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BATTALION HISTORY

320TH

GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY



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BATTALION HISTORY

320th GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

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SECTION I

ORIGINAL UNIT AND CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

The 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion was originally organized at Camp Gordon, Georgia, in October 1917, as the 320th Field Artillery Regiment, a unit of the 328 Division of World War I. The Regiment served overseas and participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and in defensive sectors in Verdun. It returned to the United States and was demobilized at Camp Upton, New York in May 1919.

Under authority contained in Section 3a, National Defense Act, as amended, the 320th Field Artillery Regiment of World War I was reconstituted as an organized reserve unit in 1921, and on 30 January, 1942 was redesignated the 320th Field Artillery Battalion.

The 320th Field Artillery Battalion was reactivated as a part of the 82d Infantry Division at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, on 25 March, 1942. This Battalion, with the 326th Infantry Regiment, constituted the 326th Combat Team.

The personnel of this battalion were assigned directly from induction centers, and were largely draftees. The Non-commissioned cadre was from the 9th Infantry Division, and the Officers were from the Regular Army, the Officers' Reserve Corps, and the National Guard.

Upon conversion of the 82d Infantry Division to the 82d Airborne Division on 15 August, 1942, the official designation of this battalion was changed to the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion.

The 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion is entitled to three (3) battle streamers in the colors of the Victory Ribbon of World War I embroidered with ST. MIHIEL, MEUSE-ARGONNE, and VERDUN. For battles participated in during World War II, the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion is entitled to wear three (3) more battle streamers representing six battles in the colors of the European, African, and Middle-Eastern Theater of Operations embroidered with SICILY * NAPLES-ROSETTA, NORMANDY * ARDENNES, and RHINELAND * CENTRAL EUROPE. In addition, the battalion earned the UNIT CITATION streamer for the Normandy Campaign, and the Belgian and Dutch Fourrageres.

SECTION II

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED & ENLISTED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Q</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>NET GAINED</u>	<u>NET LOST</u>
* 30 June 43	27	2	417	446	0	0
31 July 43	26	2	418	446	0	0
31 Aug. 43	26	2	420	448	2	0
30 Sept 43	27	2	415	444	0	4
31 Oct. 43	26	2	397	425	0	19
30 Nov. 43	26	2	403	431	6	0
31 Dec. 43	27	2	403	432	1	0
31 Jan. 44	26	2	401	429	0	3
29 Feb. 44	27	2	400	429	0	0
31 Mar. 44	25	2	416	443	14	0
30 Apr. 44	25	2	427	454	11	0.
31 May. 44	26	2	430	458	4	0
30 June 44	28	2	512	542	84	0
31 July 44	33	2	511	545	4	0
31 Aug. 44	34	2	517	553	7	0
30 Sept 44	32	2	496	530	0	23
31 Oct. 44	34	2	483	519	0	11
30 Nov. 44	34	2	494	530	11	0
31 Dec. 44	33	2	495	530	0	0
31 Jan. 45	33	2	486	521	0	9
29 Feb. 45	33	2	488	523	2	0
31 Mar. 45	34	2	419	455	0	68
30 Apr. 45	31	2	409	442	0	13
31 May. 45	32	2	398	432	0	10
30 June 45	31	2	277	310	0	122
31 July 45	25	2	291	318	8	0
31 Aug. 45	25	2	310	337	19	0

*Strength figures prior to this date are not available at the time of this compilation.

SECTION III

STATION

<u>STATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Camp Claiborne, Louisiana	25 Mar. 42	3 Oct. 42
Fort Bragg, North Carolina	5 Oct. 42	22 Apr. 43
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts	23 Apr. 43	27 Apr. 43
Camp Don Passage, French Morocco	10 May. 43	15 May. 43
Oujda, French Morocco	16 May. 43	26 June 43
Keirouan, Tunisia	1 July 43	6 Sept 43
Sicily, Vicinity of Gela	6 Sept.43	17 Sept 43
Sicily, Vicinity of Termini	18 Sept 43	22 Sept 43
Paestum, Italy	23 Sept 43	5 Oct. 43
Naples, Italy	5 Oct. 43	16 Oct. 43
Combat North of Volturno River	16 Oct. 43	1 Nov. 43
Naples, Italy	1 Nov. 43	18 Nov. 43
Cookstown, North Ireland	9 Dec. 43	14 Feb. 44
Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, England	15 Feb. 44	6 June 44
Combat in Normandy, France	6 June 44	12 July 44
Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, England	15 July 44	18 Sept 44
Combat in Vicinity of Mijmegen, Holland	18 Sept 44	11 Nov. 44
Camp Suippes, Vicinity of Reims, France	14 Nov. 44	18 Dec. 44
Combat, Ardennes, Belgium & Germany	19 Dec. 44	19 Feb. 45
Camp Suippes, Vicinity of Reims France	21 Feb. 45	2 Apr. 45
Combat and Occupation, Germany Vicinity of Cologne	3 Apr. 45	28 Apr. 45
Combat and Occupation, Ludwigslust, Germany	29 Apr. 45	4 June 45
Camp Chicago, Vicinity of Loen, France	6 June 45	16 June 45
Camp Ramp, Epinal, France	16 June 45	11 Aug. 45
Gardeschutzenkaserner, Lichterfeld*, Berlin Germany	15 Aug. 45	Date

