

110th Medical Battalion



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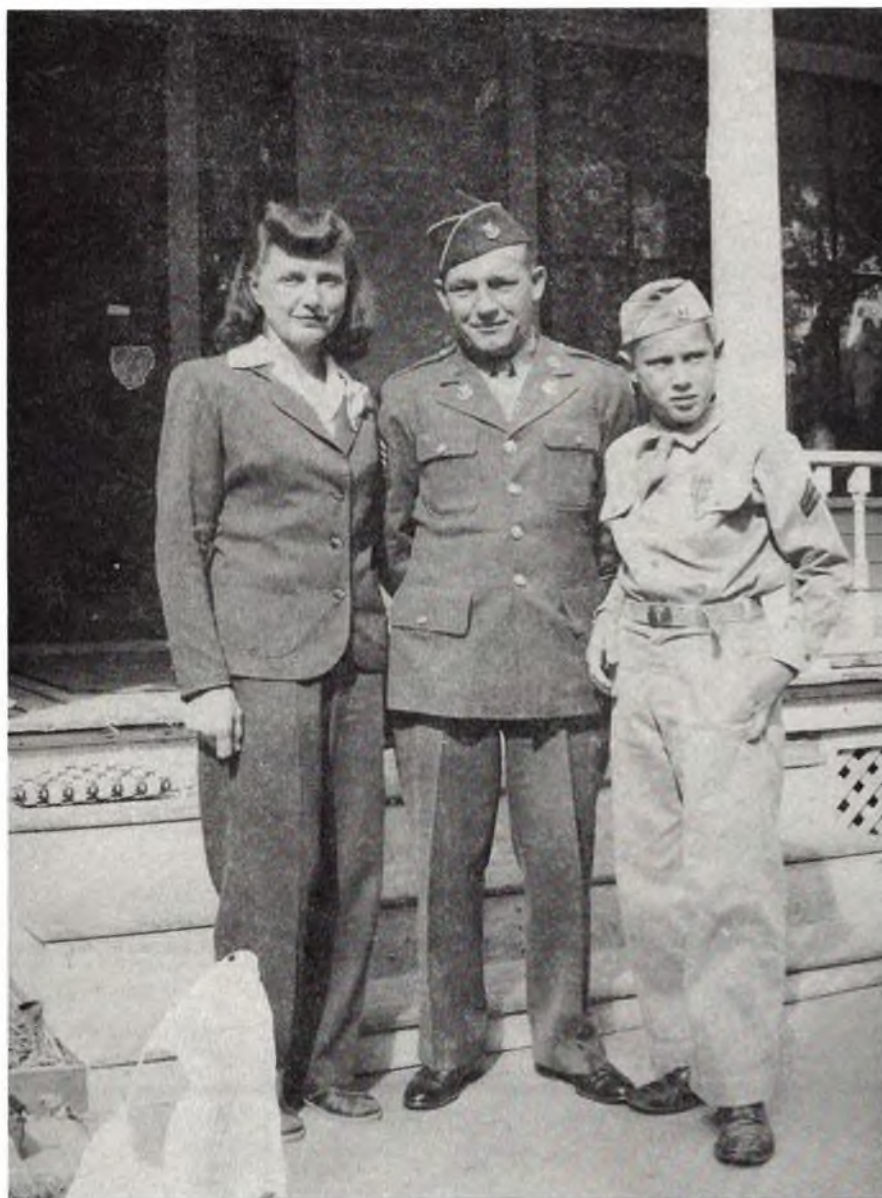
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Ferd, Ceil, and Dick
(Just before going overseas, 1944)

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FOREWORD

We don't know when my father wrote his journal of the 110th Medical Battalion. It is apparent looking at it that it was not written bit by bit throughout the period it covers. Since I didn't know about the journal until after his death, I didn't have a chance to question him about it. But it seems to have been written substantially just at the end of the war in Europe, perhaps while the battalion was on occupation duty and he was waiting to return to the States.

Ferd Brodfuehrer was a charter member of the Columbus, Nebraska National Guard unit, having enlisted on June 8, 1924, while the company was being formed. He was promoted through the ranks and became First Sergeant on July 29, 1929. He was promoted to Master Sergeant and named Sergeant Major of the 110th Medical Battalion on July 4, 1942, while on active duty. He was 40 years old when the battalion landed on Normandy's Omaha Beach on July 7, 1944. He was discharged from the U. S. Army and retired from the Nebraska National Guard on August 1, 1945.

The battalion had earned five major battle stars in the European Theater of Operations: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe; and was given a Meritorious Service Award for action while serving with Patton's Third Army from July 9 to December 31, 1944.

This little booklet is published with love and respect for my father, one of the world's few truly fine gentlemen.

Richard F. Brodfuehrer
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EARLY HISTORY

The 110th Medical Battalion is a direct descendant of the 110th Medical Regiment. The Regiment was organized as a National Guard Unit in the State of Nebraska and assigned to the 35th Infantry Division.

The Regimental Headquarters and the 110th Veterinary Company were the first units organized and were recognized by the National Guard Bureau of the War Department at Lincoln, Nebraska on the 29th of June 1923.

The other units followed: The Headquarters and Service Company on 1 June 1924, the Band Section on 23 June 1933, the 130th Collecting Company at Columbus on 25 June 1924, the 130th Ambulance Company at Hastings on 5 April 1924, the 166th Hospital Company at Lincoln the 1st of September 1927 and the 128th Ambulance Company at Fairbury on 18 May 1936.

The Regiment was expanded and reorganized during the years that followed until in December 1940 when called to full time duty it consisted of: The Regimental Headquarters with the Division Surgeon's Office, the Headquarters and Service Company with the Band Section, Companies G and H, all of Lincoln. The Third Battalion Headquarters also located in Lincoln. The First Battalion Headquarters and Company A, of Columbus. Company B of Norfolk. Second Battalion Headquarters and Company D of Hastings. Company E of Fairbury. All units located in the State of Nebraska.

The Regimental insignia was devised and approved during the time Colonel Hilton was in command, with the Heraldic description as follows; Shield "Sanguine, on a pasrle argent between in chief issuing out of the ordinary, a rainbow, to dexter, a grizzly bear standing rampant, to sinister a sunflower, all proper, three fleurs-de-lis sable and a giant cactus vert."

Motto: "Firmo et Tueor" (I strengthen and I protect)

The outline history as approved is as follows:

The 110th Medical Regiment, Nebraska National Guard, was organized as such 29 June 1923. The World War 110th Sanitary Train, 35th Division, organized in October 1917 at Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma and demobilized in May 1919, was reconstituted and consolidated with the 110th Medical Regiment in December 1927.

In the post-World War reorganization of the National Guard the 110th Medical Regiment was originally allotted to the States of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri but is now allotted in its entirety to Nebraska.

The Regiment is composed (1): of certain reconstituted units of the World War 110th Sanitary Train, 35th Division, formerly the National Guard of Kansas, and Missouri, which have been consolidated with organizations of the 110th Medical Regiment, a unit

organized subsequent to the World War, and (2): of a reorganized unit of the Nebraska National Guard which served in the World War Sanitary Train 117 of the 42nd Division.

Under the provisions of G.O.16 War Department 1921, as amended the 110th Medical Regiment, Nebraska National Guard, is entitled to the streamers, inscribed as indicated. World War: Alsace, Lorraine, and Meuse-Argonne.

This history, through direct channel of descent, is authorized for the 110th Medical Battalion. The history of the present units in so far as the tracings have been completed are as follows:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

Organized 20 May 1907 as Field Hospital, Missouri National Guard, redesignated 21 January 1916 as Field Hospital No. 1, Mexican Border Service, mustered in 26 June 1916 and mustered out 5 January 1917.

World War service; mustered in 3 June 1917, redesignated Field Hospital No. 137, 110th Sanitary Train, 35th Division 6 October 1917. Left U.S. 19 May 1918. Battle Credits: Gerardmer Sector (Alsace) 30 June 1918 - 2 September 1918; Grange-le-Comte Sector (Lorraine) 21 September 1918 - 25 September 1918; Meuse Argonne Offensive 26 September 1918 - 3 October 1918 and 14 October 1918 - 8 November 1918. Returned to U.S. 27 April 1919. Demobilized 7 May 1919. Reconstituted and consolidated December 1927 with Service Company, 110th Medical Regiment. Called into full time duty 23 December 1940. Redesignated Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 110th Medical Battalion 1 March 1942.

COMPANY A

Organized 6 April 1917 as Field Hospital No 1, Kansas National Guard.

World War Service: Drafted 5 August 1917, redesignated Field Hospital No. 139, 110th Sanitary Train, 35th Division 1 October 1917. Left U.S. 19 May 1918. Battle credits: Gerardmer Sector (Alsace) 30 June 1918 - 2 September 1918; Grange-le-Comte Sector (Lorraine) 21 September 1918 - 25 September 1918; Meuse Argonne Offensive 26 September 1918 - 3 October 1918 and 4 October 1918 - 8 November 1918. Returned to U.S. 27 April 1919. Demobilized 9 May 1919. Reconstituted and consolidated December 1927 with 130th Collecting Company, organized 25 June 1924. Redesignated Company A, 110th Medical Regiment and redesignated Company A, 110th Medical Battalion 1 March 1942.

COMPANY D

Organized 10 February 1903 as Hospital Corps, Nebraska National Guard, reorganized as the Ambulance Company 10 May 1905, redesignated Field Hospital No. 1, 26

December 1907.

Mexican Border Service: mustered in 7 July 1916, mustered out 3 March 1917.

World War: mustered in 23 July 1917; redesignated 2nd Field Hospital 117th Sanitary Train, 42nd Division, 16 August 1917; redesignated 166th Field Hospital, 117th Sanitary Train, 15 September 1917; left U.S. 14 November 1917. Battle Credits; Luneville Sector (Lorraine) 2 February 1918 - 22 March 1918, Baccarat Sector (Lorraine) 30 March 1918 - 19 June 1918, Esperance-Souain Sector (Champagne) 5 July 1918 - 14 July 1918, Champagne-Marne Defensive 15 July 1918 - 18 July 1918, Aisne-Marne Offensive 25 July 1918 - 6 August 1918, St. Mihiel Offensive 12 September 1918 - 16 September 1918, Essey and Pannes Sector (Lorraine) 17 September 1918 - 1 October 1918. Meuse-Argonne Offensive 5 October 1918 - 10 November 1918. Returned to the U.S. 25 April 1919. Demobilized May 15, 1919.

Reorganized as Field Hospital Company No. 1, 23 May 1921; redesignated Hospital Company 130, 25 October 1921; redesignated 166th Hospital (Field) 1 September 1927; redesignated Company G, 110th Medical Regiment, redesignated Company D, 110th Medical Battalion 1 March 1942. Company D is entitled to bear four silver bands on the pike of its guidon for major engagements of World War I.

The histories of Companies B and C have not been completed at this time.

1923-1940

During the years 1923 to 1940 the Regiment had attended the yearly field training period required of all National Guard units. This was held in the regular camp at Ashland and usually for a fifteen day period. There were two exceptions, in 1937 the Regiment was ordered to train with the rest of the Division in the vicinity of a camp near Fort Riley, Kansas. Again in 1940, the Division trained in Minnesota. Also during these years the Regiment, in part, was called twice for peace time duty. In April 1935 it was ordered to furnish medical and evacuation service during the floods in the western part of Nebraska, and then again in May of the same year, medical service was furnished the armed troops on duty during the labor trouble in Omaha, Nebraska.

On 23 December 1940 the Regiment was mobilized and ordered to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas for one year of full time training. Moving by both motor and rail, the Regiment arrived in the camp on the 2nd and 3rd of January 1941.

1941

Camp Joseph T. Robinson was a rebuilt camp, formerly Camp Pike, and was not all completed when the units started arriving. There were gas heated tent houses, movie theaters and PX ready and operating, one large Service Club, day rooms for each

organization, and showers and wash rooms with hot and cold water.

The troops coming from the north to the south had expected warm sunny weather but found to their surprise it was very cold; and gloves, overcoats, and overshoes were needed, and then it was plenty cold walking guard and other outside duties.

There was much to be done such as sidewalks and drainage ditches to be built, stop the cracks in the buildings, and level company streets. In fact, some of the new men coming in were in some doubt as to whether they were in the Engineers or Medics.

On the 1st of February, orders were received to form the three inactive companies. In forming the cadres for Companies C, F and I, key men were drawn from the other units of the Regiment, making many promotions of enlisted men possible. The entire Regiment then drew selective service personnel to fill all units to full T/O strength and basic training was started, going into the advance and technical training. This training included both class room and field work.

With Saturday afternoons and Sundays as free time, the men were able to get about and there were many places to go and lots of things to see, but the bulk was in Little Rock.

At the camp the regular Army life was followed with some additions, such as the Regimental Commander's often repeated "Stand Tall" and his iron-clad ruling that regardless of anything, there would be a retreat parade and inspection of troops every night. His before reveille inspections of kitchens and reveille inspection of troops. His unchanging ideas that training was never advanced enough to allow an extra free time for special events, even when the balance of the camp had been excused. He did have a good unit, but a lot of it was due to the men themselves.

There was also the Regimental Guard with the hair-trigger shotguns, the hole accidentally blown through the side of the Guard House, and the Colonel's promise that a reoccurrence would get the guilty one a courts-martial.

The Inspector's General "bitch" sessions, all complaints were heard and aired. Everything was wrong from movies starting to early, men not allowed to wear low shoes off duty, and First Sergeants handing out all company punishment and making and reducing noncommissioned officers. Some good and some bad was always accomplished.

There were the light Arkansas showers with the water standing only shoetop deep in the Company streets, but if it rained real hard it could easily get knee deep, counting six inches of mud.

Then who could forget General Lear's field inspection; the wait, then rain, then hot sun, the men in worn out shoes or no shoes wearing overshoes, the shortage of equipment, and then the bawling out the General gave the Colonel in parting. It was estimated the General could be heard in North Little Rock.

In soft and hard ball, basketball, or football the Regiment was tops or very near it. The camp basketball championship was won for the year in Camp Robinson.

On leaving the camp for a night of fun, the first stop was the Pike Club just out of the gate, next into Levi, and then on to Little Rock. In Little Rock the Gar Hole, Rainbow Gardens, Hilltop, Skyline, PO and OK Cafes, Walgreen Drug Store, and many others were always full of G.I.'s. All in all, Little Rock was a good Army time, and the people seemed to like the 35th and the 35th seemed to like the people.

By June the training was advanced far enough so that the Third Battalion with some attached personnel from the First and Second Battalions were ordered to the Tennessee Maneuver area to operate a field hospital to care for the maneuver sick and injured. This detachment returned to camp in July and was highly commended by the Army Surgeon for their work.

In August the entire Regiment was ordered to take part and support the Division during the Louisiana Maneuver. After a two month field problem, the Regiment was ordered back to camp with a rating of excellent.

There were mistakes made and noted for correction by the checkers. Also, the Colonel had his own list which included unauthorized use of firecrackers, air rifles, and lack of discipline and military courtesy.

After the return to camp, equipment and property was repaired or replaced as needed while furloughs and leaves were granted up to fifteen days for each man. Training was started, stressing the subjects found weakest during the two maneuver periods.

On December 7th, the attack was made on Pearl Harbor which extended the year's training to duration plus six months. Shortly after this the Division was ordered to the west coast; the regiment leaving on the 19th of December, arriving at Fort Ord, California on the 23rd of December. Due to an expected coast attack over the holidays it was thought best to move into a dispersion area just outside the Fort where a shelter tent camp was pitched. This was wet, muddy and cold. On the 27th small fires were authorized, making it possible to get warm on one side and also warm the toes. Some of the boys had made a connection and were able to take a short nip now and then just to ward off a chill.

1942

On the 2nd of January the Regiment moved into the wooden barracks within Fort Ord and after the men had taken several hot showers they warmed up enough to start training. Most of the time was spent on loading, unloading vehicles, convoy procedure, and checking of equipment.

Fort Ord was a modern camp with good PXs, Service Clubs and movies. There were

many fine drives along the coast in all directions and several good towns were very near the Fort. But the first impressions were all bad and spoiled most of the good points of the post. Very few were sorry to leave when orders were received to proceed to Camp San Luis Obispo, California. This was a one day motor movement arriving in camp the evening of January 17th.

This was a rather new but up to date camp; tent houses for all personnel, hot and cold water showers, and again fine drives and good towns near the camp. Training was continued here, and in addition to the training started at Fort Ord, several field problems were worked out in the sand hills back off the coast line.

On the 1st of March the Division became a triangular instead of a square division and the Regiment was redesignated a Battalion.

The reorganization was completed using as many key enlisted personnel as possible, although many good officers and enlisted men were lost due to being over in rank and grade.

The excess were held in a replacement company, used to replace vacancies within the Battalion and as cadre for other units as ordered out. Many enlisted men applied for and attended Officer Candidate Schools.

While this reorganization was a big job, very little time was lost from training due to the fact that it was all worked out on paper and then put into effect in a very short time.

While at Camp San Luis Obispo, General W. H. Simpson gave his first talk as the Division Commander to the troops and promised they would be overseas very shortly, and would be used as shock troops. This didn't get the expected cheers at that time.

The city of San Luis Obispo was the main gathering place of the troops and the main places were the Anderson Hotel, Motel, Wayside Inn. There were many others and each man had his own choice.

On the 21st of April the Battalion moved into the Los Angeles area, the Division taking over a sector of the Western Defense Command with the armed troops taking over the coast defense. In order to furnish complete medical and evacuation service for the troops, it was necessary to split up the Battalion. One Collecting Company was located at Santa Barbara, establishing a Clearing Station as well as the duties of a Collecting Company. One platoon of Company D, with Supply and Motor Sections of Headquarters and a Collecting Company, set up at Compton; and one Collecting Company, the other platoon of Company D and Battalion Headquarters set up at Sawtell, California.

There was quite a bit of work while on this assignment, medical supplies being handled for the entire sector, 3,000 patients per month were handled through the clearing stations, and 40,000 ambulance miles were handled each month. Schools were maintained for newly commissioned officers of the Medical Corps as well as special

schools for medical and surgical technicians. During November it was necessary to furnish additional service to the Ajai maneuver area and the troops training there.

On the 25th of December, Company C was relieved from assignment to the Battalion and assigned to the Southern California Sector of the Western Defense Command and redesignated the 675th Medical Collecting Company.

1943

On the 8th of January Company B was relieved from assignment to the Battalion and assigned to the Northern California Sector of the Western Defense Command, later designated 673rd Medical Collecting Company.

The tour of duty need not be described in detail, anyone who served there has plenty of memories.

In Santa Barbara the troops were located in the Cabrillo Pavilion, a city owned beach resort. In Compton; the N.Y.A. building, the Compton Junior College and a large service station were used. At Sawtell the units were located in the National Military Home. All locations were playgrounds in themselves and all were within easy driving distance of Los Angeles.

It was hard to leave, but on the 18th of January the entire Division again assembled at Camp San Luis Obispo, having been relieved of the coastal duty. On the 22nd of January orders were received to form Companies B and C. The key positions of these companies were filled with qualified men from the Battalion and replacements were drawn to fill all companies to full strength. With many new men, the training was mostly on basic subjects.

The 24th of March the Battalion was again on the move, this time by rail, traveling approximately 2,500 miles to Camp Rucker, Alabama, arriving there on the 29th of March.

Camp Rucker was located in the deep south and seemed a thousand miles from nowhere. The camp was not very old, modern in all ways, with excellent P.X.s, service clubs and movies, but the towns located within pass range were very small and only able to handle a very few of the GIs on pass.

Just outside the camp was the village of Daleville with two cafes, but serving the best fried chicken and steaks in the old south style. This luxury was limited to the first fifty customers to arrive nightly. Ozark, a bit larger, did an excellent job trying to take care of the boys; and Dothan, although a bit too far for a six hour pass, did very well.

At Camp Rucker, training was continued with more attention being given to advanced field work. Field problems were held from overnight to several weeks at a time. The Clearing Company established and operated a complete set-up in the field, handling all

"quarters" patients for one month.

On the 21st of October, Lt. Col. James B. Anderson, the Battalion C.O., was retired from field duty due to the age limit, and on the 29th of October Major Millard W. Hall was assigned to and assumed command.

The 15th of November the Battalion left Camp Rucker and moved into the Tennessee Maneuver area. Arriving at Manchester, Tennessee on the 17th.

An active part was taken in the maneuvers, first as offensive, then defensive and ending up with a free-for-all. Many problems were faced and much was learned both in tactical and technical knowledge.

This was wet and cold and many new ways were found to keep warm and still stay within the blackout regulations. A truce was called over the holidays and a good percentage were granted passes to nearby cities. Nashville getting the biggest play.

1944

With the closing of the maneuvers, on the 18th of January the Battalion moved into Camp Butner, North Carolina. Due to a shortage of transportation it was necessary to shuttle the Infantry Regiments, making it necessary to leave one Collecting Company (Co. B) behind to furnish medical and evacuation service to the Regiment waiting for the return of the trucks. It was a two day trip each way. Company B joined the Battalion at Camp Butner on the 28th.

Camp Butner, although a small camp was well laid out with plenty of everything, good PXs, service clubs and movies. All quarters were wooden barracks and one of the cleanest camps we had found.

Here the training was mostly class-room work due to the small available area for outside training. There was no place for field work. Two Collecting Companies went into the Virginia mountains for a short special training course in mountain warfare. This was new, hard and rather dangerous training. Physical fitness was stressed.

Here also there was a continuous checking of equipment, clothing, supplies and records. All requirements of all P.O.M. and P.O.E. were met and filled. Leaves and furloughs were granted to all personnel and a complete physical screening of the entire Division was completed. There was by this time a growing idea that we might be getting ready for overseas duty, when the advance detachment left for England and confirmed it.

While at Camp Butner the city of Durham was the main city. It was a wide-awake city with many fine old southern sights to see, friendly people and many places to take care of and help the service men pass the time.

The Tap-Room of the Washington Duke Hotel was the meeting place; soft easy chairs, soft music and not much noise. There were also many hot spots for the ones that wanted action.

Again by rail, on the 5th of May the Battalion made the short trip to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, a part of the New York Port of Embarkation and the final staging area for overseas. Here the final check was given to all equipment, clothing, supplies, records and personnel. Instructions were held on boat procedure, life boat drill and everything that goes with a sea journey.

Camp Kilmer was the last word in camps with many well stocked PXs, service clubs, movies and shows. A modern N.C.O. Club with lunches and dancing every night. Passes were authorized to New York City and excellent bus connections made it an easy trip. Many of the east coast boys were able to get home for a few hours. While here the first of Army Censorship was encountered, explained and enforced.

On the 11th of May movement was made through the Brooklyn yards and the actual loading on the boat was done as fast as names could be read from a loading roster.

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The entire Battalion, the Division Headquarters Company, the Signal Company and a Battalion of Infantry, as well as all the Division Staff were on the same boat. It was the largest ship in the convoy and also the flag ship. This convoy was estimated at 200 ships of all kinds. The ship was the Edmund B. Alexander, and had been used in the last war; since that time was a Navy personnel ship and now a troop transport. It had been built by Germany and captured during the First World War when it was named the S.S. Amerika. The men were quartered in large rooms in bunks three tiers high and not uncomfortable, although all available space was used. Meals were served in a large dinning room with an orchestra playing for each meal, two meals served daily. The entire system was both well planned and workable. Actual departure was on the 12th of May, with a very good crossing and very little seasickness and very little trouble from enemy action. There were some new rules and regulations but none hard to observe. The men spent much time on deck listening to the stories of the sailors.

