

Company "M", 275th Infantry

May. 15, 1943, 12 men from the 91st Infantry div. reported to the 70th ~~Inf~~ Div. Hq. for duty as cadre. After reporting in at Regimental Hq. they ~~were~~ reported to Maj. Doer at 3rd Bn. Hq., who in turn sent them to 1st Lt Ketterer Commander of Co. M.

On May 24, the Company strength was increased by four officer fresh from OCS. 2nd Lts. Henderson, Huber, Woodbury and Hawkins. A few days later these Lts. with the exception of Lt Henderson, were on a cleanup detail in the mess hall. (This mess hall was later taken over by H Co.)

The first 2 weeks of cadre training consisted of a 4 hour lecture in the morning and grass cutting and general police of the Co. Areas in the ~~aftermp~~ afternoon. They attended troop school in the evening from 1800-2000. The Bn. cadre trained as a group, pulling the necessary details such as guard duty K.P. etc.

On Infantry day, June 15th, the Division formed on the 274th drill field and stood a ~~formal~~ formal retreat. Activation orders were read and now they were officially part of the 70 Div. Prior to this time they had been attached to SCU 1911 at Camp Adair.

July 6th and 7th was an enjoyable trip to Newport. They went by motor convoy to Zahats where they bivouaced on the beach.

August 17th 18th and the 19th the members of M Co. cadre participated in the premier of "This Is The Army" in Portland. After bivouacing in the park they returned to Camp on the 19th.

The next day the first filler arrived in M Co. Pvt Vach Nolder of Portland Oreg. who arrived on the 20th. "Volunteering" for K.P. the next day he was made Chief Engineer of a potato bin construction job.

The fillers started coming in thick and fast from almost every state in the Union. Upon arriving they all took a 7 day filler course.

Sept 11 Organization day. We had a formal review at Bradley Bowl after which Gov. Snell of Ore. extended, to the men of the division, his welcome to Oregon. The following Monday Sept. 13th, Basic training got under way. We started basic with a slightly overstrength company. Having our required classes on the M-1 rifle, military courtesy etc. we were ready for a bivouac. The first one on record was Sept. 28th 29th and the 30th in Peterson Hollow. It was during this time that we lost our first cadreman, 1st Sgt Maskew who was replaced by 1st Sgt. "Daddy" Reed.

Oct 2nd and 3rd were spent at Toledo where we went by motor convoy under Col Miller. We pitched our tents in the municipal ball park. We were turned loose in the town and in a short time almost every store in town was sold out.

Furloughs started for the cadremen in the middle of Nov. The fillers got their furloughs commencing about the middle of Dec.

Many of the mens wives had moved out to some of the nearby towns and were invited to the company for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Dec. 17 ended basic training and we went into the advanced training with a 7 day bivouac at the junction of the Old Portland and Suver Roads. We Came in on the 24th and had the afternoon and Christmas day off. Some of the more fortunate men were able to spend their Christmas at home.

Dec 26 we were at it again, another bivouac in the same place for another 7 days.

New Years day was another day off. The busses were so crowded tht you could hardly get out of camp. As a result of the transportation tie up some of the men made a day of it in Camp.

The first part of Jan the Co. ran a night compass course near Range 65. Our objective, a few hills away, was to be on a certain azimuth and at a given distance behind the "enemies" lines. A candle would be burning in a tin can. This would be our assembly point. To make sure the light would burn a guard was posted. It was cold, and he was sleepy, so he curled up and went to sleep. The company wandered over hill and dale looking for the "light that failed"

One week in Jan. the Co. walked over 80 miles to and from the training areas. ~~These~~ These were field days for the blister bustin' Medics. The following week was good for an additional 25 miler. Which started the speed marches and Physical Fitness Tests.

Late in Jan. the first men ~~of the Co.~~ to leave as replacements left to fill the ranks of our parent div. which was preparing for overseas movement in camp Adair. Men continued to leave for different outfits until the middle of March. At that time there were five pvt. left in the Co. Four of which were hospitalized, and the other one was in Fort Benning.

March 17 some of the men left the Co. to train men coming into the div from ASTP, ~~and~~ Air Corps Etc. They took their infantry basic in the PRTC section of Camp Adair. Having completed the four weeks of training they were sent out to the different Companies.

In April we started running Bn. Field Ex. by combining D, H, and M Companies to make a full strength heavy weapons Co. At this time any one up to a T/Sgt were subject to various details such as K.P. guard duty and C.Q.

While our troops were landing in Normandy on June 6, we were about to land in knee deep mud as we launched an attack on the fortified positions of Adair.

June June 15th Infantry day also the 1st anniversary of the 70th. We paraded down C Ave, to Bradley Bowl where again Earl Snell repeated his speech of Sept 11 1943. Gen Dahlquist gave us a pep talk. Expert Inf. Badges were awarded to the

men who passed the "acid" tests. While the camp was open to the public and the rest of the men had the day off after setting up a display of the weapons. S/Sgts. Giles, Mckensie, and Mersch were enjoying a day of K.P.

Towards the last of June we began to hear rumors to the effect that we would soon be leaving Adair. The advance party left for Ft Leonard Wood around the first of July.

Our Co strength was increased about this time by the addition of two officers, Lt Popovac and Lt Vacek. This brought the total company officers to 4.

July 22 we vacated our barracks and moved into the Bn. Quadrangle for the night. July 23 we entrained and after three dirty days on troop sleepers we arrived in Ft Leonard Wood, Mo. We were greeted by the Div. band playing and the strains of "Old Suzanna" coming through the mist which was rapidly turning into a slight rainfall. We moved into the barracks under cover of darkness and tried to find our duffle bags before the rain washed them away.

While at Ft Wood we underwent FOM training, ran divisional problems, took our usual hikes, had salt pills galore, and in general had a hot old time under the Mo. sun.

We received some fillers during our stay at Wood. Here for the first time we had our TO strength of officers. Some men went before the screening board, some got discharged while others got disappointments.

We left Ft. Wood Nov. 18th-Destination Unknown-- Rumor had it that we were Boston Bound. We arrived in Camp Miles Standish Nov. 21. While at Standish we had a series of shots, TE 21 checks, lectures TE 21 checks, had passes to Boston and surrounding towns, and we had an occasional TE 21 check.

Dec. 6 we boarded the USS West Point in the early afternoon. After an uneventful trip over we landed in Marsailles, Ded, 16.

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Dec 6, 1944

Departed POK 154 EM and 8 Officers present. Davanzo, Thomas A. - Sick Boy.

Dec 7, 1944 through Dec 14, 1944

at sea, - Davanzo, Thomas A, - Sick Boy

Dec 15, 1944

Arrived Port of marseille - Unloaded in barges, entrucked and traveled by truck Delta Bay Section CP #2. Davanzo, Thomas A. to 69th Station Hospital.