SECTION IV

MARCHES

PURPOSE	FROM	TO	MILES - TOTAL		ROAD	WEATHER
			DAY	MILES		
Change of Station	Camp Claiborne, La. 3/10/42	Pt. Hagg, H.C. 5/10/42	530	1060	Rail	Fair
Move to Staging Ar.	Pt. Brass, H.C. 22/4/43	Camp Edwards Base. 25/6/43	860	860	Rail	Fair
Embarkation	Camp Edwards, Mass. 27/6/43	Qua Blanca, Fr. Haroon, Vig. N.Y. POR. 10/5/43	332	4300	Ship	Fair-Train
Change of Station	Camp Blanca, Fr. Haroon 15/5/43	Marais (Ojda) Fr. Haroon 16/5/43	410	410	Fair	Hot-Dry
Change of Station	Marais (Ojda) Fr. Haroon 26/6/43	Kilroun, Sicily 1/7/43	129	690	Fair	Hot-Dry
Rejoin Division	Vic. Kairouan, Tunisia 6/9/43	Vic. Gela, Sicily 6/9/43	375	375	Airborne	Fair-Overcast
Change of Station	Vic. Gela, Sicily 17/9/43	Vic. Termini, Sicily 16/9/43	80	80	MT & Mo.	Overcast
Combat Div. Res.	Termini, Sicily 22/9/43	Castell, Italy 22/9/43	220	220	Ship	Fair
Occupation	Castell, Italy 2/10/43	Naples, Italy 5/10/43	50	50	Fair	Fair
Combat	Naples, Italy 17/10/43	Vic. Volturno River 17/10/43	35	35	Poor	Rain
Occupation	Vic. Volturno River 1/11/43	Naples, Italy 1/11/43	40	40	Poor	Fair
Change of Station	Naples, Italy 16/11/43	Cookstown N.I. 9/12/43	95	2070	Ship-Rail	Fair
Change of Station	Cookstown N.I. 14/12/44	Eschbunde Roworth, Leicestershire England 15/2/44	375	375	Ship-Rail	Fair
Combat	Vic. Leicester, England 6/5/44	Vic. St. Marc Eglin, France 6/6/44	235	235	Airborne	Fair
Return to Base	Vic. St. Savouire Vizego 22/7/44	Eschbunde Roworth, Leicestershire England 15/1/44	83	250	Ship-Rail	Fair
Combat	Vic. Leicestershire England 19/9/44	Vic. Nijmegen, Holland 10/9/44	360	360	Airborne	Fair
Return to Base	Vic. Nijmegen, Holland 11/11/44	Camp Saipon, Near Rome, France 4/11/44	87	260	Good	Fair
Combat	Camp Saipon, France 16/12/44	Ardennes, Belgium, 19/12/44	143	143	Fair	Rain
Return to Base	Vic. Schmidt, Germany	Camp Saipon, France 21/2/45	100	200	Fair	Fair
Combat	Camp Saipon, France 2/4/45	Cologne, Germany 3/4/45	220	220	Fair	Rain
Combat	Cologne, Germany 20/4/45	Blachde, Germany 20/4/45	310	310	Fair	Fair
Return to Base	Vic. Ludwigskast, Germany 4/6/45	Camp Chicago, Near Boise, France 6/6/45	243	489	Fair	Fair
Change of Station	Camp Chicago, France 16/6/45	Camp Bony, Spain, France 12/8/45	175	175	Fair	Fair
Occupation	Camp Bony, Spain, France 11/8/45	Basle Germany 13/8/45	125	490	Good	Fair

TOTAL :

15,835

SECTION V

CAMPAIGNS and BATTLES

1. SICILY : 9 July, 1943 to 12 September, 1943

This battalion was in division airborne reserve at airfields near MAIROUAN, Tunisia from 9 July, 1943 until 6 September, 1943. The battalion then moved by air to vicinity of Gela, Sicily. The Sicilian campaign was brought to a successful conclusion without the commitment of the 320th Glider Field Artillery.

2. NAPLES - POGGIA : 12 September, 1943 to 18 November, 1943

This battalion landed on the beach near PEASTUM, Italy on 23, September, 1943 where it remained in division reserve until the division was relieved from action on 5 October, 1943.

On 15 October, 1943 by order of Brigadier General Gavin, this battalion was assigned the mission of reinforcing the fires of the 3d Infantry Division Artillery which was engaged with forces of the German Army in the vicinity of the VOLTURNO RIVER. The battalion fired its first combat round at 1105 hours 17 October, 1943 and remained in action until 1 November, 1943. It was relieved and returned to division control at NAPLES ITALY. Steady advance was made in the 3d Infantry Division area during this period. The battalion fired 6,456 rounds (105mm) in this campaign.