Liverpool, England was sighted on the 25th, but due to the large convoy and lack of dock space our boat was not unloaded until the 27th. The Battalion going directly from the ship to the train, and loaded both personnel and baggage. Again, the Red Cross was on hand with donuts and coffee and nothing could have tasted better. The Red Cross had been active all the way over handing out smokes, books, writing material and sewing kits.

After everything was loaded, the train departed for Bodman (Cornwall), England, arriving the same day. This trip was one of jumping from one window to another; the clean hand worked fields, the bombed towns, an old fort or castle all different, new but

old. It was a trip worth remembering. At each stop the Red Cross or the English equivalent was on hand with a hot drink and something to eat.

Upon arrival at Bodmin it was found the Advance Detachment had done a fine job and quarters were ready. The Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment and Company A with Company D were located in an old castle looking bunch of buildings called the Poor Haro Institute or as we would call it, the poor house. Companies B and C were located in Hotels in the business section; the Town Arms and Kendall House. The motor park was the yard of an old prison and the Repair Section in an uptown garage. Equipment was uncrated, repaired or replaced if needed and training was on physical fitness and special courses of mines and booby traps with concealment and cover. Long hikes were the order of the day.

Bodmin was a Cornish town with all the old world ideas and customs and seemed rather on the unfriendly side. The only places that people seemed to thaw out was at the Y.M.C.A. and in the Fish and Chips cafes. The Red Cross donut bar was always filled.

A lot of the English customs and ideas got a laugh: driving on the left side of the road was a headache until the boys got used to it.

The English cop was quite a character and a lot of laughs were gathered there.

There were many old ruins to visit, built hundreds of years ago and now mostly a mass of rocks. Old prisons with cells three and four floors underground, where prisoners were placed and then forgotten. Many fine old churches to visit and historic villages to see, but all in all, no one was exactly sold on Bodmin. While here, Generals Eisenhower and Patton made an inspection visit and talked to, and with the men. In June the Division was alerted and the waterproofing of vehicles was done. Each vehicle had to have the motor sealed with waterproofing as well as the load on the vehicle: no part or load could be so that water could damage any part of it. On the 5th of July, movement was made to the marshalling area where space was assigned in Camp D five miles north of Weymouth, England. Here the final waterproofing was done, loads inspected, extra rations, supplies and equipment including sea-sickness pills issued and on the 6th of July the motors with driver and assistant were on LCT while the balance of the troops were loaded on the LCI. The channel crossing was normal with very smooth water and no enemy action. Landings were made on Normandy's Omaha Beachhead on the 7th of July, the foot troops landing first and marching inland approximately 12 miles, where a bivouac area had been designated by higher headquarters. After the vehicles landed, they also went in about the same distance but missed the foot troops about a mile and did not form up until the morning of the 8th.

With the small area then under our control and the increasing pressure of the enemy, the Division was committed at once; the 134th first on the 9th with the 137th on the 10th. The 320th was held in reserve. The Collecting Companies moved in with the combat

teams and the Clearing Company set up the first Clearing Station in the vicinity of St. Clair. Here the bloody battles of Hill 122 and St. Lo were fought and in one twenty-four hour day the Clearing Station handled over 500 casualties. Here also, due to lack of area, it was necessary to have the Clearing Station in the same area as the Artillery. The large guns drew some enemy fire but no actual shelling of the Station area was done. Bed Check Charlie, a lone German plane made a nightly appearance, but it seemed the only thing he flew over the Station for was to get his bearings. The large Red Crosses seemed to be plenty of protection and on only one time was a bomb dropped, and then only a small anti-personnel bomb that blew up a blanket case. This was thought to have been a delayed drop from another area near us that was well bombed.

July 13th the Battalion had its first battle casualties when Pvts Casey and Spivey were both wounded, but both, after receiving first aid, remained on duty. On the 17th, Pvt Creekmore of Co. B was killed in action trying to evacuate a field of wounded. On the 14th he had been wounded but wouldn't be sent back himself.

After St. Lo the battle of Torigni-Sur-Vire was almost as costly, only of a shorter duration; Company A having two men killed and all companies had quite a few wounded. After this the sweep across France was started, with the Division following the armor and doing the mopping up. This was hard dangerous work and many men were lost and injured in the Infantries due to the many mine fields. It was necessary to keep one platoon of the Clearing Station moving up every day to keep within range of the advancing troops. This was done in the leap-frog manner and sometimes they were very close to the front lines.

On this move, in the words of the Chief-of-Staff, "The Division was literally thumbed off the road," to stop the German thrust toward Avranches. A large German force was located in the vicinity of Mortain and had to be cleared. They had already cut up the 30th Division and one Battalion of that unit was facing capture when the 35th went in and pulled it out. It was here with the Clearing Station located at St. Hilaire Du Harcouet that the first of the German Air Force was seen and felt. A large force of German bombers gave the roads and bridges a two hour bombing and it seemed like each bomb was heading for the Station area. A lot of things happened but at the time no one gave it much thought. A few days later it was considered funny.

After Mortain, the Division again took the road clearing the cities of Cloyes, Orleans, and Chateaudun in one day; then on to follow the tanks until they arrived in the vicinity of Nancy, where due to a shortage of gasoline and shells it was necessary to go into a holding action. The Headquarters and Co. D located at St. Max and for the first time setting up in buildings, taking over two large school buildings for the Clearing Stations and Field Hospitals. This was just like camp life. Passes were authorized daily to Nancy and by quota to Paris. There were some German large railroad guns that would give you a thrill every once in awhile trying to shell the Headquarters of General Patton

located in Nancy, and the whine of them going over the Station would lift your hair.

On the 9th of November the Battalion again moved following the Division. First moving to Bioncourt and then to Chateau-Salines; these were both well forward and were shelled several times. No one was hurt although several trucks were hit and damaged.

On the 23rd of November, Thanksgiving dinner was served at Marhange. This was a fine meal with turkey and all the trimmings, with plenty for seconds.

In December the Battalion was at Puttelange with companies at Sarreguemines, then only partly cleared of the enemy. This was a hot spot but only one man was wounded.

On the 23rd of December the Battalion assembled in Metz and stayed there for Xmas dinner, which if possible surpassed the Thanksgiving meal. On the 26th, movement was started for the Bastogne break through. This was another hot spot and several Collecting Company men were wounded. After the German push had been stopped, the Division less the 134th, and the Battalion less Company A, headed south for the 7th Army sector to offset a possible push in that area.

1945

On the 29th of January the threat in the 7th Army Sector was over and again movement was made to the 9th Army Sector. The Battalion assembled in Cadier, Holland. Here an old Priest's school was used. It was hundreds of years old with all the tunnels and so forth; regular movie setup. There was one flight of stairs leading to the basement that had 126 steps straight down. Several of the Fathers were still living in and taking care of the building and they had some stories to tell about the German occupation and treatment of their creed.

On the 6th of February the Battalion moved over the German border and located in Gangelt, Germany. Here again some shelling was received and one of the Collecting Companies had the end of their building blown out with no one injured. Also, there were many buzz-bombs going over.

From the 13th to the 26th of March, the Division had its first official rest, going back to Bracht, Germany.

On the 26th, orders were received to follow the Division back into combat and cross the Rhine. This was a much easier crossing than had been expected and the drive ended up on the Elbe River. From the Rhine to the Elbe, the biggest fear of the civilians was that the Russians were coming in. After arrival on the Elbe, many Germans swam the river in order to escape the Russians and give up to the Americans. The war, as far as enemy opposition was concerned, was over. There were several small groups still roaming within our area but were doing no great damage. In the heart of Germany there were many scenes of the cruel treatment of both POWs and the German political

prisoners. Many had been murdered and left on the sides of the road; many had been placed in buildings and burned like cord wood. On the 26th of April the Division was pulled back and assigned an area to police and patrol, with the Medical Battalion locating in Spunge, having a mission of furnishing medical and evacuation service to all D.P.s as well as German military hospitals in the Division area. This was continued in each area from then on, and many dusting details were used to delouse the D.P.s.

CLEARING STATION STATISTICS

25,978 casualties cleared through the Clearing Station from 8 July 1944 to 31 May 1945. This included U.S., Allied, Civilians and 1,053 P.O.W.

Many thousands D.P.s and German civilians and prisoners of war were treated in camps and hospitals and not included in the above total.

COMMANDING OFFICERS

Colonel H. Winnett Orr

Colonel David C. Hilton

Colonel Philip H. Bartholomew

Lt. Colonel Hans Schaerrer

Lt. Colonel Lee R. Pierce

Lt. Colonel James B. Anderson

Lt. Colonel Millard W. Hall

Major Roy M. Matson

FIELD HOSPITALS

1st Plat. - 51st F.H., 29 Jul 44

3rd Plat. - 16th F.H., 21 Aug 44

3rd Plat. - 60th F.H., 31 Aug 44

2nd Plat. - 16th F.H., 7 Dec 44

SURGICAL AND SHOCK TEAMS

Team 9 and 93 Surg - 9 Sep 44
Team 104 and 106 Shock - 9 Sep 44
Team 4th Aux Group Surg - 2 Dec 44

(Ed's Note: The personnel roster contained in the Journal showed 538 officers and men serving overseas with the Battalion. There were 112 casualties recorded, for a rate of 20.8%. There were 100 Silver Stars and Bronze Stars recorded, for a rate of 18.6%. Assuming the Purple Heart was awarded to all wounded, missing, and killed, there were a total of 180 decorations for a rate of 33.5%.)

CASUALTIES

Injured	32
Wounded	67
Missing	2
Killed	<u>11</u>
Total	112

DECORATIONS

Bronze Star	92
Silver Star	<u>8</u>
Total	100

(Ed's Note: Also, the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Millard W. Hall, was awarded the French Croix de Guerre.)

LOGS

The Journal contains a log for each unit in the Battalion, and they are reproduced on the following pages. Logs in the Journal begin with embarkation from New York on May 12, 1944. I have added log information from December 23, 1940, when the original National Guard Units were mobilized, to the 1944 embarkation for Europe.

Some of the place names in Europe are not spelled correctly, but I did not attempt to make any corrections.

LOG: HQ. AND HQ. DETACHMENT

<u>ATTACHED TO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
	23-Dec-40	MOBILIZED
	03-Jan-41	Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.
	19-Dec-41	Departed for Ft. Ord, Cal.
	23-Dec-41	Dispersion area near Ft. Ord
	02-Jan-42	Ft. Ord, Cal.
	16-Jan-42	Deptd for San Luis Obispo, Cal.
	17-Jan-42	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.
	01-Mar-42	Redesignated a Battalion
	21-Apr-42	Sawtel Nat'l Military Home
	18-Jan-43	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.
	24-Mar-43	Departed for Camp Rucker, Ala.
	29-Mar-43	Camp Rucker, Ala.
	15-Nov-43	Manchester Tenn. Maneuver Area
	18-Jan-44	Camp Butner, N.C.
	05-May-44	Camp Kilmer, N.J.
	11-May-44	Brooklyn Port of Embarkation
	12-May-44	Embarked New York
	27-May-44	Liverpool and Bodmin, England
	05-Jul-44	Camp "D" Marshalling Area
	06-Jul-44	Weymouth, England
1st Army, XIX Corps (Omar Bradley)	07-Jul-44	Omaha Beach, France
	08-Jul-44	1/2mi S. Colombieres
	09-Jul-44	1/2mi W. St.Clair-sur-l'Elle
1st Army, V Corps	27-Jul-44	
	28-Jul-44	1 1/2mi NW. St.Clair-sur-l'Elle
	29-Jul-44	2mi SE. St.Lo
	02-Aug-44	1 1/4mi SE. Torigni-Sur-Vire
	04-Aug-44	1/2mi W. Pont Bellenger
3rd Army (George Patton)	05-Aug-44	1/4mi E. LaPaveria
	06-Aug-44	2mi SW. St.Hilaire Du Harcouet
	12-Aug-44	2mi N. Buais
3rd Army, XII Corps	13-Aug-44	
	14-Aug-44	3 1/2mi SE. LeMans
	16-Aug-44	1 1/2mi NW. Verdes
	19-Aug-44	1mi NW. Poupry
	22-Aug-44	1mi E. Moulons
	25-Aug-44	2mi E. LaChapelle
	29-Aug-44	1/2mi SW. Flacy
	31-Aug-44	1/4mi E. Torvillers
	02-Sep-44	2mi SE. Margerie-Harcourt
	08-Sep-44	1/2mi N. Bulligny

LOG: HQ. AND HQ. DETACHMENT

<u>ATTACHED TO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
	11-Sep-44	1/4mi SW. Vezelise
	13-Sep-44	1mi SW. Lorey
	16-Sep-44	1/4mi S. Rosieres
	18-Sep-44	1/8mi SW. Haraucourt
	26-Sep-44	St. Max
	09-Nov-44	Bioncourt
	12-Nov-44	Chateau-Salins
	19-Nov-44	Morhange
	06-Dec-44	Puttelange
	22-Dec-44	Metz
	26-Dec-44	Hachy
	27-Dec-44	Holtz
	29-Dec-44	Perle
3rd Army, III Corps	01-Jan-45	
7th Army, XX Corps	19-Jan-45	Metz
(Walton Walker)	23-Jan-45	Donnelay
	24-Jan-45	Drulingen
9th Army, XVI Corps	30-Jan-45	Verdun
(William Simpson)	31-Jan-45	Cadier
	06-Feb-45	Gangelt
	01-Mar-45	Ratheim
	02-Mar-45	Bracht
	03-Mar-45	Nieukerk
	07-Mar-45	Linfort
	13-Mar-45	Bracht
	26-Mar-45	Vorde
	30-Mar-45	Grafen
	31-Mar-45	Rentfort
	03-Apr-45	Buer
	11-Apr-45	Hordel
9th Army, XIX Corps	13-Apr-45	
(See Note)	14-Apr-45	Saalsdorf
	15-Apr-45	Uchtdorf
9th Army, XIII Corps	16-Apr-45	
	26-Apr-45	Springe
	18-May-45	Nordkirchen
9th Army, XVI Corps	19-May-45	
15th Army, date ??	22-May-45	

Note: Attached XIX Corps for Operations and XII Corps for Admin. and Supply

LOG: COMPANIES A, B, C, AND D

ATTACH	DATE	COMPANY A	COMPANY B	COMPANY C	COMPANY D
	23-Dec-40	MOBILIZED	MOBILIZED	MOBILIZED	MOBILIZED
	03-Jan-41	Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.	Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.	Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.	Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.
	19-Dec-41	Departed for Ft. Ord, Cal.	Departed for Ft. Ord, Cal.	Departed for Ft. Ord, Cal.	Departed for Ft. Ord, Cal.
	23-Dec-41	Dispersion area near Ft. Ord	Dispersion area near Ft. Ord	Dispersion area near Ft. Ord	Dispersion area near Ft. Ord
	02-Jan-42	Ft. Ord, Cal.	Ft. Ord, Cal.	Ft. Ord, Cal.	Ft. Ord, Cal.
	16-Jan-42	Deptd for San Luis Obispo, Cal.	Deptd for San Luis Obispo, Cal.	Deptd for San Luis Obispo, Cal.	Deptd for San Luis Obispo, Cal.
	17-Jan-42	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.
	01-Mar-42	Redesignated a Battalion	Redesignated a Battalion	Redesignated a Battalion	Redesignated a Battalion
	21-Apr-42	Los Angeles Area	Los Angeles Area	Los Angeles Area	Los Angeles Area
	25-Dec-42			Asgd to Western Defence Com	
	08-Jan-43		Asgd to Western Defence Com		
	18-Jan-43	Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.			Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.
	22-Jan-43		New Company Formed	New Company Formed	
	24-Mar-43	Departed for Camp Rucker, Ala.	Departed for Camp Rucker, Ala.	Departed for Camp Rucker, Ala.	Departed for Camp Rucker, Ala.
	29-Mar-43	Camp Rucker, Ala.	Camp Rucker, Ala.	Camp Rucker, Ala.	Camp Rucker, Ala.
	15-Nov-43	Manchester TN Maneuver Area	Manchester TN Maneuver Area	Manchester TN Maneuver Area	Manchester TN Maneuver Area
	18-Jan-44	Camp Butner, N.C.		Camp Butner, N.C.	Camp Butner, N.C.
	28-Jan-44		Camp Butner, N.C.		
	05-May-44	Camp Kilmer, N.J.	Camp Kilmer, N.J.	Camp Kilmer, N.J.	Camp Kilmer, N.J.
	11-May-44	Brooklyn Port of Embarkation	Brooklyn Port of Embarkation	Brooklyn Port of Embarkation	Brooklyn Port of Embarkation
	12-May-44	Embarked New York	Embarked New York	Embarked New York	Embarked New York
	27-May-44	Liverpool and Bodmin, England	Liverpool and Bodmin, England	Liverpool and Bodmin, England	Liverpool and Bodmin, England
	05-Jul-44	Camp "D" Marshalling Area	Camp "D" Marshalling Area	Camp "D" Marshalling Area	Camp "D" Marshalling Area
	06-Jul-44	Weymouth, England	Weymouth, England	Weymouth, England	Weymouth, England
1st Army, XIX Corps	07-Jul-44	Omaha B.&1/2m S.Colombieres	Omaha B.&1/2m S.Colombieres	Omaha B.&1/2m S.Colombieres	Omaha Beach, France
	08-Jul-44	1/2mi W. St.Claire-sur-l'Elle			1/2mi S. Colombieres
	09-Jul-44		1/2mi W. St.Claire-sur-l'Elle	1/2mi W. St.Claire-sur-l'Elle	1/2mi W. St.Claire-sur-l'Elle
	10-Jul-44		1 1/2mi NW. la Mesuffe	2mi SE. la Mesuffe	
	12-Jul-44			1mi NE. Villiers-Fossard	
	13-Jul-44		1mi SW. LaMesuffe		
	14-Jul-44	1mi NE. Villiers-Fossard			
	17-Jul-44	1mi NW. Villiers-Fossard			
	18-Jul-44		1mi SW. Pont Hebert		
	19-Jul-44	1/2mi NE. Emelie	1 1/2mi S. St.Lo		
	20-Jul-44			1mi E. LaForge	
1st Army, V Corps	27-Jul-44				
	28-Jul-44		1 1/2mi SW. St.Lo	1mi SW. St.Andre De l'Epine	1 1/2mi NW. St.Claire-sur-l'Elle
	29-Jul-44	1/4mi NE. Gosville	2 1/2mi NW. St.Lo		2mi SE. St.Lo
	30-Jul-44		4mi NW. St.Lo	1/4mi SW. DeSemilly	
	31-Jul-44	1mi W. le Mesnil-Grimault	1/2mi SE. Conde-sur-Vire	1/4mi NE. Everardiere	
	01-Aug-44	1/2mi N. Torigni-Sur-Vire	1 1/2mi NE. Torigni-Sur-Vire	1/4mi NE. LaGuarardiere	
	02-Aug-44		2mi N. Dom Jean	1/4mi NE. Laveniere	1 1/4mi SW. Torigni-Sur-Vire
	03-Aug-44	1/2mi SW. Pont Bellenger	1/2mi NW. St.Marie-Outre l'eau		
	04-Aug-44	1mi W. Campagnolles		1/2mi NE. Les Ptes Mares	1/2mi ?? Pont Bellenger
3rd Army	05-Aug-44		1/4mi E. LaFaveria		1/4mi E. LaFaveria
	06-Aug-44		1mi NE. St.Hilaire Du Harcouet		2mi SW. St.Hilaire Du Harcouet
	07-Aug-44		3mi W. Le Tailleul		
	08-Aug-44	1mi N. LeHamel	3mi SW. Barenton	1/4mi E. St.Brice De Landelles	
	09-Aug-44			1mi NE. Parigne	
	10-Aug-44	1mi NE. Notre Dame Detouchete			
	11-Aug-44	1mi S. St. Jean Du Corail	2mi E. Barenton	1 1/2mi E. Milly	
	12-Aug-44		1mi SW. Barenton	1/2mi W. LaPorcherie	

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<u>ATTACH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY A</u>	<u>COMPANY B</u>	<u>COMPANY C</u>	<u>COMPANY D</u>
3rd Army,	13-Aug-44		2mi E. Barenton		2mi N. Buis
XII Corps	14-Aug-44	3mi S. LeMans	2mi NW. LeMans	4mi SE. LeMans	3 1/2mi SE. LeMans
	16-Aug-44	4mi S. Verdes	Orleans	3 1/2mi S. Chateaudun	1 1/2mi NW. Verdes
	17-Aug-44			1/2mi S. Chateaudun	
	19-Aug-44				1mi NW. Poupry
	20-Aug-44	1mi S. Jaurville	1/2mi S. Arteny	1mi S. Jaurville	
	21-Aug-44	3mi W. Pithiviers	Sens	1/2mi W. Pithiviers La Viell	
	22-Aug-44	1mi E. St.Maurice-Sur-Fessard			1mi E. Moulons
	23-Aug-44	Montargis			
	24-Aug-44			Montargis	
	25-Aug-44	Joigny	1 1/2mi E. Courtney	St. Hilaire	2mi E. LaChapelle
	26-Aug-44		8mi NE. Courtney		
	27-Aug-44		1 1/2mi NE. Montargis		
	29-Aug-44	Aix-en-Othe		Troyes	1/2mi SW. Flacey
	30-Aug-44			Villy-en-trodes	
	31-Aug-44				1/4mi E. Torvillers
	02-Sep-44				2mi SE. Margerie-Harcourt
	03-Sep-44		Epagne	Joinville	
	08-Sep-44	Thuilley-Aux-Groselle			1/2mi N. Bulligny
	09-Sep-44		Goviller	1mi SE. Allain	
	10-Sep-44	Xeuilley	Caintrey		
	11-Sep-44		Remimont	Houdreville	1/4mi SW. Vezelise
	12-Sep-44			Ormes Et Ville	
	13-Sep-44		1 1/2mi W. Velle Sur Moselle	St.Mord	1mi SW. Lorey
	14-Sep-44	1mi E. Toul		Borfonville	
	15-Sep-44	Nancy	Rosieres and Lupcourt	Rosieres	
	16-Sep-44		Varangeville	Dombasle	1/4mi S. Rosieres
	17-Sep-44		1/4mi W. Chartrause	Harcourt	
	18-Sep-44	St.Max	Buissoncourt	Mazerulles	1/2mi SW. Haraucourt
	20-Sep-44		Velaine Saus Amange	Arracourt	
	23-Sep-44	Lay St.Christophe			
	24-Sep-44	Bouxieres			
	25-Sep-44		Pattoncourt		
	26-Sep-44			Amanee	St.Max
	27-Sep-44	Bioncourt	Bioncourt		
	29-Sep-44			Brin-Sur-Selle	
	30-Sep-44		1/2mi S. Brin		
	09-Oct-44	Pattoncourt			
	11-Oct-44	Coutures			
	12-Oct-44	Vannecourt			
	01-Nov-44		Brin		
	08-Nov-44		Manhowe	Gremecey	Bioncourt
	10-Nov-44		Denjeux	Fresnes-En-Saulnois	
	12-Nov-44		Ponteny	Amelecourt	Chateau-Salins
	13-Nov-44		Brehain		
	14-Nov-44	Bellange		Vannecourt	
	16-Nov-44	Morhange			
	18-Nov-44		Tie Lorraine	Morhange	
	19-Nov-44		Berig Vin-trange		Morhange
	21-Nov-44			Virming	
	22-Nov-44	Berig-Vintrange	Kreutzhoff		

