

CO. L - 137th Inf. - 35th Div.

The following list of dates and places represents the personal recollections of the writer and of course will not be completely in accord with the memories of other members of the company in regard to furloughs, passes and other personal details. It is intended to serve as an authentic report of the long road which Company L followed from Main Street in Kingman, Kansas to the towering hill above Omaha Beach.

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Sept. 16-1940 Registration for Selective Service
 Jan. 24-1941 Physical Exam. by Dr. Atkins in Pratt.
 Feb. 21-1941 Induction Day at Wichita.
 Feb. 22-1941 Arrived at Camp Robinson, Ark.
 April 6-1941 Army Day at Robinson.
 May 18-1941 Furlough
 May 26-1941 Back to Camp Robinson.
 June 11-1941 Promoted to P.F.C.
 Aug. 13-1941 Left Robinson for the Louisiana maneuvers.
 Oct. 5-1941 Return to Camp from Louisiana
 Oct. 10-1941 Home coming parade at Little Rock.
 Oct. 10-1941 Furlough
 Oct. 26-1941 Back to Camp Robinson.
 Nov. 7-1941 Left Robinson for Kansas City parade.
 Nov. 8-1941 Stayed overnight on fairgrounds Fayetteville, Ark.
 Nov. 9-1941 Overnight at Camp Clark, Missouri.
 Nov. 10-1941 Quarters in Memorial Building Kansas City, Kans.
 Nov. 11-1941 Armistice Day parade in Kansas City, Mo.
 Nov. 12-1941 Overnight in old shoe factory - Carthage, Mo.
 Nov. 13-1941 Back to Camp Robinson once more.
 Nov. 14-21-1941 Alert for strike duty in Pennsylvania.
 Dec. 7-1941 Pearl Harbor attacked.
 Dec. 8-1941 War is declared.
 Dec. 13-1941 The Division is alerted for action.

- Dec. 14-15-1941 Preparing for a move.
Dec. 16-1941 Farewell to Camp Robinson.
Dec. 17-20-1941 Traveling westward by train
Dec. 20-1941 Arrived at Fort Ord, California.
Dec. 20-1941 The Montebello is sunk in Monterey Bay.
Dec. 21-31-1941 Alert for enemy attack.
Jan. 4-1942 From Fort Ord to the "Cow Palace" at Frisco.
Jan. 4-1942 Our first experience with air raid sirens.
Jan. 5-12-1942 Interior guard duty at the "Cow Palace".
Jan. 10-1942 A walk across the Golden Gate Bridge.
Jan. 13-1942 From San Francisco to Red Bluff, Cal.
Jan. 14-1942 Arrived at Camp Mott near Dunsmuir, Cal.
Jan. 14-1942 Seventeen of us continue on to Dorris, Cal.
Jan. 15-Feb. 5-1942 Guarding tunnels on the S.P. at Dorris, Cal.
Feb. 6-1942 - Back to Camp Mott.
Feb. 7-Apr. 21. Guarding bridges on the Southern Pacific
Apr. 7-1942 - Promoted to Corporal.
Apr. 22-1942 - Farewell to Camp Mott
Apr. 23-1942 - overnight at the Presidio in San Francisco
Apr. 24-1942 - overnight at Camp San Luis Obispo
Apr. 25-1942 - Arrived at Daugherty Field, Long Beach, Cal
Apr. 26-May 19 - Guard duty at Daugherty Field.
May 20-1942 - Moved from Daugherty to Recreation Park.
June 15-29-1942 - Two weeks alert for possible Jap attack.

June 27 1942 From Recreation Park back to Daugherty
 July 7 1942 Edna arrives in Long Beach, Cal.
 July 8-10 1942 Three day pass.
 July 16-1942 From Daugherty Field back to Recreation
 July 25-Aug. 10 - Training at Irvine Park.
 Aug. 11-1942 - From Irvine Park back to Recreation Park.
 Aug 21-1942 - Out to Irvine Park again.
 Sept. 2-1942 From Irvine Park to Huntington Beach, Cal.
 Sept. 11-1942 Applied for marriage license
 Sept. 16-1942 Married in Long Beach, Cal.
 Sept. 19-1942 - Furlough
 Sept. 20-1942 - From Los Angeles to Wichita by plane.
 Oct. 3-1942 Left Attica, Kans. by train to return to L. A.
 Oct. 5-1942 Arrived back in Long Beach.
 Oct. 5-1942 Joined the Company at Centinella Park Inglewood
 Oct. 14-18-1942 Fire fighting at Redondo Beach, Cal.
 Oct. 21-1942 Moved from Centinella Park to Hawthorne, Cal.
 Oct. 22-Nov. 10 Guarding the Northrop Aviation Plant.
 Nov. 10-1942 From Hawthorne back to Irvine Park.
 Nov. 11-1942 - Feb. 1-1943 - Training at Irvine Park
 Dec. 1-1942 - Promoted from Corporal to Sergeant.
 Feb. 2-1943 - From Irvine Park to Camp San Luis Obispo.
 Feb. 6-1943 - Edna arrives in Pismo Beach, Cal.
 Mar. 26-1943 - We leave Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.

- Mar. 26-31-1943 By Troop train from San Luis to Camp Rucker, Ala.
 Apr. 1 - May 20 - 1943 Intensive training at Rucker
 May 21-28-1943 - Corp tests for the Regiment.
 June 1 - 1943 - Furlough
 June 15 - 1943 - Back to Camp Rucker, Ala.
 June 16 - 1943 - Infiltration Course.
 July 15-30-1943 Platoon efficiency tests.
 July 26 - 1943 Edna arrives by bus in Ozark, Ala.
 July 26-28-1943 Three day pass.
 Aug 1 - Nov. 15 1943 Rigorous training at Camp Rucker.
 Nov. 16 - 1943 Moved by truck from Alabama to Tennessee
 Nov. 16-1943 - Jan. 13-1944 - Tennessee maneuvers.
 Jan. 16 - 1944 - Left Tennessee for North Carolina.
 Jan. 17 - 1944 - Overnight at Asheville N.C.
 Jan. 18 - 1944 - Overnight at Lexington, N.C.
 Jan. 19 - 1944 - Arrived at Camp Butner, North Carolina.
 Jan. 25 - 1944 Furlough - Home to Kansas by train.
 Feb. 10-12-1944 Edna and I return to Camp Butner by car.
 Mar. 10 - 1944 West Virginia maneuvers.
 Mar. 30 - 1944 The Regiment returns to Camp.
 Apr. 25-27-1944 Three day pass.
 May 3 - 1944 We leave Camp Butner by train.
 May 4 - 1944 Arrive in Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.
 May 5-11-1944 Final preparations for overseas.

May 12-1944 Sailed from Brooklyn Navy Yard - 10:30 A.M.
May 12-25-1944 Crossing the Atlantic on the "U.S.S. Thomas Barry."
May 25-1944 Arrived in Bristol, England - 2:30 A.M.
May 26-1944 By train from Bristol to the Bodmin Barracks
June 6-1944 D-DAY! First U.S. troops land in France.
May 27-July 3-1944. Final training period.
July 4-1944 By train from Bodmin Station to Truro.
July 5-1944 From final staging area at Truro to Falmouth.
July 5-7-1944 On board the Landing Craft "Sir Francis Drake."
July 8-1944 Joined huge Convoy of Ships from other ports.
July 8-1944 Slowly crossing the English Channel.
July 8-1944 - Omaha Beach! We landed at 6:30 P.M.
July 11-1944 - Committed into action 6:00 P.M.