Dec 16, 1944

Organized camp site, pitched tents and reorganized Company.

Dec 17, 1944

Received TAT, distributed weapons, cleaned weapons.

Dec 18, 1944

Training, distributing needed supplies to squads.

Dec 19, 1944

Exchanged American Money to francs.

Dec 20, 1944

Men on Pass to marseille, report a good time but women morals low.

Dec 21, 1944

Received first overseas PX. Men on pass to Marseille.

Dec 22, 1944

Prepared to move. 90 men left by train 1700.

Dec 23, 1944

75 men left DBS by motor convoy using weapons carriers. Traveled about 135 miles. Stopped at airport. Cold.

Dec 24, 1944

Motor convoy moved out 0700 traveled about 150 miles to Di John where we stayed in city park. Men attended Christmas eve Mass. Snow and Cold.

Dec 25, 1944

Left Di John Christmas Morning 0700 by motor convoy, traveled about 140 miles. Stayed in former Military Academy. Snow and cold. Morale Good.

Dec 26, 1944

Departed by motor convoy 0800, traveled tacticle about 110 miles arriving in Greis about 1600.. Troops traveled by train arrived station 6 miles from Greis at 0500 and marched to Greis, arrived 1000. Reorganized Company and bivouaced in brick yard.

Dec 27, 1944

Completed Company reorganization. 8 EM transferred out to 80th Inf Div. Cleaned weapons. 1500, units moving by motor vehicles departed for Wanzneau and occupied defensive position along Rhine. Foot troops departed Greis 1700 and marched to Wanzneau arriving 2000. Set up CP in Wanzneau. All platoons in defensive positions along Rhine.

Dec 28, 1944

Moved Company CP into new position in Wanzneau moving away from Battalion CP. Platoons improving defensive positions along Rhine river. 20 gallons beer delivered to men on line. T/4 Buenger dam near burned down the CP tonight. (Two EM to hospital NBC)

Dec 29, 1944

Remain in defensive position along Rhine. Robert M David SIW in left hand by 45 Cal pistol.

Dec 30, 1944

Relieved and moved by ducks from Wanzneau to Sheirheim. Set up Company CP in beer hall. No beer.

Dec 31, 1944

Bought second PX and prepared for New Years Party. Alerted to move at 1800. Prepared to move, drank all the beer and moved out by motor convoy at 2100.

Jan 1, 1945

Arrived Neiderbronn 0130 and Bivouaced in foundry. Cold and Snow. Moved out of Neiderbronn towards Phillipsburg at 0700. Detrucked about 2 kilometers south of Phillipsburg and began preparing hasty defensive positions across draw. Some aircal activity in Phillipsburg and enemy shelling Phillipsburg during day. Moved up after dark and went into defensive positions just north of Phillipsburg relieving 42nd Arm Inf Regt. Set up CP in Basement. Short enemy artillery round killed one man, two seriously injured and one lightly injured. Phillipsburg recieved mortar and artillery shelling during night. Recieved Baptism of Fire.

Jan 2, 1945

Item and Love Company attacked at dawn driving enemy north and set up defense on ridges north of Phillipsburg. Mortars and HMG Platoons moved up and set up defensive positions North of Phillipsburg securing town. Collard wounded by shrapnel. Town recieved harrassing shelling throughout day. King Company returned from night attack reporting much enemy activity in towns to north. Some casualties in King Company.

Jan 3, 1945

The shit hit the fan. Two enemy battalions supported by six tanks cut in back of them and two companies and overran positions being occupied by our two HMG Platoons and 81mm mortar Platoon, cutting them off from all communications with CP. At 1100 Cpl Ehrigott made his way back to Company CP but had no information about platoon. He left CP and tried to return to platoon. Lt Dickman and Lt Vacek were caught by the attack midway between Platoon and Company CPs. Were able to make Company CP in 3 hours, arriving at Company CP about 1130. All contact with entire company lost. Krauts continuously shelled town causing many casualties. Many prisoners taken by our Battalion. Krauts infiltrated into buildings within 50 yards of Company and Battalion CP. 14th Armored Infantry FO able to place artillery fire on Krauts, no men with which to counter attack. Two TDs and two tanks knocked out by enemy. Phillipsburg surrounded by Krauts. At midnight, 96 EM and 2 officers MIA. No contact with anyone.

Jan 4, 1945

Platoon of tanks and 1 rifle company arrived but were unable to retake town due to position of German 88's. Were able to hold north end of town by men available. Continuous shelling from Krauts. Many prisoners taken and casualties inflicted upon our men. Town not secure. 96 EM and 2 Officers still MIA.

Jan 5, 1945

Rifle company moved up on left and secured part of south end of town. Platoon of tanks moved through town with rifle company in support and cleaned out town. Many casualties inflicted on enemy and many prisoners taken. Incoming mail still heavy and continuous. Town made secure, enemy driven to north of town. Still 96 EM and 2 Officers MIA. Shit house blown off or side of house where company CP was. Relieved by first Battalion and moved CP 3 miles south to sawmill where we set up new CP at 2100.

Jan 6, 1945

Completed setting up CP. 46 EM who had been MIA reported back to duty. Men were minus most of equipment and were wet, cold, and hungry. Made men as comfortable as possible, gave them a chance to clean up, get clean dry clothes on. Spent most of day resting. At 1900 moved up to main Regimental reserve line. Rear CP remained at sawmill and forward CP 1 mile south of Phillipsburg in cellar. Mortar platoon remained at rear CP. 2 EM WIA to Hospital and 2 EM to Hospital NBC.

Jan 7, 1945

Remained on RHL improving positions. Set up administrative CP at sawmill. Cold and snow. One EM to hospital NBC, two EM sick Hospital to duty. 7 more EM MIA to duty.

Jan 8, 1945

Continued improving RHL. Still heavy fighting around Phillipsburg. Remains cold and more snow. Able to get a few supplies for men. Much equipment lost at Phillipsburg and must be replaced. One EM to Hospital NBC.

Jan 9, 1945

Remained on MLR. No activity in our sector. Lt Zahora's body found by GAO. Remains cold and plenty of snow. 3 EM to Hospital (NBC)

Jan 10, 1945

Remained on MLR, sector quiet, alerted to move up to MLR at 1500. All units of company in position in MLR by 1500. Moved CP to cellar one mile south of Phillipsburg. New forward CP west of Phillipsburg between 2nd and 3rd Platoons. Kitchens remain at Sheirheim where they have been since beginning of action at Phillipsburg. Motor Pool at Neiderbronn. Sector quiet. Cold and snow.