3. NORMANDY : 6 June, 1944 to 12 July, 1944

The 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion landed by Parachute and Glider in the vicinity of ST. MERE EGLISE Normandy, France on 6 June, 1944 as a member of the 82d Airborne Division. The advance parties landed at about 0406 hours followed by the balance of the battalion at about 0315 hours. The gliders were badly scattered, and by 0930 the following day only two howitzers were in action-one firing North and one firing South.

By 8 June, 1944 eight howitzers were in action and coordinated offensive action was undertaken. This battalion was in support of the 325th Glider Infantry. On 9 June, 1944 another howitzer, built from three damaged weapons was placed in action making the total of nine weapons finally recovered of the twelve flown in.

The 320th Glider Field Artillery continued in offensive action supporting the 325th Glider Infantry throughout the campaign. On 13 June, 1944 this battalion reinforced the fires of the 319th Glider Field Artillery in support of the crossing of the Douve River made by the 508th Parachute Infantry.

The battalion was relieved from action on 11 July, 1944 and sailed for the base camp in England on LST no. 532 on 13 July, 1944. The battalion fired 16,609 rounds (105mm) during the action.

SECTION V

CAMPAIGNS and BATTLES (con't)

4. RHINELAND : 17 September, 1944 to 11 November, 1944

This battalion landed by glider on 18 and 19 September, 1944 as a part of the 82d Airborne Division in the Vicinity of GROESBECK, HOLLAND. Again in support of the 325th Glider Infantry, the battalion assisted in clearing the area of German Forces and holding the division sector for the advance of the Guards Armored Division of His Majesty's Forces.

Many gliders missed the landing zone. All of Headquarters Battery landed south of the Reichswald Forest from six to ten miles (road distance) from the L.Z. All but two loads reached the battalion the following day, though much equipment was lost. "B" Battery had 22 glider loads towed across the L.Z. and into Germany. Eight of the loads returned and fourteen remained missing. "A" Battery landed on the L.Z. with the exception of one glider which, it was later learned, landed in England. Eight out of twelve howitzers were recovered.

In addition to its normal job of supporting the 325th Glider Infantry, this battalion fired in support of the 2d Battalion 505 Parachute Infantry in establishing the first bridgeway across the WALL at NIJMEGEN and in division general support.

After being relieved on night of 10-11 November, 1944 the battalion moved by motor to the base camp in France.

Ammunition expended in Holland : 30,464 rounds (105mm).

5. ARDENNES : 18 December, 1944 to 23 February, 1945

On 18 December, 1944 the 82d Airborne Division, of which this battalion was a part received orders from Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces Via. XVIII Corps, Airborne to move to vicinity of WEBERMONT, BELGIUM with the mission of holding key terrain points and counter attacking to stem a break-through by German Armored, Infantry and Airborne Forces in this sector. This battalion fired in support of division operations during this period in which the German thrust was stopped and the enemy pushed back through the Siegfried line into Germany. 13,967 rounds (105mm) were fired during the course of this action.

6. CENTRAL EUROPE : 3 April, 1945 to 4 June, 1945

A. COLOGNE : On 1 April, 1945 this battalion was ordered to move from its basecamp in France to Cologne, Germany where, as a member of the 82d Airborne Division, a defensive position was established on the west bank of the Rhine while other U. S. Forces attacked and cleared a large pocket of surrounded German Forces in the Ruhr. Fires were delivered by this battalion from positions in the City of COLOGNE. 972 rounds were expended in the Cologne area. After the successful clearing the Ruhr Pocket, the division took up screening and occupation duties in the Cologne area.

SECTION V

CAMPAIGNS and BATTLES (con't)

6. CENTRAL EUROPE : (con't)

B. LUDWIGSLUST : On 28 April, 1945 this battalion together with other units of the 32d Airborne Division moved to vicinity ELECNEDE, and the ELBE RIVER with the mission of forcing a crossing of this river and driving east to contact forces of the Russian Army. The crossing was made during the night of 30 April, 1945 and the battalion displaced north of the ELBE the following day. From its new position in NEUHAUS, GERMANY the 320th Glider Field Artillery fired its last round of the war at 1940 hours, 1 May, 1945. 93 rounds were fired in the ELBE area. From this position the battalion moved forward into LUDWIGSLUST, GERMANY where Russian Forces were contacted and occupation duties were assumed.

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Total ammunition expended in combat by this battalion amounts to 68,562 rounds (105mm M-3 & M-2). One hundred Seventy-one tons of ammunition, delivering 2,468,200 pounds of high explosive projectiles upon the enemy.