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<u>ATTACH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY A</u>	<u>COMPANY B</u>	<u>COMPANY C</u>	<u>COMPANY D</u>
	23-Nov-44	Diffembach			
	24-Nov-44			Lening	
	25-Nov-44			Inaming	
	26-Nov-44	Hilsprich			
	27-Nov-44			Pontpierre	
	29-Nov-44	Lixing-Les-St.Avoid			
	01-Dec-44	St.Jean De Rohrbach			
	02-Dec-44			Inaming	
	04-Dec-44			Uberkingen	
	05-Dec-44	Woustviller			
	06-Dec-44		Puttrelange	Hambach	Puttrelange
	08-Dec-44	Sarreguemines			
	09-Dec-44			Siltzheim	
	10-Dec-44	Sarreguemines	Sarreguemines	Wittring	
	15-Dec-44			Wiesviller	
	16-Dec-44	Sarreguemines			
	17-Dec-44			Bliesbruck	
	21-Dec-44	Puttrelange	Remering	Gueblange	
	23-Dec-44	Metz	Metz	Metz	Metz
	25-Dec-44	Metzert	Nothomb	Arlon	Hachy, Belgium
	27-Dec-44	Warnach	Warnach	Nagem	Holtz, Luxembourg
	28-Dec-44			Aradorf	
	29-Dec-44			Boulaide	Perle, Luxembourg
	30-Dec-44	Hanville			
3rd Army,	01-Jan-45	Warnach			
III Corps	08-Jan-45			Bastogne	
	17-Jan-45	Bastogne			
	18-Jan-45		Metz		
7th Army,	19-Jan-45			Metz	Metz, France
XX Corps	23-Jan-45		Chateau-Voue	Bidestroff	Donnelay
	24-Jan-45		Ratzwiller	Wingen-Sur-Moder	Drulingen
	25-Jan-45	Trois Vierges	St.Louis		
	27-Jan-45	Rumlinge			
9th Army,	30-Jan-45		Verdun	Verdun	Verdun
XVI Corps	31-Jan-45		1mi NW. Cadier	1mi NW. Cadier, Holland	1mi NW. Cadier, Holland
	01-Feb-45	Cadier	Cadier		
	04-Feb-45			Gangelt, Germany	
	05-Feb-45	Gangelt			
	06-Feb-45		Bocket		Gangelt, Germany
	08-Feb-45		Gangelt		
	09-Feb-45	Randerath			
	10-Feb-45	Gellenkirchen			
	23-Feb-45			Strattem	
	26-Feb-45	Randerath	Rurich		
	27-Feb-45	Huckelhoven	Hockelhoven		
	28-Feb-45	Wassenberg	Gerderath and Wildenrath	Rathem	Oberbruch
	01-Mar-45			Kaldenkirchen	Rathem
	02-Mar-45	Venlo	Leuth	Venlo	Bracht
	03-Mar-45	Stadt Straelen	Bockholt	Nieukerk	Nieukerk
	04-Mar-45	Nieukerk	Rheurdt		
	05-Mar-45		Linfort	Sevelen	

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<u>ATTACH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY A</u>	<u>COMPANY B</u>	<u>COMPANY C</u>	<u>COMPANY D</u>
	07-Mar-45	Sevelen		Lintfort	Lintfort
	09-Mar-45	Hogenhof			
	12-Mar-45	Borholz		Bracht	Bracht
	13-Mar-45		Bracht		Bracht
	26-Mar-45	Bergerhoff	Dinslaken	Vorde	Vorde
	27-Mar-45		Letkampshop		
	28-Mar-45	Krevi	Walsumermark	Hiesfeld	
	29-Mar-45	Hagenhof			
	30-Mar-45			Sterkrade	Grafen
	31-Mar-45	Buer	Buer-Krie		Rentfort
	01-Apr-45			Karnap	
	02-Apr-45	Recklinghausen	Recklinghausen	Buer-Kale	
	03-Apr-45				Buer
	04-Apr-45	Buer-Resse			
	07-Apr-45			Waltrop	
	10-Apr-45	1.2mi E. Rohlinghausen	Herne		
	11-Apr-45	2mi SW. Bochum	Alton-Bochum		Hordel
9th Army,	13-Apr-45		Saasdorf	Peine	
XIX Corps	14-Apr-45	Bosdorf	Schleuss	Ribbensdorf	Saalsdorf
(See Note)	15-Apr-45	Mahlwinkel			Uchtdorf
9th Army,	16-Apr-45		Bellingen	Calbe	
XIII Corps	19-Apr-45			Werkleitz	
	20-Apr-45	Angers		Barby	
	22-Apr-45			Uchtdorf	
	26-Apr-45	Springe			Springe
	28-Apr-45		Springe	Springe	
	18-May-45	Kapelle	Herbern	Nordkirchen	Nordkirchen
9th Army,	19-May-45				
XVI Corps	22-May-45				
15th Army	???				

Note: 13Apr45, Attached 9th Army, XIX Corps for Operations and XII Corps for Administration and Supply

ROSTER

The roster in the Journal covered the entire Battalion in alphabetical order. I have sorted the information according to unit.

The Journal contains a little additional information for each member of the Battalion. Readers may contact me for whatever other information is available for specific individuals.

ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chaplin Corps	IIA	Injured in Action
MAC	Medical Administrative Corps	INIA	Injured Not in Action
MC	Medical Corps	INJ	Injured
MSG	Master Sergeant	KIA	Killed in Action
PFC	Private First Class	KNIA	Killed Not in Action
PVT	Private	MIA	Missing in Action
SGT	Sergeant	WIA	Wounded in Action
SSG	Staff Sergeant	WNIA	Wounded Not in Action
TEC	Technician		
WOJG	Warrant Officer		

ROSTER: HQ AND HQ DETACHMENT

NAME	HIGHEST RANK	HOMETOWN	CASUALTY		BRONZE STAR	SILVER STAR	C M
			TYPE	DATE			
HALL, MILLARD W. COM.OFF., C.deG. 16MAR45, TD US 14MAY45	LTCOL MC	WITCHITA, KS			JUL44-SEP44		
HUBER, PAUL J. EXEC OFFICER	MAJ MC	EXETER, NE					
MACK, MARVIN A. JD 22SEP44, TRF HQ 35INF 2NOV44	MAJ MC	CRETE, NE					
MATSON, ROY M. JD 15MAY45, C.O.	MAJ MC	WAYNE, NE			(DATE ??)		
BLOEMENDAAL, GERRITT J. TRF CO.D 24AUG44, TRF 35THDIV ARTY 11FEB45	CAPT MC	EPSWITCH, SD					
TAYLOR, HAROLD W. S2, S3 24SEP44, TRF HQ9TH A 12APR45	CAPT MAC	LINCOLN, NE					
THOMAS, NELSON A.	CAPT CH	WILLIAMSPORT, PA	INJ	44-10-17			
WALDRON, HAZLE M. CHAPLAIN	CAPT CH	MISSOULA, MONT					
CONNAROE, RICHARD R. MOTOR OFFICER, S4, TRF CO.A 24MAY45	1LT MAC	PHILADELPHIA, PA					X
SHIPPS, JAMES E. S/4 15SEP44	1LT MAC	LINCOLN, NE			SEP44-JAN45		
SMITH, ORCENITH S.	1LT MAC	MEADE, KS					
STEVES, ANDREW J. S/4 TO S/2 24AUG44	1LT MAC	UTICA, NY					
WASHBURN, CHARLES H. JD 28OCT44, TRF 137 16JAN45	1LT CH	OAKLAND, CA					
BURKE, RICHARD A.	WOJG	LINCOLN, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
BRODFUEHRER, FERDINAND G.	MSG	COLUMBUS, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
BROLIAR, LESTER T. JD 9FEB45	MSG	DEWITT, NE					X

ROSTER: HQ AND HQ DETACHMENT

NAME	HIGHEST RANK	HOMETOWN	CASUALTY		BRONZE STAR	SILVER STAR	C M
			TYPE	DATE			
ANDERSON, ROBERT P. TRF HQ CO DIV.S. TRPS 12AUG44	1ST SGT	LINCOLN, NE					
AYLWARD, JAMES F. JR	TEC SGT	LINCOLN, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
BAGLEY, ERVIN A. RTD 19NOV44	TEC SGT	ALLEN, NE	INJ	44-11-14			X
MARTIN, WILLIAM R.	TEC SGT	LINCOLN, NE					X
PROHASKA, DONALD A. TRF CO. C 25OCT44	TEC SGT	OMAHA, NE					
REED, KENNETH W.	TEC SGT	OMAHA, NE					X
MCCRORY, LOUIS F.	SSG	LINCOLN, NE					X
SCHECK, JAMES E.	SSG	AKRON, OH					X
TURK, JOHN W. RTD 10FEB45	SGT	BUTTE, MONT	INJ	45-02-03			X
BAILEY, LYLE F.	TEC4	BRADY, NE					X
BECKIUS, NICHOLAS R.	TEC4	NORTH PLATTE, NE					X
BUSH, WILLIAM D.	TEC4	LINCOLN, NE					X
SILKETT, KENNETH E.	TEC4	NORFOLK, NE					X
CLEAVER, MARVIN E.	TEC5	OMAHA, NE					X
EFFROS, BEN	TEC5	LOS ANGELES, CA					X
HENNING, FRANK J. W.	TEC5	COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA					X
KONOPSKI, WALTER S.	TEC5	CHICAGO, IL					X
MEIER, LEONARD A. RTD 20OCT44	TEC5	OMAHA, NE	INJ	44-10-17			X
MOHR, CLYDE H.	TEC5	LA PLATTE, NE					X

ROSTER: HQ AND HQ DETACHMENT

NAME	HIGHEST RANK	HOMETOWN	CASUALTY		BRONZE STAR	SILVER STAR	C M
			TYPE	DATE			
OWINGS, EDGAR Z.	TEC5	AUBURN, NE					X
PETERS, CHARLES B. JR	TEC5	BRISTOL, TENN					X
SCHLITT, HENRY J.	TEC5	CHICAGO, IL					X
VANDELLO, WARREN T. TD PARIS 21JAN45, RTD 25JAN45	TEC5	OTTUMWA, IA					X
FOGLESONG, JOHN H. RTD 22SEP44	PFC	MILL GROVE, MO	INJ	44-07-08			X
HAACK, GEORGE H.	PFC	WAITE PARK, MINN					X
JONES, OLA F.	PFC	STOCKTON, MO					X
LEVINE, HARRY H. TRF CO. D 19SEP44	PFC	CHICAGO, IL					
NASON, ADOLPH C.	PFC	STEVENS, SDAK					X
OLSEN, WILLIAM C.	PFC	EL DORADO, KS					X
SANDER, JOHN C. TD PARIS 27JAN45, RTD 6FEB45	PFC	NORFOLK, NE					X
SHERMAN, DANIEL F.	PFC	COLUMBUS, OH					X
STONE, FREDERIK R.	PFC	WALLA WALLA, WA					X

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BRILLHART, EVERETT G. TRF CO. D 11JUL44	MAJ MC	COLUMBUS, NE				JUL44-JAN45
JACKSON, LOGAN E. TRF CO. C 1SEP44	CAPT MC	PORTLAND, OR				NOV44-JAN45
MCDERMOTT, JAMES F. TRF 320INF 12JUL44, RTD&TRF CO. D 6MAR45	CAPT MC	ST. MARYS, KS	WIA	(??)		
BARBER, JOHN A.	1LT MAC	STANTON ISLAND, NY				JUL44-APR45

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			TYPE	DATE			
WEISMAN, HERMAN M. TRF HQ 9TH ARMY 25FEB45	1LT MAC	LONG BEACH, NY					
SCHWADER, WILLIAM A. TRF HQ 24MAY45	2LT MAC	COLUMBUS, NE			JUL44-APR45		
GORICK, WALTER J. TRF CO. C 23JUL44	1ST SGT	EDWARDVILLE, PA					X
PUTNAM, CHARLES H.	1ST SGT	COLUMBUS, NE					
FRIEDLAN, LAWRENCE J.	SSG	MITCHELL, NE					
HEBDA, FRANK J.	SSG	SANTA BARBARA, CA					X
MCNEELY, LELAND C.	SSG	SANTA PAULA, CA			JUL44-APR45		X
PALMER, HARLEY A. RT US 28MAY45	SSG	PERU, NE			44-11-13		
TWOREK, CYRIL T.	SSG	OMAHA, NE					
BASSETT, JAMES L.	TEC3	HASTINGS, NE					X
COLBURN, WILLIAM E. JD 13DEC44, RET US 16MAY45	TEC3	JACKSONVILLE, NY					
LEMON, CHESTER F.	TEC3	HASTINGS, NE					
MCGRATH, EDWARD E.	TEC3	MINNEAPOLIS, MINN					X
WASKO, ROBERT E.	TEC3	BEDFORD, OH					
BATENHORST, CONRAD A.	SGT	COLUMBUS, NE					
BEELART, LOUIS A. RTD US 16MAY45	SGT	ELGIN, NE	WIA	44-09-30			
CRISPI, MICHAEL RTD 18SEP44	SGT	ASHBURY PARK, NJ	WIA	44-09-15	44-12-12		X
			WIA	44-11-16			
DIOSDADO, CESARIO	SGT	ELDRADO, TX	WIA	44-07-22		44-07-20	

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			TYPE	DATE			
GARBERS, HAROLD G. RTD 19OCT44	SGT	COLUMBUS, NE	INJ	44-10-18			X
MARTINKA, GUST. J. JR.	SGT	VASSAR, MICH					
POSPICHAL, BOHUMIL B.	SGT	ULYSSES, NE					
BURYSTYNE, WILLIAM N.	TEC4	UNION CITY, MICH	WIA	45-01-11			
HRON, LAMBERT J.	TEC4	SCHUYLER, NE					
SCHWAB, JACK J.	TEC4	RED WING, MINN					
PARKER, WILLIAM E.	CPL	LINCOLN, NE					
PRATT, BERTIS L. JR	CPL	CARIBOU, MAINE					
BECK, GROVER E. RTD 1SEP44	TEC5	BENEDICT, KS	WIA	44-08-20			
GRIEMEL, ANTHONY H.	TEC5	ST. LOUIS, MO					
GRUCHOW, MERTEN L.	TEC5	PLAINVIEW, NE					
HEDDEN, RONALD L.	TEC5	POINT ARENA, CA					
HOSTED, ARNOLD R. RTD 31AUG44	TEC5	WHITE PIDGEON, MICH	WIA	44-07-14			
KRAMER, FRANCIS J.	TEC5	OGDEN, KS					X
KUCK, EMIL O.	TEC5	LOS ANGELES, CA					
LVONEK, JOSEPH	TEC5	KINOSHA, WI					X
MILLER, LESLIE L.	TEC5	AKRON, IOWA					
MORAN, HARRY J.	TEC5	WISNER, NE	WIA WIA	44-11-25 45-01-08	JUL44-JAN45		
ROBINSON, FLOYD	TEC5	TRENTON, MO					
STANLEY, CARL E.	TEC5	LINCOLN, NE					

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			TYPE	DATE			
WEST, WARREN S.	TEC5	INDEPENDENCE, MO			44-12-9		
ANDERSON, WALTER G.	PFC	SAN DIEGO, CA					X
BARNES, RICHARD T.	PFC	SULLIGENT, ALA					
BARRETT, CECIL R.	PFC	LEICESTER, NY					
BILYEU, VANCE A.	PFC	SCIO, ORE					
BONAVITA, FRANK JD 13DEC44	PFC	ROSELLE PARK, NJ					
BOYER, RICHARD E. RTD 12NOV44	PFC	DOS PALOS, CA	IIA	44-11-11	JUL44-APR45		X
BROWN, ANTHONY V.	PFC	NORMAN, KS					
BRYANT, WILBURN D.	PFC	EVERTON, MO					
CADAMATRE, JOHN J. RTD 3NOV44	PFC	JERSEY CITY, NJ	INJ	44-11-02	44-7-20		
CESSNA, BEARLIN	PFC	PEEBLES, OHIO					
COHEN, LEON B. RTD 16MAY45	PFC	BROOKLYN, NY	INJ	45-05-11	JUL44-APR45		X
CRAIG, BERNARD S.	PFC	TACOMA, WA					
DE BOWE, ARTHUR W.	PFC	ROCKFORD, IL	WIA	44-07-30			
DESMARAIS, HENRY N.	PFC	LAWRENCE, MASS					
DUGGER, GERALD O.	PFC	NACOMUS, ILL					
FETZER, JOHN	PFC	CHICAGO, IL					
FLEMMING, JOHN E.	PFC	ST. LOUIS, MO					
FORTE, ANGELO M.	PFC	NEWTON, MASS					
FORTE, JOSEPH A.	PFC	NEWTON, MASS	WIA	44-09-30	44-9-30		

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			TYPE	DATE			
FREYER,LAWRENCE F.	PFC	MANHATTAN,NY					
FRITSCH,JAMES F.	PFC	ROCHESTER,MINN	WIA	44-07-15			
FRUEHWIRTH,CHARLES J. RTD 13SEP44	PFC	JAMAICA,LNG ISL,NY	INJ	44-09-12			
GENGO,ANTHONY C.	PFC	BRONX,NY					
HEBB,HARRY RET US 16MAY45	PFC	PARSONS,WV					
HERRON,LEROY	PFC	FRANKLIN,ARK					
HOWE,EDWARD D.	PFC	BOWLINE GREEN,OH					
JOHNSON,HAROLD	PFC	EAGLE GROVE,IA					
KENCIK,ZIGMUND	PFC	DETROIT,MICH					
KEWANIMPTEWA,DAVIS RTD 12DEC44	PFC	HOTEVILLE,AZ	IIA	44-08-04			
KONIECZNY,JOHN L.	PFC	LORAINE,OH					
KONKOL,EDWIN L. JD 15DEC44	PFC	SOUTH BEND,IND					
KOPITZKE,GEORGE A.	PFC	MORRIS,MINN					
LEWIS,ALEX H.	PFC	CHICAGO,IL					
LILLY,JOE B.	PFC	DUNNIGAN,MO	WIA	45-02-19			X
LUBBERS,HENRY C.	PFC	WISNER,NE	WIA	44-12-10	44-7-20		X
MONTOYA,FLORENTINO	PFC	DENVER,CO					
PATRICK,DONNELL M.	PFC	LOUISIANA,MO					
POTASH,JOSEPH RTD 4AUG44	PFC	HAMTRAMICK,MICH	WIA	44-07-30			

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			TYPE	DATE			
PRICE, DONALD H.	PFC	SENECA, KA					X
RODEN, ROBERT E. RTD 15AUG44, RTD 20SEP44	PFC	CORRY, PENN	IIA WIA	44-07-30 44-09-20	44-12-9		
SCHLADENHAUFFEN, WARREN A.	PFC	DECATUR, IND					
SHAVER, FOSTER P.	PFC	MORGANTOWN, WV					
THOMAS, CHARLES F. RTD 5AUG44	PFC	DAYTON, OH	WIA	44-07-30			
VASIL, STEPHEN J.	PFC	PERTH AMBOY, NJ					
VERBLE, BILL F.	PFC	HOLLISTER, CA					
WILSON, DONALD L.	PFC	MARSHFIELD, MO					
WISE, HARVEY L.	PFC	KENT, OH					
WITTMAN, RAYMOND E.	PFC	GARNETT, KS			44-9-30		
WOODWARD, DONALD E.	PFC	OTTAWA, KS					X
ZALESKI, CHESTER E.	PFC	SAYREVILLE, NJ	KIA	44-07-30	44-7-20		
ZEBROWSKI, JOSEPH A.	PFC	NEWARK, NJ	WIA WIA	44-11-25 45-01-08	JUL44-JAN45 JUL44-JAN45		
BARTCH, NORBERT L.	PVT	ST. LOUIS, MO	WIA	44-07-20		44-07-20	
FLORO, GEORGE D.	PVT	CHRISTOPHER, IL					
FUTTERER, ROBERT G.	PVT	CHICAGO, IL					
MASTIN, CHARLES D.	PVT	SEWARD, NE	WIA	44-07-30			
PICKETT, GEORGE	PVT	OAKLAND, CA					
ROGER, LARRY M.	PVT	CHATTANOOGA, TENN	INJ	45-01-06			
SCHNARR, WILBURN RET US 16MAY45	PVT	WADESVILLE, IND					

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			TYPE	DATE			
SELKOW, MORRIS	PVT	PHILADELPHIA, PA	INJ	44-09-26			
TOTH, JOSEPH J.	PVT	ALPHA, NJ	KIA	44-07-30	44-7-20		

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CONROY, JOHN C. TRF 134 INF 17OCT44	CAPT MC	GARDEN CITY, KS					
RALSTON, ROBERT J. TRF CO. D 11JUL44	CAPT MC	HOLYOKE, CO			JUL44-APR45		
ROTH, DAVID B.	CAPT MC	LOS ANGELES, CA			12-25NOV44		
WEBSTER, FREDERICK S. TRF CO. A 11JUL44	CAPT MC	LINCOLN, NE	WIA WIA	44-09-11 45-03-07	44-8-9		
HESS, MERLE A. JD 28MAY45	1LT MAC						
PERRY, JOSEPH A.	1LT MAC	CORNING, NY					
JEWELL, DONALD A. TRF 9TH A. 18MAY45	2LT MAC	BALTIMORE, MD	WIA	44-09-11	44-11-21		
KELLER, FRANCIS J. RET US 16MAY45	1ST SGT	ASHLAND, PA					
ADAMS, KENNETH L.	SSG	LINCOLN, NE					X
DVORAK, ALBIN J. RET US 16MAY45	SSG	HOWELLS, NE	WIA	45-02-22			
GOULDY, ROBERT	SSG	REEDLEY, CA	WIA	44-12-15			
JOHNSON, ELMER E. RET US 16MAY45	SSG	LINCOLN, NE			45-2-25		
OLSON, WILLARD J.	SSG	COLUMBUS, NE			44-11-20		
SMALL, GLENN L.	SSG	OVERTON, NE					X
ZWEIFEL, ROBERT C.	SSG	FAIRBURY, NE	WIA	44-10-09	44-9-29		