Jan 11, 1945

Some shelling in our sector. Difficult terrain over which to move food, water and ammunition. Hot snow gotten to men after dark. Communications good. One EM duty to hospital (NBC), one EM duty to hospital (LWA). Three EM sick hospital to duty. Lt Robinson received notice of promotion to 1st Lt. Cold and Snow.

Jan 12, 1945

Sector quiet, patrols sent out and report Kraut activity along entire front. MLR holding and positions being improved. Hot snow two meals today. Some supplies coming through but men need gloves, socks and overcoats badly. 1 EM duty to sick hospital (NBC). Warm during day, very cold at night.

Jan 13, 1945

Sector quiet. Improving positions on MLR. Weather same.

Jan 14, 1945

Sector quiet. Relieved at 1800 by 36th Engineers. Moved to old sawmill 3 miles south. Very and men very weary. Morale good for condition of men. Did not set up CP. 2 EM hospital to Duty.

Jan 15, 1945

Prepared to move by motor convoy. Entrucked at 1000 and moved by motor convoy to Maginot Line in vicinity of Woerth, France. Maginot line forts were magnificent piece of architecture but not much value in modern warfare. Fifteen miles of tunnel from pillbox in which CP was located. Sector very quiet where defense was set up. Cold and some snow.

Jan 16, 1945

Moved by motor convoy 90 miles to Diebling, France and relieved 103rd Division on defensive set up along front in this sector. Set up Co CP at 1900 in Diebling. All men billeted in private homes and chance to clean up and keep warm. Civilians friendly. Cold and more snow. 1 EM duty to (LIA) hospital.

Jan 17, 1945

Moved men and guns into defensive positions. One man duty to sick hospital (NBC) SW, LD effective 16 Jan 1945.

Jan 18, 1945

Dug new positions on MLR. Reconnoitered for positions on MLR. Heavy blanket of snow and still snowing.

Jan 19, 1945

Continued improving defensive positions on MLR. One man hospital (NBC) LD to duty. 2nd Lt Rugg reld asgmt and asgd to SV Co.

Jan 20, 1945

Still digging and occupying defensive positions. One man from sk hosp trfd to det of pnt 36th GH. Two men from sk hosp trfd to det of pnt 23rd GH.

Jan 21, 1945

No change

Jan 22, 1945

Sector quiet. A few shells landing in Bushback now and then. Men not on line still digging reserve and breakthrough positions. One man ir MIA drpa from rolls 3 Jan '45 to KIA that date. One man duty to sick hospital LD (NBC). Two men sk hosp trfd to det of pnts.

Jan 23, 1945

Still plenty of snow and plenty cold. Continue digging in. Reconnoitered for switch positions to the rear. Received some reinforcements today, 8 men asgd and jd from 2nd Repl Dep per par 1, SO #14, Hqs 275th Inf. One man dy to sk hosp LD (NBC).

Jan 24, 1945

Very little change in defensive set-up, still digging. Has become warmer. Snow melting. One man dy to sk hosp LD (NBC). One man honorably discharged to accept commission, eff 19 Jan '45.

Jan 25, 1945

everything quiet, same old crap. Also, quiet a number of men have the GI's.

Jan 26, 1945

No change. Sector quiet. Patrols sent out frequently by rifle companies to gain information of the enemy. It says here in small print on the M/R, we received 10 new replacements - asgd & jd from repl Depot #2 per par 1, SO #17, Hqs 275th Inf es.

Jan 27, 1945

Seven of our men participated in a raid on Kerbach, using two MG's. Have'nt seen the replacement yet.

Jan 28, 1945

No activity. The men have just about covered the sector with fox holes and gun emplacements. Two men ay to sk hosp LD (NBC).

Jan 29, 1945

Here's where we lose those 10 men we never saw. 4 men trfd to Co L 275th Inf per par 3 SO #20 Hqs 275th Inf cs. 5 men trfd to Hq Co 3rd Bn 275th Inf per par 5 SO #20, Hqs 275th Inf Cd. 1 man ay to trfd to Hq Co 70th Div per par 4 SO #9 Hqs 70th Inf Div cs. 2 men asgd and jd fr Co I 275th Inf per par 6 SO #20 Hqs 275th Inf cs. Sector still quiet.

Jan 30, 1945

2nd Lt Rugg asgd and jd from service company 275th Inf, per par 5 SO #21, Hq 275th Inf CS (prin ay Plat Ldr). The men continue digging and improving the MLR and BRL. Patrols are still being sent out, reeling out the enemy.

Jan 31, 1945

No change. Weather becoming moderate.

Feb 1, 1945

Still no change machine gun sections have been alternating on the digging. Digging being done at night. MG section on MLR replaced every 4 or 5 days to give men a chance to rest and clean up.

Feb 2, 1945

Sector fairly quiet, enemy throwing harrassing MG fire into our lines almost every nite. Very inaccurate fire causing no casualties. A few mortar rounds fall in Buschback. 3 of our men atchd to Hq Co 3rd Bn 275th Inf. Capt Oliver reld asgmt and asgd to Hq 3rd Bn 275th Inf Par 5 SO #23, Hq 275th Inf cs. prin ay 3-3.

Feb 3, 1945

By now switch positions on Maginot Line have been dug and completed.. One man sk hosp LD (NBC) to ay as of Jan 31, '45. Two men asgd and jd fr Co K 275th Inf per par 4, SO #24, Hq 275th Inf cs. Six men asgd and jd fr Co L, 275th Inf per par 4 SO #24, 275th Inf CS. 1st Lt Joel W. Robinson assumed command.

Feb 4, 1945

Sector still quiet. Snow all gone, plenty of water around and lots of mud. One man asgd and jd per par 5 SO #29 Hqs 71st Repl Bn, 2nd Repl Depot APO 776 CS. One man ay to sk hosp LD (NBC). Two men atchd to Service Company 275th Inf for rations, quarters, and duty per VOCO.

Feb 5, 1945

No change.

Feb 6, 1945

We are receiving reinforcements to dig those holes. Still no contact with the enemy except by patrols. Six MM asgd and jd ir 2nd Repl Depot APO 776, per par 4, SO #14 Hq, Task Force Herren CS. 14 MM asgd and jd ir 2nd Repl Depot APO 776, per par 3 SO #14 Hq Task Force Herren CS.

Feb 7, 1945

Situation the same. Two men trfd to Det of Pnts 7th Army. Three men (atchd to -q. Co 3rd Bn) trfd to Hq Co 3rd Bn 275th Inf per par 1 SO #27 Hq. 275th Inf CS.

Feb 8, 1945

Today we took over a new sector formerly occupied by the 1st Battalion. This sector also quiet. Two men asgd and jd ir 71st Repl Bn 2nd Repl Depot.

