmedy. We were to relieve the 99th Battalion, a Norwegian outfit, and will be attached to the 120th Inf, commanded by Col Purdue.
Saturday	6	Jan	M/R show A 156, B 154, C 155, D 159. Bn C moves in Malmedy.

Sunday	7	Jan	Col Herlong and Lt Kerrick report to Crisis at 0800. M/R show Co A 156; B 151; C 154; D 161 and Hq 135. Lt. Inman trfd to Co B as Executive Officer. We receive tentative plan of attack. Col Purdue of the 120th visits the CP. Co B sends out 3 two man information patrols tonight. Higher headquarters informs us to be alert for possible counterattack. Our patrols were unable to accomplish their mission. No orders and still attached to the 120th Inf.
Monday	8	Jan	M/R show A 156; B 154; C 152; and D 159 and Hq 135. Major Wayne writes a statement for the 30th Inf Div concerning alleged theft of wine in the chateau at Stoumont. Sent in Ltrs on awards for Captain Hubbard and Capt Daykin. Baker Co to again send out patrols.
Tuesday	9	Jan	M/R show A 155; B 154; C 151; D 161; Hq 135. We have had no enemy activity although front lines are receiving artillery and rocket fire. Receive word that some 54 EM and O's will be decorated by General HOBBS at our Battalion CP in Malmadey. Submit papers on Pvt Irvin Co A and Wassel and Gann of Co D. Ceremony is postponed to the following day.
Wednesday	10	Jan	M/R show A 154; B 156; C 151; D 165 and Hq 131. Col Herlong returns from regiment with no new information. Co C to send out an information patrol. EM Cushing, Kirpatrick, Day and Capt McBride leave on their 30 day furlough.
Thursday	11	Jan	Colonel Herlong attends another meeting at Crisis. At 1400 General HOBBS makes presentations. Sgt Cordele and Grenier receive Silver Star. We have movies for the men. Co C sends out patrols again.
Friday	12	Jan	Colonel Herlong holds meeting of all CO's and plat leaders at 0900. They go over all plans for the attack. We got 8 replacements back. We are still in the 18th Airborne Corps under Maj Gen Ridgeway. Likewise we are still in the 1st U S Army. Our Battalion will revert to Crisis when the attack starts. We sent in compliance on "Enemy Individual Weapons." i.e. that they were all turned in to Co Supply for storage. 1st Sgt Havard attached to 1st Bn and will be awards NCO. receive attack order at 1700. The 119th Inf reinforced will attack S at 0600 13 Jan 45 seize obj "A" and obj "B"-1 then continue on attack S at 0800 and seize B, C, D and be prepared to seize I. The 1st Bn, Co A 743 T minus one platoon, and one (sp) 823 TD will attack South through A and then seize C and D. Early in the morning a Jerry patrol came through the lines while the Co's were making changes in their lines, killed one EM from C and stole a Light Machine Gun.
Saturday	13	Jan	Co's will jump early get on their LD and pass through another Bn. M/R show Co A 161; B 164; C 156; D 155 and Hq 133. At 0920 with the attack not progressing so well with our 3rd Bn, Col H gave orders for our Co's to hold what they had put out plenty of security and wait for further orders. We had a tank knocked out

Saturday	13	Jan	and take and clean out the town. Col Fitzgerald, CO of the 3rd Bn was relieved and Captain Stewart assumed command. Rest of our units have not been committed as yet. Nebelweifers hit our Battalion Motor Pool injuring Sgt Davidson and Lt Carr slightly. This was in Malmedy, the Fwd Cp having moved out early on high ground. Located in the Hotel overlooking Malmedy. We were unsuccessful in taking the town. Current, our 3rd Bn did not take its obj A. Battalion got orders to hold up and tie in with the 3rd Battalion. Early in the morning Current took Hedemont. We had 18 casualties. General Harrison and Col Baker are at our Fwd CP. Rear CP still located at Malmedy. We got orders to take obj D by 1100 in the morning.
Sunday	14	Jan	Sometime early in the morning Current took obj A. Our Battalion goes through Hedemont in a column of Co's SE to seize obj D. Late last night Sgt Freddy accidentally wounded himself and was SWA and evacuated. At 0925 the Bn was just sort of phase line blue. Sgt Malone, Cpl Sheerin and Pfc Peay were seriously wounded when their jeep hit a friendly mine. Late in the afternoon we took D and then cleaned out the woods to the river. Able and Baker were the leading Co's. We had 41 casualties and 3 KIA. Sgt Hartwig and Tomlinson wounded when their jeep hit a friendly mine field.
Monday	15	Jan	We have mission to take obj "J". Co "A" must clean out woods down to the river. Co A 141, Co B 139, Co C 137 Co D 153 and Hq 128. At 0900 Co C was moving with tanks getting ready to take Pont or obj "J". Co A was still cleaning woods on this side of the river. Baker holding present position. B and C are across in Pont on the high ground. Battalion Rear CP moves about 4 miles to "Reculemont". Lt. Waddell wounded and evacuated. Co C had casualties. Co C took 35 prisoners cleaning out pont.
Tuesday	16	Jan	We get orders to hold present positions and clean out MSR in our sector. Lt. Dugan Co C evacuated for disease M/R Co A 140, Co B 132, Co C 124, D 151 and Hq 128. At 1130 Col Herlong calls for CO meeting; Capt Kahle goes to Current as Ln O. It is likely that after obj M and N are taken our Bn may have to take Q. Receive word on commission of Tate and Cordele. Col H goes to Croyden CP. At 1600 Col H has another Co Meeting. Crisis notifies us that Captain Kerrick is made; 1st Lt Rich and 1st Lt. Waddell. Maj Wayne swears in Lt Cordele and Tate.
Wednesday	17	Jan	We get word that the division will consolidate its positions and hold. Our Battalion may get to move in billets in Pont. We were informed that Sgt Sink of the Medics received his commission as a MAC. Yesterday we had 14 non battle cases and 5 battle all of Co C as a result of artillery fire. Morale of the troops was good and they were eating hot chow.
Thursday	18	Jan	M/R show Co A 145; B 123; C 119; D 151 and Hq 127. Our regiment goes into division reserve. 1st Bn is

Lt Frederick Capen of Co A. Tech Sgt Ellis trfd to Co C. At 1700 Co's move to obj L. Bn Fwd CP moves to Ligneville. Rear remains at Reculmont. This order was rescinded then and Co's were to move in morning.