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			TYPE	DATE			
BAUER, RUBEN	TEC3	LINCOLN, NE					X
BIRD, HAROLD D.	TEC3	JULESBURG, CO					X
BOMMER, GEORGE L.	SGT	RIVER ROUGE, MICH					X
MAHAN, LEO. A.	SGT	OMAHA, NE			44-11-10		X
MULLIN, MICHAEL J. JR.	SGT	DENVER, CO					X
MURPHY, WAYNE D.	SGT	LINCOLN, NE					X
NICKOL, RALPH Q.	SGT	AKRON, OH					
PICILLO, TRENTO R.	SGT	DANVERS, MASS					
POSEY, HOMER G.	SGT	NAPA, CA					X
STUTSKY, CONSTANTINE J.	SGT	NEW YORK, NY			44-9-29 44-12-15		
BRIZA, FRANK S.	TEC4	OMAHA, NE					X
CAMPBELL, RICHARD N. JD 27SEP44	TEC4	WATSONVILLE, CA					
HARKINS, CHARLES P. RTD 11NOV44	TEC4	MEDFORD, MASS	WIA	44-09-30	44-11-21 44-12-15		
JENKINS, LEONARD T.	TEC4	MOBERLY, MO					
LARSON, MERLE N. RTD 7JAN45	TEC4	JAMESTOWN, ND	WIA	44-09-30			
LUIS, CONRAD B.	TEC4	COLUMBUS, NE					
CARROLL, JOHN W. JD26JUL44, TF HQ7SEP44, TF HQ SPL TPS7OCT44	CPL	DETROIT, MICH					
SIEBERT, RUSSELL P.	CPL	ST. LOUIS, MO					
SMITH, GEORGE M.	CPL	COMPTON, CA					X
TALLMAN, EUGENE F.	CPL	MINOT, ND				44-07-12	

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			TYPE	DATE			
ATKINS, JAMES W. JR RTD 6OCT44	TEC5	LEBANON, MO	WIA	44-07-14			
BRANSTAD, LAWRENCE S.	TEC5	LAKE MILLS, IA					X
CARVER, DELVIN H.	TEC5	CLARINDA, IA					X
FUERST, EUGENE A.	TEC5	ST. PAUL, MINN	WIA	45-02-23			X
GOLDEN, DAVID G.	TEC5	ELDORADO, KS					X
GOLLINGER, JAMES C.	TEC5	MASSENA, NY	KIA	45-01-04		45-01-04	
HOOVER, JESSE M.	TEC5	DURANGO, CO					
HORNYAK, FRANK	TEC5	MCKEESPORT, PA	WIA	44-07-20			
HUEBSCH, THOMAS G. JD 7SEP44	TEC5	MCGREGOR, IA	WIA	44-09-11			
HUTCHERSON, KEACH M.	TEC5	KANSAS CITY, MO			44-12-15		
JOSSE, GEORGE F.	TEC5	DES MOINES, IA	WIA	44-09-11	44-8-19		
MCBRIDE, DONALD R.	TEC5	DINUBA, CA					X
POULOS, JIM G.	TEC5	ATLANTIC, GA	INJ	44-08-04			
ROPER, STANLEY J.	TEC5	ST. LOUIS, MO					
RUNNER, HERBERT R.	TEC5	IOLA, KS	WIA	44-07-20	44-11-21		
TUCKER, GEORGE R.	TEC5	FLAT RIVER, MO					
ABBOTT, HAROLD C.	PFC	INDIANAPOLIS, IN			44-11-20		
ABRAMS, CHARLES J. JD. 13DEC44	PFC	BRONX, NY					
AHLSCHWEDE, HERMAN C.	PFC	SEWARD, NE					
ANDERSON, RUSSELL N.	PFC	DETROIT LAKES, MN	KIA	44-09-11			
ANTINORA, SAMUEL J.	PFC	ST. LOUIS, MO					

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			TYPE	DATE			
BARTHA, JOSEPH JD 13DEC44	PFC	PHILLIPSBURG, NJ					
BAYS, SPENCER M.	PFC	RICHLAND, VA					
BERNSTEIN, JACK	PFC	BROOKLYN, NY					
BLANK, ALFRED W. JD 18OCT44	PFC	TRENTON, NJ			44-11-21		
BLASZCZYK, DANIEL F. JD 13DEC44	PFC	PHILADELPHIA, PA					
BOVAIRD, JOHN S. JD 7SEP44	PFC	ALLEGANY, NY					
BRONZELL, FERDINAND J. JD 13DEC44	PFC	CHICAGO, IL	WIA	45-01-04		45-01-04	
CASEY, HARRY L.	PFC	RAVEN, VA	WIA KIA	44-07-13 44-11-29			
CHINN, JAMES F. JD 13DEC44	PFC	BROOKLYN, NY			44-12-15		
COOK, ROY W. JD 27SEP44	PFC	BURLINGTON, IA			45-3-15		
COURTEAU, LEO H.	PFC	WXBRIDGE, MASS					
DAVIS, WILTON C.	PFC	GARDEN CITY, SD	WIA	45-03-18	45-3-15		
DEGEORGE, LOUIS V. JD 6MAR45	PFC	PLEASANTVILLE, NJ					
DEIBERT, RAYMOND S.	PFC	KLINGERSTOWN, PA					
DESROCHER, ALBERT E. JR	PFC	PHILADELPHIA, PA					
EDWARDS, CLYDE RTD 24MAY45	PFC	CLINCHED, VA	WIA INIA	45-03-20 45-05-23	45-3-15		
EMBICK, WILLIAM H.	PFC	NEW CUMBERLAND, PA	WIA	44-10-08			

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			TYPE	DATE			
ESLER, EDWARD L.	PFC	RARITAN, NJ					
FENNER, GERALD E.	PFC	CARTHAGE, MO	KIA	45-01-04		45-01-04	
FLANNAGAN, THOMAS JD 1JUL44, RET US 16MAY45	PFC	HERKIMER, NY			44-11-21		
FREEMAN, LAWRENCE F.	PFC	SARATOGA, NY					
FULLFORD, ELLISON G.	PFC	MELROSE, MASS					
GOMULSKI, GEORGE L.	PFC	FAIRFIELD, CONN					
HANNEGAN, RICHARD L.	PFC	ST. PAUL, MINN					
HARRINGTON, EARL R.	PFC	ST. PAUL, MINN					
HOLLISTER, FRED G. JD 23SEP44	PFC	HORNELL NY	WIA	45-02-23	44-11-21		
IRISH, JOHN E.	PFC	LOUISVILLE, KY					
JACKSON, HAROLD A.	PFC	NORMAN, OK			JUL44-APR45		X
JONES, TROY P. JD 30NOV44, RET US 28MAY45	PFC	HOMERVILLE, GA					
KYMAN, PAUL N.	PFC	CLEVELAND, OH			44-12-15		
LARSON, DONALD L.	PFC	BATTLE LAKE, MINN			44-11-23		
MARTIN, DONALD D.	PFC	ANDERSON, MO			JUL44-APR45		X
MCCLEAN, ARTHUR E. JD 18OCT44	PFC	NEW YORK, NY			45-12-15		
MCKENNA, HOWARD J. JD 15FEB45	PFC	HOLYOKE, MASS					
MIKURAK, JOHN JD 7SEP44, TRF CO. D 13DEC44	PFC	ASHLAND, PA					
MITCHELL, ANGELO	PFC	KANSAS CITY, MO					

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			TYPE	DATE			
MORELAND, PAUL C.	PFC	COLUMBUS, OH					
NOAK, HAROLD V.	PFC	GAYLORD, MINN	WIA	44-09-11			
OLGUIN, DENNIS	PFC	BELEN, NM					
OSBORNE, BILL E. RMC 25MAR45	PFC	LENADAH, OK	MIA	44-09-13			
PERLMAN, MELVIN M. RTD 13FEB45, TRF HQ 9TH USARMY 27MAY45	PFC	BROOKLYN, NY	INJ	45-02-12			
PERRY, HARRY D. RTD 23JUL44, RTD 23MAR45	PFC	ST. LOUIS, MO	WIA	44-07-17			
			WIA	44-09-11			
REKO, RUSSELL W.	PFC	BLUE EARTH, MINN	WIA	44-07-20	44-11-23		
RIEF, DALE M.	PFC	CHASKA, MINN					
RUBENSTEIN, MORRIS	PFC	PHILADELPHIA, PA					
RUSO, STEPHEN H.	PFC	KENOSHA, WIS					
SHANNON, JOHN J.	PFC	WAVERLY, TENN					
SIEGRIST, ALVIN E.	PFC	WILLOW SPRINGS, MO					
SLINDE, STEPHEN D.	PFC	EVERETT, WASH					
SPIVEY, SHERMAN D. JR	PFC	CANTON, OH	WIA	44-07-13	JUL44-APR45		X
STACH, BALZAR M.	PFC	MINOT, ND	WIA	45-03-18	45-4-21		
STANLEY, EVERETT K.	PFC	WICHITA, KS	WIA	44-09-11			
STANSBURY, JOHN D.	PFC	BLOOMINGTON, IND	WIA	44-08-18	45-2-25		
			WIA	44-10-08			
WHITE, CLARENCE S.	PFC	OWENSVILLE, MO			44-12-15		
WIENJES, PETER J.	PFC	PERHAM, MINN					
WILSON, ROY C.	PFC	KANSAS CITY, MO			44-11-22	44-11-23	

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			TYPE	DATE			
BAUER, EDWARD L. JD 13DEC44	PVT	ST. CLAIR, PA					
BEAUCHAINE, LOUIS N. JD 23SEP44	PVT	WESTWORWICH, RI	KIA	45-01-04		45-01-04	
BENEVENTO, JACK P.	PVT	NEW HAVEN, CONN	KIA	44-09-11			
BRATTER, IRVING	PVT	PORTSMOUTH, NH	WIA	44-11-22			
CONDRA, FLOYD L. TRF CO. D 26FEB45	PVT	MINNEAPOLIS, MINN					
CREEKMORE, EUGENE A.	PVT	TULARE, CA	WIA KIA	44-07-14 44-07-17			
CZERNEWSKI, RICHARD J. TRF 137 INF 1JUL44	PVT	CHICAGO, IL					
FRACE, STOTEN W. TRF CO. D 11FEB45	PVT	WEST NANTICOKE, PA					
HACKMEIER, RALPH F.	PVT	WAYNE, NE	KIA	44-09-11			
HIRSCHFELD, JULIUS L. AWOL 7NOV44 RET 8NOV44, TRF CO. D 26FEB45	PVT	SEACLIFF, NY					
MCCHESENEY, ROBERT L. TRF 4TH S.S. 30NOV44	PVT	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK					
SORENSEN, NEWELL R.	PVT	PITTSBURG, PA					
WEBER, JOHN A.	PVT	WHITE PLAINS, NY					

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BANDI, ROBERT T. TRF 60ENG. BN. 30AUG44	CAPT MC	WHEELING, WV					
HORNBERGER, EVANS Z. JR TRF CO. A 1SEP44	CAPT MC	OMAHA, NE	WIA	45-03-07	45-6-14		
KAPSTEIN, JOHN A. TD 320INF 30JUL44, RTD 8SEP44	CAPT MC	SAN FRANCISCO, CA			JUL44-SEP44		

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NAME	HIGHEST RANK	HOMETOWN	CASUALTY		BRONZE STAR	SILVER STAR	C M
			TYPE	DATE			
PISANELLI, VICTOR J. JD 12MAR45	CAPT MC						
COOK, DUDLEY P.	1LT MAC	LA SALLE, IL			JUL44-APR45		X
KOBETISCH, FRED F.	1LT MAC	LONG ISLAND, NY			JUL44-APR45		X
CREATHBAUM, RODNEY K. RTD 1SEP44, RET US 16MAY45	1ST SGT	LINCOLN, NE	WIA	44-07-15			X
BADURA, HUBERT J.	SSG	LOUP CITY, NE					X
BANKER, WALDO M.	SSG	OMAHA, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
DOCKMAN, NEWTON	SSG	MINNEAPOLIS, MINN					X
LEISER, WILLIAM J. JD 18FEB45	SSG	SCRANTON, PA					
PILLARD, RALPH C.	SSG	LINCOLN, NE					X
TROUT, ROBERT RTD 9JAN44	SSG	LINCOLN, NE	WIA	44-07-15	45-2-04		X
WEED, FRANCIS E.	SSG	ST. EDWARD, NE					X
CLARK, DOUGLAS C.	TEC3	COLUMBUS, NE					
MOORE, EDWARD R.	TEC3	FARGO, NODAK					
CATER, WAYNE M.	SGT	ST. CLOUD, MINN					X
CATROW, CHARLES E. JR	SGT	GOSHOCKTON, OHIO					X
CIRCO, YANO T.	SGT	OMAHA, NE					
COSGROVE, ADRIAN J.	SGT	AKRON, OH					X
HARDY, DONALD R.	SGT	FAIRBURY, NE					X
JANAK, RUDY	SGT	BRUNO, NE					X
KEELING, RAYMOND L. RTD 21NOV44	SGT	BRISTOL, OK	INJ	44-11-16			
			INJ	45-03-17			

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			TYPE	DATE			
MIMICK, HENRY J.	SGT	COLUMBUS, NE					X
BANGS, ARTHUR D.	TEC4	GROVE ORCHARD, ORE					X
BREWITZ, EWALD RTD 6FEB45	TEC4	ST. PAUL, MINN	WIA	45-02-05			X
ERNST, ALBERT H.	TEC4	COLUMBUS, NE					X
GOETZ, WILLIAM J. TRF CO. D 27JUN44	TEC4	KANSAS CITY, MO					X
STANTON, ADRIAN F.	TEC4	ELK CREEK, NE					X
DUBBERKE, GERALD O.	CPL	HUBBARD, IA					X
HUMPHREY, ROBERT G.	CPL	FERTILE, IA					X
RUDNICKI, THADDEUS J. JD 13OCT44	CPL	CHICAGO, IL					X
STELLMACH, ALPHONSE J.	CPL	RICE, MINN					X
BEANE, CARROLL T.	TEC5	ADEL, IA					X
EIDSNESS, HARRY O.	TEC5	CARTHAGE, SD					X
HARMSSEN, JAMES M.	TEC5	ROCK RAPIDS, IA					X
HAUSMAN, MELVIN P.	TEC5	TEMPLETON, IA					X
JAMES, HAROLD F.	TEC5	MEXICO, MO					X
JOHNSON, DAVID Q.	TEC5	EMERSON, IA					X
LIGON, LELAND L. RTD 17MAR45	TEC5	ST. LOUIS, MO	INJ	44-12-04			
MACHOVEC, GERALD J.	TEC5	FORT DODGE, IOWA					
MIDDLETON, JOHN J. TRF HQ DET 7SEP44	TEC5	CLARKSVILLE, MO					

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MILLER, EDWARD F. JD 18OCT44	TEC5	KINGSTON, NY					
MILLER, WILLIAM H.	TEC5	ST. LOUIS, MO					X
PETITTI, RICHARD J. JD 16DEC44	TEC5	CLEVELAND, OH					
RAMSEY, LESTER M.	TEC5	PAWNEE CITY, NE					X
RICHARDS, WILLIAM T.	TEC5	EDGEWOOD, IA					
VOLCKMAN, DAVID H.	TEC5	CLINTON, IA					X
WADE, FARRIS G.	TEC5	SEYMOUR, IA					X
WHITT, CHARLES L.	TEC5	ST. LOUIS, MO					
ADLER, GERALD G. TRF CO. D 9AUG44	PFC	OTTUMWA, IA					
ANAGNOST, JAMES P.	PFC	MINNEAPOLIS, MN					X
AUSTIN, CHARLES J.	PFC	FAIRMONT, WV					X
BAHL, JACK W.	PFC	SAN DIEGO, CA					X
BASIL, EUGENE L. JD 13DEC44	PFC	ARKANSAS CITY, KAN					
BECK, CHARLES R.	PFC	DES MOINES, IA					X
BENNER, HOWARD JR	PFC	PHILADELPHIA, PA	WIA	45-01-09			X
BOLDUC, WILLIAM J.	PFC	BOSTON, MASS					X
CORNELL, EDWARD	PFC	BROOK HAVEN, NY					X
CROCE, LEONARD R.	PFC	PROVIDENCE, RI					X
CROW, ARNOLD D.	PFC	WATERLOO, IA					
DAIGNAULT, ERNEST J. TRF CO. B 7OCT44	PFC	WORCHESTER, MASS					

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			TYPE	DATE			
DAVIS, FRANK A.	PFC	ORANCE, MASS					
DESMIDT, ROBERT L.	PFC	FORT DODGE, IA					X
DIPINTO, PATSY	PFC	WORCESTER, MASS					X
DYER, COY L.	PFC	RUSSELL, IA					X
FITZPATRICK, JAMES F.	PFC	NASHUA, NH					
FRANKLIN, LOUIS B.	PFC	ROME, GA					
FREDRICK, JOSEPH N.	PFC	WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ					X
FULTON, HAROLD G.	PFC	TAMPA, IA					
GARRETT, JOHN H. TRF CO. D 9AUG44, TRF CO. B 11FEB45	PFC	SYLVA, NC					
GOODWIN, ALVIN B.	PFC	BRISTOL, TENN			44-9-15		
HAGAMEN, CHARLES E.	PFC	CARROLL, IA					
HENTGES, MATHIAS C.	PFC	ALGONA, IA			45-2-4		X
JOHNSON, CHARLES G. JD 15FEB45	PFC	BIRMINGHAM, AL					
JOLLY, FAY O.	PFC	DES MOINES, IA			45-2-4		X
KING, JAMES T. JD 7SEP44	PFC	ANTIOCH, TN					
KISGEN, PAUL W.	PFC	TEMPLETON, IA					X
LUDWIG, EDWARD O.	PFC	OMAHA, NE					X
MAGILL, NORMAN F.	PFC	HENDRICKSON, MO					X
MANUSZAK, GEORGE J.	PFC	SOUTH BEND, IN					X
MCFARLAND, PHILIP A.	PFC	ZANESVILLE, OH			44-9-15		
MIDDLETON, DAREL E.	PFC	OMAHA, NE					X

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MOSLEY, WILLIAM P. JD 18OCT44	PFC	WATERLOO, IA					
MURREY, BERNARD J.	PFC	MINOT, NDAK	INJ	44-10-01			
OLANDER, WALLACE D.	PFC	WHITTIER, CA					X
OLIVER, ROBERT P.	PFC	DES MOINES, IA					
OLLOM, ROY, L. TRF CO. D 9AUG44, TRF CO. B 13DEC44	PFC	OTTUMWA, IA					
PADULA, ANGELO A. JD 7SEP44	PFC	WEST WARWICK, RI					
PARKINSON, VOYLE W.	PFC	OMAHA, NE					X
PFUFF, JOHN G. JR RTD 12AUG44	PFC	FROSTBERG, MO	IIA	44-08-11			
RAMSEY, EDWIN W. TRF HQ DET 28OCT44	PFC	RIDLEY PARK, PA					X
RUFF, ROGER G.	PFC	MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA					X
SANTI, ALBERT JD 15DEC44	PFC	BRIDGEPORT, CON					
SCHIRALDI, FRANK	PFC	BROOKLYN, NY					
SCHMIDT, RALPH H.	PFC	MONROE, NE					X
SERTTERH, THOMAS P.	PFC	OTTUMWA, IA	WIA	45-04-10			X
SIMPSON, ROBERT L.	PFC	COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA	WIA	45-01-09			X
SMITH, PERRY B.	PFC	DES MOINES, IA					X
STOEVEER, HERBERT E.	PFC	JANEVILLE, WISC					X
STOULIL, JUNIOR E.	PFC	GILMORE CITY, IA					X
TINSLEY, ROBERT L.	PFC	OTTUMWA, IA					X

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TRAMAN, EDWARD C. TRF CO. D 9AUG44	PFC	BALTIMORE, MD					
WHITE, PAUL R. JD 17FEB45	PFC	CANTON, OH					
WHITTEN, CHARLES E. JR	PFC	ALTON, MO					X
WIEDEMER, ELWOOD M.	PFC	PHOENIXVILLE, PA					X
WILKINSON, ROBERT H. TRF HQ 30MAR45	PFC	HUMBOLT, IA					X
WILSON, HAROLD L.	PFC	MANCHESTER, IA	WIA	44-10-07	44-11-8		X
WOMOCHIL, LEONARD E.	PFC	WALFORD, IA	WNIA	45-04-25	45-2-4		X
WOODWARD, WILLIAM W.	PFC	BATTLE CREEK, MICH					
BARKER, CLARENCE JR	PVT	PONTIAC, MICH					
DOMAGALSKI, IRVIN J.	PVT	ST. PAUL, MINN					
GIORDANO, GENE S. JD 16DEC44	PVT	BROOKLYN, NY					
IRVIN, HOWARD L.	PVT	EVERETT, WA					
MARGENTAN, FRANK TRF 60ENG 22OCT44	PVT	JOHNSTON, PA					
OWSLEY, DEWEY H. JD 16FEB45, RTD 31MAY45	PVT	NEW ORLEANS, LA	WNIA	45-04-06			

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FAVUS, IRVING TRF 228 GEN HOSP 22MAR45	MAJ MC	PEORIA, IL			JUL44-JAN45		
ECKLEY, ROBERT JD 28MAR45	CAPT MC	CRESSON, PA					
HAVEL, THOMAS E. JD 23JUN44	CAPT MC	BLUE EARTH, MINN			JUL44-APR45		

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			TYPE	DATE			
HOLLISTER, JOHN F. TRF 134 INF 15AUG44	CAPT MC	SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA					
HUTCHINSON, RUSSELL F. TRF 134 INF 15AUG44, JD 17AUG44 ASG CO. B	CAPT MC	VANCOUVER, WASH					
LARSELL, JOHN F. TRF 320 INF 23JUN44	CAPT MC						
LEA, JOSEPH H. TRF HQ 35 INF DIV MED INSP 16MAY45	CAPT MC	NORFOLK, VA			45-1-15		
MANLEY, JOSEPH W. JD 23JUN44	CAPT MC						
PEABODY, STEPHEN D. TRF CO. A 10OCT44	CAPT MC	NEWBURYPORT, MASS				OCT44-APR45	
PYRTEK, LUDWIG J. TRF CO. A 7MAR45	CAPT MC	HARTFORD, CONN				JUL44-APR45	
RALPH JAMES R. JD 16MAR45	CAPT MC	ST. PAUL, MINN					
ROBINSON, DAVID JD 8APR45	CAPT MC						
RODABOUGH, GALON S. JD 10JAN45	CAPT MC	BASIL, OH					
SHEPARD, JOSEPH H. JD 27JUN44, RTD 18APR45	CAPT MC	COLUMBUS, OH	WIA	44-07-11	44-9-11		
STRICKLAND, WILLIAM B. JD 30MAR45, TRF CO. B 7APR45	CAPT MC	TERRE HAUTE, IND					
WOODCOME, HAROLD A. TF134 22JUN44, JD28JUL44, TF B 9-44, A 3-45	CAPT MC	BOSTON, MASS				JUL44-APR45	
DYRUD, KARL B. TRF 10 GROUND REFORC. DEPOT	CAPT DC	EUGENE, ORE					
KAPLAN, ROBERT I.	CAPT DC	CAMDEN, NJ				JUL44-APR45	