Feb 9, 1945

Today we moved the CP. We left Deibling France at 1400 and arrived at new location at 1520. We are now situated in Nonsewieler France.

Feb 10, 1945

Men are preparing new defensive positions improving MMR we have occupied. One asgd and jd ir 71st Repl Bn, 2nd Repl Depot per par 2 SO #29, Hq 2nd Repl. One man trfd to service Co 275th Inf per par 2 SO #30 Hq 275th Inf CS,

Feb 11, 1945

Still digging and improving defensive positions, weather moderate, plenty of snow. 2nd Lt Robert Bowen asgd and jd ir Hq 275th Inf per par 6 SO #31 Hq 275th Inf CS. Prin dy, Plat Ldr.

Feb 12, 1945

No change. Sector quiet.

Feb 13, 1945

Men still improving positions and digging alternates. One man asgd and jd ir 71st Repl Bn Per Par 2 SO #41, Hq 71st Repl Bn SPO 716, eff 10 Feb '45. Two men asgd and jd ir Hq Co 3rd Bn 275th Inf per par 3 SO #32 Hq 275th Inf CS.

Feb 14, 1945

No change in the present situation. We've been salvaging equipment that other units left, also policing the respective areas. Four men asgd and jd ir 2nd Reinf Depot per par 10, SO #33, Hq 275th Inf. Seven men asgd and jd ir 2nd Reinf Depot APO 776, per par 13, SO #33 Hq 275th Inf CS. Two men dy to sk Hosp (HBC) LD.

Feb 15, 1945

Situation well in hand; no change. One man asgd not yet jd ir 71st Repl Bn, APO 776, per par 3 SO #461 Hq 71st Repl Bns. Lt Rugg was promoted to 1st Lt, per par 1, SO #41, Hq 7th Army APO 758. Date of rank - 10 Feb '45.

Feb 16, 1945

This morning all was quiet. CP moved fr Nonssenieler France at 1630, traveled by motor transportation to Ruhl- ing, France. Arrived Ruhl- ing France at 1730. At 2200 the command group moved out of the Battalion CP. The rifle companies with HMG attached moved into position to jump off into the attack. It was very dark and deep mud made walking very difficult. Our initial objective is the Brandenbush, a thickly wooded hill to our front.

Feb 17, 1945

Plenny happened on this day. Early this morning: By 0500 the troops had crossed 1200 yds of open ground and entered the Brandenbusch. By dusk we had cleared about 2/3 of woods. This was a difficult and dangerous procedure as the woods was thick and visibility was limited to 30 or 40 yards by fog. The men set up a defense and dug in for the night. One man asgd and ju in 71st Reinf Bn, par 2, SO #36, Hq 275th Inf. Four men asgd and ju in 2nd Reinf Bn, APO 775, US Army, par 10, SO #37, Hq 275th Inf.

Feb 18, 1945

This morning our troops continued the attack. By noon we had cleaned out the woods and completely taken our objective. Very little resistance was encountered. We then halted, reorganized and prepared for our assault on Etzlingen. This afternoon, behind a terrific artillery barrage our troops went into Etzlingen and cleaned out the town in short order. About 40 or 50 prisoners taken. Our men moved on to occupy the high ground beyond the town.

Feb 19, 1945

Today was spent in digging and overhauling positions to hold the ground we have taken. The Germans are well dug in on the reverse slope of the hill we are occupying. Their defenses consist of trenches and A/W emplacements. We still haven't received much Kraut artillery. One man asgd, not yet joined from 71st Reinf Bn APO 775, par 2, SO #49 Hq 71st Reinf Bn, dated 18 Feb '45.

Feb 20, 1945

We are in contact with the enemy and have not been able to advance. Enemy resistance strong. One man dy to LWA in France. Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army per Circ 7th Army. Closed CP at Ruhl- ing France at 2100. moved by motor transportation to Etzlingen France - opened new CP at 2230.

Feb 21, 1945

Today we found out we set up the CP on a hot spot. The enemy counter attacked about 15 minutes before we were to jump off on our attack. Hot lead was coming in our direction. Our troops held and repulsed the counter attack. One man dy to LWA in France. Sent to Hosp. One man dy to LWA in France, Sent to Hosp.

Feb 22, 1945

The going was really tough today. Part of our troops went around our right flank to pass Spicheren and take the ground NE of the town. At the time these troops were by passing Spicheren. One squad of men went into Spicheren to investigate a white flag. They immediately took the town. Meantime our troops on the right ran into everything the Krauts had. Tanks, Artillery, pillboxes, and infantry. Quiet a few casualties resulted.

One man dy to LWA in France sent to 132nd Evac Hosp.

One man dy to LWA in France " " 93rd " "

One man dy to LWA " " 117th " "

All three men trfd to Det of Pnts 7th Army per Circ 37, Hq 7th Army.

Feb 23, 1945

Today our troops reached their objective but are still under heavy artillery, 88's, and mortar fire. Departed from old CP at 1600. Traveled by motor convoy to new location. Opened new CP at 1720 in Spichern France. Company in contact with the enemy.

Feb 24, 1945

The men have dug in and set up a defense to hold the high ground they have taken. The Jerries are still throwing in Artillery and Mortar fire. Tree bursts are causing numerous casualties. Our CO, 1st Lt Robinson was SWA this morning by artillery fire and sent to hosp. 2nd Lt Eugene J Vacek assumed command (temp) per VOCC.

Feb 25, 1945

Besides shelling the front lines, the Krauts are throwing some snells into the town we are located in. The men are working under this fire to get fox-holes and emplacements overhead. Robinson, Joel W 01315547, 1st Lt inf, sent to 95th Evac Hosp. Trfd to Det Of Pnts, 7th Army per Circ 37, Hq 7th Army.

Feb 26, 1945

We are still in a defensive set-up. The men are continuing to improve their foxholes and emplacements to protect them from the artillery that is still coming in, although not near as heavy. We are still getting a few rounds in town now and then.

One man dy to Hosp (NBC) LD as of 23 Feb '45.

Feb 27, 1945

Practically no change. It is still unsafe to be in one place on the street too long.

Feb 28, 1945

Our sector is becoming more quiet, but we are still being shelled some. One man dy to sk 7th AVDC trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, per Circ 37, Hq 7th Army. Ten EM asgd and jd 1r 2nd Reini Dep APO 776, per pars 3, 4 & 5, SO #48, Hq 275th Inf.

Mar 1, 1945

Today is what we have been waiting for - - Pay Day. Money isn't doing us any good though and most of the boys are sending it home. The men really earned their dough the past month. By now the men have seen what artillery and mortars can do and are striving to make their fox-holes and emplacements shell proof. Two of our medics have been doing a wonderful job giving men treatment and evacuating them under fire.