SECTION VI

COMMANDING OFFICERS

<u>OO</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Brig. Gen. (then Lt. Col.) FRANCIS A MARCH III	25 March, 1942 - 5 January, 1943
Lt. Col. PAUL E. WRIGHT	5 January, 1943 Date

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSSES, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN

1. NAPLES - FOGGIA

(a) Killed In Action

ENLISTED MEN

Georges, Leo J.	S/Sgt.	"B" Battery
Hammond, Frank B. Jr.	Tec 4	Hq. Battery
McCord, Edgar C.	Tec 4	"B" Battery
White, Arthur	Pvt.	"B" Battery

2. NORMANDY

(a) Killed In Action

OFFICERS

Gambrecht, Clinton H.	1st. Lt.	"B" Battery
Schaefer, James G.	1st. Lt.	"A" Battery
Stewart, Jesse E.	2nd. Lt.	"B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Bennix, George N.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Cellis, Albert G.	Cpl.	"A" Battery
Clouse, Willard J.	S/Sgt.	Hq. Battery
Doss, Marion W.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Grady, Charles E.	Cpl.	"A" Battery
Hall, Robert R.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Hengst, William	Tec 5	"B" Battery
Holst, Oscar	Cpl.	"B" Battery
Huzar, John M.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Lamb, James O.	Sgt.	"A" Battery
Pilgrim, Howard D.	Tec 5	Hq. Battery
Prager, John J.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Ritchie, Sanford	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Rosensteel, Thomas J. R.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Rude, Wilbert S.	Tec 5	"B" Battery
Taylor, Henry M.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Valouskas, Stanley B.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Ware, Robert W. Jr.	Pfc.	Hq. Battery

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSSES, OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN (con't)

2. HOLLANDY : (con't)

(b) Wounded In Action

OFFICERS

Barnstein, Joseph E.	1st Lt.	Hq. Battery
Farrer, Leland J. Jr.	1st Lt.	"B" Battery
Knecht, Albert O.	Capt.	"B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Anderson, Joe W.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Bergul, Steve J.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Betts, Donald G.	Cpl.	"A" Battery
Bruhn, Eldon R.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Burns, Charles P.	Tec 4	Hq. Battery
Cappellatti, John V.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Carson, William R.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
D'Acquisto, Salvatore S.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Folk, Ralph L.	Tec 4	"A" Battery
Ferley, Clarence W.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Francis, Joseph	1st Sgt.	Hq. Battery
Frisby, Richard A.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Fuller, Fredrick R.	Cpl.	Hq. Battery
Garlow, William H. Jr.	Tec Sgt.	Hq. Battery
Henover, Ralph B.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Harrison, Joseph A.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Hendrix, Sam J.	S/Sgt.	"B" Battery
Hoskinson, Ralph L.	Tec 5	Hq. Battery
Jarvis, Willie A.	Pvt.	Medical Det
Jones, Carl C.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Jonasik, Thomas A.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Kegulayor, Francis L.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
King, Klabell	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Klegg, John V.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Kline, Frank E.	Tec 4	"A" Battery
Lee, Clyde F.	M/Sgt.	Hq. Battery
Moony, Leonard W.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Morrison, John C.	Cpl.	"B" Battery
Morse, John M.	Cpl.	Hq. Battery
Muchs, Joseph P.	Sgt.	Hq. Battery
Ouellette, Robert A.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Paccione, Mick J.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Pegluso, Angelo	Tec 4	Hq. Battery
Parker, Charles H.	Tec 4	"B" Battery
Paper, George	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Potter, Allison	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Rensay, Cletis	Pfc.	"B" Battery

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSSES, OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN (con't)

2. NORMANDY (con't)

(b) Wounded In Action (con't)

ENLISTED MEN

Reaks, Berkeley G. Jr.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Ried, Alexander C.	Cpl.	"A" Battery
Schwelser, Leroy A.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Smith, Norman J.	Pfc.	Hq. Battery
Stacknick, Frank S.	Cpl.	Hq. Battery
Stover, Sherman R.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Sassan Morris	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Tacado, Carl C.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Thees, Wilford G.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Valot, James E.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Vial, Joseph S.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Williams, Dudley	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Williams, Maurice W.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Williamson, Haskell R.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Wood, Glenn T.	Cpl.	"B" Battery

3. RHINELAND (HOLLAND)

(a) Killed In Action

OFFICERS

Hart, David L.	2nd. Lt.	"A" Battery
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ENLISTED MEN

Chapman, Robert J.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Galbraith, Robert E.L.	Cpl.	"A" Battery
Huffman, Robert P.	Cpl.	"B" Battery
Loon, Marion H.	1st. Sgt.	"B" Battery
Mills, Homer	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Ramirez, Fredrick R.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Roubodoux, Robert R.	Pvt.	"A" Battery

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSSES, OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN (cont)

3. RHINELAND (HOLLAND) (cont)

(b) Wounded In Action

OFFICERS

Lence, Leroy	1st. Lt.	"A" Battery
Logeman, Fredrick W.	2nd. Lt.	"A" Battery
Lowe, Phillip C.	1st. Lt.	"B" Battery
Schroeder, Edgar A.	1st. Lt.	"B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Breden, Sherman J.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Bueck, Frank P.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Cerson, William R.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Childers, Charles E.	Priv.	"B" Battery
Chlupse, Donald G.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Clevenger, Thomas V.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Griffith, Richard E.	Cpl.	Hq. Battery
Hogen, William J.	Sgt.	"A" Battery
Judd, William J.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Morrissey, Robert K.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
O'Brien, Walter I.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Plonley, Ben L.	Cpl.	"B" Battery
Smith, William G.	Pfc.	"A" Battery
Tharp, Charles E.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Whitley, Andrew S.	Pvt.	"A" Battery