Friday	19	Jan	We have orders to occupy positions held bz 2nd Bn 120th Inf at 0600. A and B are the leading companies. Co C in reserve will be on far end of Ligneville. We get quota of 3 O's and 12 EM for Paris on the 22nd. A sends Glassberg and Levin; B sends Trammel and Paillilo; C sends Keplar and Styles. D sends Butler Houchon and Chavez. Hq sends Waller and Bannick. Medics send Terry. Officers are Lt Smith, Lt Barker and Lt. McAlpine. Still serve hot chow.
Saturday	20	Jan	We receive orders. Battalion is in regimental reserve. We will be relieved from obj L bz the 30th Recn troops by 1000. Our regiment is to attack at 1200. Our mission is to protect the division right flank. Capt Kahle goes to 3rd Bn on DS. Our Battalion will attack in the afternoon. Bn Fwd CP located outside of Recht. Rear CP moves to Pont. We did not attack. 1 EM evac for non battle, Frum of Co D.
Sunday	21	Jan	M/R show Co A 143, B 128, C 126, they had 7 EM asgd and joined, Co D 154. Lt Babcock goes to clearing for dental work. We must furnish 2 NCO's for reinforcement program at Crisis Rear. Capt Kahle to be in charge. Co D had EM Foster killed by Reigal mines. Two EM from Co C wounded by the explosion also. We submit names of Sgt Cordelle and Sgt Newsome of A & B. Col Herlong goes with Col Baker and Capt Smither on recon looking from OP over area which we will probably attack over. Today the Battalion is consolidating its positions. Lt Jarrell is our Ln O while Lt McAlpine goes to Paris. Co A has two EM wounded from Shrapnel. At 1730 Col H returned. Had made definite plans for his attack. We were supposed to take Rodt but Col Hasenfelt was persuaded bz Col Herlong and it was the mission of the 117th Inf. Late that evening we are notified that B Co will relieve K prior to 0700 in the morning. They were holding a roadblock. Co B moves at 0500. We also send two Anti-tank guns along. Lt. Manning is now exec of Co B. Lt Inman has a platoon. EM leave for Paris. We must be prepared on regt'l order to occupy positions of 2nd and 3rd Battalion.
Monday	22	Jan	Late last night 5 EM and 1 medic Co D were wounded. M/R Co A 140, B 124, C 125, D 154 and Hq 127. We have orders to occupy "John" by 1400. Waiting on hot chow before we move. Lt. Babcock made first Lt. Battalion CP moves from Pont at 1400 to outer edge of Recht. Lt Schifferdecker returns to duty. Major Wayne continues to work on unit citation. Captain Kahle to be in charge of reinforcements at Crisis. At 2100 Col Herlong notified we will have mission of taking "KRONBACH" and the high ground to its front.
Tuesday	23	Jan	At 0900 we have not received definite jump order. Mission is to take obj "Mae" and "Little". We jump with the 2nd Bn on division order. Our Battalion

opposition. Co A at 1320 was on its obj. We took some 50 prisoners. Co C had several casualties from rocket fire. Able had 1 KIA Sgt Ochenschlager. Bn Hq located at Krombach. We pushed fast and got on obj. Our Battalion was out in front. The 117th Inf were not fully on their obj. Today we had 3 KIA and 7 WIA. Bn Hq Co took 6 prisoners. All units are alerted.

Wednesday	24	Jan	M/R A 132, B 122, C 111, D 149 and Hq 127. Major Wayne goes to Vielsalm with Col Brown. Locate areas for troops. Ki's move into Krombach with the troops. Feeding two hot meals per day. Col Baker visits the front lines with our Bn Commander. We had a few shells fall in vicinity of the CP.
Thursday	25	Jan	M/R A 134, B 121, C 111, D 148 Hq 127. Captain Hubbard and quartering party go to Vielsalm to place guards on billets when Regiment is ordered there. Send in Co B promotions on three sergeants. Co B and C switch positions. We are notified that the tag of reinforcements is cancelled. Receive word that all Bn CO's will go to Paris on the 27th. Will leave Liege by plane. We submit unit citation.
Friday	26	Jan	M/R A 134, B 121, C 113, D 149, Hq 127. Things are fairly quiet. Do receive some tank fire off to our right. 84th Div are some 3,000 yards back to our right rear. 15 replacements assigned to Co C. Major Wayne visits the front lines. Capt Kahle returns to Bn for duty.
Saturday	27	Jan	Still in Krombach. M/R show A 135, B 120, C 127, D 148 and Hq 127. Submit promotions of Sgt Case and Drought. We still have EM guarding Billets in Vielsalm. Col. Baker visits CP. With our Bn CO the visit the front lines. Col Herlong to go to Paris in the morning. Will leave by plane from Liege. Put out memorandum on inspection of billets prior to movement.
Sunday	28	Jan	Move to Vil du Bois, near Vielsalm Belgium. Bn closes in at 1745. Maj Wayne acts Bn CO. He attends unit CO meeting. All troops will see film in theater on Germany our Enemy.
Monday	29	Jan	M/R A 133, B 120, C 127, D 146, Hq 127. Col. Baker visits CP and announces an inspection will be made throughout the Battalion area. We get 76 replacements and 9 old EM. Co's will go for showers on Wed. at Stavelot. Lt Labagh, Co B, returns to duty. Lt Rich returns and Capt Toler assigned to 1st Battalion.
Tuesday	30	Jan	M/R show A 149, B 153, C 160, D 150, Hq 125. We get 15 old EM back. Eat hot chow and morale good.
Wednesday	31	Jan	M/R show A 145, B 152, C 169, D 153 and Hq 125. Co's attend demonstration on gamblin grenade. Cpl McNeil Hq evacuated for the flu. Co's to have an inspection and also attend a sex lecture. Col H to have dinner with Reg CO and then attend a unit CO's meeting. We get quota of 20 EM and three officers for Paris.

Thursday	1	Feb	Col Herlong returns from Paris at 0100. Co's are notified they can obtain beer and coc at Service Co. Co's will fire weapons in morning and have inspection in the afternoon. Capt Toler asgd to Co C as CO. Co A gets 9 new EM. Lt Sheuring, Inman and Lehnerd go to Paris on the 4th. Capt Kerrick goes to Co D on S. D.
Friday	2	Feb	M/R A 155, B 152, C 167, D 152 and Hq 123. Co's continue tng. At 1130 we are alerted to move any-time after 1500 by truck. Get security orders. They say we are detached from 18th Airborne Corps under Maj Gen Ridgeway. Quartering party leaves at 1500. Send guides to meet trucks at service Co. Capt. Toler assigned to Co C as commanding. Capt. Kerrick goes to Co D with no principal duty. Capt. Kahle now S-3. We get trucks at 2000 with H hour not yet announced. We will go through Aachen to Saarbrücken, Germany. The 3435th QM will truck us. We left at 0029 and arrive at Kolscheid at 0500 the morning of the 3rd.
Saturday	3	Feb	A 153, B 152, C 164, D 152 and Hq 122. Capt. Kahle goes to Crisis at 1600 to attend meeting. Colonel Herlong holds CO meeting at 1900. Will carry on tng schedule. Probable stay in present location for 5 days. Now back in the 19th corps and the 9th Army under Simpson.
Sunday	4	Feb	Companies are training. Eating hot meals. We had no evacuees today.
Monday	5	Feb	Major Wayne, Capt Hubbard and 10 EM go to Valkenburg on 72 hour pass. We will send 4 EM to the UK. Yesterday we had 100 men attend Marlene Dietrich show at Stolberg. Names of Buckley, Pietras, Nichols and Waring submitted for England. Officer name sent in but not drawn, BOMB! Leave on the 6th for England at 0800. This month we have no people going home on rotation plan. Wednesday we will have a USO show allowing 250 people from 1st Bn.
Tuesday	6	Feb	Companies continue tng. Men are organizing a softball league. Eating hot chow; morale high.
Wednesday	7	Feb	EM (3) to go to Valkenburg on the 8th. A, D and Medics. Col goes to Crisis to receive order at 0830. Battalion quartering party leave at 1630 for Schophoven, Germany. Rifle Co's will be there and Battalion located in PIER. Probably the Bn will move on the 8th at night. Yesterday Lt. Labagh and 8 EM went on patrol across the Roer. They found the current too swift and didn't go across. The 1st platoon of Co A reinforced goes to INDEN to practice river crossing. We moved at 1900 in Battalion march. Detrucked at INDEN.
Thursday	9	Feb	Late last night our wire jeep hit a mine outside the chateau seriously wounding McKerrow and Triani. Col Herlong goes to Division. We send patrols across the river in different sectors. At 1100 we receive order. 175th Inf attacks on left; 120th on right. The 119th plus attachments will attack northeast at H hour on D Day.