Mar 2, 1945

Situation unchanged, except for patrol activity.

Mar 3, 1945

The enemy has been trying to get our mortars, as they have dropped some shells in their vicinity. Up to this time they have been unsuccessful. They do not have any observation. More or less harassing fire. One man asgd and jd in 71st Reinf Bn APO 776 per par 1, SO #51, Hq 275th Inf CS.

Mar 4, 1945

They have quit shelling Spicheren. A few rounds have fallen beyond town. Probably intended to be counterbattery, but very ineffective. Sector fairly quiet.

Vacek, Eugene J O550366, 2nd Lt Inf; Popovac, Daniel O, O550616, 2nd Lt Inf; were promoted from 2nd Lts to 1st Lts of Rank: 1 Mar '45.

Mar 5, 1945

Last night the Krants got a luck round right into the ammunition dump by our ml mortar. It set a smoke shell off and caused two casualties.

One man (BC) dy to LIA sent to 132nd Evac Hosp.
" " " " " SWA " " 10th FH.

Both men trid to Det of Pnts 7th Army per Cir 37, Hq 7th Army.

Mar 6, 1945

Sector still quiet.

One man (BC) Dy to LIA sent to Hosp. This man was in the hole with one of the men injured the night before. He suffered a brain concussion which did not show up immediately.

Mar 7, 1945

No change

Mar 8, 1945

We have been sending men to the smokers every day. They are given clean clothes. The men are able to keep themselves pretty clean which goes a long way in keeping up morale. Two MM Honorably Discharged to accept commissions.

Mar 9, 1945

Not much change in the situation. The platoons continue to improve their present positions. There is patrol activity every night; friendly and enemy.

2nd Lt McKenzie and 2nd Lt Spire, asgd and jd. Principal duties, Executive officer and Section Leader respectfully.

One man asgd and jd fr 21st Reinf Bn, APO 776.

Mar 10, 1945

We continue to feel out the enemy, but not much activity in our own sector.

The shower unit is still in operation and we are taking full advantage of it.

Mar 11, 1945

No change to speak of. We are receiving three hot meals a day. This really helps keep up the old "Fighting Spirit".

Mar 12, 1945

We have obtained some German telephones of the heavy iron type and are able to set up a little better telephone communication. Our Commo Sgt and radio operator are doing a good job rebuilding these phones for our particular use.

Mar 13, 1945

Sector quiet. No change. Quiet a few planes have been going overhead. Giving the Germans ahead of us hell.

Mar 14, 1945

Moved 2nd platoon of MG to left, in support of I Co. 1st Platoon dug new positions for overhead fire. They are receiving some mortar and artillery fire.

Mar 15, 1945

This morning our MGs and Mortars opened up at 0600 directly to our front to draw attention away from units maneuvering on our left. Made reconnaissance for new MG positions.

Mar 16, 1945

1st Platoon moved forward and took up positions supporting I Co. Men in this sector are subject to surprise fire.

3rd Platoon moved one section of Mortars forward. They are digging and overhauling new positions. We are still sending men to rest camp and showers.

Mar 17, 1945

Not much change. We have been feeling out the enemy. Patrols have been sent out, and we have been placing artillery Mortar and MG fire on the enemy. This draws fire from them, exposes their positions. One man trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army.

Mar 18, 1945

We have'nt recieved any shells for quite a while now, except one night artillery has been massing very close behind us.

One man asgd and jd, from 21st Reinf Bn, APO 776.

Mar 19, 1945

Last nite the artillery fired steady all night, but it was unusuallly quite. Probely trying to reach our own artillery or Mortars.

Mar 20, 1945

One Platoon of MGs was attchd to I Co. One section each to K and L Cos. We are going to move to Saarbrucken. A general withdrawl of enemy troops out of Saarbrucken is reported. Our troops entered the city today. Very little or no resistance.

Mar 21, 1945.

Today we moved our Crinto Saarbrucken Germany. We set up in an office of a garage, a pretty nice place for a Cr. Plenty of desks. Saarbrucken was beat to hell. Very few houses or buildings have not been torn apart by bombs or artillery. The men are picking up souveneirs all over the place.

Mar 22, 1945

The sector is very quiet. We continue to salvage all useable GI and German equipment. Today we recieved word that T/Sgt J. Hardy who is MIA was OK. This was very good news to us. Weather has been very good. We sent one man home on rotation to the US.

Mar 23, 1945

No change. Four men asgd and jd.

Mar 24, 1945

Recieved word to prepare to move within 12 hours.

Mar 25, 1945

We moved up today. From Saarbrucken to Weselberg. We moved by motor convoy. Left appx 17:30, arrived about 21:30. We are far behind the front. We are to occupy this town and patrol it. Saw many interesting things on the way to this sector.

Mar 26, 1945.

Rounded up prisoners today. Civiliens had to turn in all fire arms.

Mar 27, 1945

Today we patrolled our entire sector. We flushed on German. The Krauts had good defensive positions started but had to pull out or be captured before they could use them. The defensive ste-up consisted of numerous pillboxes, artillery emplacements road blocks and they started to build more dragon teeth.

Mar 28, 1945

Captain Oliver jd company as Commanding Officer. Lt Vacek became Mortar Platoon leader.

We continued to patrol our sector and collect salvage. We have brought in several vehicles, a large number of machine guns and rifle ammunition and some Kraut 'phones. Today the electricity and water was turned on. We are enjoying the radios and comforts of electricity and running water.

The Kraut mayor is pretty well zeroed in by this time.

We have a nice place for the kitchen, mess hall and all. It is situated in what was once a beer hall. German civilians are the medium of labor needed to bury dead horses and clear up the town.

Sent three men to Paris.

Mar 29, 1945

Today we sent out patrols again and discovered some German field pieces, and Kraut mobile kitchens. We are going to bring these in for salvage.

We have salvaged a number of German telephones and are now able to have a good communication system between the platoons and the CP.

The weather has taken a turn for the worse. Raining and colder.

Mar 30, 1945.

We started the day off with a half hour of PT and a half hour of close order drill. This morning about twenty-five men, under the direction of Capt Oliver, set up a firing range to zero weapons. Quite a few of the men have weapons they did not start out with and do not know the zero of their individual arm. Different size cans, boxes, boards, and any sort of salvaged Kraut equipment are being used as targets. Too bad we don't have any live Krauts. This afternoon the men went to the range and fired their weapons. It was a typical day for range firing. nice and wet. About seventy-five men went to a show late this afternoon. We are pretty well set up here. Lights, running water, and even radios.