(c) Missing In Action

OFFICERS

Meyer, Emil F.	1st. Lt.	Hq. Battery
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ENLISTED MEN

Blanton, Earnest	Pfc.	Hq. Battery
Fournier, Lowell J	Pvt.	"B" Battery

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSSES, OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN (cont)

3. RHINELAND (HOLLAND) (cont)

(d) Prisoners of War

OFFICERS

Angel, Norman S.	Capt.	Med. Det.
Ellis, George M.	2nd. Lt.	"B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Banasik, Joseph F.	Pfc.	Hq. Battery
Barr, Ned B.	Tec. 5	"B" Battery
Buda, Mariano J.	Tec 4	"B" Battery
Colsizy, Arthur J.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Comptel, Dominick	Tec. 5	Hq. Battery
Carl, Henry M.	Cpl.	"B" Battery
Clover, Edward S.	Tec. 5	Hq. Battery
Davis, Francis W.	Pvt.	Hq. Battery
Estep, Horace W.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Everett, Sheldon D.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Farmer, James E.	Tec. 5	"B" Battery
Gerace, Frank J.	S.t.	"B" Battery
Goebel, Guy R.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Grubbs, Joseph E.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Hecke, Paul	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Hardie, Norman W.	S/Sgt.	"B" Battery
Hastings, James E.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Huffenberger, Vernona	S.t.	"B" Battery
Humphrey, William J.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Ice, Howard E.	Cpl.	"B" Battery
L-Flour, Camille W.	S/Sgt.	Med. Det.
Leanan, William E.	Sgt.	"B" Battery
Mangearins, Morris	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Marlowe, Harburt A.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Martin, Victor	Pvt.	"B" Battery
McCabe, Albert	Pfc.	Hq. Battery
Mooney, Andrew J.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Mutert, Charles V	Pvt.	"B" Battery
O'Brien, Walter I.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Rigsby, Ason L.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Rinehart, Letchel S.	Cpl.	"B" Battery
Ross, Barvie J.	Pvt.	Med. Det.
Schmidt, Henry J	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Schwartz, Benjamin	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Shelton, Charles, A	Pfc.	"B" Battery

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSSES, OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN (con't)

3. RHINELAND (HOLLAND) (con't)

(d) Prisoners of War

ENLISTED MEN

Smith, Carl W.	Sgt.	"B" Battery
Smith, Roy M.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Tallman, Merritt F.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Taylor, Thomas J.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Thees, Wilfred G.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Vargovick, Steve A.	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Walczak, Charles	Pvt.	"B" Battery

4. ARDENNES

(a) Wounded In Action

OFFICERS

Bennett, Frank T.	1st. Lt.	"B" Battery
Grice, Francis M.	2nd. Lt.	"A" Battery
Johnston, Fredrick	2nd. Lt.	"A" Battery
Logeman, Fredrick W.	2nd. Lt.	"A" Battery
Monical, William B.	1st. Lt.	"A" Battery
Schroeder, Edgar A.	1st. Lt.	"B" Battery
Raubinger, Philip C.	2nd. Lt.	"B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Beckman, Leo	Pfc.	"B" Battery
Childers, Charles E.	Pvt.	"B" Battery
Flynn, William J.	Cpl.	"A" Battery
Jenkins, Fredrick B	Sgt.	"A" Battery
Schulte, Cass H.	Tec. 4	"B" Battery

5. CENTRAL EUROPE

(a) No Casualties.

SECTION VII

COMBAT LOSERS, OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN (con't)

6. DECEASED NON-BATTLE

OFFICERS

Gleason, Elgin R.	W/O	Hq. Battery
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ENLISTED MEN

Prior, Thomas J.	Pvt.	"A" Battery
Pearcey, Gordon P.	Col.	Hq. Battery
Tubby, Rufus	Pfc.	"B" Battery

SECTION VIII

AWARDS and DECORATIONS

1. NORMANDY

(a) Silver Star Medals

OFFICERS

Hill, William M.	1st. Lt.	Gallantry In Action	"A" Battery
Silvey, Fredrick J.	Maj.	Gallantry In Action	Hq. Battery
Stewart, Jesse E.	2nd. Lt.	Gallantry In Action (Posthumous)	"B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Bennix, George N.	Pvt.	Gallantry In Action (Posthumous)	"A" Battery
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SECTION VIII

AWARDS and DECORATIONS (con't)

1. NORMANDY (con't)

(b) Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Brock, Paul H. Jr.	Capt.	Meritorious Service	"A" Battery
Manning, Robert J.	Maj.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery
Monger, Donald E.	Capt.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery
Robinson, Henry E.	Capt.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Stewart, Hubert C.	Capt.	Meritorious Service	Med. Det.
Waring, Stewart W.	1st. Lt.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Wright, Paul E.	Lt. Col.	Heroic Conduct	Bn. Commander