objs H, I, J and Bob and will be prepared to attack N and Ne to seize obj K, L and M on division order. The 1st Bn with atchd mortar plt, 743 TK Bn will make the initial crossing of Roer under cover of darkness. Will be done with not less than 1 plat reinforced and will cover and protect construction of a foot bridge by the 105th Engrs. Bn will cross the river by most expeditious means available. Attack and seize obj H. Upon seizing this obj Bn will send one Co to attack and seize obj J, prepared to take Bob on regt'l order. Get quota of 1 off and 9 EM for Paris. A 1, B 2, C 2, D 2 and Hq 2.

Saturday	10	Feb	A 149, B 153, C 163, D 153 and Hq 122. Col at Inden giving instructions to the lead platoons for the crossing. EM Wensing and Newton from Co B return from AWOL. Atk is postponed another 24 hours. The Roer is swelling considerably especially around Schophoven. Jerry blew a hole in the damn causing a gradual rise of the water. Co's will pull back to vicinity of Frenz and Lamersdorf for training. Bn fwd Cp located in Lamersdorf, and rear in Pier.
Sunday	11	Feb	Co's still practicing the river crossing at the Inden. EM Deaton accidentally wounded and investigation made immediately. M/R show A 149, B 153, C 166, D 153 and Hq 122.
Monday	12	Feb	A 144, B 154, C 172, D 152 and Hq 124. Col Dempsey from IG to visit 1st Bn and receive all complaints. We get 4 new EM and several old EM back. Col Herlong to go up in cub and fly over area where we will cross. Capt Kerrick asgnd to Co D.
Tuesday	13	Feb	A 151, B 159, C 173, D 152 and Hq 125. Nothing much doing. Co's will send men for showers back at mine in Kohlscheid.
Wednesday	14	Feb	A 162, B 158, C 173, D 154, and Hq 125. We send people back to Crisis Rear to receive awards. Bn Cp located at Lamersdorf. Lt King and Lt Barna go to Valkenburg on 72 hour pass. Sgt Smith Co A to receive commission today. Will stay in Co A. Ki's move to Weisweiler under Bn control.
Thursday	15	Feb	A 163, B 159, C 174 and D 154 and Hq 126. We submit OCS application of Sgt Anderson from Co D. Also names of 5 EM from Co C sent to rear for papers to be drawn up. Capt Fell and Sgt Case report to 9th Army Hq on the 16th to train reinforcements.
Friday	16	Feb	A 170, B 164, C 173, D 154, and Hq 128. Co's continue practice of river crossing at Inden. We got some reinforcements. 1 EM Cpl Harrison of Hq selected to go to the UK on 7 day furlough. Will leave on the 22nd. D, C and Hq send 1 EM each to Valkenburg on the 17th. Lt Manning also selected.
Saturday	17	Feb	A 169, B 171, C 174, D 153 and Hq 128. Men go for showers

Saturday	Feb	17	Major Stonesifer, and Col Baker have dinner at the Battalion CP. Co's practice river crossing in afternoon and night using assault boats. Co B submits recommendations for battlefield promotions to 2nd Lt on Widenir and Overman. Col Canney signs award for Sgt Smiley posthumously awarded to his mother. He was the 1st Bn motor Sgt killed on 11 July 1944 in saving the lives of two comrades. Get quota of 1 officer and 5 EM for Brussels on the 27th. 1 officer to go to Paris on 23rd.
Sunday	Feb	18	The following EM selected to go to Brussels Baittenger Hq Co: Nagy Co A: Rogers Co B: Burgi Co C and Halbrook Co D: Each co had to submit the names of trenchfoot NCO's.
Monday	Feb	19	Lt Scheuring returns to duty. Co Commanders go on plane ride ren over Roer River area. Captain Kahle and Co Executive Officers go to tank infantry demonstration.
Tuesday	Feb	20	Co's continue training. Still located at Lamersdorf. Tonight we will send a patrol out across the Roer River. This patrol in charge of Lt Ted Cordele, Company A 119th Inf. Col Herlong attended a Battalion CO meeting at 1900 hours. Submitted court martial papers on Newton Co B.
Wednesday	Feb	21	Sgt Dimas, former 1st Sgt Headquarters Co and Tech Sgt Dusty Rhodes of Co C receive battlefield commissions. Lt's Capen, Brooks Dugan are made 1st Lt's. T/5 Harrison, driver for the Battalion Commander leaves for UK on the 22nd on 7 day furlough. Date for Roer crossing set for morning of the 23rd.
Thursday	Feb	22	Col Herlong attends meeting at Crisis at 1200 CO's and Plat Ldrs to be at Crop CP at 1500 when they will receive their final instructions. At 1900 the Co's move up to Schophoven. Jerry activity was very strong and the sky was lit with tracer bullets. EM from the 120th was killed from incendiary bomb hit on his vehicle. Col H and his command group set up CP in a large chateau just on site of bridge. H Hour set at 0330 on the 23rd to be preceded by the heaviest artillery barrage of the war. At 0100 hours a squad from A and B Co will cross the river and secure area. The 2nd Bn of the 120th Inf may have to use our site for their initial site. Sgt Anderson of Co D goes to OCS at France. Major Wayne to be in charge of the boats and the crossing while the Bn Commander coordinates the attack with Col Baker. Lt Sink to go to Paris on the 23rd.