Mar 31, 1945

Today we received the warning order to be prepared to move within twenty-four hours. Being pretty well prepared we went ahead with our schedule. During the morning some improvements were made on the firing range. This afternoon the men did some more firing. While they were firing some deer wandered across the firing range. Score: 1 dead, 1 possible, none captured. Tonight we received the order to cross the IP at 0730 in the morning.

April 1, 1945

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April 3

This morning most of the men were out patrolling. There was an explosion observed by one of our patrols, but it being out of our sector, no investigation was made. This afternoon some more of our patrols were out. They did not get any Krauts but did bag three deer. Tomorrow we will have venison. We staged a couple of raids today also, and found a slug of records covering almost everything the Germans did in this sector for the last couple of hundred years. Our present CP is equipped with a bath tub and shower which comes in very handy.

April 4

We continue to patrol our sector, but nothing unusual is happening. Several PWs escaped last night from a place about thirty-five miles NE of our sector, but up to this time we have not seen anything of them. Our Bn took over the 2nd Bn sector also today. We will have to move one platoon to another town so we will be able to cover it. This particular sector has plenty of potatoes and eggs. We are eating our Easter eggs late.

April 5

We moved our CP today. Our 2nd Platoon moved to Morsfeld and we took over the building they had been occupying. This building has more furniture in it. We are continuing to patrol our sector.

April 6

We are running into a little trouble in some of the new towns we are patrolling. The previous unit had given the civilians too much freedom and are hard to control. We rounded up two more prisoners today. We have a very large sector now and are running quite a few motorized patrols.

April 7

This morning our CO went to investigate a rape case and it turned into an all day job. Two suspects were found, but the investigation is not complete. Our Third Plt moved their CP to a new location more to the center of their sector. The First and Second Platoons did likewise. We moved the Company CP to Neu-Bamberg, Germany. Since 3rd Bn. Hq. moved we have been attached to the 1st Bn. They are quite a distance from us, as are our platoons, and wire communication constitutes a real problem. Our Commo Sgt is getting a real workout.

April 8

Today they continued the investigation of the rape case. Medical examination showed that someone had intercourse with her. If it was rape or not is still to be found out. We screened this town today and found a man in civilian clothes who had been a Major in the German Army. He is a PW now. Our patrols also located a couple of German vehicles and some salvage, including rifles, clothing, shotguns and other items. Our company is pretty well spread out and feeding is more difficult than usual, but is being taken care of nicely.

April 9

Nothing unusual happened today. We are continuing to send out patrols, but other than running a few people off the streets nothing out of the ordinary is taking place.

April 10.

The weather has been very nice lately, good bombing weather. The Air Force has been taking advantage of it too, as quite a few planes have been going over. We received a warning order today. we are to be prepared to move by 0800 tomorrow. Our patrols have not run into anything to speak of. They have brought in quite a bit of salvage. We received nine new men today and two new medics.

April 11

We left this morning about 0720. We traveled to the location of the 1st Bn CP, arriving there at 0805. We crossed the IP right on time at 0920. We had a very nice trip to our new location. This part of the country is not beat up so much except for the cities and they really caught hell. We arrived at our new location about 1120. Our men are being sent out to guard hospitals occupied by German soldiers. We moved the CB, kitchen, and supply room into some apartments vacated by some German civilians.

April 12

The platoons are pretty well scattered out in the present setup. We are guarding a couple of hospitals, a warehouse, and a train loaded with guns and supplies. They are being fed by carrying party. Today the third platoon was pulled in to the apartments where the CP is located. The third platoon is running motorized patrols. They contact the guard posts and patrol the side streets.

April 13

Today there was very little change. The platoons continue to patrol and guard their respective areas. So far the civilians have not given us much trouble. They are pretty busy putting out their gardens. They are using all available space, and they will need it.

April 14

No change in the present set-up. The 1st Plt. is guarding a bridge and railroad yard and a warehouse. The 2nd Plt. is guarding a chemical plant and gas works. They also have a post on a bakery. The 3rd Plt. is guarding the Burgermeisters house and running motorized patrols. Today we had retreat formation. The civilians stood around with their mouths open. We have obtained some athletic equipment, and are scheduling three hours a day for organized athletics.

April 15

We followed our usual schedule today, patrolling and guarding the posts assigned us. The men who were not on patrol or guard attended church this morning. Protestant were held in a room fixed up for that purpose, while Mass was held in a local church. A specific section was set aside for Military Personnel.

April 16

Still nothing unusual happening. With the exception of running a few civilians off the street now and then,

everything is under control. We had a special retreat formation this evening and Capt. Oliver presented Purple Hearts to six of the men.

April 17

Today we changed our sector. We are no longer guarding the chemical plant, gas works, or warehouse. We have taken over new patrol routes and new guard posts. Two platoons moved their CPs to new locations.

April 18

We have the guard posts and patrol routes well organized. The men who are not on duty between 1300 and 1600 participate in organized athletics. The situation is normal, things are pretty quite.

April 19

Not much change. The men have picked up several trailers and have rebuilt one into a very nice job. It had been an ammunition trailer and the company mechanic, with the assistance of our commo Sgt., built a new bed for it. We have quite a bit of athletic equipment so we can play baseball, softball, volleyball and horseshoes.

April 20

Today was Hitler's birthday, so we doubled the guard on our posts, just in case anyone gets any ideas. Nothing out of the ordinary happened, although there were more people than usual on the streets. We are gradually getting all the men showered and getting clean clothes for them.

April 21

Today is Saturday. Back home it was usually the big night of the week, here it is just another day. We have pulled the extra guards off, and are back on the regular schedule. We received another PX, among other things it contained a nice watch and two fountain pens.

April 22 .

Today being Sunday the men had the opportunity of attending church. Protestant and Catholic Services were both held. Everything is under control. We pick up a DP occasionally, but other than that all is quiet.

April 23

Situation about the same. Having a hard time keeping this non-fraternization policy in effect. In the Spring a young mans fancy turns.

April 24

Still manning the guard posts and running motorized patrols. Today a few men stretched their privileges a little and we had to put the park off limits.

April 25 .

Today we moved two platoons into new quarters. During the process of investigating some vacated apartments the men found the body of a woman. She had been shot with a pistol. Verdict, suicide. Our softball team was taken to the cleaners by a score of 11 to 3. L Co was the victors.

April 26

Today we moved the CP. It was a short move, a matter of about two blocks. The whole company is situated in one block. The places we moved into are five story apartments. Not very new, but as a whole not too bad. Twenty of our men were used as guards today, to see that the people who were being displaced did not remove anything they were not supposed to. This evening we furnished two twelve man patrols to pick up any GIs who were violating the curfew in the park.