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			TYPE	DATE			
SEBERG, JOHN L. JD6APR45	CAPT DC						
FOSTER, HOLLIS J. JR JD 31MAR45, TRF 137 8APR45	1LT MC						
GUTELIUS, STANLEY K. TRF 127 FA 23JUN44	1LT MC						
HOLMES, ROBERT O. TRF 161 FA 23JUN44	1LT MC						
JENKS, PAUL C. JD 31OCT44, TRF 320 INF	1LT MC	BURLINGTON, VT					
ROMSIEWICZ, DONALD W.	1LT MAC	AMSTERDAM, NY					
VOGELGESANG, LEWIS B. TRF 625 CLR CO 9TH ARMY	2LT MAC	LINCOLN, NE					
CULVER, NORMAN D.	1ST SGT	LINCOLN, NE			JUL44-APR45		
GALE, HAROLD C. JD 12FEB45	SSG	LOS ANGELES, CA					
MAHAFFEY, HAROLD C.	SSG	LINCOLN, NE					
MCGREER, HAROLD L.	SSG	BIG SPRINGS, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
ROACH, ROBERT D.	SSG	PHILADELPHIA, PA			45-6-14		
WABS, LEO L.	SSG	O'NEIL, NE					
KENNEDY, EVERETT W.	TEC3	KEARNEY, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
NIEMAN, CARL J.	TEC3	OMAHA, NE					
STEPHAN, ERVIN F.	TEC3	OMAHA, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
ERICKSON, ELTON H.	SGT	LINCOLN, NE					X
FRICKEL, ALEXANDER	SGT	LINCOLN, NE					
HLAVAC, EDWARD J.	SGT	BRUNO, NE					

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LIPP, EARL W. JR RTD 11FEB45	SGT	CHICAGO, IL	INJ	45-02-07			
ROBERTS, DENSEL M. RMC 25MAR45	SGT	HAWARDEN, IA	MIA	44-09-13			
ZIMBLER, BENJAMIN	SGT	CHICAGO, IL					X
ZITTERKOPF, JAKE	SGT	MITCHELL, NE					X
DE LISA, LAWRENCE RTD 20NOV44	TEC4	SCHECNECTDY, NY	INJ	44-10-24			
GLENN, OAK W.	TEC4	HENRY, NE					X
GRAZIANO, CHARLES D.	TEC4	DES MOINES, IA			JUL44-APR45		X
HOFFSTETTER, EDWARD J.	TEC4	CLEVELAND, OH			JUL44-APR45		X
HOWELL, KENNETH	TEC4	MORRILL, NE			JUL44-APR45		X
JASIAK, JOHN L. RTD 6OCT44	TEC4	OMAHA, NE	INJ	44-09-15			
JOHNSON, ROBERT S.	TEC4	WICHITA, KS					
JUREK, WALTER	TEC4	MINNEAPOLIS, MINN					
MACKEY, LEONARD H.	TEC4	PROCTOR, CO					
MESSMAN, ELMER E.	TEC4	LINCOLN, NE					X
NOBLE, JOSEPH T.	TEC4	OMAHA, NE					
PALMER, EULAMOS	TEC4	PELHAM, GA					
SCOTT, CHESTER W. RET US 16MAY45	TEC4	LOS ANGELES, CA					
WOODARD, JOHN H. TRF COD.C 27JUN44	TEC4	HOUSTON, TX					X
CRAFT, ROBERT B.	CPL	NORFOLK, NE					X

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			TYPE	DATE			
DUNSHEE, ROBERT E. RTD 22MAY45	CPL	STANBERRY, MO	INJ	45-05-19			X
WORTH, ELMER G.	CPL	OMAHA, NE					X
BACON, ORVILLE W.	TEC5	PAWNEE, NE					
BROWNING, WILLIAM J.	TEC5	EVANSVILLE, IND					X
CATEHIS, ANGELOS	TEC5	NEW YORK, NY	INJ	45-03-13			
CROWDER, GLENN D. TRF CO. A 9AUG44	TEC5	LINCOLN, CA					
FOERSTE, VERNON V.	TEC5	LINCOLN, NE					
HOFFMAN, JACOB	TEC5	LINCOLN, NE					
JORDON, HENRY P.	TEC5	HARRISON, NE					
KLUZA, FRANK E.	TEC5	OMAHA, NE					
KNAGGS, WILLIAM D.	TEC5	KEARNEY, NE					
KOSIK, FRANCIS J.	TEC5	OMAHA, NE					
MCDANIEL, RUSSEL G.	TEC5	LANSING, MICH					
MCPHIE, JOHN A.	TEC5	LORRAINE, OH					X
MILHOUSE, EDWARD E. TRF CO. A 9AUG44, RTD 17MAR45	TEC5	CHICAGO, IL	WIA	44-12-09	44-12-9		
MOORE, WALTER A.	TEC5	AVA, CO					
OLSEN, ORVAL A.	TEC5	OMAHA, NE					
PORTER, IVIL L. JR	TEC5	LOS ANGELES, CA					
PRINCE, WILBURN E.	TEC5	MCLEANSORO, IL					X
RESSLER, WILLIAM MARRIED NANCY, FR 15MAR45	TEC5	ALLENTOWN, PA					X

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REYNOLDS, HARRY M.	TEC5	NEW STRAITSVILLE, OH					
SHIPLEY, CHARLES H.	TEC5	NEW LEXINGTON, OH					X
SZALAI, LOUIS	TEC5	AKRON, OH					
BALKMAN, JOSEPH O.	PFC	RUSSELLVILLE, ARK					
BARENBAUM, BERNARD	PFC	BRONX, NY					X
BARKER, HUGHSEY L.	PFC	AUGUSTA, GA					
BRINGHURST, JOSEPH L. TRF CO. C 7SEP44	PFC	HADDONFIELD, NJ					
CASE, FLOYD R. TD HQ9THUSARMY 25APR45, RTD 10MAY45	PFC	HARRISBURG, NE					
CASTO, THOMAS K. TRF CO. A 9AUG44	PFC	COUER D'ALENE, IDA					
COLLINS, CHARLES H.	PFC	OLD HICKORY, TN					
COOK, WILLIAM N. TRF CO. A 9AUG44	PFC	LONACONING, MD	WIA	44-07-28			
			KNIA	45-03-08			
DESCHENES, ERNEST G.	PFC	PAWTUCKETT, RI					
DIXON, JAMES J.	PFC	DETROIT, MICH					
FICI, LEONARD G.	PFC	BOSTON, MASS					
FLETCHER, FORREST R.	PFC	KANSAS CITY, MO					
HAUVER, CLYDE L.	PFC	FREDERICK, MARY					
INGRAM, FRED W.	PFC	GRANTS PASS, OR					
JOHNSON, ARCHIE B. TRF CO. A 9AUG44	PFC	LINCOLN, NE					
JOHNSON, ELMER	PFC	DEARBORN, MICH					

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KWIATKOWSKI, CASIMIR F. FURL 30DA US 15MAR45	PFC	CHICAGO, IL					
LEETH, BENJAMIN C. TRF CO. B 7SEP44, RET US 16MAY45	PFC	SPRINGFIELD, OH	WIA	45-03-08			
LILLARD, WILLIAM C. TRF XVI CORPS 19FEB45	PFC	SAN FRANCISCO, CA					
LONE DOG, FRANCIS A.	PFC	PINE RIDGE, SD					
LOWE, CECIL T.	PFC	BLUE SPRINGS, MO					X
MALLADY, MERLIN T.	PFC	ST. LOUIS, MO					
MCLEOD, NORMAN JD3APR45, DS HQ9TH USARMY 28APR45	PFC						
MERCHANT, RALPH E.	PFC	MERCERBURG, PENN					X
NAVARRETE, YNES H.	PFC	COCORAN, CA					
NELSON, GEORGE E. RTD 28APR45	PFC	CHICAGO, IL	INIA	45-04-19			
NICHOLS, UTAH C.	PFC	DELANO, CA					
NYHOFF, GERALD E.	PFC	LINCOLN, NE					
OLSON, DAVID E. JD 7AUG44, TRF HQ CO 11APR45	PFC	BROOKLYN, NY					
PENNINGTON, CLARENCE L.	PFC	SANGER, CA					
PETERSEN, STANLEY E. TRF CO. A 9AUG44	PFC	COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA					
RAMIREZ, EDWARD M.	PFC	HOUSTON, TX					X
ROGERS, ONIE E.	PFC	ROCK ISLAND, IL					
ROOT, CHARLES O.	PFC	PALMYRA, NE					
SCHRIEBER, HERMAN J.	PFC	LAUREL, NE					

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SEAL, GEORGE	PFC	SANTA CRUZ, CA					
SENN, JOHN H.	PFC	MOBERLY, MO					
SIMS, WALTER N.	PFC	TOULMINVILLE, ALA					
SMITH, ELI J. JD 24APR45	PFC						
SNURR, ELTON E.	PFC	BARBERTON, OH					
SPENCER, JAMES W.	PFC	CAMBRIDGE, OH					
STAHR, EARL RTD 10MAR45	PFC	VINTON, IA	INJ	45-01-24			
STRYKER, COLLIDGE W. RTD 9FEB45	PFC	SOMERVILLE NJ	INIA	45-04-19			
SZCZEPANOWSKI, JOSEPH J. RTD 21APR45	PFC	OMAHA, NE	INIA	45-04-21			
WATKINS, JUNIOR G.	PFC	WICHITA, KS					
WATSON, LORENZO W.	PFC	WYMORE, NE					
WENTKER, CARL B.	PFC	LAKE CHARLES, MO	INJ	44-12-28			
WHITTLESEY, JAMES E.	PFC	CALDWELL, NJ					
WILKINSON, IVAN C.	PFC	NORTH EAST, PA					
YARNELL, THELBERN A.	PFC	WESTERVILLE, OH					
YNIGO, MANUEL V. TRF CO. A 7SEP44	PFC	GUALALUPE, AZ					
DAVIS, GEORGE M. JD 30OCT44	PVT	FORT WORTH, TX					
KOLLER, ALFRED P. TRF 633 AAA BN	PVT	WAUWTOSA, WIS					

SOME STORIES

My dad did not talk about the war much, but every now and then he would tell a story about something that had happened. I have written them as I remember them and do not guarantee their accuracy. It has been more than forty years since I heard most of them, and although he was much more inclined to understatement than overstatement, I have to recognize that he may have embellished them a bit too.

NOT SALUTING

This first story was not told to me by my dad. I believe I heard it from my uncle, Richard Burgess, who was in the unit when called up in 1941.

It is not all that unusual for a commanding officer to put a lot of faith in advice and counsel from the top sergeant, but that didn't make some of the junior officers feel any better when they thought they weren't getting their full measure of respect from the commanding officer.

"At one point the unit got a new commanding officer. When he arrived all the officers were out on the sidewalk to welcome him, and when he stepped out of the car they all snapped to attention and saluted. Ferd was nearby, leaning against a tree and having a smoke."

"The new commanding officer saw him and marched straight toward him. You could see the anticipation in some of the officers' expressions: 'Here's where Brodfuehrer finally gets put in his place.' But the new commanding officer marched right up to him and said, 'Dammit Ferd, haven't you ever saluted anyone?' And they went into the office to have a cup of coffee, leaving some of the officers with their chins on the sidewalk."

LOOK AT THAT, WENT CLEAN THROUGH

"When the division was staging to go overseas we were busy giving shots to the troops. To have a little fun and break the routine, some of the boys had come up with a couple of real big veterinary hypodermics and some broken needles."

"Whenever they spotted a soldier that looked a little queasy, they would make sure he saw a big vet hypo and tell him: 'Now this ain't gonna hurt, much!' Some of them passed out right then, but if they got past that, the boys would get the guy's arm back where he couldn't see what was going on. Then they would show the poor sucker a broken hypo while saying something like, 'Hey be careful, you went clean through his arm again. And now it's busted off. How he hell are we gonna get that out?' Then they would tell the soldier, if he was still conscious, not to worry. The broken part would work itself out in a couple of months."

MUST BE GONNA RAIN

"We had just finished setting up HQ in a building, and me and a couple of the boys were out front on a gravel driveway having a smoke. There was a little gun fire in the distance from the infantry cleaning out the other end of the town, and we were watching a little German reconnaissance plane circling over the town. One of the boys noticed the gravel jumping at the end of the driveway, and said 'Must be gonna rain.' About that time the gravel jumped a little closer, and then we heard 'brrrrup' on the side of the building just behind us. We figured out pretty quick that the guy in the plane was shooting at us and got the hell out of there!"

THE SIGNAL SERGEANT AND THE SNIPER

"Our signal sergeant, a real big, heavysset fellow, was running a field telephone line up to the front where the collecting companies were working. The line was on a reel mounted on the back of a jeep. He would just drive along and the line would reel out."

"When he got to where he could hear small arms fire, he decided he was too big a target so he took the reel down and began crawling in a shallow ditch alongside the road laying the line by hand. Now this ditch wasn't near as deep as he was big, especially when trying to drag the reel of phone line."

"He had gone a few yards when he heard a shot, and the bullet hit 'thump' in the side of the ditch about a foot in front of him. Well, he tried to get himself as low in the ditch as he could and started crawling again. He had gone just a little bit when 'thump' again just in front of his head. This happened half a dozen times: crawl a few feet, 'thump,' crawl a few feet, 'thump,' and so on. Then he heard someone laughing. When he finally got enough nerve to lift his head and look around, he saw a Kraut sniper up in a tree just a little ways ahead of him. He got up and ran as fast as he could back to the jeep, which wasn't all that fast. That just made the Kraut laugh harder. He never took another shot at him."

LOOKED LIKE AN ANTHILL

"We were a ways behind the lines so had bivouacked on a ridge. Just below us in a valley a transportation company had taken charge of a bunch of captured Kraut tanks and were taking a rest all around and under them. It was dusk and we had just built a fire and were fixing coffee when three American fighter-bombers came over heading for the front."

"When one of the planes came back over the next ridge real low we knew we were in trouble, because the transportation boys hadn't put out the colored placards to identify the tanks as captured equipment. The first plane dropped a bomb on the tanks and popped off a few rounds at us as he went by. Well, it looked down around those tanks

like someone had kicked an anthill. Those guys were coming out from under those tanks, running around all over the place, throwing placards every which way, and shooting off all the flares they could lay their hands on. The second plane came over the ridge, but didn't attack. The third came over, wagged his wings at us, and went on about his business. And we decided maybe the top of a ridge wasn't the best place to set up housekeeping."

HONK THE HORN AND GO

"The infantry was fighting in a forest against a German regular army outfit, not the SS fanatics. Our boys had tried to mount an attack across a clearing but had been beaten back, leaving quite a few wounded exposed in the clearing."

"Our collecting company was trying to figure out how to get them out, but the Krauts had the clearing covered. A couple of our boys said they thought maybe they could drive an ambulance into the clearing, and by keeping it between the Krauts and the wounded for cover, get the guys out a couple at a time. They got the go ahead to try it."

"They pulled the ambulance up just out of sight, had a couple of shots of 'liberated' cognac to steady their nerves, put the ambulance in low, floorboarded it and charged into the clearing. Well, the Kraut commander could be heard to order a cease fire. Our boys picked up an ambulance full and took off. From then on they would nose the ambulance into the clearing and honk the horn. The Kraut commander would order cease fire, and our boys would fill the ambulance. They were able to get all the wounded from the clearing."

THEY CAN'T HIT US

"Another time with exposed wounded we weren't so lucky as to be facing an outfit that honored the medics' crosses."

"Every time the collecting company boys would stick their heads up they would get shot at, and they finally decided it wasn't any use to keep sticking their heads up for target practice. But a young lieutenant decided different. To instill the proper attitude in his men he stood straight up and yelled, 'Come on men, they can't hit us!' Well, all hell broke loose, and the lieutenant was blown right back to where he started. Fortunately, he wasn't seriously wounded, but he took a couple. I'm sure the lieutenant didn't see much humor in the situation, but later the boys got quite a chuckle out of it."

POPCORN

"At one point we were in Luxembourg for quite a while, and an old woman there sort of adopted us. Several times she invited us to eat with her, and it was a nice break from the routine."

"One of the boys got some popcorn from home and he took it to share with her. She had never heard of popcorn, so the boys showed her how to oil and shake the pan to make it pop right and left her to fix it."

"All of a sudden we heard pans crashing and a lot of yelling from the kitchen. When we rushed in we discovered the boys had forgotten to tell her to put a lid on the pot. Popcorn was all over the place. She would have nothing to do with popcorn from then on."

POTBELLY STOVE

"I had a 3/4 ton truck for the headquarters. Early on we 'liberated' a small potbelly stove and mounted it in the back of the truck. That way we could have hot coffee and food when the mess section wasn't set up."

"A couple of the boys figured out that if they went out on a dark night wearing MP brassards they could stop a supply convoy 'looking for escaped prisoners.' When looking through the trucks sometimes a ham or side of beef would accidentally fall out alongside the road."

"Some of the officers figured out that we often had food that couldn't be found in their field rations, and they would join us for supper. They were careful not to ask us how we managed to make canned stew look and taste just like a steak."

HABEN SIE EIN BLEISTIFF?

"After the German surrender, and just before I came back to the States, we had some German girls working in the headquarters. Most of them spoke little or no English."

"One day one of them was going up to everyone saying, 'Haben sie ein bleistiff?' All the boys she went up to just shrugged their shoulders, so she would go to the next. Finally I said 'For crying out loud, give her a pencil!' At that, one of our officers said, 'You damn faker, I had a hunch all along you could speak German!'"

"I didn't remember much German from my childhood, but if anyone even thought you spoke it they were always getting you up in the middle of the night to interrogate some prisoner. I knew just enough to get hauled out in the middle of the night, but not enough to do anybody any good, so I let them wake up somebody else."

DOCTORS

Although I don't recall any specific stories, my dad often mentioned the marvelous work done by doctors like Everett Brillhart under impossible conditions. He said "Those GPs did things in a tent to save boys' lives that civilian specialists wouldn't have tried in a hospital."

LETTERS HOME

The Daily Telegram newspaper of Columbus, Nebraska asked my mother on two occasions to allow them to print letters from my father. They are included here as they appeared in the newspaper.

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Brodfuehrer Glad 'We Are Ones Who Have the Planes'

(Sgt. F. G. Brodfuehrer, in letters to his wife, the former Lucile Burgess and their son, Dick, tells of life in the army in England and France. Of the following compiled notes, the first was from England, the rest from the continent.)

June 6, 1944
England

Dearest:

It has been cool and rainy here, regular English climate. Everything looks nice, green and growing. Moss over all the buildings. The buildings are all old and mostly built of rock and cement. They are all large in area; they don't build up in the air here and two or three stories is the limit. Streets are narrow and with the driving on the wrong side. I don't like it.

Good Coffee

I don't remember if I have said anything about it but the Red Cross is the main thing over here that I have found so far; from the time we landed they have been right on hand with coffee, doughnuts and cigarettes, all free. In most of the towns and cities they have doughnut huts with coffee and doughnuts or soft drinks that they sell for a small charge. In one of the packs of free smokes I received, the donor was the American Legion of Schuyler. Made me feel close to home.

July 15, 1944
France

If I let you think England has suffered from the war I can't possibly tell you how this country has suffered and is still under the brunt of the destruction. We are working hard but for a good cause and the spirits of our boys are still very high.

I had just mastered the English customs and money when we were sent here and I know that I never will be able to get any place with this

French. I have a fist full of money but it doesn't mean a thing and I don't even know how much I have.

All Hedges

This country is about like England in that all fields are bordered with a hedge row of brush and trees. This looks very nice but is no good for fighting; each field is almost an individual battle field.

We have a place to make coffee and we do make it every day. Have been able to get the stuff so far but packages don't come through very well as yet, due I think to the lack of space in the boats. There are so many things that must come first,

July 19, 1944
France

We have been in action and it is not the most pleasant undertaking in the world. I have seen some things I do not care to see again and I have seen other things that were funny. Our first time under fire was quite a thrill and some of us tried to get under the dirt the fastest way. The first time was at night and after an 11 mile march we were sleepy and went to sleep. We were awakened by AA guns; some of us tried to put a shoe on our head and a helmet on a foot at the same time trying to find a hole in the ground that was not there.

Hunt Holes

I have been living in a fox hole so long I am beginning to feel like a snake. This would be heaven for the youngsters who don't like to wash and keep clean as it is very easy to get and stay dirty although we are not as bad off as some of the outfits. We do get plenty of water and also have made arrangements for showers every once in a while.

Have seen quite a few Germans, both in prison camps and coming through the station and they

look just as hurt as our own men and about twice as scared. Most of them are very young and have had quite a bit of service in the army.

Meets Drinnin

Was surprised today when a soldier came up and started talking and when I looked up, I saw George Drinnin of Columbus who used to be in Company A at Robinson as motor corporal and was released and out of service about a year and then recalled. He is with another medical unit over here. Also had a letter from George Borchers wanting me to visit him at a place in London which I won't be able to do for quite some time.

July 23, 1944

France

Another Sunday and it's still cloudy and looks like rain again. In my last letter I think I said we were lucky that it had not rained much, but since then I have changed my mind. I have also had a good lesson on the proper location of fox holes. The other morning we woke up and Bagley stretched out and found his feet in about a foot of water. It was a fine spot down in a deep ditch but no good when it rains. We have now located on high ground and dug in again.

Regrets

I believe that if we could understand the people here we would like this country much better than England but it's hard to get anything done when all you have to go by is sign language. We have one boy in the clearing company who talks French and each time someone comes around we have to send for him. He, of course, is sitting on top - gets his laundry done and so forth.

Too bad they made a mess of getting Hitler the other day. If something should happen to him it might end this war, and I don't know anyone here that would not like to see that happen right now.

Red Cross Again

I don't know of anything the Girl Scouts can do as a unit to help right now, but they can always put in a good word for the Red Cross. The last thing before we left New York was coffee and sinkers by the Red Cross; the first thing we had after landing in England was the same; and also before shoving off for here and it was just when we needed it. Another thing that is saving many

lives is plasma. If they should ask for more it is for a good cause and can't be overstressed.

The boys nearer the front are getting quite a few items of captured German equipment but they earn it; have to watch for booby traps, etc. They tell me that some of the boys will have to have a special ship to come home if they try to bring back everything they have picked up.

July 25, 1944

France

The rain has stopped at last and I did my laundry; sure am getting to be an expert at doing the weekly wash. Have to fold it just right when it's drying so it will have some kind of press.

Wooden Shoes

Wish I could get a pair of the French wooden overshoes for you; they are made out of straw, woven into the shape of a shoe and about 10 times as big as the shoe and look like a bale of hay on each foot. Then they wear wooden shoes a lot and they certainly look clumsy but they seem to get around all right. They are hard to do business with. They don't seem to want money, mainly I suppose because there is hardly any place to spend it and then they have been under the German pressure so long they just don't trust anybody very far as yet. They are better than when we first got here.

Sure am thankful that we have the air power over here; we see lots of our planes but very few of the enemy. They give two reasons for this: one, that Germany is about out of gasoline and the other, they are about out of planes. I hope they will soon be out of everything else and have to give up. Looks from here as though the war is doing all right for our side, both here and in the Pacific.

Aug. 1, 1944

France

A new month and a nice sunny day so far. The last few days have been hot although it never seems to get completely clear. Always a kind of haze or fog hanging overhead, caused likely by the shell fire.