Friday

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Company A had little difficulty crossing the river although the boat carrying Captain Dalton overturned and his life was saved by an engineer because he could not swim. Co C also had it comparatively easy crossing under the deadliest artillery barrage in history. It was a beautiful sight what with each barrage moving successfully along. Captain Toler was seriously wounded by machine gun fire and Lt Dusty Rhodes was LWA. Captain Toler died of wounds three days later. Have taken some 23 prisoners. Had few casualties. At 0745 we were sitting on both objectives. Lt Barker and crew took some 50 mines across the River. We took Selgerdorf that is Able and Baker while Co C captured Altenburg. Some men were initially reported missing from drowning but three days later were all reported safe. We had all told 17 casualties. The 3rd Battalion was to attack at 2200 hours to take Hambach. Co C had one EM Cook KIA. There were 14 Battalion s of Arty supporting the Roer River crossing.

Saturday

~~Feb~~ 24

A 160: B 160: C 166: D 151 and Hq 131. At 0930 we were waiting orders. Co C may have to go into the marshalling yards and clean it out. Fwd CP probably will be located in Hambach. Battalion rear probably will go to Segerdorf. During the night the 3rd Battalion took Hambach. Col figured that Co's A and B would jump at 1430 and clean out the woods to the highway while C remained in their present position. Co's were to swing to left of Hambach. We will have tanks with us. One A&P squad sent with each rifle Co. The 117th Inf was to send 1 Battalion thru Hambach. The 175th Inf of the 29th Div was to clear town of Stertternach by 1200 hours going east of Julich. Co C sends patrols into the marshalling area which is full of mines. CoMC attached to the 2nd Bn of the 119th Inf and the Bn rear command post closed into Selgerdorf at 1310. Jump off time was now 1500 hours. Waiting to cross the LD a jeep of Co B was knocked out by a mortar shell. Mission of A and B was to clean out the woods. Up at Hambach the S-2 jeep unoccupied was smashed by a tank. A wire jeep was knocked out from shrapnel. The town of Hambach was under intense enemy artillery fire. At 2200 hours we were almost at edge of woods. near the highway running east from Julich. Co B took 40 prisoners. They had a field day and killed many Germans when they captured a Jerry CP which the enemy troops were unaware was in our hands and we slaughtered them. Sgt Ducek the Come Sgt was killed when he stumbled in a foxhole and his loaded carbine discharged and killed him. Late that evening Co C reverted back to 1st Bn and Lt Dimas was sent by the Colonel as a guide to bring them up to Hambach for orders. Jerry plane activity was very strong as they were trying to knock out the bridge site across the Roer River.

Saturday	Feb	24	As Co C was on the road marching back to rejoin the Battalion troops three Jerry planes caught them with anti-personnel bombs killing 5 EM and wounding four.
Sunday	Feb	25	The 119th Inf will attack 1200 hours and seize obj Patty and Louise. Other two Bn's also attacking. The 1st Bn will remain in present position and be in regt'l reserve. Co B took 23 PW's including the Captain Commanding. Co B continued to bring in PW's 3rd Bn took top part of Patty while we stayed in same position. Co B alerted to protect the flank. Late during the night Col Baker visited the Battalion fwd CP and presented Colonel Herlong with a Bronze Star actually while the Bn CO was in bed.
Monday	Feb	26	Co C was to occupy the positions of Co E 2nd Battalion 119th Inf. We were to have a hot meal. Col Herlong was to attend a unit CO meeting at 1900 hours. Today we had 7 EM evacuated for non battle injuries. Col called a CO meeting at 2130. We would move out in a column of companies CBA, The 1st and 2nd Battalions leading and the 3rd in reserve. Konigshoven was our final objective. We were then to be pinched out and another div unit pass thru us.
Tuesday	Feb	27	Companies move out at 0800 to the line of departure. H Hour set at 1100 hours. Late in afternoon Co A was sitting on Carol while B and C were fighting hard to get into Konigshoven. The 2nd Battalion were stopped by enemy direct fire and hence held up the 1st Bn attack since we had the lower part of the town. We were having casualties especially from arty and direct 88 fire. At 1200 Col Herlong had his OP at Kircherton. Late in afternoon C and B were still fighting hard. At 1900 hours the Co's were practically on their objective. Rumor had it that at 2100 hours the 2nd Armd was to go thru us. Bn CP at Kircherton. Rear was at Grottenherten. At 2200 hours the companies were still going. Sgt Puhally of Co C was shot in the stomach by a sniper and died the following day. Able Co had two killed in their attack. They took Hokenholtz.
Wednesday	Feb	28	Early in morning they had completely cleaned the town but were receiving direct fire from across the canal as we had an exposed flank. Jerry was dug in along the Erft Canal which was the army boundary between the 1st and the 9th army. M/R show A 155: B 158: C 147: D 147: and Hq 128. Lt Lowry and Dunn transferred to Co M, 3rd Battalion.

Thursday	March	1	Late last night Falor Co D, KIA from enemy arty. M/R A 158, B 162, C 145, D 149, Hq 129. White flags were observed from the houses in MORKAN evidently hung by the civilians. Co B and C are sending patrols into the town. Likewise into HARFFWE. Got allotment of 50 tickets for world premiere of movie. Co B took about 28 prisoners from KONIGSHOVEN. Lt Henderson, 9th Army historian visits CP. Gets the story of the 1st Battalion crossing of the Roer in detail. We got 19 replacements for A and C Companies. We get quota of 8 EM for Paris A 2, B 2, C 1, D 1, Hq 2. Col to attend unit commanders meeting.
Friday	March	2	A 161, B 163, C 159, D 145 and Hq 129. At 1230 two medics were killed by a mine explosion. Meehan, Petrucelli and Carpenter suffers broken back. They were going to evacuate a civilian. Complete investigation made and Pvt Scheaffer Co C being court-martialed for leaving his post. Co A sent reinforced platoon to Kaster to relieve unit moved out. This was at 1240. Stayed only a short while and were called back, since friendly forces pushed out along the Erf Canal on the 1st Army boundary.
Saturday	March	3	Still located at Konigshoven. Co B and C are in Morkan and Harff. A 164, B 167, C 158, D 143 Hq 129. Major Wayne and 8 EM will go to Paris on the 4th. Lt Capen trfd to Co B as platoon leader. Hq Co to send 1 EM back to the states on rotation on March 7th.
Sunday	March	4	A 166, B 166, C 157 and D 147. Pvt Rowe, Hq Co wins the lottery to go home. All old men were in the selection. Captain Kerrick takes over Co D. 2 EM, Sgt Snell and Reiman go to OCS. Court martial papers on Wensing and Newton submitted. Application on Paxton disapproved for OCS.
Monday	March	5	We are going to move sometime tomorrow. Capt Hubbard and quartering party will leave at 0600 to vicinity of Sustarin, Holland. 1st Battalion will be located in Niewstat, Holland. Get 16 replacements early in day and later 22 more. A 175, B 178, C 173, D 147. Move by truck Cross IP at 1347. Will arrive around 1600, i.e. on Tuesday, 6 March.
Tuesday	March	6	A 179, B 183, C 175, D 147 and Hq 130. Lt Carr meets trucks at 0545. Leave at 1347 for new area. Probably will go through intensive training period.
Wednesday	March	7	No change in M/R. All Co's well situated. In high morale. Get quota of 2 EM for the states. Co A and B selected. Tech Sgt Kraus and S Sgt Bennett, from A and B Co's respectively. Get 2 men to go to UK. Burcheson from Co A and Grenier from Co C. They will leave on the 8th.