ENLISTED MEN

Barrett, Marshall L.	Tec. 5	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Beckham, Joe A.	Sgt.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Bernard, James A.	S/Sgt.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Brest, Thomas R.	Pvt.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Broker, John P.	S/Sgt.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Cloamber, Edward S.	Pfc.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Dezort, Willard D.	Tec 5	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Falk, Ralph L.	Tec 4	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Galbraith, Robert E.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Georgevich, Daniel Jr	Tec 5	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Gray, Douglas, E.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Hall, Robert R.	Pfc. Heroic Conduct (Posthumous)		"A" Battery
Johnson, Glen Z.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Juergens, Eugene H.	Pvt.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
McCabe, Albert W.	Pfc.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
McComas, Hubert J.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Morrison, John C.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Pezzano, Michael A.	Tec 5	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Rejdukowski, Stanley	Tec 5	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Rilat, Theodore P.	Tec 4	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Sirotski, Paul P.	Tec 4	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Wharton, Charlie W.	Tec 4	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Wood, Glen T.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery

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AWARDS and DECORATIONS (con't)

1. NORMANDY (con't)

(c) Cluster to Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Silvey, Fredrick J. Maj. Meritorious Service Hq. Battery

(d) Air Medal

OFFICERS

Gumberokt, Clinton H 1st. Lt. 35 Missions (Posthumous) "B" Battery

(e) Croix De Guerre

OFFICERS

Stewart, Jesse E. 1st. Lt. Meritorious Service "B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Bennix, George N. Pvt. Meritorious Service "A" Battery

2. RHINELAND (HOLLAND)

(a) Silver Star Medals

OFFICERS

Butler, Robert O. 1st. Lt. Gallantry In Action "B" Battery

Hart, David L. 2nd. Lt. Gallantry In Action "A" Battery

Ishee, Carrol B. 1st. Lt. Gallantry In Action "B" Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Chapman, Robert J. Pvt. Gallantry In Action (Posthumous) "A" Battery

Keys, William C. 1st. Sgt. Gallantry In Action "A" Battery

SECTION VIII

AWARDS and DECORATIONS (con't)

2. RHINELAND (HOLLAND)

(b) Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Barth, Raymond J.	Capt.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery
Grice, Francis	2nd. Lt.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Enecht, Albert O.	Capt.	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Logeman, Fredrick W.	2nd. Lt.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Sullivan, Joseph	1st. Lt.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery

ENLISTED MEN

Henderson, Gordon P.	Tec. 4	Meritorious Service	"A" Battery
Huth, Nicholas R.	1st. Sgt.	Heroic Conduct	"A" Battery
Watkins, John G. Jr.	Sgt.	Meritorious Service	"A" Battery

(c) Cluster to Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Luce Dwain G.	Capt.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Monger, Donald E.	Capt.	Heroic Conduct	Hq. Battery
Stewart, Hubert C.	Capt.	Heroic Conduct	Med. Det.

ENLISTED MEN

Beckham, Joe A.	Sgt.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery
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(d) Air Medal

OFFICERS

Ishee, Carrol E.	1st. Lt.	35 Missions	"B" Battery
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AWARDS and DECORATIONS (con't)

3. ABBEVES

(a) Silver Star Medals

OFFICERS

Bennett, Frank T.	1st Lt.	Gallantry In Action	"B" Battery
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(b) Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Schroeder, Edgar A.	1st Lt.	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
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ENLISTED MEN

Blackman, Albert L.	Pfc.	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Click, Lloyd L.	Pfc.	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Collier, Ralph H.	Tec 4	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Taylor, Donald	Tec 5	Heroic Conduct	"B" Battery
Woomer, Roy E.	Cpl.	Heroic Conduct	Med. Det.

(c) Air Medals

OFFICERS

Williamson, Glenn W.	1st Lt.	35 Missions	Hq. Battery
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4. CENTRAL EUROPE

(a) Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Thoerner, John H.	Capt.	Meritorious Service	"A" Battery
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ENLISTED MEN

McMullen, Aubrey B.	M/Sjt.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery
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SECTION VIII

AWARDS and DECORATIONS (con't)

4. CENTRAL EUROPE (con't)

(b) Clusters to Bronze Star Medals

OFFICERS

Ince, Dean G.	Capt.	Meritorious Service	Hq. Battery
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(c) Air Medals

OFFICERS

Farrer, Leland J. Jr.	1st. Lt.	35 Missions	"B" Battery
Lance, Leroy	1st. Lt.	35 Missions	"A" Battery

(d) Clusters To Air Medals

OFFICERS

Thompson, Dudley	1st. Lt.	35 Missions	Hq. Battery
Williamson, Glenn W.	1st. Lt.	35 Missions	Hq. Battery

HEADQUARTERS 320TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A. P. O. No. 469 U. S. Army

HISTORICAL RECORD 320TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 16 - 31, 1943, INCLUSIVE

At 1230 hours, October 15, 1943, the Battalion Commander received orders to report at the Division CP for a conference with BRIG GEN GAVIN. At this conference the Battalion Commander received VCOB attaching the Battalion to the 3rd Infantry Division for service at the front in the Voltorno river area. Following the conference at the Division CP, GEN GAVIN and the Battalion Commander made a reconnaissance of the area to be occupied by the Battalion in company with officers from the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery.