True Yarn

There is a true story that happened on this battle front several days back. One of the boys from an

infantry regiment was hit by shell fire directly over the heart in addition to several minor wounds in the arm and leg but in his shirt pocket he had a Bible with a metal cover and the bullet went through the outside cover, through the Bible and just stuck out the back cover. There is no doubt it saved his life. I saw the Bible and the man when he went through our station. He had just received the Bible a day or two before from his wife.

To give you an idea how the boys are going for souvenirs, one of the boys in the clearing company found a German Swastika flag and has had an offer of \$40 for it so far and he won't sell.

No Pay

Hope the package for Dick gets through in good shape. He can hang the things about his room or play with it but I think he will enjoy looking at it anyway. The smaller knife was taken from a German. (Editor's note: The package got through.)

This is payday but I don't think we will get paid today, maybe tomorrow. No one has any use for money anyway. We receive a carton of cigarettes every eight days and also what toilet articles we need and usually a package of gum and eight to 10 small candy bars, all free of charge.

For the first time we have a field hospital set up with us and they have nurses. They are about the hardest working girls you will see anywhere.

One Scratched

There are a lot of bright spots during the day. Between 11 and 12 every night there is a patrol of German planes come over and gives everyone a thrill. It's so regular we have called him "Bed Check Charley"; we think he uses the Red Cross markings on our hospital tents as landmarks and takes off from there. You should see how fast I can get in my fox hole and roll up like a ball. Only once has he bombed us and we think that was a mistake. It was a small bomb and blew the end out of a case of blankets. The funny thing was there were a lot of men near and only one was scratched.

You have probably read of the big plane raid over here with the 3,000 planes bombing the front lines. I never knew just what that many planes would look like. It was a steady roar for almost two hours, wave after wave, and the ground was

shaking all the time as each wave would drop its bombs. I never expect to see that kind of sight again. Prisoners were afterwards coming in with burst eardrums from the noise and I saw one that couldn't talk. Sure glad WE have the air power.

Well guess I'd better get this on the way and will try and write again tomorrow.

Love always,

FERD.

M-Sgt. Brodfuehrer Tells of Liberated Prisoners in Germany

(Editor's note: The following is a letter received recently by Mrs. Ferd Brodfuehrer from her husband, M/Sgt. F. G. Brodfuehrer, now somewhere in Germany.)

**Somewhere in Germany,
April 17, 1945**

Dearest:

Our mail has again slowed up, due to the fact there are more important things to haul — the things needed to get this war over — so no one here is doing any crabbing. Everyone is looking for that day.

This part of the war has shown us just what the true state is — not the starving people some would believe, as there were in France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and other smaller overrun countries —but not in the heart of Germany. The people have plenty and dress better, more likely, than the folks back home. There are some who have suffered, through loss of a loved one, but the worst we have seen are the prisoners of the camps liberated by our troops. Some of these, half starved, half clothed and mostly all just half alive men — French, British, Americans, Russians, Poles and many others, including the political prisoners of Germany — looking less like men than you can picture. These are the ones who had to suffer. The stories they told, the scars they showed, and the evidence we have seen are beyond the story phase. They should be forgotten except when the high court makes the final decision on what to do with the big shots of this country.

Getting Tired

Everyone is fine, but getting mighty tired and waiting to finish up and come home to try and live like civilized people again.

There is not much here to write about. This is a beautiful part of the country and right now

everything is starting to bloom, and good and green. Fields are being made ready and if it wasn't for knowing the war was just around the corner, one could almost think it was back home. There are a few differences, though. Yesterday I was looking at the top of a house and wondering why a man would want a big bird for a weather vane when the darn thing flapped its wings and flew off. Found out it was a stork and had a nest up there about as big as a bath tub. Some sight.

I passed through a city I would guess about the size of Lincoln, and I didn't see one building that hadn't been hit by bombs. Went through at night and maybe you don't get a chill looking at all the damage, just parts of buildings sticking up, and no noise, not a sound or person about, no lights —just a deserted city.

I'm not in the best mood for writing tonight, so I'll end this and write again a little later.

Love always,
FERD.

M/Sgt. Brodfuehrer, who is in the 110th medical battalion, enclosed the following item about Co. A, originally having been composed of Columbus men: "Leaving no doubts about which was the first unit of the 110th medical battalion to cross the Rhine, Co. A made the crossing 36 hours after the bridgehead was established. Led by Capt. Stephen D. Peabody of Newburyport, Mass., Co. A was attached to CT Miltonberger. When it reached the city of Dinslacken, reliable sources told the medics that the only other medical installations in the vicinity were advance loading posts. In its first few hours of operation across the Rhine, the company evacuated casualties by amphibious ducks to the nearest station in Rheinberg, Germany."

INDUCTION

The Daily Telegram published a series of articles covering the Columbus, Nebraska National Guard company's preparations for induction into the Army for what was supposed to be a year of active duty training.

Local Guard Members to Leave Aug. 4

Sixty-Six From Columbus to Go to Training for Expected Three Weeks

Sixty-six Columbus men, including three commissioned officers and 63 enlisted men, will leave for Camp Ripley, Minn., in the wee hours of Sunday Morning, Aug. 4 to participate in a three-weeks' intensive field training and maneuvers.

All except two officers are members of company A of the 110th medical regiment of the Nebraska National guard, a unit of the 35th division.

Greatest speculation right now is whether or not the guard company will return home at the end of its three weeks' training period. Unofficial reports repeatedly bob up that the National guard will be kept in training for several months, but nothing from Washington has been received to substantiate the rumors.

Leave at 12:04 a.m.

Local guardsmen will put in a real travel day next Sunday, Captain R. C. Anderson, MC, company commander said today. The Company will assemble at the armory at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, and leave Columbus at four minutes past midnight.

Transportation will be provided by nine big trucks of company B of the 110th quartermaster regiment of Fremont. The company will travel to Montevideo, Minn., the first day, where it, together with several other Nebraska companies, will bivouac for the night.

Assembly point for company A is at Wahkon, Minn., on the shores of Mille Lacs, about 40 miles from Camp Ripley, from which point it will be moved to its permanent site. The entire trip is about 850 miles.

New Lieutenant

Company A will have a new first lieutenant. He is Dr. Gene Tiple of Howells, who has just been accepted for the guard commission. He replaces First Lieutenant H. S. Eklund, MC, of Osceola, second in command of the company for the past 18 months, who resigned his position two weeks ago. The two other Columbus commissioned officers going to Camp Ripley are Maj. J. North Evans, MC, of the 110th regiment staff, who is also medical inspector of the 35th division, responsible for sanitation for the division, and Capt. Carroll D. Evans, MC, state surgeon on Adjutant Guy N. Henninger's staff. Both are former local company commanders.

Company A was organized June 25, 1924 as the collecting company of the 110th medical regiment. Several years later the company was designated company C of the regiment, and about six months ago redesignated company A.

Company Duties

Captain Anderson said the functions of the company remain unchanged. They consist of collecting casualties and stragglers while on the march, and during maneuvers, to collect and give first aid treatment to casualties at their own station. Casualties are then turned over to ambulance units for transportation to the field hospital.

Brodfehrer, "Oldest" Man

When Company A leaves for its 1940 encampment, 1st Serg. Ferdinand Brodfehrer will again be the enlisted man in active charge of the company. To Sgt. Brodfehrer goes the distinction of being the "oldest" enlisted man in

the company from point of service, the only one still remaining of the "charter" company as organized in 1924.

Because former Staff Sgt. Blake Gladfelter, another "original" company member, dropped out in May, Herman Keefer is now the mess sergeant, stepping out of his long-standing post as first cook. Cyril Tworek goes to first cook, and Joe

Kobus becomes second cook, the job formerly held by Tworek.

Incidentally, Company A is allowed \$113 for rations, which is to last for two days, until the company draws rations at Camp Ripley. All of the first two days' rations will be purchased in Columbus, Captain Anderson said.

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Guards Here to Join Army December 23

Company A to Assemble at Auditorium for Induction

Company A, 110th medical regiment, Nebraska National Guard, will be inducted into regular army service Monday, Dec. 23, at Columbus, as preliminary to removal to Camp Robinson, Ark., for a year of intensive army training.

Capt. R. C. Anderson, MC, company commander, said today the 63 enlisted men and two commissioned officers, including himself and 1st Lieut. Gene Tepley of Howells, second in command, are to report at the National Guard armory (Columbus city auditorium) at 8 a.m. Monday, at which time they automatically become members of the regular U. S. Army and a roster of the personnel is to be sent to army corps area headquarters.

Maj. J. North Evans, MC (ranking National Guard officer in Columbus, former company commander, who is now in the 35th division surgeon's office, reports at the same hour for active duty, but has not received further orders.

Stay Here Week

Capt. Anderson said that, due to the necessity of physical examinations for the entire unit and many other details of organization, the company, as in the case of all other Nebraska guard units, will be located at its home station for a week or 10 days.

While definite entraining orders have not been

received, it is understood the Columbus company will leave for Camp Robinson a few days after Jan 1.

Stay at Home

During the time the company remains in Columbus, members who reside in the city will be permitted to sleep at home and meals will be taken at local restaurants, arrangements for feeding the company having already been made with several eat shops.

The members will report each morning at 7 a.m. and perform such duties as are assigned to 11:30, when the noon mess hour begins. They report again at 1:00 to go through three more hours of training until 4 p.m., when they will be released until the following morning

Meals Downtown

Although the men will not report until 7 a.m., they are instructed to take their morning meals downtown before that hour. Similarly, although they are off duty at 4 p.m., they also eat the evening meal downtown.

Anderson said about eight of the members are from out-of-town, and this group will sleep in the auditorium.

Evening Classes

While the majority of the company will be free

after 4 p.m. each day, non-commissioned officers and specialists will be required to report each evening from 7 to 8:30 for special school work.

The company commander said that the death of First Class Private John J. Wilcynski Sunday had reduced the membership to 61. Last night, at the regular weekly drill, Ira Summers, enrollee in the VCC camp in Bismark township, and Francis Pfeifer, Columbus, former guardsmen, were enlisted, bringing the guard company up to full peace time strength. Summers will be one of the company cooks.

Physical Examinations

One of the major jobs to be completed during the company's stay in Columbus will be physical examinations, which will be performed by First Lieutenants Lee Sandritter and Ingham of Norfolk

and E. T. Brillhart of Shelby. Ingham is a medical officer in the guard and goes into regular army Dec. 23. Sandritter and Brillhart are army reserve medical officers who are going into active service for not more than 10 days to perform a series of medical examinations.

The three physicians have assigned to them guard companies at Hartington, Norfolk and Columbus, and it is not known which day they will come to Columbus.

On Dec. 24 the company's peace time strength automatically increases to 66, which is the regular army's peace time strength. Guardsmen not in the pink of condition will be given honorable discharges and their places filled either with local recruits or filled in after the company gets to Camp Robinson.

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Guards Here to Become Part of Regular Army

Company Assembles Early at Armory; to Remain Here Until Jan. 2

by FRANCIS DISCHNER

Company A of the 110th medical regiment, Nebraska National Guard with home headquarters in Columbus, became a federal troop this morning, along with approximately 3,000 other citizen-soldiers of Nebraska.

It is the first time since the company was organized in Columbus June 25, 1925 that it has been called into active army duty, save for the regular summer encampments which the company has made regularly.

Officially, the company, when it became a federal troop this morning, became an integral unit of the "Army of the United States," and its commandship-in-chief passed from Gov. R. L. Cochran to President Roosevelt. Practically, the "bossing" of the unit passed from Adj. Gen. Guy

N. Henninger of Nebraska to Brig. Gen. George V. Strong, commander of the Seventh Corps area of the regular army.

All Report

Total of 64 men, including one commissioned officer (First Lieut. Gene L. Tepy, MC, physician from Howells, the company commander), and 63 enlisted men reported for duty this morning.

When 7 o'clock came there were 60 men belonging to the company reporting for the first assembly as a federal troop.

Two new privates who live in Lincoln and one from David City had not reported by mid-morning, but their appearance was expected later.

The Feed Bag

During the time the company is stationed at Columbus, which is presumed to be until Jan. 2,

the entire group of enlisted men will be fed at federal expense for all three daily meals.

First job for First Serg. Ferdinand G. Brodfuehrer this morning was to read the orders for mess during the stay in Columbus.

By previous arrangements, it was announced that 40 of the men would receive their three meals a day at Mamie's Tea Room, and 25 at the Galley Billiard parlors.

Daily Routine

Brodfuehrer said that the daily routine for the company during its local stay will go something like this:

Assembly at 6:30 a.m. at the armory. Roll call. March in formation to either of the two restaurants for breakfast at 7 a.m.

Dinner at 11:30 a.m., with no break in formation, except for such times as members are detailed for special duties throughout the day. A rest period is given after the noon meal. Formations continue until 4 p.m., with supper at 5 p.m.

After supper, the company is "done for the day." Members are placed on their honor and permitted to go home for the night.

The first sergeant said original plans called for a daily night school for all non-commissioned officers and specialists, but probably that section of the work would be dispensed with.

Seven Live at Armory

Technically, the entire company is quartered in the armory while here, but practically all sleep at their homes who are able to do so.

Brodfuehrer said apparently only seven men will sleep in the armory (city hall) while the company remains here.

They are: Serg. Ronald C. Munson, Fullerton, and Privates Harold J. Asche, Leigh; Robert E. Brinkman and Gavin C. Pemberton, Lincoln; Lawrence J. Friedlan, Platte Center; Harry L. Kucera, David City, and Ernest N. Loveless, Richland.

Lots of Work

I got some inkling of the vast amount of work in store for the company during its 10 day stay in Columbus this morning by making the rounds with various officers and noncommissioned officers.

In the first place, Uncle Sam has a huge pile of records which he requires of the men in his army.

During the 15 years of its existence, the local company was a National Guard unit, and all records, both of individual nature and company files, were kept according to National Guard regulations.

I saw a there a couple of score of familiar records which I had to keep for the same company in the late 20's, when I was a company clerk - and a lot more that were new to me.

The big job is to transfer all of these records to forms prescribed by the regular army, stacks of which were shipped here some time ago.

No End to Detail

An army company, when on active duty, is pretty much like a business firm, but with a much greater detail of accounting.

Here is an example of what is required, either in the changing over from the National Guard file, or as daily and routine accounting: company morning report, daily sick report, daily roster, monthly roster, report of survey, service records, basic strength return, enlistment records, individual equipment records, company equipment records, oaths of office, public vouchers for purchases and services, a raft of orders for the day, and fingerprint records for the army headquarters and the FBI.

The Office "Boss"

Charged with seeing that all this work is gotten out in schedule is Staff Sgt. Richard M. Burgess, who is the office generalissimo. Burgess' right bower is Private George C. Borchers, the company clerk.

To facilitate the office work necessary this week, three company members are acting as typists, and many others are caring for other details.

Physical Examinations

Thursday, Dec. 26, has been designated as physical examination day.

On that day an examining board comprised of First Lieut. E. G. Brillhart, MC, of Shelby and First Lieut. Lee Sandritter, MC, of Norfolk, members of the army's reserve officers corps, and First Lieut. Charles G. Ingham, MC, Norfolk, second in

command of Company B, 110th Medical Regiment of Norfolk, will examine every man in the company.

Company A officers said today they did not anticipate more than one or two rejections, if any, because of physical disability. Those rejected will be given honorable discharges, and their places filled from a small waiting list.

Strength Goes Up

Peacetime guard strength of Company A is 63 enlisted men. Tomorrow, the company assumes the regular army peacetime strength of 66 enlisted men.

Burgess said today there are five men waiting to enlist in the company. Three of these will be enlisted tomorrow to bring the company to army strength, and the other two will have a chance to enlist following next Thursday's examinations, providing there are some rejections.

After Thursday, the office force will have a wave of additional reports to fill out.

While the "pencil pushers" are busy in the office, there is a lot of activity on other fronts in the armory.

Under the direction of Major R. C. Anderson, MC, company commander up to last week, now in command of the first battalion of the regiment, who is remaining in Columbus this week advising his successor, First Lieut. Teply. Per First Sgt. Brodfuehrer and Staff Sgt. Bernard C. Wozny, the company is getting a lot of work done.

There are clothes to be checked over and repaired, equipment to be gone over and put in shape, scores of boxes to be packed. Everything has to be in place.

"Sandwiched" between the vast amount of detail, is the routine drilling and technical training of the company, which right now is falling to the lot of sergeants and corporals.

The Cook Gets Busy

No less busy an individual is Sergeant Cyril T. Tworek, who is the company's mess sergeant.

To Tworek goes the job of seeing that his fellow soldiers get plenty to eat. Of course, he isn't going to draw rations for the boys until they land in Camp Robinson, but he's getting ready for that

time.

This morning, a squad of "rear rank privates" were hard at work scrubbing and scouring pots and pans of all descriptions. You can comb your hair and shave by any of them when the muscle men get through with the polishing.

Next job for Tworek's men is a thorough cleaning of the field stove.

One Married Man

First Sgt. Brodfuehrer is the only married enlisted man in Company A. He is the only man remaining in the company who enlisted in the "charter class" back in June, 1924, going in as a private at that time. He was regularly promoted and became first sergeant July 1, 1929, when former First Sgt. Carroll M. Brown left the company.

Running Brodfuehrer a close second is Staff Sgt. Wozny, who enlisted as a private July 27, 1926, a year later.

Throughout its 15 years, the Columbus guard company regularly had several married men in its ranks.

When information was sent out some months ago that the company would be called into active service, all married men who wished to do so were privileged to take honorable discharges, with the exception of master sergeants, first sergeants and staff sergeants.

Since company A has no master sergeant, and both Staff Sgt. Burgess and Wozny are single, that left only Brodfuehrer of the married enlisted men who could not take a discharge.

First Lieut. Teply, who assumed command of the company when former Capt. Anderson was promoted to major last week, was commissioned in the guard in August, 1940.

Teply is a former Clarkson man, and, following his completion of medical studies, opened office in Howells, where he has been located for the past three years. He is married.

Company A in Last Stage of Preparations

Enlisted Men Submitting to Examinations by Three Doctors

Members of company A, of the 110th medical regiment, today were going through the final stage before complete acceptance as a federal troop. Each enlisted man in the company was submitting to a physical examination before a board of three doctors, designated by the army as the examining board.

On the board are First Lt. E. G. Brillhart, MC, of Shelby and First Lt. Lee Sandritter, MC, of Norfolk, members of the army's reserve officers corps, and First Lt. Charles G. Ingham, MC, Norfolk, of Company B, 110th medical regiment.

Examines 63

The board was examining the group of 63 men at the rate of about eight men an hour, and hoped to complete the examinations today. It will be sometime tomorrow, however, before the board will make its complete report.

Company officers expressed the belief that only a very few, if any at all, of the company would be rejected because of physical disability according to regular army standards. Those rejected will be given honorable discharges.

This morning, Daniel studio unveiled a display window containing individual photographs of the entire enlisted personnel of Company A with two exceptions, Privates Robert E. Brinkman and Gavin J. Pemberton, both Lincoln youths. Also included is the photograph of the late First Class Private John J. Wilcynski.

Show Photos

Three commissioned officers are included in the group of photographs: Maj. J. North Evans, MC, of the 35th Division surgeon's staff; Maj. R. C. Anderson, MC, commander of the 1st battalion of the 110th medical regiment, and First Lt. Gene L. Teply, commander of Company A. Not included is Capt. Carroll D. Evans, MC, another Columbus National Guard officer who is state surgeon on the administrative staff of selective service in Lincoln.

Present plans are to leave the photographs on display until the company, now a federal troop, is ordered to Camp Robinson, Ark., which is tentatively set for Jan. 2.

Each Guardsman Has "Housewife"

Every member of company A now has a "housewife."

A "housewife," in case you are not up on your army slang, is a small mending kit.

A few days ago the company boys were instructed to secure for themselves a handy mending kit, because they are expected to do their own mending. Officers of the Gass Funeral Home heard about it, and came over to the armory with enough "housewives" to go around.

In each packet are spools of black, white and brown thread, needles and, believe it or not, a thimble.

Guards Told to Leave for Camp Jan. 2

Company A Loses Only One Through Disability; Rest Tomorrow

Order was received by company A, 110th medical regiment, that it is to entrain Thursday, Jan. 2 for Camp Robinson, Ark.

First Lt. Gene L. Teply, MC, company commander, said no hour of leaving was designated in the order and this information is expected early next week.

Teply said the examining board's report, completed yesterday, indicated the company will lose one of its members because of physical disability. He did not disclose the member's name, but added apparently the company will leave Columbus with 62 enlisted men – four less than the regular army peace-time strength for the company.

Fill 4 Positions

It is understood the four positions will be filled after the company arrives in Camp Robinson, since officers here have been instructed this week not to enlist recruits for replacements and to bring the company up to maximum strength, although at least one person had previously volunteered for membership.

Members of company A went through their first weekly inspection of person and quarters as a federal troop.

In charge of the inspection was Maj. J. North Evans, MC, who has been designated as liaison officer for the 35th division surgeon's office.

No Work Sunday

Evans' duties will be to coordinate medical work between the regiments that make up the 35th division. In the division are three regiments of infantry, three of artillery, one each of engineers, medical and quartermasters, and a signal corps (company).

Members of the company were given a week-end "furlough" this noon, and there will be no formal formations of the company until Monday morning, except for meals, which can be taken either at the regularly designated restaurants or at home, at the discretion of members.

In the meantime, the job of packing equipment is continuing, and members are being kept in shape by daily callisthenics and close order drill.

Four UP Cars to Take Guard to Arkansas

Leave Thursday, Arrive Friday; Can Take Radios, No Arms

Company A, 110th medical regiment, will leave Columbus at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2 for Camp

Robinson, Ark., it was announced today. The journey will begin over the Union Pacific

railroad, and four cars will be used for the Columbus company, one standard Pullman for officers, two tourists Pullmans for enlisted men and one baggage car for equipment and baggage.

Officers said that the standard Pullman for officers will also be occupied by commissioned officers from other companies.

The company is scheduled to take four meals, prepared by its own cooks on the train enroute. It is to arrive in Camp Robinson about 2 p.m. Jan. 3.

Allowed Radios

In his instructions to the company this morning, First Sergeant Ferdinand G. Brodfuehrer informed the members that they will be permitted to take along as personal property small radio sets, electric razors and cameras, but that no firearms of any kind are permitted. (Company A is a member of a medical regiment).

No automobiles will be permitted by enlisted men except the first three grades of non-commissioned officers, which includes master, technical, first and staff sergeants. Those sergeants taking their own automobiles must have

\$5,000 personal and \$5,000 liability insurance policies in force. Brodfuehrer said so far as he knew, there would be no Columbus non-commissioned officers taking automobiles to Camp Robinson, at least at present.

Only the first three grades of non-commissioned officers among enlisted men will be permitted to take along civilian clothes.

Will Use Gas

The first sergeant also gave some insight as to what to expect in the way of living quarters at Camp Robinson. Some of these are:

Four men will be assigned to each tent, and every tent will be furnished with electric lights and gas heat.

Kitchens will have gas ranges and ice boxes.

Post exchange and recreation will be operated for each regiment.