Thursday	March	8	A 182, B 183, C 176, D 146, Hq 131. Have two movies. Co's have sanitary inspection. Will carry on 4 hour tng program. Capt Fell returns to duty from the tng reinforcement pool.
Friday	March	9	A 179, B 181, C 174, D 147. All officers to attend meeting at Susterin. Col Herlong to attend unit CO meeting. Morale good.
Saturday	March	10	No change in M/R's. Sgt Lamb of Co C reports to OCS. He is 4th EM to go to school since the program started. Start men on pass to Heerlen, Maastricht and Sittard. Major Wayne and EM return from Paris.
Sunday	March	11	No change in strength. We are now in the 16th Corps of the 9th Army. Captain Kahle who left a few days ago for 10 day tng with Air Command. Will probably make one voluntary combat flight. Church services are held.
Monday	March	12	EM will have dance tonight at Sittard. Sgt La France Co A and Pvt Charnow of D to go on S D, tng reinforcements.
Tuesday	March	13	All new officers attend school at Regiment. Tomorrow Col Herlong and plat leaders will attend river crossing demonstration. Have USO shew.
Wednesday	March	14	Nothing new. Co's are seeing movies. Morale high.
Thursday	March	15	Co's leave at 0645 for a Co problem. Will have river crossing tonight. Late last night we got report from Division that Capt Kahle was MIA from a combat flight over Frankfurt, Gr. 2 EM will go to the states on the 19th of March. Capt Fell made S-3. Cpl Lewis of Co D reports for OCS. 5th EM to be selected. We get 6 EM quota for Brussels. Sgt Gonda replaces Sgt Kraus at the 18th Reinforcement Depot.
Friday	March	16	
Saturday	March	17	Col to attend meeting at Crisis at 0900. Names of Beula and Fleming submitted for Corps MP's. Men leave for Brussels on the 18th, A 1, R 1, C 2, D 1 and Hq 1.
Sunday	March	18	Hq 131, A 178, B 179, C 173, D 143. Sgt Rogers Co D reports to AG office. Will go to train reinforcements. Notified that Lt Posner is promoted to Captain as of the 14th of March. It was a quick battlefield promotion. At 1400 Co C reports that an accident occurred by a mine explosion killing 2 GI's, Kiser and Coombs and 2 civilians. A german box mine caused the explosion.
Monday	March	19	Quartering party leaves at 0900 for Assy area near Issum Ger., Col had snad table made and all CO's and plat leaders were briefed on the coming operation.

river, the last barrier before the total collapse of the Germans. Col Herlong recommend DSC for Sgt Pickette of Co B. At 1815 the Battalion will move to new Assy area. Most of the troops will be out in the woods dug in except the Co CP's. 1st Lt Baker returns from SD with the Air Corps. He made no troops. Bn closes in at 2350. We traveled approximately 56 miles. Situated about 9 miles from the Rhine.

Tuesday	March	20	A 177, B 178, C 171, D 139 and Hq 131. Col Baker visits CP and checks the respective Co areas.
Wednesday	March	21	Receive word Captain Kahle is OK that he came down successfully through in enemy lines and escaped in the 7th Army sector when we laid down an arty barrage. A 176, B 179, C 172, D 140 and Hq 132. Co A trfd 4 EM to Co D. Co Commanders made recon of the Rhine river along the west bank.
Thursday	March	22	Hq 133, A 172, B 179, C 172 D 141. Officers from Co A go up in Air OP. Col to attend unit CO meeting at 1645. D day will probably be the 24th of March, with H hour set at 0200. The British will be on our left. Tentatively at 2200 the British Commandos will establish bridgehead then Lancasters will bomb WESEL following which they will drop approximately three divisions of air borne troops.
Friday	March	23	Hq 133, A 172, B 177, C 170 and D 142. Col attend final meeting with CO's at 0900. D day is 24 and H hour is 0200. There will be 1 hour arty preparation. We will leave ASSY area at H hour and march approximately 8 miles to vicinity of BUDERICH on the west bank of the river. The order was as follows: The 1st Commando Brigade on <u>L</u> atks and seizes WESEL. The 117th Inf on right atks and seizes obj within their zone. The 119th Inf attached Co C 743rd TK Bn and Co A 823rd TD and Co D, 18th Tank Bn supported by the 197th FA and reinforced elements of the 105th Engr Bn will force a crossing of the Rhine River in its zone at H hour on D day and will establish a bridgehead across river and seize Obj Patty, Hedy, Jo and Peg. 1st Bn will move by route indicated from present Assy area so as to reach fwd ass area, ie, Buderich at H plus 2 1/2 hours. Bn will be prepared to cross Rhine on regtl order by the use of all available means of transportation as furnished by the Beachmaster of the supporting Engineers. Upon crossing the river the Bn will pass thru the 2nd Bn within its zone and atck and seize that portion of obj Jo and Hedy within its zone. At 2000 we got word that 1 officer and 5 EM would go to the states. Lt Bons was selected, also A Bogart, B Widenier C Villa, D Mouchon.

0730 through the LD and start for Jo and Hedy. At 0905 30 prisoners were taken. Fighting was stubborn, especially from mortar and arty. Lt Dimas acting at Ln with Beachmaster to Col Herlong was subjected to intense arty and mortar fire on the bank of the RHINE! Did an exceptionally good job. At 1500 they started a 30 minute preparation and will attack again, to take obj HEDY! At 1845 Co A and C were at the 2nd RR before Frederick Feld. Jerry tank was hitting us on both flanks. By 2000 we had cleared Hedy. We had 3 KIA and 18 wounded in initial battle of the Rhine. Co B was attached to 3rd Battalion to take obj Peg. Today the 119th Infantry took over 300 prisoners.

