

At last censorship regulations have been lifted to some degree, and it is now possible to tell you some of the dates and places that I have been in, according to base censor, anything prior to Oct. 23 can be told. Even now we can tell incidents that have happened only ten days ago, instead of the usual 14 as in the past. As time goes on, our division "high lights" will be published more and more.

I shall start at the beginning:-

- June 16th, 1944 - Debanded at Omaha Beach (according to Capt. Lavelle, Chief Press Censor, our division received its baptism of fire on June 15th, 1944)
- June 19th - Left birouac area, near the beach, in motor convoy. Arrived near Lison, France.
- July 2nd - Marched approximately 1 mile to a position occupied by 1st battalion, this Regiment. They took over our positions at St. Jean De Dage.
- July 6th - Near Lison, France.
- July 7th - Left C. P. marched to Fouard Assembly Area. Left Forward Assembly Area, arrived hill #30, at 2145. St. Jean De Dage 3416 N. W.
- July 8th - Left C. P. near St. Jean De Dage arrived New C. P. 2217
- July 12th - Moved to new C. P. near Chateau Mare De Cavigny.
- July 13th - Left near Chateau Mare De Cavigny arrived new C. P. 2045
- July 14th - Arrived at 1945 near Hts. Vents, St. Lo.
- July 22nd - Left Hts. Vents, marched to L'Epene Au Veidier.
- July 25th - Near La Jnganniere, France. The 30th Infantry Division spearheaded the all-important breakthrough, south of St. Lo allowing a passage for American Armour to fan out over France. (Released by Chief Base Censor)
- July 26th - Near Le Mesnil Durand, France.
- July 27th - Near St. Gilles
- July 29th - Near St. Romphaire
- July 30th - "
- Aug. 1st - Left St. Romphaire, arrived near Tessy Sur Vire (the Battalion in an immediate rest area)
- Aug. 2nd - Red Cross Clubmobile serving hot coffee and donuts to all companies in battalion. Movies being shown by Special Service., A U. S. O. show was given, a personal appearance of Edward G. Robinson, movie actor, enjoyed by battalion. Gen. L. S. Hobbs, commanding General of the 30th Infantry Division, gave a commendation to the Battalion.
- Aug. 6th - Moved by truck, arrived at La Vallee 1130.
- Aug. 13th - Left La Vallee arrived near St. Barthelmy, France. (Released by Chief Base Censor) Some of the heaviest fighting was to be accomplished by the 30th Division, when it took over the area of the 1st Division, near Mortair St Barthelmy sector when four German panzer divisions struck in the most powerful blitz effort of the campaign, to drive through to Avranches, France and separate the American First and Third Armies. It was there that U. S. planes and R. A. F. rocket firing Typhoons finally threw back the German Tanks in a battle that lasted for three days, before the Germans decided that they were no match for the 30th.
- Aug. 14th - Left St. Barthelmy by truck arrived near Domfront 0440.
- Aug. 15th - Left Domfront 1515, Arrived near La Massonere, 1700.
- Ralph joined the company Aug. 18th
- Aug. 20 - Near Brezolles, Dreux, France
- Aug. 21 - Arrived near Corneuil, France
- Aug. 22 * Arrived near Thomer L Songe
- Aug. 23 - Near Evreux, France
- Aug. 25 - Near Verdun, France
- Aug. 28 - Near Gargenville, France
- Aug. 29 p Montalet Le Bois
- Aug. 31st - Mello France (Left Frouville arrived Mello)
- Sept. 1 - Near Le Tille, France
- Sept. 2 - Near Rousseloy, France (Huge Caves of German equipment, weapons & ammunition found)
- Sept. 3 - (Released by Capt. Lavelle, Chief Censor) The 30th Division dashed to Tournai, Belgium, covering 180 miles through enemy occupied territory in 72 hours. The march was motorized during the last two days and was screened by a task force of division. The 30th Infantry Division were the first allied troops in Belgium.
- Sept. 4 - Near Merlin, Belgium
- Sept. 5 - Left merlin, Belgium arrived at Rouillton, Belgium
- Sept. 7 - Left via truck from Rouillon, arrived near Ceroux Mousty

Sept. 8 - Nottrange, Belgium

Sept. 9 - Ortrange Belgium. Troops marched approx. 25 miles

Sept. 10th - Marched on foot to near Flerhe Les Slins, Belgium

Sept. 12 - Arrived at Hesch, Holland. 1st C. P. in Holland (Approved to Capt. La Velle, Chief Press Censor;- still disrupting German efforts toward an orderly withdrawal, the Old Hickory-men drove on to become the first allied troops in Holland, arriving there on Sept. 12th, after having captured the famous border fortress Eben Emaol on Sept. 10th)

Maastricht Holland fell to the 30th Inf. Division on Sept 13 after which Old Hickory Troops fought on into Germany, advance elements of the Division crossing the border at Horbach on Sept. 14th.

Sept. 13 - Near Terblizht, Holland

Sept. 16 - Near Strought, Holland (near Heerlen)

Sept. 17th - Near Ubachsberg, Holland

Sept. 18th - Near Schaesbefg, Holland

Sept 19th - Arrived Scherpeenseel, Germany

)Approved by base censor:- The attack on the Siegfried Line Started Oct. 2nd, 1944 continued for two weeks to establish a bridgehead in what was reputed by the Germans to be their "inpenetrable West Wall.")

Oct. 3 Ubach, Germany

Oct. 7th - Alsdorf, Germany