Mail to Company

Home folks desiring to correspond with company A soldiers are instructed to use the following form:

Company A, 110th Medical Regiment,
35th Division, Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

Daily Telegram, December 31, 1940

Guards Will Leave Here Thursday

Announcement was made today four commissioned officers and 62 enlisted men, all former National Guardsmen now in the regular army, will leave Columbus Thursday at 9:15 a.m. from the Union Pacific station for Camp Robinson, Ark.

The trip will take approximately one night and a day and a half, with arrival in camp about 2 p.m. Jan. 3.

The company has already drawn travel rations, and will eat four meals on board train.

Loading Today

Members of the company were loading their equipment in the baggage car today and cleaning up their work in the office. Although New Year's Day will be a holiday for most civilians, it is not recognized as such for the military, at least so far as the Columbus company is concerned, and regular drill routine will be observed Wednesday.

66 Leave From Here

Total of 66 men will leave Columbus Thursday morning.

They are:

Maj. J. North Evans, MC, liaison officer in the 35th division surgeon's office; Maj. R. C. Anderson, MC, commander of the first battalion, 110th medical regiment; First Lt. Gene L. Teply, MC, commanding officer of company A, and First Lt. Roy Matson, MC, adjutant on the staff of Major Anderson.

Roster of the 62 enlisted men of company A and their ranks:

First Sergeant: Ferdinand G. Brodfuehrer.

Staff Sergeants: Richard M. Burgess, Bernard C. Wozny.

Sergeants: Ronald C. Munson, Charles H. Putnam, Matthias A. Stein, Cyril T. Tworek.

Corporals: Allen C. Anderson, Albert A. Kupp, Warren W. Thrun.

Privates First Class: Kenneth E. Carter, George W. Drinnin, Harold G. Garbers, Frederick W. Gerber, William T. Gonka, Joe Grek, Frank J.

Hebda, Donald I. Johnson, Terence D. Lachnit, Cyril J. Loeffler, Conrad B. Luis, Medrich C. Odgaard, Fred O. Rudat, Ira W. Summers, Walter E. Waldman, Francis E. Walters, Adolph A. Wozny.

Privates: Harold J. Asche, Conrad A. Batenhorst, George R. Borchers, Robert E. Brinkman, James F. Burns, Lee E. Clanton, Douglas C. Clark, Leland D. Drum, Albert H. Ernst, Duane M. Ernst, Lawrence J. Friedlan, Clifford R. Galley, Joseph L. Gdowski, Anthony G. Hilger, Raymond E. Jaworski, Joseph T. Kobus, Harry L. Kuchera, Ernest N. Loveless, William J. Mayberger, Henry J. Milmick, Joseph A. Moseley, Edward H. Oest, Willard J. Olson, Gavin J. Pemberton, Herbert E. Percy, Francis D. Pfeifer, Robert L. Rudat, Lawrence J. Savage, William A Schwader, Louis J. Sturek, Victor S. Teransinski, Lemoyne L. Welsh, Frank H., Whaley, Jay F. Woods, Thomas G. Zuroski.

Daily Telegram, January 2, 1941

Guard Leaves for Camp, To Be Gone Year

500 Relatives at Station for Departure of 65 for Arkansas

More than 500 relatives and friends turned out this morning at the Union Pacific depot to bid farewell to the members of company A, 110th medical regiment, as it entrained for Camp Robinson, Ark.

The special train, containing three cars detailed for the Columbus company, and carrying other former national guard units from the west part of the state, pulled out about 9:30 a.m.

65 Leave From Here

In the group leaving by train this morning from Columbus were 65 men, including three commissioned officers and 62 enlisted men.

Included were Maj. R. C. Anderson, MC,

commander of the second battalion of the 110th medical regiment; his adjutant, First Lt. Roy Matson, MC, former Holdrege physician; First Lt. Gene L. Teply, MC, company A commander and a former Howells physician, and the 62 enlisted men of company A. Maj. J. North Evans, liaison officer for the 35th division surgeon's office, left from Lincoln on an earlier train for the camp.

Finish Packing

All packing of company equipment and personal effects, with the exception of several portable radios, had been completed yesterday. The company will spend about 30 hours on the train, scheduled to arrive in Camp Robinson in

mid-afternoon Friday.

Immediately before the departure, several business firms made presents of cigarettes, reading matter and other articles to the company, and many family packages were presented to individual members.

Families to Follow

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Teply left for Camp Robinson early this morning, each driving the family automobile. Major and Mrs. Anderson and First Lt. and Mrs. Teply will reside in a residence which they have jointly leased in Little Rock. Major Evans will be joined by his family at an early date.

First Sgt. Ferdinand G. Brodfuehrer, the only married man of the enlisted personnel of company A said his wife and son would join him in Little

Rock in about two weeks.

Only Side Arm

Brodfuehrer, by the way, will be the only member of company A who will carry side arms. He said the rule book provides the first sergeant in a medical regiment company is supposed to carry a revolver.

"I don't know what the 'gat' is intended for, and I'm not going to pack it any more than I must," Brodfuehrer said.

In the early years of the medical regiment the army rule was that members of the Columbus company were to be issued side arms, but none were ever forthcoming. Later the rule was changed, and only the first sergeant is now issued a combat weapon.

FRIEDLAN

Private, later Staff Sergeant, Lawrence Friedlan started writing letters to the Daily Telegram from National Guard camp in 1938. He continued writing during 1941 while the unit was at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

The letters are a humorous record of camp life and poke fun at many members of the unit. Initially, he wrote under the pen name, "Little Abner." I'm sure this was not due to excessive modesty on his part, but more likely to preserve his own life and limb. He was eventually forced by Army censorship regulations to unmask himself. Since he survived that and the war, I assume he did not fall victim to excessive retribution from the troops.

I have included all of the letters I could locate.

"Little Abner" Looks Over Fort, Wants to Come Home

Company C Eats Late, Fog Thick, Soldiers Devour Aspirin

(Editor's Note: Last summer, while Company C, the Columbus national guard unit, was at Camp Ashland in annual training, folks in Columbus were given the "inside dope" on the camp news – and gossip – through the columns of The Daily Telegram by some company member who preferred, (for reasons of his own), to call himself "Little Abner." Before Company C left Sunday for a week's additional training at Fort Crook, the grapevine telegraph relayed the information that The Daily Telegram would like to receive some more of those pithy epistles from the masked writer. He didn't fail the old home paper and its readers.)

By **LITTLE ABNER**
Fort Crook, Neb.,
Nov. 27, 1939

"C" Company arrived, unloaded, looked, and was ready to return home. But no one seemed to want to take us back, so the mad scramble was on. Starting at 3 p.m. Sunday every last man had his bed made up and was ready for supper. But the meat wasn't done until seven o'clock. I didn't know how hungry a person could get when all you can do is sit and wait and hope for food. I would hate to have to starve to death. Not having had time to get around much I have not been able to pick up much news as yet. Private Odgaard had

a surprise for Sergeant Burgess last evening. Seems as though Odgaard was going to park First Sergeant Brodfuehrer's car about a mile from the post. He asked Burgess if he wanted a ride, hinting about Omaha and a little surprise he had lined up. Burgess got ready and all set out. Odgaard rode over to the place where arrangements had presumedly been made to leave the car, and then he said to Burgess, "Surprise, get out and walk." If you know how Burgess felt and how tired he was, you can see the point a lot better.

Giant's Shoes

I passed the Medical Officer's office last night on my way to the barracks and I heard the MO saying, "It can't be," "Impossible," "I can't believe it," and other such remarks. On looking in the office, all that I could see was the MO looking at Sergeant Gladfelter's feet. (Size 12EE)

"Believe it or not," Sergeant Burgess was dressing the company on the parade ground this morning, and the fog was so thick that he could not see the far end of the company. (That's his explanation). Corporal Micek and Private Brandt made a trip to Omaha last night and today they are eating aspirins. We miss Sergeant Wozny and I know that every one in the company hopes for an early and full recovery. Hope YOU have a fine Thanksgiving. We have to work.

"LITTLE ABNER."

Little Abner Again Takes Pen in Hand to Inform Us of Facts of Life in Camp

(Note: Following a practice established several years ago, The Daily Telegram arranged before the Columbus company of the National Guard left for Camp Ripley last week for a report on the doings of the local boys.

The company's "brass hats" assured that the outfit's prolific "know-all, see-all" scribe of other years, who prefers to duck under the nom de guerre of "Little Abner," would again be on the job. He has won his spurs long ago as reporter. Once again, and often, we hope, we give you "Little Abner.")

By "LITTLE ABNER"
Columbus Daily Telegram:
Little Falls, Minn., Aug. 8

After leaving Columbus at about 12:30 Sunday morning we drove to Fremont, where we picked up the Fremont company and proceeded on our way through Blair to Sergeant Bluffs, Ia., for breakfast.

On leaving, we thought that 11 men would be too many for each truck, but as the night air got colder, we were glad there were that many. It helped a lot to keep us warm.

After breakfast the kitchen trucks were sent ahead to get ready for the noon meal and we cleaned up the ground around the railroad yards that we had used.

It Was Wet, Too

Just before leaving the men in one of the trucks had sent Ronnie Nyffeler across the road to a filling station for some candy. There was a deep ditch half full of water and as the first truck started to move, Ronnie, thinking he might be left behind, made a wild dash to jump the ditch, but it was too wide.

Some of the boys did some sleeping but most of

them watched the country and especially the corn. The crops looked very good through Iowa.

Stopped for dinner at Pipestone, Minn., where we met convoys from Lincoln, Norfolk, Lexington and several other towns. Had dinner and moved on to Montevideo for supper and over-night rest.

Started to rain as we were putting up our pup tents, but it didn't amount to much.

Looked Like War

Up the next morning at 5:30 and after breakfast we were on our way at 6:45 for Milaca, Minn. for dinner. There were about 3,000 or 4,000 troops at Milaca resting and eating and it surely looked like war times.

After a short stop we were on our way for the last lap, getting into our camp about 4 p.m. on the south edge of Mille Lacs. This lake country surely gets cold at night.

The entire trip up here was without incident excepting when we made 36 extra miles because the brass hats in the station wagon leading the convoy turned east instead of west and traveled 19 miles before they found out they were wrong. It was a nice side trip, and the men weren't inclined to complain too much because a bunch of officers who had only recently passed map reading tests couldn't even get through a common road map. Captain Anderson was not the only one in that car.

Dusty

After the second full day in camp it did not seem as cold as at first. It is very dusty and wind has blown every day, but it is not so bad.

Most of the fishers will try out the lakes Sunday morning, but we are still asking for our regular meat issues. Captain Anderson had better bring in at least one, or stay away from the company office and Sergeant Brodfuehrer. The captain has let a new rod lead him into some pretty rash statements.

"Little Abner"

(Note: The second section of "Little Abner's" first letter will appear Tuesday. In the meantime, don't forget to drop the boys a line. Be sure to use this address, along with the army rank of the

person you are writing to: A Company, 110th Medical Regiment, 35th Division, Little Falls, Minn. APO 735).

Daily Telegram, August 13, 1940

Little Abner Says Wozny Can't Get Enough to Eat

Sgt. Taylor Interested in Mailman As Much as in Progress of War

(Note: This is the second section of the first letter which "Little Abner," the "war" correspondent with the Columbus National Guard company at Camp Ripley, Minn., has sent to The Telegram, telling of the doings of the local boys.)

By LITTLE ABNER

Little Falls, Minn., — Until this camp, Sgt. Burgess had done most of the crying about the messes, but this year Sgt. Wozny has taken first place. With Wozny it is quantity, not quality, that hurts. Wozny filled his plate and the only time I had ever seen a bigger meal was at a circus when they fed the elephant hay. He still cried.

The kitchen, under the able direction of Mess Sgt. Keefer and Cook Tworek has been doing a very good job and put out some very fine meals considering the place they work in. The kitchen is in the open and features a field range from which smoke is in your eyes all the time.

Sgt. Taylor continually watches for the mailman. It might be due to the fact that Sgt. has been married only a short time.

Desk Too Hard

Clerk Odgaard has sore feet. Both heels are sore. I couldn't say what Sgt. Burgess said caused it — something about lead falling — I don't know the rest. Maybe Cliff Galley would know, because Odgaard has been working for Cliff before coming to camp.

Sgt. Eddy has been appointed mail sergeant for the medical and quartermaster regiments. Quite a job with a lot of responsibility.

Sgt. Wozny has decided to buy a fishing license. Pvts. Lachnit and Putnam have teamed up with Pvt. Carter and "Brewmaster" Odgaard for the development of a secret improvement they claim will make beer delicious. Odgaard has the formula.

Wears Out Whistle

Sgt. Stein is assigned about 15 different jobs every day, all to be done at the same time. He has gotten so he jumps up with typewriters, pencils, maps, water cans, ice, etc., on the least provocation and starts blowing his whistle for his helpers every time he sees a superior approaching.

Our neighbors in the next street are members of the new collecting company at Norfolk. They are swell people and we will get along with them all right when they learn what the score is, but they are really up in the air yet.

Pvt. Pfeifer has a feud with Sgt. Wozny about some change he has coming. Pfeifer claims Bernie tried to pay him off in stamps, and company stamps at that. I have never heard of anyone winning an argument from Wozny, so Pfeifer might as well give up.

Too Many Ropes

(Added note to a paragraph up ahead: It is now 6:50 p.m. and Sgt. Wozny has just asked Sgt.

Keefer about breakfast.)

Pvts. Johnson, F. Rudat and Drinnin do more sweating dodging sergeants than they would do if they actually did the work.

Capt. Anderson's orderly, Bill Schroen, is doing a wonderful job in between the times he is picking himself up after falling over his feet and tent

ropes. He gets tangled up more with the feet than he does with the ropes, at that.

Everyone in the company is looking for mail. The Daily Telegrams have started coming through though, and are almost as good as a letter from home. Thanks.

LITTLE ABNER

Daily Telegram, August 23, 1940

Little Abner ... Camp Life Will End Soon; Guards Home This Weekend

(Note: Today's camp life letter from "Little Abner," nom de guerre of The Daily Telegram's correspondent with the National Guard at Camp Ripley, will be his last letter to the local paper during this encampment period, for the boys will return home this week end. Accordingly "Little Abner" will pass to the limbo of oblivion until another camp time.)

By LITTLE ABNER

LITTLE FALLS, Minn., Aug. 18 -- Sorry that I couldn't get this in sooner but due to the big battle I was unable to find the time to write. We were on the battlefield or in reserve for the full week and although the foot troops we supported were not in the actual fight until the last day and a half we had plenty of work. There were a lot of colds, sore feet and poison ivy. We did all the first aid work in the field, and if the cases were serious enough they were sent back to the main hospital. The hospital peak was 109 not including the cases that were sent to Little Falls to the post hospital. This city of 45,000 gives the medical troops plenty of work.

This company has a few laid up but none serious, mostly men with the new sickness known as maneuveritis. This just lasts during the time the men are in the field and clears up as soon as the maneuver is over. Odgaard still has sore

heels, and Kramer a sore toe nail. A few more have colds but will all be with us coming home.

No Mess Weeping

Strange as it sounds Burgess has never cried about the mess this year. In fact, he has gained and for the first time he has gone over the 200 pound mark. Wozny has been silent the last week due to the fact that after he made his first squawk about the quantity of food, he has had to have help carrying his plate away from the kitchen. The food has been very good and lots of it, except the noon meals when we were on the field. They were good but slight.

Mess Sgt. Keefer and Cook Tworek did a first class job on the field -- quite a job putting up and tearing down a field range and all the equipment of the kitchen for each meal.

Ferd Woerth developed into one of the best contact agents. He kept us located even when we were making some long jumps. Our trucks covered about 300 miles during the time we were on the maneuver. Our company was split between three different outfits on the field and as I was with only a third of the company, I lost sight of the other two, but I understand our men with the other outfits did some good work.

Teply's Face Fell

Each time our supply truck returned to our unit after making a run back to the main camp and didn't bring a letter from Omaha, from the one

and only for Lieut. Tepley, his face would drop another inch. And then it happened. The letter arrived and the lieutenant felt good. He said so. In fact, after reading the letter four times he took the C.O., first sergeant, and staff sergeant to the Blue Goose and set them up.

Have had quite a bit of rain the last week, and it is plenty cold in the mornings. Ground gets slippery and one of the sights was seeing Sgt. Taylor walking away from the kitchen last night with a plate load of food when he decided to sit down right in the center of a mud puddle. No one laughed — much.

Good K. P.

Fred Gerber is a good K.P., but hard to keep track of. Each time Keefer leaves the kitchen Gerber also goes, then they play hide and seek for a time, but somehow they do get the work done. No one knows how. Lachnit likes bears and will almost pet them, that is, if the bear is tied down. The time I heard about, Lachnit was about 20 feet from the bear and two miles from camp. The bear got up and started toward Lachnit and 10 minutes later Lachnit was under his bed.

I can say that the boys are being true to the sweeties back home. These Indian maidens are not exactly the type to say pretty nothings too.

Captain Anderson's wife drove into camp yesterday afternoon. I understand they will stay over and do a little fishing. I don't know why as to date the fishing has been nothing to write about. In fact the so-called fishermen have been very quiet. They are trying it again today.

Tension Increases

We just had word from division HQ that correspondents should be notified that mail will not be handled at APO 735 after Aug. 21. So any correspondence should be mailed to reach there before that date. This will no doubt work quite a hardship on Capt. Nantkes, Pvts. Putnam, Woerth and Odgaard, and also will increase the tension of Lt. Tepley for the last few days of camp.

The report is out that Pvt. Schroen is receiving mail addressed to Master Sgt. Schroen. Evidently Bill has been deceiving some gal. If you look at the addresses on some of the mail that comes into our Company street, you certainly get the idea that promotions are being made right and left. There isn't a private left in the company.

Mosquitoes,

When people talk about the mosquitoes in Minnesota they are not fooling. We had several blankets lifted right off the sleeping men during maneuvers, and mosquitoes are the only explanation for it.

Sgt. Stein has a box which he thinks might contain food in the express office in Little Falls, and he has about driven himself nuts trying to figure out a way to get it. You see, there is no express office in Wahkon, and although our mail is handled through Little Falls, the town of Little Falls is more than 50 miles away.

This will evidently end this camp for Little Abner so until some future camp I'll go back in hiding. I would like to thank the Telegram Company for all their consideration of this company and I know every man here feels the same way.

LITTLE ABNER

Daily Telegram, January 10, 1941

"Little Abner" Goes Back to Camp Again, This Time for a Whole Year Training

Finds Company A is Best Looking Outfit Now in Entire Camp

(Note: Following a practice established several years ago, The Daily Telegram arranged before

the Columbus company of the National Guard left for Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 2 for periodic

reports of doings of the local boys in the Southland. At that time it was assured that the outfit's 'know-all, see-all' scribe of other years, who prefers to duck under the nom de guerre of "Little Abner," would currently come to life to do the honors. Once again, and weekly, we hope, during the next year, we give you our old friend "Little Abner.")

**Camp Robinson, Ark.,
Jan. 8, 1941.**

The Daily Telegram:

Up to today, we have been so busy that I haven't had time, nor a typewriter handy to write, but will try to do better from now on.

After leaving Columbus on the special train we settled down for comfort. There were two Pullmans for the enlisted men of our company and one for the officers. Each section of the enlisted men's cars had three men, two in the lower berth and one in the upper. Sleeping in a train was something new for a lot of the men and they got quite a kick watching the porters make up the beds. There were no reportable incidents during the train ride, except when those long, lanky boys such as Burgess, Carter, Lachnit and Putnam, who, after trying several ways to squeeze into berths, finally curled up into uppers by using a new kind of angle which left only about six inches of feet exposed.

Tents and Gas Heat

We made Kansas City about midnight and were set over on the Missouri Pacific for the rest of the trip. Arrived in Little Rock on time and were in camp about 3 p.m. Jan. 3.

We were surprised to see the tents up and ready for use and all that we had to do was to set up our beds and turn on the gas heat. Each tent has a gas range with two burners. The range is about 18 by 24 inches and stands off the floor about three feet, putting out plenty of heat.

Each tent is equipped with electric lights and double sockets for radios, electric razors, etc. The tents are set over wooden frames with side walls boarded up about four feet and screened three feet above that. The screens are covered

with glass screen which makes the tent easy to heat.

Dental Repairs

It hasn't been cold here, but the dampness makes it appear colder than it really is. Only two of the men have colds. Several have had dental work done.

The kitchen and dining room are as up to date as possible. Two large ice boxes, enameled and each weighing about a ton, two large ranges for general cooking, a frying range for deep fat frying, four large sinks with hot and cold water, automatic water heater with a 75 gallon capacity, large work table, a meat block any butcher would be proud to own, and an ample pantry make up the kitchen equipment. The dining room easily accommodates 150 men.

Good Buildings

The kitchen is a finished building, well built and of good material. The tent frames are also well built, but second grade lumber has been used for floors and side walls.

Since arriving in camp we have received the following additional equipment: foot locker (small trunk), steel bed, mattresses, pillow, two sheets, two pillow cases, additional blanket, mattress cover. The kitchen is fully equipped and the company tent and orderly tent have been equipped with desks and chairs. The orderly tent, otherwise known as the first sergeant's tent, has a telephone hooked up with the camp exchange and Little Rock.

Looks Good Year

All in all, it looks like a good year coming up.

Right now we have 24 tents for our company, more than enough for the outfit. The underground dope is that the company will be increased to full strength before very long, which would mean a company of over 100 men. All the other buildings here are new. Each company has a very fine bath house equipped with gas water heaters and plenty of showers. In other words, each company has its own set of buildings to use - and to keep clean.

Own Exchange

Each regiment has its own exchange where most

anything can be purchased, such as sodas, candy, lunches, shoe polish, etc., a cleaning and pressing plant, a laundry, a tailor shop, branch bank, and barber shop. Each regiment has its own movie building which seats about 1,200 men, fully equipped with stage, dressing rooms, etc.

Regimental headquarters has the mail distribution and also all of the technical and administrative officers. Each company has an office at regimental headquarters with a company clerk in charge.

There are also warehouses of different kinds for each regiment, storehouse, guard houses, and a lot of other buildings that I haven't been able to get into yet.

30,000 Acre Camp

The camp proper contains 30,000 acres, and I understand another 39,000 acres has been leased. There were 15,000 men here yesterday, several thousand more came in during the afternoon, and more expected today.

Our company went on guard last night and will be there all day today. Some fun – 24 hours of it. Each man walks a post for two hours, and then rests for four, except the sergeant of the guard, who gets his rest if and when. Sgt. Putnam hasn't been able to find out just what 'if and when' means.

Detail Work

We are doing detail work until Jan. 20, when we start the regular year training. At that time, everything will be run according to schedule. The

mess sergeant will do all the buying for our mess and we will operate as a company of the regular army with all the responsibility that goes with it.

The officers' area is about two blocks from the company and we haven't seen much of First Lt. Teply, our commanding officer, since we hit camp. Being as yet the only commissioned officer in the company he tries to make all of the schools and meetings, and it keeps him jumping.

He expects to have an assistant soon to take in half of the schools – he hopes.

Best Company

After looking over the situation, I think we have one of the best companies in camp. We are better drilled, equipped and mannered than any other that I have seen. Sounds like bragging, but it's a fact in my way of seeing.