Sunday	March	25	<p>Co B working with 3rd Bn had little trouble clearing out Peg. Co's A and C still getting PW's out of Frederick Feld. The 119th Inf was in division reserve, ready to be committed on either flank of the division. Co strengths A 150, B 153, C 162, D 141, Hq 133. The officer and 5 EM leave for the states of 27 March. They are to get 45 days. Co C sends 1 platoon across canal LIPPE to clean out area. Get quota 12 EM for Paris. Col had to go to Crisis at 1420. We will protect the division flank by taking obj HUBERT. Co B held up at 1830 at the LD by 20 mm fire. Co's start moving A on right and C along the Canal. A took 66 PW's. Bn CP located just outside Hunex. The 117th didn't go where they were supposed to. We had some casualties. Co C had 4 and D had one. We had 2 jeeps knocked out from Co D, setting off some ammunition. At 0200 Co's were still fighting. 2 EM KIA and Sgt Nichols as plat ldr was SWA, from 20 mm fire.</p>
Monday	March	26	<p>Co A 149, B 161, C 150, D 138 and Hq 133. At 0900 Co C was on phase line 7 meeting no resistance. Co A at 1230 was almost on obj Hubert. Co C had 3 MIA, 2 KIA and 6 WIA. At 1330 Co's were meeting enemy tanks and direct fire. Just from the town of Gahlen, a definite strongpoint. The town had scattered buildings, and were holding at all costs. 1 medic from C Co, Campbell, KIA. 3rd Battalion was being committed on right flank. At 1930 they were still receiving direct fire from the town. At 1330 Lt Walters was sent by the colonel to locate our adjacent unit and show them our right flank. Evidently he took a route that had not been swept of mines. Early the next morning the bodies of Lt Walters and the driver, Le Blanc, were discovered KIA immediately. Co A had several casualties, 2 KIA including Sgt Fry. Co B had 1 KIA.</p>
Tuesday	March	27	<p>Co A 141, B 147, C 138, D 137 and Hq 133. During the morning Co A and B cleaned out the town. Co C was in the island. Our 2nd Bn was to take obj Mae.</p>

Tuesday	March	27	<p>Elements of 2nd Armd and 95th Div in vicinity Co's put out defensive positions. Co C stays on island. From G-2 notes in the attack of the 1st Bn of the 119th Inf towards its objective met stiff resistance in the form of direct fire, arty fire and fire from AA guns. A group of 7 flak wagons were firing initially from edge of the woods. The resistance was broken by our attack and many flak wagons were destroyed. Our troops continued to advance while they met another enemy position. The enemy defense of the area was based on fire of small arms and automatic weapons, supported by arty and direct fire. Our troops finally penetrated the outskirts of Gahlen which was reduced, cleaned out on the 27th by the 1st and 3rd Battalions. Co's were situated in defense around Gahlen for the night.</p>
Wednesday	March	28	<p>Co C sends out patrol but meets no contact. At 1200 hours the city of Dorsten was taken. Possibility that C and other units may hold their position. Sgt Fry who had just switched job to platoon sergeant so he could get a battlefield commission was found burned to death in fight for Gahlen. Captain Kahle returns to duty and Lt Dimas made S-2. Today the first group of furlough men to the states returned. Weisman of Co D must report back on the 5th of April for OCS. Men of the 119th Inf Officers are given the opportunity to transfer to the 106th Div with advance in grades but we find no candidates because they were badly mauled in the breakthru at the Bulge.</p>
Thursday	March	29	<p>Co's still in same positions. Co C may move up into the town. We get word at 1430 that the 30th Div will revert back to 19th Corps. Col Herlong is going to the Riviera on 29th. Co C went to showers at Hunx.</p>
Friday	March	30	<p>We are now in corps reserve of the 16th corps. Battalion moves to Gahlen. Major Wayne assumes command of the Bn while Herlong is at the Riviera. Attends Unit EO meeting at Custom. Lt Tate returns to duty with Co B. Suddenly we are notified by Lt Capt Franklin to pick up 25 trucks at definite location. We officially go back to 19th corps.</p>
Saturday	March	31	<p>Passes scheduled for Kerkrade and Herleen are cancelled. Lt Henderson of the 9th army historical section visits the CP. Officers and men get paid. Late at night we get further rush orders. At midnight we are alerted to move to corps flank. Kitchens will move with us.</p>

Sunday

April

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At 1030 we stopped after traveling some 55 miles. Located in Soldendorf. This was south of Munster and north of Hamm. The Battalion had crossed the IP at Huxix at 0417 and went to Sendenhorst. The 1st Battalion led the 119th column whose mission was to protect the flank of the corps with the rapid advance of the famous 2nd armored Division. At 1700 hours we are alerted to move again this time with mission of relieving CCA who were to go on. At 1930 orders were changed. Attached to CCA and would go to new ass area. We were working now with a combat command of 2nd Armd and would move out at H plus 42.

Monday

April

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We stopped at 0800, after traveling 55 miles. We are attached to CCA, 2nd Armd Division. On the trip 1 EM from Co A was KIA, accident when his rifle went off in the truck. Also 1 vehilce of Co D had 4 injured from an accident. At 1005 Major Wayne reports to Crisis. It seems that 2 battalions will be committed to clean out a pocket. Lt Dunn reports to our CP with the following instructions. We are to send 1 Co with Maj Owens of 1st Bn 66th Armd Regt. Our Unit minus Co C will be prepared to move immediately. Bn will move out at 1215. Move by truck some 4 mi to Assy area. Then move forward into positions. Will relieve elements of the 95th Inf Div of the 337th Inf. Move into postions at Oerlinghausen. Enemy had 20 mm and machine guns directed from high ground. At 1700 Co A and C were meeting stiff resistance. Jerry was using Panzerfaust. Sgt Goode and 2 EM wounded from bazooka fire. Both A and B are still fighting at the bend in the town. General Collier who commands CCA visited our CP. We are making every effort to clean it out, but it is a rugged process since there are many houses to be cleaned out. Send up TD's to blast a few houses. D had EM KIA from small arms. At 2100 CO A notifies Major Wayne the situation on his flank is serious. However Capt Dalton reported he could hold, especially with B watching the flank. Hq Co organized into small fighting units. They will protect any infiltration to our rear. At 2030 Co A called for a belt. We get 8 more prisoners. Co A pulls back its left flank a bit leaving a small gap. Major Wayne advises B to push over to the right to close the gap. Lt King platoon is being hit on all flanks. M/R Co A 140, B 147, D 133 and Hq 138. Co C came up at 0530 giving manuverability to our attack.

Tuesday

April 3

They continue fighting with tanks and also Major Wayne commits Co C. Working out plan to flank the town which was definitely an important village sitting between the hills and which prevented the armor from fanning out. This town of Oerlinghausen was large for a single Battalion to clean out and Jerry was using Panzerfaust to great extent practically as artillery. We were suffering several wounded Co A had one EM KIA: Major Wayne sends Lt Dimas to search for route to send the tanks. The S-2 took Cooperstein, Lord and Fleming with him. An hour later we had report the group were pinned down by MG fire. A detail under Capt Hubbard and Sgt Placke got the group out and Lt Dimas was seriously wounded by sniper in stomach and promptly evacuated. At 1530 the Co's started pushing again. We had then taken 48 Prisoners of War. By five thirty we had 90 prisoners. Lt Rich and Barker with their assault group had taken 20 PW's. By 2100 Major Wayne reported to Crisis then under command of Col McCugh that the town was completely cleared. Total PW's taken in this all important fight was 275, and Major Wayne had done a fine job while the Battalion CO was on pass in Riviera.