At 0800 hours, October 17, 1943, the Battalion Commander and party left Naples for the front. At 1200 hours the Battalion, having drawn motor equipment from the Division Motor Pool, moved forward, the leading vehicle passing the IP at 1200 hours.

The Battalion arrived in its assembly area south of Caserta at 1350 hours, where it was joined by CAPT MANNING from the Battalion Commander's party, at 1555 hours. CAPT MANNING delivered orders to MAJ LANCKY from the Battalion Commander to move the Battalion forward to a designated assembly area. The Battalion moved out at 1617 hours, arriving in the next assembly area at 1910. The Battalion Commander joined the Battalion in this area at 1950 hours. The Battalion Commander and party moved forward at 2040 hours.

Radioed orders from the Battalion Commander to MAJ LANCKY to move Battalion into position received at 2240.

Battalion moved into position at BN CP 23.5 - 92.6, map of Italy, 1/50,000, Sheet 172 - I, at 0030 hours. Liaison officer and party moved forward to establish contact with the 15th Infantry CP. Forward observers and parties moved forward into position. 2ND LT SULLIVAN was sent to report to 3rd Infantry Division Artillery to stand by for use as air observer. Nine rounds were fired by use of air observer. Battalion Commander and party moved forward on reconnaissance at 1200 hours. MAJ LANCKY received "MARCH ORDER" for forward displacement at 1408 hours. The Battalion occupied new position near Profeti, Italy, at BN CP 23.5 - 92.6, map of Italy, Sheet 172, I, 1/50,000. Time - 1545 hours. The Battalion fired 126 rounds of ammunition from this position. The Battalion Commander and party moved out on reconnaissance at 1215 hours.

At 0650 hours, October 19, 1943, MAJ LANCKY received orders (TP) from the Battalion Commander for forward displacement. Battalion moved north approximately 1300 meters. Both Btrys registered at 0945 hours. Three (3) Os and fifty (50) MM from 441st Separate Battalion, CA (AA) attached for rations and quarters and joined. Time - 0800 hours. Battalion Commander and party moved forward for reconnaissance. At 1330 hours orders received to execute Plan Two. Heavy traffic on road delayed forward movement. Baker Btry until 1350 hours. Baker Btry occupied position at 1350 hours.

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Owing to road being closed to traffic shortly after Baker Btry moved forward, Able Btry could not be moved until the following morning. The Bn fired 297 rounds, all HE, on the 19 October.

Able Btry and rear echelon of Bn CP and of Hq Btry moved forward at 0931 hours, October 20, 1943. No orders were received during the day. The Battalion Commander was on reconnaissance from 0600 to 0945 hours. Location of Bn CP 22.5 - 95.2, map of Italy, 1/50,000, Sheet 172 - 1. Eighteen missions were fired during the day, all by use of forward observers. Able Btry's forward observers were located on Hill 482 and Hill 816; Baker Btry's forward observer was located on Hill 446. 638 rounds of ammunition, all HE, was expended.

There was no movement of the battalion or of Btries on the 21 October, and no orders were received. Reliefs were sent forward for forward observers and parties at 0930 hours. The survey party extended the survey. Gun positions of both Btries were inspected by the Executive. Twenty-six (26) missions were fired: Forward observers were used in firing thirteen (13) missions; In O three (3); and two were normal barrage. 798 rounds of ammunition, all HE, was expended.

There were no orders received on the 22 October, and no movement of Btries. Able Btry's forward observer moved from 20.1 - 99.1 to a de la Costa; BFO 19.0 - 97.2 at 0945 hours. Battalion was under occasional fire from enemy mortars, but there were no casualties as result thereof. Thirty-five missions were fired: Twenty-four (24) by use of forward observer; two (2) by In O; and nine (9) unobserved normal barrage. 1261 rounds of HE ammunition was expended.

No orders received and no movement of Btries on 23 October. 2ND LT GERBESCHT, Baker Btry, was detailed to 3rd Inf Div Arty landing field for use as air observer if needed. CAPT TRAIN, In O #1, was at Bn CP from 1100 to 1230 hours, returning to 15th Inf CP at 1230 hours. An CP on Castle Hill under enemy shell-fire at 1215 hours, and in front of Baker Btry's position at 1900 hours. Btry positions inspected by Battalion Commander and Executive during the day. Twenty-three (23) missions were fired: Forward observers used in firing 16 missions; In O six (6); and one (1) unobserved. 1058 rounds of ammunition expended.

The Battalion received no orders and executed no displacements on 24 October. Baker Btry's forward observer and party on Castle Hill were relieved, by replacement, at 1600 hours. Able Btry's forward observer and party were relieved, without replacement, at 1600 hours. Four (4) missions were fired, all by use of forward observer. Eighty-five (85) rounds of HE ammunition expended.