We have not had anyone in the hospital nor even sick enough to be excused from duty. Other outfits have had quite a few to date. Maybe we are lucky.

Now that the introduction is over with, and you know that we are comfortably settled, I'll try in my next letter to give you a little news of the members and what they are doing to keep away from work.

Don't forget to write. Use this address:

A Company, 110th Medical Regiment
35th Division
Camp Robinson,
Little Rock, Ark.

"LITTLE ABNER"

Daily Telegram, January 18, 1941

Guards 'Lead Life of Riley' --Not for Long

(Editor's note: Here is another letter from "Little Abner", the see-all scribe who is a member of company A, 110th medical regiment, (Columbus

National Guard company), now in active service in Camp Robinson, Ark. The letter speaks for itself.)

**Camp Robinson,
Little Rock, Ark.,
Jan. 10, 1941**

Dear Folks:

Due to the fact that all the official news will now be handled by the regular press representatives of each company under the supervision of the regimental G-2 (Intelligence) section, I will deal only in items of an unofficial nature. I could write a lot of nice things about this camp and the personnel of officers and enlisted men, but that too, I will leave to the reporters.

Life of Riley

It is true, as you have evidently read in the papers, that we are leading the life of Riley, but we expect that to be changed soon. At present we have our hour drill and one hour of lecture per day, together with the regular job of policing (cleaning), which includes both the area we live in and ourselves.

Every day the commissioned and non-commissioned officers attend schools, and each time they return they look a little smarter, and you can see that they can hardly wait for the time to teach us.

Good Quarters, Mess

As for other items of comfort, there is nothing more to be desired in both quarters and in mess, or anything else. And, to be right honest, we are getting a little restless ourselves, and are waiting for the 20th when we start the basic training program.

Henry Mimick had a birthday last week. He got a birthday cake from home. It was swell - came in a box with a window in it and was in 100 percent condition for eating. There'll be another tomorrow, when Medrick Odegaard will count the candles up to 25. I know he is going to get one gift besides those from home, because I overheard the first sergeant say he was "going to give him something." As for myself, I'd just as soon not get too much from the top soak.

With the help of my ace sports reporter, I covered the first contest of competitive sport between units since our arrival. I'll give you his

running account, as turned in to me: (See if you can figure it out.)

Touch football, in all its primitive brutality, was introduced to a large cheering mob (estimated at 17 enlisted men and one painter) of medical regiment soldiers in a contest between company B (Norfolk) and company A (Columbus) of the medics.

Held Since Down

Company A, aided and abetted by a referee from company A, a time keeper from B and a lineman from A, and playing under rules formulated by company A, was able to hold the score down 18 to 12 in favor of B.

The game was marked by numerous delays, and was an exciting one from the opening kick-off to the first play from scrimmage. Midway in the first quarter time was called for the officials in order that they might recover their breath and so the referee might recover his poise, nerve, and his whistle, which had been stolen from him on a sneak play.

Made Own Rule

A few plays later Sgt. Ronald Munson, captain and quarterback for the A gridders, in a most flagrant manner, violated a rule he had hatched only a few minutes before. The only ones to notice the infraction was the entire B team, which insisted, in no uncertain terms, that the referee, Sgt. Richard M. Burgess, impose the proper penalty. Burgess, after due consideration, a talk with the other officials, and a hasty gander at the menacing faces of the B boys, did his duty. Burgess admitted privately he felt better after the penalty, but Munson sulked and shortly thereafter withdrew from the team. Later on the B captain said they had lost their best player when Munson withdrew.

Stopped Watching

Company B made its first tally on a 45-yard pass. The whistle ending the quarter blew when this play was in progress and the A lads, in their usual heads-up manner, stopped everything and permitted the scoring without molestation.

B scored again in the second, using a variation of the old Statue of Liberty play. This play fooled

everybody except the two ball handlers.

Shortly after the mid-game rest period, A shook off some of the Munson influence, scoring two touchdowns. The ball then seesawed until the closing minutes of the game, when B scored again on a sustained drive of two yards after taking the ball on downs on the two-yard line. The whistle just saved scoring another B six-pointer.

Outstanding

Outstanding in A's lineup were Corp. Albert Kupp, Pvts. 1st Class Drinnin, Gonka, Hebda, Johnson, Fred Rudat and Pvts Drum, D. Ernst, Loveless, Olson, Percy, R. Rudat, Savage, and Officials Burgess, Wozny and Putnam. Most loyal fan was Odgaard, who fell asleep with the first play and woke up at the final whistle. We forgot Munson, who might be a player some day, but this correspondent doubts it. (If Munson or any other finds out who the writer is, this is to say that I'm only fooling.)

The boys are in fine health, excepting Gonka, Pfeifer and Waldman, who have a slight touch of the flu - nothing serious and they should be up by the middle of the week. They seem actually to enjoy it.

He Knows Now

Moseley cut his thumb a little while trying to saw a board. Seems he couldn't tell where the board stopped and his thumb began. He says he knows now.

Sgt. Stein has been attending a school for training in physical exercise. Sgt. Putnam will qualify for chemical warfare. He looks sweet in a gas mask. In fact, someone suggested that all he needs is a gas mask and a halter to look like an Arkansas mule. Tworek spends part of his time in a mess sergeants' school and the rest of the time trying to balance his books. I think he is two spuds over and a spoonful of sugar short.

Need Beanpole

We need another tall and lanky man in this outfit. Carter, Lachnit and Asche and one more, and we wouldn't have to dig any more holes for goal posts.

Almost forgot to add Corp. Kupp is also attending the chemical warfare school, while Corp.

Anderson is on a sanitary detail with Loeffler, D. Ernst and Gerber. They inspect all kitchens and take notes for improving their sanitation. It's a soft job but has quite a bit of responsibility and risk. Some times the mess sergeant or the cook doesn't agree; but, after all, the inspectors have the brass backing them up.

Teply Busy

Lt. Gene Teply is still busy enough to be in three places at once, but he's doing OK as company commander. Maj. R. C. Anderson gets around once in awhile and finds things for us to do just when we think we are done - darn him. Maj. J. North Evans has been assigned to the 110th observation squadron as surgeon along with his other duties. Maybe some day he can line me up for a plane ride so I can look over the place.

Pvt. Pfeifer has just returned from the hospital and from his account of the nurses, maybe I should consider having an attack of the flu or something. I haven't held hands since Dec. 23.

Try Second Cooks

In getting ready for an increase in our strength we have been trying out men in the kitchen to be used as second cooks. They come in voluntarily and must qualify to standards set up by First Cook Summers and Mess Sergeant Tworek. Joe Grek and Lawrence Savage are second cooks now, with D. Ernst, Woods, Gdowski and Jaworski working to qualify. Tworek would like to keep them all.

Pvt. Freidlen still has his curly locks and baby stare, as stated by Odgaard. Welsh has started to bugle. Borchers has been learning to make out payrolls and he'd better get it right. Johnson got the job the other morning cleaning up the bathhouse which he said wasn't much of an improvement over what he left when he used to sweep up the UP depot.

Looks as if the note book is finally empty. See you again, and don't forget to write. It doesn't make much difference who, just so the letter is addressed to:

A Company, 110th Medical Regiment
35th Division
Camp Robinson,
Little Rock, Ark.

Your Pal

LITTLE ABNER

Columbus Guards Used as Nucleus of New Companies

(Editor's note: This is the second letter to The Daily Telegram from Private Lawrence J. Friedlan, one of the Columbus men who are members of company A, 110th medical regiment, now in a year of military training at Camp Robinson, Ark. It is to be noted that in the past few weeks, several of the "original" company A men from Columbus have been promoted and transferred to other units because of their prior training. It is Friedlan's job to keep track of these men, and, at the same time keep telling the home folks about company A.)

Camp Robinson, Ark., Feb 3, 1941

In place of the regular weekly inspection, Saturday was used as a moving day. Three men were moved to headquarters detachment and 11 men were taken for nucleus for a new company.

Sgt. Matthias A. Stein became staff sergeant in the Headquarters Detachment. Pvts. Francis D. Pfeifer and Edward H. Oest were also transferred to this detachment. Their address will now be Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 110th Medical Regiment.

Many Promoted

Corp. Allen C. Anderson was raised to a sergeant in company C. Pvt. Harold G. Garbers became supply sergeant in the same company. Pvts. Terence D. Lachnit and Adolph A. Wozny became line sergeants. Pvts. William T. Gonka, Walter E. Waldman, and Duane M. Ernst will be corporals in company C. Pvts. Anthony G. Hilger, Raymond E. Jaworski, Lawrence J. Savage, and Frank W. Whaley were also moved to Company C, but official orders on their ratings are not out as yet.

In company A Sgt. Charles H. Putnam was promoted to a staff sergeant. Corp. Albert A. Kupp and Pvts. Frank J. Hebda, Donald Johnson, and Medrick C. Odgaard were raised to sergeants. Pvts. Kenneth E. Carter, George W. Drinnin, Fred O. Rudat, Francis E. Walters, and George R.

Borchers all became corporals. Other promotions will become official in a short time.

Company Visitors

Several Columbus people have visited the company during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Biggs dropped in on Pvt. Bill Schwader. Ed Graf and Charles Bean ate supper with the company one night. Mrs T. Lachnit visited Sgt. Terence Lachnit. Jim Heitkam stopped in one afternoon.

Mess Sgt. Cyril T. Tworek experimented by mixing miscellaneous ingredients producing reasonably good pancakes. Most of the men have gained from 10 to 20 pounds in the first month.

Pvt. Lawrence Savage still calls Sgt. Frank Hebda "Sparkling."

Sgt. Garbers has quite a job when night falls and bed time is nigh, because he has to read bed time stories to Pvt. Joe Moesley. Pvt. Lee Clanton has been cutting out paper dolls, and Sgt. Tworek spends a good deal of his time blowing soap bubbles.

A Holiday

Corp. George Borchers was greeted at dinner one day with a "Happy birthday to you" from the rest of the men. George reddened perceptibly.

Corp. Fred Rudat didn't know or evidently forgot that some clothes will naturally fade when washed.

If the month that has passed by now has done nothing else, at least it has made the mustaches which were begun in December noticeable. The inspecting officer hasn't noticed any of them yet, however.

The entire company marched out into the field and pitched tents Saturday morning. The company returned at 10:30 and the men received their first monthly pay check. The rest of the day was a holiday.

There are no special delivery letters in Camp Robinson.

Company Spirit is High, Friedlan Reports from Camp

(Editor's note: Here is another informative letter from Camp Robinson, Ark., telling the home folks something of the doings of Company A, 110th medical regiment, which largely comprises Columbus former national guardsmen. The letter is from Private Lawrence J. Friedlan.)

**Camp Robinson, Ark.,
Feb. 10, 1941**

Final preparations are being made in company A for the reception of selectees some time this month. With all the promotions along with added classes and drills, company spirit is high and the men are ready to receive the "rookies."

New Ratings

Privates Lawrence J. Friedlan, Joe Grek, and Ira Summers have been promoted to privates first class with third class specialist ratings. Privates Cyril J. Loeffler, Ernest N. Loveless, Conrad B. Luis, Robert L. Rudat, have become privates first class with fourth class specialist ratings. Privates Douglas C. Clark, Leland D. Drum, Albert H. Ernst, Joseph L. Gdowski, Joseph T. Kobus, Henry J. Mimick, Victor S. Terasinski are now fourth class specialists. Privates Harold J. Asche, James F. Burns, Lee E. Clanton, William J. Mayberger, Joseph A. Mosely, Willard J. Olson, Herbert E. Percy, William A. Schwader, Louis J. Sturek, Jay F. Woods, Thomas G. Zuroski have been promoted to fifth class specialists. Pvt. Lemoyne L. Welsh has become a sixth class specialist. More promotions are due as soon as the company is filled.

Private Vic Terasinski has returned from the hospital fully recovered from a case of influenza.

Leaves Kitchen

Pvt. Joe Gdowski gave up his kitchen work and went out into the field. He said, "I can't stand the smell of onions."

Pvt. Albert Ernst has earned the distinction of being the best gun stretcher in the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer, Emogene Paprocki, and Katherine Litchen of David City visited Pvt. Francis Pfeifer and Corp. Francis Walters Sunday and Monday.

The 110th medical regiment held a march Thursday and had its first regimental guard mount this afternoon.

Another Poem

Sgt. Bernard Wozny contributed the following "poem" this week:

A SOLDIERS LIFE

It's six o'clock in the morning,
And I shake my sleepy head,
For I hear a bugle calling;
Its time to get out of bed.

For it's reveille in the army,
And time to hit the deck,
With sleepy Jim and Johnny,
Harry, Tom, and Dick.

You'll answer "Here" to the Sergeant,
When he calls your funny name,
And then you're mad at the bugler,
For you think that he's to blame.

After reveille came the washing
Of the cobwebs from your eyes,
So you're ready for your breakfast,
Of coffee, cream, and pies.

After breakfast we fall out for drill,
And you'll hear the sergeant bark,
"Get the hell in step there Bill,
You're not out on a lark."

Well, you soon become tired,
Of the flanking and column right,
Wishing you could get fired,
Or really go and fight.

After awhile you'll hear a bugle call,
It's time to go to mess,
Of all the different calls we hear,
We like this one the best.

Daily Telegram, March 14, 1941

Pvt. Friedlan Says Boys in Camp Eat Well

Company A Has First Test On Gases, Chemical Warfare

(Editor's note: Here is another of the interesting letters by Pvt. Lawrence J. Friedlan, telling of army life at Camp Robinson, Ark.)

Company A had its first night class Monday night. It was a class on chemical warfare and the use of gases. A test on the gases and several other tests were given during the week, and most of the men said they weren't very easy. With all the lectures we've had, though, no one should flunk.

General Truman, commanding officer of the 35th division of Camp Robinson, inspected company A's kitchen at 8:30 a.m. Thursday and said it was o.k. Tuesday morning Sgt. Tworek was told he had the cleanest kitchen in the 110th medical regiment. Other mess sergeants in the regiment have been instructed to visit and inspect the company A kitchen.

Those of you who have relation here in camp should find it interesting to know that wherever he is he is well taken care of and well fed. Just to let you know how company A feeds its men, for example, here is last Sunday's menu.

Breakfast: Dry cereal, pancakes, bacon, bananas, butter, jam, syrup, coffee, milk.

Dinner: Roast chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered peas, lettuce and tomato salad, radishes and green onions, strawberry shortcake with ice cream, bread,

butter, peach jam, coffee, milk.

Supper: Assorted cold meats, potato salad, cookies and ice cream, bread, butter, jam, milk.

Pvt. Jay Woods rode a bus all the way into town before he happened to think he needed a pass. It's funny how a man's mind can go blank when he received a letter from his girl back home.

Corp. Kenneth Carter has gained about 20 pounds to lead the company in that department.

Sgts. Putnam, Lachnit, and Munson went for an airplane ride Sunday. Sgts Putnam and Lachnit took an open plane and Sgt. Munson went up in a closed plane with the three girls. Sgt. Lachnit, who has taken a flying lesson in Los Angeles, lost his cap when the plane landed and Sgt. Putnam, who was nearest the door had to chase it. Sgt. Lachnit was the only one who got sick.

Pvt. Percy met Private Hlavac of company H on guard duty the other night. During the routine conversation of introduction they discovered they are some sort of cousins, proving that Camp Robinson is part of a small world.

Company A had to choose up sides amongst its own men to play ball last Sunday. The other companies just won't accept our repeated challenges. During the game, Sgt. Kupp was watching a car-load of girls go by. A high fly bounced out into field and Sgt. Kupp caught it with his left eye, proof of which he has in a colored form.

About 2,500 men crowded into our tent theater Sunday night to see "Arizona."

Pvts. Rankin, Weilgus, Placek, of the 134th infantry medical attachment played ball with us Sunday. Pvt. Rankin was a supper guest of company A.

Company A received its pick-up truck and command car Monday.

Sgt. Stein, Corp. Thrun and Pvt. Galley have returned from the hospital.

Company A has bought baseball equipment enough to fit out a catcher, 4 bats, and 4 balls, which is as far as our money went. The men are taking baseball seriously and we should have a good team. Sgt. Wozny has been trying to make a tennis racket out of wire and boards. Many of the men are planning to play golf later on, and all we have available for equipment as yet is broom-sticks.

Daily Telegram, April 1941

Sgt. Burgess Gets Special Recognition

(Editor's note: Here is another letter from Private Lawrence J. Friedlan, member of the former Columbus National Guard company, now in training in Camp Robinson. Friedlan says this is his last letter for several weeks, as he is leaving for Hot Springs to take a special course in surgical work. He makes no mention who succeeds him as the company scribe for the Telegram readers, but it is presumed that arrangements are made so the flow of camp letters will not be interrupted.)

**Camp Robinson, Ark.,
March 29, 1941**

Gen. R. E. Truman called all the sergeants of the 35th Division to the tent theater Saturday morning, for a lecture which lasted for two hours. There were about 2,500 sergeants assembled to listen to General Truman, among whom were Sgts. Brodfuehrer, Burgess, Wozny, Putnam, Stein, Odgaard, Johnson, Kupp, Hebda, and Tworek of company A. From these 2,500 sergeants, General Truman asked 45 to rise to receive special recognition for meritorious work.

One of these 45 was Staff Sgt. Burgess.

Sgt. Burgess joined the National Guard in February 1933, and has since devoted most of his time to intensive study of the army. In 1938 he attended the medical field school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where he gained high-ranking grades in all of his classes. After nine weeks training he returned to company A and proved himself to be a first-class soldier. Here at Camp Robinson, Sgt. Burgess was appointed instructor of 60 selectees in all kinds of training. His work in this capacity was in large part responsible for his recognition by General Truman.

Pvt. Loveless took advantage of the fact that one sergeant was quarantined and another just returned from the hospital, and another was sort of a master of ceremonies at the regimental dance last Tuesday night by dancing and flirting with their girls. One sergeant and one corporal were assigned guard duty after arranging dates for the dance.

Gdowski Has Trouble With 'Orthotolidine'

Company A Scribe Relates Ups and Downs of Sgt. Odgaard

(Editor's note: Here is another newsy letter from Pvt. Lawrence J. Friedlan, the scribe of company A, 110th medical regiment, in training at Camp Robinson, Ark. It's all the introduction Telegram readers need.)

**Camp Robinson, Ark.,
June 15, 1941**

Dear Telegram Readers:

Company "A" will play company "E" of the 110th quartermaster regiment Wednesday afternoon in the semifinals of the tournament to determine the champion softball team among the units from Nebraska. Saturday afternoon company A defeated company B 110th quartermaster by a score of 15 to 11. The team followed this with a 6 to 2 victory over company "A" 134th infantry Sunday afternoon. Sgt. Putnam allowed only five hits this game. The other men who played are: Rankin, Martin F. Rudat, R. Rudat, Drinnin, Johnson, Finkhaus, Drum and Friedlan.

When Pvt. Joe Gdowski couldn't spell "orthotolidine" for Major Anderson, he was advised he should practice by writing it a hundred times. Joe did write it a hundred times, but when the other men came in from the field that afternoon he was still having trouble with it. He's been mumbling it to himself ever since.

Ups and Downs

We marched down to the Arkansas river last Wednesday and rode across on a raft. While marching through the brush on the other side, Sgt. Odgaard tripped on a fence and fell flat. He got up grinning, brushed himself off, and started again. About a minute later he turned around to

say something to the man behind him and fell flat again. He got back up and started again. We came to small creek which we had to jump across. Here he stumbled again and fell in up to his knees. However, he didn't do so badly because this was his first time out with us.

We were marching along at a pretty good clip on the way back when Major Anderson turned to Sgt. Brodfuehrer and asked if we were going too fast. Sgt. Brodfuehrer answered that we weren't going too slow, but as we continued it seemed to the sergeant that we were going faster if anything, in fact, for awhile the third platoon was almost out of sight.

No Sky Hook

Corp. Walters sent Pvt. Elmer Witt up to Sgt. Putnam for the sky hook. Sgt. Putnam sent him up to Sgt. Odgaard who sent him down to company D, thence to company E, and finally to company F. He just couldn't find it.

We reported last week a number of our men had joined the regimental chorus. We are unhappy to report this week that all of these men have quit. Now company A seems to be the only company not represented.

After a change in the help at the "mint," Sgt. Burgess and Pvt. Gdowski have seemingly lost interest in town.

Likes Hospital

Pvt. Connie Luis, who is on special duty at the hospital, states he really likes his work up there, since he has the opportunity of meeting so many attractive nurses. We haven't seen him flashing around with any of them yet.

Sgt. Tworek has now added Sunday afternoon to his regular Saturday night visit to the "Rainbow

Club" in town.

Pvt. Loveless visited here over the week end. He says he is enjoying his work at Hot Springs.

Mopping Floor

With the weekly Saturday morning inspection comes the Friday night before during which preparations are made. The tent has to be swept and mopped and cleaned up. When I returned from school at Hot Springs I was put in Sgts. Putnam and Munson's tent, and much to my regret I'm now mopping the floor while they do a rhumba, which isn't only sometimes but all the time. They even say they aren't getting so bad. In fact, they are having moving pictures made of them in action by one of the selectees who is a movie fan and has a movie camera. This in itself is enough to give anyone a headache, but to top it off Sgt. Putnam goes to sleep every night with someone else's radio on while Sgt. Munson croons himself to sleep with "I'm Back in the Saddle Again." Pvt. Gdowski, who is also in our tent, doesn't seem to mind it much because he helps in the supply tent and slips in there while I mop and then goes up town with Sgt. Burgess, except this week because the most distant thing in Sgt. Burgess' mind, and also that of Pvt. Bill Schwader, is going to town. While I was mopping Friday night, Sgts. Putnam and Munson, and Pvt. Gdowski were having shovel drill out in front, pretending that they were carrying gravel for the front step.

Bothers Wozny

We noticed Sgt. Wozny seemed nonplused Monday evening at parade when the adjutant

announced the program for Tuesday would be held on Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon is free and the sergeant was expecting to see his wife? that afternoon.

Sgt. Stein left for Columbus Friday night on furlough. Pvt. Pfeifer is expected back tonight. Many of the men have applied for leaves but they are being granted only in cases of emergency.

Pvt. Winkler, who is on special duty with the military police, turned up over here this week sporting two nifty shiners. Incidentally, he didn't get them in the line of duty. Wink said, "I ducked the first five, then he said, 'Don't look at me like that', and how could I when he left me with the shiners?"

Gets Plate

Corp. Carter got his upper plate this week and is now learning to wear them. He talks like he was afraid he was going to spit them out.

It seems that Corp. Borchers has such an attraction in town that occasionally he is forced to stay out later than his pass permits.

Pvt. Rankin says it's funny he's still unassigned when he's been a guide, contact agent, k.p.'r, and practically everything else in the books.

Well, it's "taps" for this week. I'll start snooping around again at "reveille."

Pvt. Lawrence J. Friedlan

P.S. A few minutes ago, Sgts. Putnam and Munson were dancing again. "Putty" accidentally let Munson "have one", knocking a lens out of Munson's glasses. The rhumba team is broken up for the present, and am I glad!