Wednesday

April 4

We get new orders: attached to TFR and will jump at 0800. Will move out in a column of Companies. We moved along with tanks and though we burned many houses met no organized enemy and kept going on. Took several Prisoners. Were located at Breitenheide, Germany. Had moved six miles east. At 1200 we got mission of taking Lemgo. Co's would ride tanks. Arrived at Arzon traveled 25 miles, got there at 2340. During the convoy a Jerry vehicle slipped into the column but Hq Co men spotted it and shot it up killing one and capturing four.

Thursday

April 5

No changes in our M/R. At 0900 Co A on tanks moved out of Arzon. They were under TF Zion Major Wayne went up to the Weser river to make rcn. Co's alerted. The 1st and 2nd Bn may force a crossing. Co C was to send one plat to relieve a unit of Co E on high ground overlooking the river. Crisis notified us to send 6 EM back to states. Overman and Sparks Co B selected: Grenier of Co C: D sends Hall and Biller and Caballero of C went as compassion ate case. At 1430 the bridge was almost complete. No arty fell in area and in fact people were at the site watching the show and found no en fire. The 82ns Engrs constructed the bridge. At 1520 Co A started crossing. Bn CP located at Ohr. We took obj without any trouble. Co C was sent with TF Zion to establish a roadblock west of our sector. We were alerted to move early in morning probaly to take Hameln, city famous for the Pied Piper legend.

Friday	April	6	We are alerted to move out early and pull in our blocks. Co C again attached to TF Zion. Notified that Lt Danner will go to school for refresher course for battlefield commission officers. Battalion was now located at Afferde. We were to be relieved by elements of the 117th Inf. go into an ass area and then take off again with TFR. Battalion at 1700 moved to Bessingen approx five miles east. We were to move at 0630 the following morning.
Saturday	April	7	We detrucked at Schulenberg and captured a bridge in tact. Co C was to hold the bridge and set up road blocks. We probably will have to take Sarstedt. Co A with tanks will try to clean up Sapstedt. Battalion alerted at 1300. One plat Co B and one plat of Light tanks of Co C had mission of cleaning out woods SW of Schulenberg and check a tremendous castle set off in the wood. Co B then given mission of putting out blocks defending to the Northwest. Co A plus plat of med tanks and plat of TD's were in reserve for CCA not to be committed except under General Colliers orders. Battalion CP still located at Schulenberg. Our mission was to maintain certain roadblocks and also to clean enemy from area between MLR and Immersete. On completion of mission were to reassemble in vicinity of Schulenberg. in CCA reserve.
Sunday	April	8	No changes in M/R. Co C with two platoons was cleaning out woods. Colonel Herlong returned from Riviera. Co B pulls back to its original area. At 1600 Co A still with TF Zion is alerted. Co C took 99 prisoners and captured a large warehouse full of Whermach equipment. Col H and command group move out at 2200. Later Co B took 145 prisoners out of woods. Cleaned out Harsum. Battalion rear now located in same town.
Monday	April	9	At 0920 Col Herlong goes to receive order. TFR will follow TFB on order over white and red axis and seize obj 6, 10 and 13. We will be physically relieved by TFB but orders are changed and the entire Battalion moves back to Schlenberg. Now we understand that the 30th Div will be on 2nd Arm left and also 83rd Div on flank. We are alerted to go to ass area in vicinity of Grosdungen. At 2200 Col Herlong goes to Crisis. Tonight 1 plat Co C and plat of TD's go on roadblock.
Tuesday	April	10	We cross IP at 0930 destination unknown. Travel to Lesese approximately 26 miles. Co B takes 161 prisoners out of woods and a Lt Colonel. A and C are now under TF Zion. Co B located in Rappner, A and C in Lebenstedt. Battalion rear in Lesee. Co A had a few casualties.
Wednesday	April	11	At 0100 hours Col receives new attack order. Co's will attack at 0630 and take Immerdorf location of the ...

Wednesday	April	11	Battalion rear now in Liebenstedt, Germany Co B libertaed a PW enclosure containing many French soldiers some of whom were wounded. At 1000 hours the Bn rear moved to Hallendorf. We moved again into Immersdorf Col Herlong and CP group went thru the steel plant checked the office. We recovered some American soldiers who had been captured at the Bulge in Dec 44. Co A with tanks want to Leinde just south of Immsdorf.
Thursday	April	12	At 0430 Co C moves out with TF Zion to do some mopping up. Pfc Fleming Co D trfd to 19th corps. Sgt Mace of Co C selected to go to states. We were to hold present position until relieved. Elements of 2nd Armd are believed to be on the Elbe river south of Magdeburg. Nagy of Co A also goes to states.
Friday	April	13	Upon our relief we will follow red axis cleaning out woods NW and SE of obj 7 and all towns between red axis to obj 6 then follow the grey axis. Our orders are changed. TFR when relieved of security mission move via white axis to obj 56 then follow grey axis to onj 30. On arrival at obj 30, relieve CCR in that area. Send patrol into Magdeburg. Upon moving from present area precede elements with rcn and billeting parties to prepare relief of CCR. Be prepared to cross bridge over Elbe on order. Elements of 49th Armd Inf of 8th Armd Div will relive us. We will go in vicinity of Nederndodeleben just about west of Magdeburg and about 70 miles from Berlin, final allied destination. Stop at Ochersleben. Orders are changed. A and C are in position. Now located in Honendod- eleben. Just a few miles outside of Magdeburg. Our unit of 119th Inf went across the Elbe and received an infantry counteratta Our mission is to set up defense and RB's, In morning we had report of infiltration on our right flank thru the 82nd Rcn. CO A had 4 Em captured thru careles ness.
Saturday	April	14	
Saturday Sunday	April	15	Mission of TFR is to relieve elements of TFB establish and maintain contact with TFA on left in vicinity of L boundary reporting location of contact point. Co C captured a Lt Colonel from out of Magdeburg. Co's are in good defensive positions.