At 0825 hours, 25 October, the Battalion Commander and party moved forward to 15th Inf CP for conference with 3rd Inf Div Arty Commander. At the conference the Battalion received VODG to execute forward displacement, moving the Battalion into the position then occupied by the 9th FA Bn when

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the position was evacuated by them. Per WCCO an advance section of the Bn CP moved forward at 1845 hours, arriving in new position and setting-up a forward CP at 2030 hours. Baker Btry executed forward displacement at 2030 hours. Three (3) missions were fired, all by use of forward observer. 294 rounds of ammunition expended.

At 0030 hours, 26 October, Baker Btry moved into position. Able Btry and rear element of Bn CP and Hq Btry occupied position at 0408 hours. At 1130 hours, 26 October, the Battalion Commander received WCCO 15th Inf to make a reconnaissance for position from which to support that regiment. The Battalion Commander and party, and the Battery Commanders and parties, left Bn CP at 1246 hours for forward reconnaissance. The Commander of the Provisional Battery of CA (AA) accompanied the Battalion Commander on reconnaissance. Forward observers had moved forward into new position at 0700 hours. WCCO to Executive to execute "MARCH ORDER" at 2105. One mission, a rolling barrage observed by forward observer, was fired. 266 rounds of ammunition expended.

Able Btry moved into new position at 0230 hours, 27 October. Bn CP and Hq Btry moved into position at 0300 hours. Baker Btry occupied position at 0645 hours. Forward observers and parties moved forward to position at 0100 hours. Three (3) missions were fired, two (2) by use of forward observer and one (1) unobserved. 518 rounds of ammunition expended.

The Battalion Commander received WCCO to report at the Div Arty CP, and upon arrival thereof received WCCO relieving Battalion from attached to 15th Inf and attaching it to the 10th FA Bn, effective immediately. Time 1230 hours, 28 October. The Battalion and Battery Commanders and their parties left the Bn CP for reconnaissance at 0840 hours. Per WCCO "MARCH ORDER" given Btrys at 1815 hours. An advance detachment from Bn CP and the Communication Platoon of Hq Btry moved forward at 1750 hours. Occupied position and established communication and set-up forward Bn CP at 1920 hours. Baker Btry occupied new position at 2315 hours; Able Btry at 2330 hours. Second section of Hq Btry and Bn CP arrived at forward position at 2345 hours. One (1) mission fired, unobserved. 349 rounds of ammunition expended.

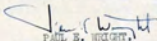
No orders were received on 29 October and there were no movements of Btrys. In O reported at 10th FA Bn CP, and forward observers and parties moved into position. Enemy aircraft were over the Battalion's position at 1140 hours. Guns of the Provisional Battery, CA (AA), and anti-aircraft machine guns of the Battalion, engaged the enemy planes. One enemy plane appears to have been shot down. Seven missions were fired, five (5) by use of forward observer and two (2) on information furnished by 10th FA Bn. 318 rounds of ammunition expended.

Received WCCO to execute forward displacement to position previously reconnoitered by Div Arty Staff, and to clear cross-roads by 1645 hours. Orders received at 1520 hours, 30 October. Battalion Commander and Executive Officer s of Btrys, with parties, moved forward from Bn CP at 1530 hours to make reconnaissance of position to be occupied by Battalion. Btrys executed forward displacement at 1620 hours. Baker Btry occupied position at 1700

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hours; Able Btry at 1715 hours; Bn CP in new position at 1705 hours. CAPT BROCK, CO, Able Btry, and 1ST LT KNECHT, CO, Baker Btry, and parties, left Bn CP to take position at 105025, Map of Italy, Sheet 172 - IV, 1/50, 000, as forward observers. Time - 1515 hours. Two (2) missions were fired, both by use of forward observers. 137 rounds of ammunition expended. Enemy planes were over the Battalion area during the day, but were kept at a considerable altitude by anti-aircraft fire.

The Battalion Commander received WCGG, 3rd Inf Div Arty, that the Battalion would move to the Naples area, leaving the present position at 0530 hours, 1 November, 1943. Time - 1555 hours, 31 October, 1943. There were no movements of Btrys during the day. CAPT BROCK and 1ST LT KNECHT, with parties, returned from the OP to the Bn CP at 1500 hours. Six (6) missions were fired, all by use of forward observers. All rounds of ammunition expended.


PAUL E. WRIGHT,
Lt. Col., 320th Glider FA Bn.,
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HEADQUARTERS 320TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO #469 U. S. Army

15 November 1943

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Adjutant General, 82nd Airborne Division, APO #469, U. S. Army

Submitted herewith is a report on personnel "WIA, MIA, and KIA" of this organization for the period from 1 October, 1943 through 31 October, 1943:

KIA

S/Sgt.	LEO J. GOERGES	35044337
Techn 4	FRANK B. HAMMOND, JR.	34255488
Techn 4	EDGAR O. McCORD	35291273

WIA

CWO	EUGENE E. HARVEY	W-2113333
S/Sgt.	JAMES M. ALT	31012518
Pfc.	ROBERT T. FENDLETON	35137393
Pvt.	VIRGIL A. BROWNING	34273063
Pvt.	FREDERICK R. FULLER	32508521

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