April 27

Some of the men were able to see a movie today. However due to the fact that men had to be relieved on the different guard posts, quite a few did not get to go. The first platoon took over a couple of guard posts the second platoon had been manning. Today we were able to turn in our ODs for dry cleaning. Not all men were able to take advantage of that either because every man does not have to sets of them. Each man will be equipped with two sets eventually. We received five new men today; this puts us well overstrength.

April 28

Saturday, but nothing unusual happened. We continue to guard and patrol. Occasionally we have to break up a group of celebrating Russians.

April 29

Today being Sunday, some of the men attended 1000 mass and others went to Protestant Services at 2000. We picked up a couple of drunk GIs today. Driving an unregistered vehicle with two women in it should prove a very interesting case.

April 30

Today was the day the boys have been waiting for. Pay-day. You can't spend it, but it does make a card game very interesting. Most of the boys have their allotments made out to the extent they have only a few dollars left. We have to double the guard tonight at midnight, in preparation for the big Russian Holiday.

May 1

Nothing much happened today even though the Russians were celebrating. The Bn, collected all the toys they could find, plus chocolate bars and a few other items and sent them out to the Russian Camp. A band was also sent out to entertain them. Tonight at 2245 it was officially reported that Hitler had died. It was much too easy death for him.

May 2

At 0800 this morning we removed our extra guards, the threat of any trouble being over. Our rations haven't been any too good. The men aren't getting enough to eat. Today we received notice to have a quartering party ready to leave on an hours notice.

May 3

This morning the quartering party was told to be ready to leave at 0900. The company was to be prepared to move at 1200. We loaded our supplies and equipment and moved out of Frankfurt at 1245. The convoy proceeded to Butzbach, Germany arriving there about 1530. Forty men preceded us to our sector so they could relieve the 883rd FA of their guard posts. The Company is scattered all over hell again, two platoons and two sections of the third are being fed by jeep.

May 4

The platoons are really scattered out. The 1st Plt. being about 18 miles from the company CP. Communication with the platoons, as well Bn. is very poor, because of the distance between us. We are guarding everything from locomotives, to ammunition; including new motors, wire cable etc. There are plenty of German uniforms around here, with Kreutz in them. Most of them were probably in the German Army before the Yanks came through. We received orders to prepare Pfc West to go back to the U S for 45 days.

May 5.

Nothing eventful today. Saturday night but no shows or taverns, things are pretty well closed up here every night. The Medic from the second platoon, T/5 Walker shot himself in the finger with a foreign make 32 cal. pistol. The men started filling out the forms concerning the education program which is being started.

May 6.

Another week gone by and the boys had the opportunity to attend church again. We finished filling out the education program forms. We picked up a Gestapo man and a SA man today. Also picked up four Russians who were beating up another one.

May 7

This day will go down in history. The day the Germans surrendered unconditionally. This was the day we have been waiting for. Of course now we have to sweat out the Pacific war. One of the platoons collected a whole trailer load of ammunition, antique guns, cameras and numerous other items. We sent 15 men to school today. We have three of our officers teaching classes. We also furnished a cook and a KP to do the cooking for them.

May 8

No change. We are continuing to guard and patrol our sector. We are having Reviolle and Retreat formations every day now.

May 9.

We are now in the XIX Corps, and a part of the 9th Army. We are scheduled to be a part of the 15th Army, but it is not official as yet. The men who need any dental work are slowly but surely being taken care of. The men not on duty are participating in athletics in the afternoon.

May 10.

Today we received the order that the blackout is lifted. No more worries about whether the light is showing through the windows. As soon as our helmet liners are painted and we get the O K from Bn., we can discard our steel helmets. The weather has been very nice and we have been eating our meals outside. The cigarette situation is getting critical. Our PX ration isn't coming as regular.

May 11.

We are preparing to move to a new sector, so the Recon party was pretty busy today. Other troops are coming into this area and we are kept busy giving what information we have to them. A projectionist from SV Co showed us a film today, but unfortunately a small percentage of the Co was able to see it.

May 12

Today we made preparations to move. We got rid of our T/E load of Ammunition, and we have considerable room in our trailers. That is, for something else.

May 13

This morning we sent enough men ahead to take over the guard posts in the new sector we are to occupy. We closed the old CP at 1200. We traveled by motor convoy to our new location in Florsheim, Germany. We have a nice place for our kitchen, and the troops are billeted in houses covering one block. The Second Plt is stationed in Eddersheim, and has two guard posts. The Third Plt. is running patrols.

May 14.

This morning we started sending men to see the picture, Two Down and One To Go, We are sending 25 men at a time and it will take two days to cover the whole company. We also sent about 60 men to the Aid Station for a "Physical Profile". It was more or less to see if you were still alive.

May 15

We continued to send men to the picture show until everyone had seen it. Our sector is very quiet. Not much trouble keeping the civilians under control. Two of our men returned from the hospital. One of them had been gone since the 3 Jan 45- The weather has been very nice; ideal for playing softball. We have training schedule, three hours of which are used up for organized athletics.

May 16

Included in our training schedule today was a three mile hike. Not much of a hike but we found out the boys are pretty soft. The officers and platoon Sgts. and 1st Sgt had their first German lesson today. The company now has four guard posts and is continuing to run patrols. Everything quiet.

May 17

We have the civilians working on our new residence. They are cleaning it and moving out the excess furniture. We have been able to secure some film for taking pictures. The boys are really taking a lot of pictures, so they will have something to look back on when they are civilians again.

May 18

They are still cleaning up the hotel we are to move in to. There is a swimming pool on the grounds, and they have drained it and are cleaning it out. In this new set-up we will be able to have the whole company in one place, which makes control much easier.

May 19

This morning right after breakfast we started moving the company to our new location. AT Co took over some of our billets and guard posts. Closed the old GP at 1000 and opened the new GP at 1030. It took most of the day to get the company situated and the place in fairly good shape; however there is still plenty of work to be done. The swimming pool is filling up and is ready to be inspected. We have volleyball courts, horseshoe courts, and baseball diamonds. Our time is being spent training, taking part in athletics, and furnishing our own local security.

May 20

Today was Sunday and we had a day off. The first in quite some time. We slept an hour longer this morning. Again the boys were able to attend Catholic and Protestant Services. Some of the men just lounged around, while others played ball and others just walked around.

May 21.

It has been raining all day today and is very bad out. The men had gun drill, a German lesson and a practice march this morning. The afternoon was spent on athletics, but was not at all pleasant. Our swimming pool was OK today and the men used it for the first time.

May 22

No change. Same schedule of training and mass athletics

May 23.

Capt. Oliver was sent to Division on temporary duty. 1st Lt Vacek assumed command temporarily. The Bn. commander came around to inspect our billets and training areas. They were pronounced satisfactory.

May 24.

Today Capt Long joined the company as our new CO. Capt Long returned to the Bn. after a long stay in the hospital, having been blown out of his jeep at Phillipsburg when it struck a mine.