Monday	16	Apr	Lt Bush Co D selected for reinforcement Tng. Col. goes to Crisis at 1500. Bn - Co B still located at Hohendodeleben outside of Magdeburg. We will probably send patrols into Magdeburg. Probable will attack that city on 18th.
Tuesday	17	Apr	1st Bn, 119th reinforcement withdraw all troops east of 59 vertical grid line and S of 93 horizontal grid line beginning 170800. Attack NE in zone on order after H-hour. Seize and clear from that portion of Magdeburg shown - Co B returns to 1st Bn and will be in reserve. Will attack with A and C leading. Will bomb for two hours with arty support. H hour will probably be at 1300. Both the 30th and the 2nd Armd will be attacking Magdeburg. M/R show Hq 141, A 132, B 139, C 144 and D 135. Co A will be riding tanks of Major Zion. H hour moved again to 1445. Jump at that hour. Bn Command Post moves to Ottersleben. We are having many casualties, but not serious. Lt. Cordale WIA from 20mm fire. Meeting resistance from Panzerfaust and mortar fire. The enemy have stiff blocks. At 2030 Col. Herlong advises A and C make phase line 9 at 2130. General Collier advises to hold up on that line. We had 11 casualties for the final battle of combat. A 127, B 138, C 141, D 134, Med. 28. Crisis notifies us we get back 26 EM. A 4, B 8, C 10, D 4. We took about 75 prisoners. Co A had <u>2</u> KIA.
Wednesday	18	Apr	Companies will start pushing at 0600 and finish mission originally assigned. MR show A 125 (18) B 136, C 141 (8), D 135. Capt. Fell designated as Military Gov't. Commander. We are still with CCB of 2nd Armd Div. Our mission is to occupy patrol and maintain order in Magdeburg.
Thursday	19	Apr	A 126, B 144, C 144, D 138, Hq 141. Colonel to attend meeting at Powerhouse war room at 1330. New order 1st Bn reinforced will occupy, patrol and maintain order in area shown. Maintain 1st Bn as mobile reserve for possible counterattack with mission of maintaining contact with the 30th on the left.
Friday	20	Apr	1st Bn will relieve elements of 2nd Armd Div within its zone prior to 1200 and will assume responsibility for defense of new area upon completion of relief. Battalion moves to areas south of Magdeburg. Co's outposting the river Elbe. Bn A and P Plat. located at Beyendorf and Lt Rich's platoon is at Sohlen.
Saturday	21	Apr	Col Herlong attends 30th Div unit CO meeting at 0900. MR show A 124, B 143, C 140, D 139 and Hq 141.
Sunday	22	Apr	MR no change. Have church services. Probably will have movies again. We are in Westerhausen, suburb of Magdeburg. Occupation troops. Lt. Henderson, 9th Army Historian visits our CP.

Monday	23	Apr	R Hq 141, A 125 (16), B 1 (9), C 151(9), D 137. Get quota of 4 EM for US 1 officer. Must be at Service Co on 25th at 1400. Go home on 26th. Lt Baker to go home. D O'Ragro Co A, Adams Co B, Sgt Gillem Co D.
Tuesday	24	Apr	MR Hq 141, A 126 (14), B 149 (9), C 151 (9), D 139. Capt. Hubbard leaves on DS to MG at Bielfield, Germany. We get 57 reinforcements: A 35, B 14, C 8.
Wednesday	25	Apr	MR a 162, B 164 (9), C 158 (9), D 139. We are working on scheme to fix a hall for movies. 4 EM and Lt Baker to go to Service Co at 1400 to return to UK.
Thursday	26	Apr	MR A 162 (14), B 164 (9), C 156 (9), D 137, Hq 141. Capt Fell assumes command of Hq Co. At 1400 Crisis notifies us that tanks will return to their organization. We get 19 old men back.
Friday	27	Apr	Had movies. Submitted court martial papers on Brogus. Pay will be picked up on 30th at Div Rear between 0900 and 1000. Capt. Dalton to go to Riviera on 2 May for 7 Days. Must report to air strip at Hildersheim at 1000. R 16. We got reinforcements. D 2, A 2, C 5, B 3.
Monday	30	Apr	A 168 (12), B 172 (8), C 165 (10), D 148, Hq 142. Col. Herlong addresses half of the battalion at the theater.
Tuesday	1	May	MR same. Lt Bush returned from 18th RD under arrest in quarters. Get quota of 2 EM for states. Report to Service, Diva Rear on 5 May with Cross A uniforms.
Wednesday	2	May	EM to go home will report at Capt. Sency at 1600. MR A 169-10, B 172-8, C 165-10, D 147, Hq 141. Capt. Kahle will be called for MG. On 4 May 45 Maj. Ford will speak to officers and T Sgts and key NCO's being used on subject "Military Government".
Thursday	3	May	MR A 169-10, B 173-6, C 166-10, D 147, Hq 141. Col Baker will inspect Bn area. Have movie today. On the 4th at 1345 and 1545 USO 150 EM each time at Culture area. 4 Women - 2 men. Foxhole Frolics. All of our transportation, 4 1 1/2 ton. Regular theater in Chonebeck. Past Cp, building on right just before R ^a underpass. Co D to send jeep and driver back on DS to Capt. Kerwin. Probably for 2 weeks. Maj. Wayne to go to England on 9th May. Be at R-16 Hildeshiem. Late last night Sgt Barrett, Co C, KIA. Accidentally shooting himself.
Friday	4	May	MR - A 120-8, B 174-6, C 167-10, D 147, Hq 142. Late in afternoon we got order to take no more PW's from across the Elbe, although each day we have been taking many. Col. H to attend meeting at Division at 1400 on 5 May 45. Maj. Ford speaks to all officers and NCO's at theater at 1900.

Saturday	5	May	Units of 2nd Bn, 119th Inf. made contact with Russian forces opposite Schonebeck. A 170-8, B 175-6, C 167-10, D 146, Hq 141. Gaynor and Daniels go to the states. We receive word that the Presidential Citation for 1st Bn, 119th Inf went through. Co B made contact with Russians at 1445. 2 Officers came across 1 1/2 miles S of Magdeberg. Co C made contact at 1700. Sgt. Major rode across the Elbe. Co A made contact at 1530.
Sunday	6	May	No change in MR. We had 19th Corps doughnut girls for 1st Bn. Same bunch we had back in Troesgats. Miss Betty Gross from Minneapolis, Miss Lily Woodell, Greenbank, W. Virginia, Martha Stengel, Phila., Pa.
Monday	7	May	A 162-10, B 176-6, C 166-10, D 147, Hq 144. VE Day is the 9th, beginning at 0001. Hostilities officially cease in Europe at 080001. Allus Caput. Notified by Crisis at 0855. Capt. Posner will go to Riviera on the 10th May 45. At 2200 crisis called for Bn. to select 2 men for OCS without any application. Cassidy Co A and Goodrich Co B selected. At 0200 Crisis called, notified us that we would move west.
Tuesday	8	May	At 0840 Crisis notifies us V-E celebration is post poned. We will probably move today. MR A 172-8, B 179-6, C 171-10, D 148, Hq 139-6. Lt. McAlpine returns to 1st Bn as Ln. Officer. Receive orders. 1st Bn will relieve elements presently occupying the area asgnd them on attached overlay and will occupy and govern this area. Quartering party leaves at 1400. Bn will move at 0800. Probably shuttle B and C Co's.
Wednesday	9	May	Battalion starts moving at 0900. Located at Schlanstedt, near Schwanbech, Germany. Again in the role of occupation troops. Capt. Posner to leave for Riviera on 10 may. Submitted DSC on Col. Herlong. We are now in the 13th Corps. The 9th US Army. Pvt Wuanir and Zanotto of B will report to Capt. Sency at 1000.