May 25.

We are still having our German classes for the Officers and platoon Sgts.. also the basic German lessons for the entire company. Not much of anything out of the ordinary has occurred. The routine is practically like garrison. The men are adjusting themselves to it slowly.

May 26

Today being Saturday, we only had a schedule up until noon. We had a formal inspection this morning and it did not turn out so good. The next one at 1400 was very satisfactory. After the inspection the boys were off the rest of the day.

May 27 .

Today was Sunday and the men slept longer than usual. Church Services were available for the men who wanted to attend. Quite a few of the boys visited the nearby towns today.

May 28

Today we followed the usual schedule; PT, close order drill I & E, German lesson and athletics in the afternoon. We had a bulldozer scrape off the infield for our ball diamonds today, which will help very much. Some of the men tried swimming today but it was pretty cold.

May 29

Along with their OTHER training, the men took a ten mile hike. With full field. Tonight we sent men to a night club in Frankfurt. They have a small orchestra and three dancers. The men reported they had a good time.

May 30

Our softball team played the 3rd In Medics today and beat them. Thats one team out of our way. Outside of that, nothing unusual happened.

May 31

Today is the day we waited a whole month for. This being the last day of the month, was Pay day. The men are not drawing much pay, as they have put most of it in allotments

June 1

The schedule went on as usual today; Training int the morning, and athletics in the afternoon. We had our swimming pool cleaned out today. The water had become rather dirty. Our softball team was beaten by L Co today by the score of 5 to 2.

June 2

This morning we had a training schedule for the first couple of hours and then prepared for a formal inspection. The inspection was satisfactory so the men were off the rest of the day.

June 3

This was Sunday so we slept an hour longer, Some of the men who did not want breakfast slept longer than that. A group of the men were taken to Hoffheim to attend Catholic Mass. Protestant Services were held here in the mess hall. The men are still taking quite a few pictures.

June 4.

Blue Monday, but the schedule went on. However they are not very hard on the men. I. C. B. takes first priority on the list and athletics is second. We are still "sweating out" what our next move will be. Hope it is a good one. Capt Oliver sent us quite a bit of film today, which should last us some time.

June 5.

No change.

June 6.

Today was the 1st anniversary of D-Day. One year ago today America put troops ashore in Normandy. To celebrate this anniversary, the Supreme Commander made this a holiday for all troops wherever possible. as a result we had a day off.

June 7.

We took over some guard posts today. Three posts that had been guarded by Anti-Tank Co. One each at Hockheim, Krietz and Eddersheim. We are continuing our training to the extent possible. We got in a pretty big PA today, with quite a bit of candy and cigarettes.

June 8

We have our guard organized by now. Two of the posts were manned by us previously. We also are furnishing our local security, and practically all the men are pulling guard at one time or another.

June 9

Today being Saturday, we had a half day off. We had a formal inspection right before dinner and it was satisfactory. The men are getting pretty good with there inspections now. We got in some champagne today, and some of thr men got to feeling pretty good.

June 10

All day off today. Quite a few of the men did not feel like getting up for breakfast this morning. Church services were available for the men again. Nothing exciting is happening. Thedays just roll by.

June 11

Blue Monday again. We started the week off with the usual training schedule. Tonite the Bn stage show was put on for the benefit of our company. It was shown in Florsheim, and we marched to town in company formation. The show was very good. M Co. was represented by three men.

June 12

It has been raining now for two days. Reminds us of Oregon. The weather has put a cramp in our organized athletics. We have had to cancel several ball games now. Because of the bad weather, the afternoon was spent in cleaning up the billets.

June 13

It finally stopped raining today. We were able to use two of our four volley ball courts today. Some of the men started cleaning out the big garage today to be used as a place for recreation. We have control over the champagne factories in Hockheim and people are continually after the CO for champagne. No change in the training schedule. Train in the morning and athletics in the afternoon.

June 14

This morning we carried on with our training schedule. This afternoon we sent some men to see the picture, War Comes To America. The rest of the company went up to the ball field and rooted for the company team. We played K Co. and beat them 11 to 2. This was a game scheduled by Regt. This evening we marched into Florsheim and watched the stage show put on by the 2nd Bn. It was a very good show.

June 15

Today was a holiday for the men of the 70th Div. It was the 2nd anniversary of the activation of the division. It was also Infantry Day. There was no training schedule. We carried on like it was Sunday.

June 16

This being Saturday, the schedule only ran to noon. The usual Formal Inspection was held. The men do not hang around very long when they are off.

June 17

No work today. This was Sunday. Nothing unusual happened. Church and meals were the main pastime.

June 18.

This was blue Monday. We got back in the groove again today. The usual schedule of basic training in the morning and organized athletics in the afternoon. Our Volley ball team won two games today. We beat L. Co. and Hq Co.

June 19

Seems like summer is finally getting here -- about the warmest day we've had yet. But the heat must have agreed with our volleyball team -- they won the Battalion championship, beating "I" Co. two straight games, both by a score of 21-5. Now they have their eyes on the Regt. championship! Tonight, we walked into Flörsheim to see a stage show put on by the 1st Bn. Also, 1st Sgt. Meinert left on pass to England, tonight.

June 20

Today was another hot one, but we were so busy preparing for a two-colonel inspection, we hardly noticed it. They (the Regt. and Bn. commanders) came right after dinner, when most everyone was out playing softball or volleyball, so they inspected the billets and the area, and, then went up to the ball field to watch the game. They were very pleased with the condition of everything, and the CO thanked all of us for being on the ball, tonight at retreat. Incidentally, we now have a regulation issued American flag (9½' long) on our flag pole out in front of the building, and are no longer using the one the 1st platoon had the Krauts make for them back in Nidda.

June 21

We played 3rd Bn. softball team today for the Bn. championship, but lost a real close one, 1-0. Practically all the officers in the Bn., plus the Regt. Commander, were here to see the game, and stayed to have supper with the CO.

June 22

This morning started off with a bang with a ten-mile hike and the CO gave everyone part of the afternoon off for making it okay. We got in a much-needed PX ration this afternoon, and we'll start selling it tomorrow -- most of the boys are just about out of butts. We are now officially in the 7th Army.

June 23

Today we had the usual Sat. morning inspection, which was carried on by the Exec. Off. in the absence of the CO. This went off smooth. At 1230 we opened the Px, and it remained opened until 1800. Several of the fellows enjoyed the heat of the day by taking a swim in our swimming pool.

June 24

Today being Sunday has been uneventful. Some of the fellows attended Catholic services at Kelkheim and the Protestants attended services in our mess-hall at Bad Weilbach. In the afternoon we finished selling the Px.