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May 29/44: Forward Echelon: 2 Off and 9 EM left Hutted camp by Mtr convey at 0915 hrs arrived at Welford Park Airfield, Berkshire England at 1830 hrs. Distance traveled Approx 92 miles. 7 Off & 63 EM left Hutted Camp 1230 hrs. marched to Theddingworth and entrained at 1330 hrs. Arrived at Newbury 1820 hrs. Entrucked for Welford Park Airfield, Berkshire, England arriving at 1930hrs. 1 Off & 1 EM fr Hutted camp arrived by Motor Vehicle at Welford Park Airfield at 2030 hrs. 1 Off & 5 EM - Advance Detail to duty with forward Echelon.

May 30/44: Forward Echelon received instructions in ditching Horsa Gliders. & Usual camp duties.

May 31/44: Forward Echelon. Usual camp duties.

June 1/44: Forward Echelon: Part of Btry loaded Horsa Gliders. All N.C.O.'s briefed on mission & usual camp duties.

June 2/44: Forward Echelon: Part of Btry loaded Horsa Gliders. All privates briefed on mission. Usual camp duties.

May 29 to June 2/44 Incl. Base Echelon: usual camp duties.

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June 6/44: Forward Echelon: Elford Park Airfield Berksire, England, Battery left Airfield on take off at 2040 comprising of 8 Horsa Gliders, 2 Gliders with 2 Officer and 27 EM forced down near take-off field, England landed in and near Ste. Mere Eglise, France at 2315 hrs. all Gliders made crash landings with great damage and heavy casualties near enemy troops and immediately under Artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Men were scattered and spent night under fire with 505th Parachute Inf Regt. Battery was assembled as soon as possible. 4 EM Killed in Action, 1 Off and 7 EM Lightly Injured in Action, 1 EM Seriously Injured in Action, and 1 EM Seriously Wounded in Action, all hospitalized.

7 June 1944: Battalion was organized at coordinates 33.7 - 96.2 Map Sheet 31/18 NF 1/- 25000, and firing was started immediately with two guns and ammunition that could be acquired. Clearing the equipment from wrecked gliders was done under artillery and small arms fire. Men were still coming in from various ~~units~~ units and digging in quickly, subject to 88MM fire at all times. Two gliders with 3 Officers and 27 EM landed at LZ and were shelled by the enemy, all personnel were safe and saved most of their equipment. 4 EM Lightly Wounded in Action during the day and hospitalized. 1 EM Seriously Injured in Action on 6 Jun 44 Died of Injuries and 1 EM previously Lightly Injured in Action returned to duty.

8 June 1944: Position was improved and Sn fired continually throughout the day and night. Shelling of our area by the enemy lasted until noon and small arms fire came through area frequently. Jeeps and equipment still being salvaged from wrecked gliders under fire. Men worked slow and cautiously. Supplies & rations running low. Moral is high. 1 EM previously Lightly Injured in Action returned to duty. 1 EM Lightly injured in Action 6 Jun 44 hospitalized.

9 June 1944: Seaborne element of 2 Off, 1 WO and 14 EM joined battery bringing ammunition and rations near Ste. Mere, Eglise, France. No Casualties. Cont'd on page 6.

Shelling of an area has been light and with no casualties. Battalion fired constantly in supporting and neutralizing on many targets. For 12 minutes the six guns fired on one concentration. Germans have painted stripes on their planes very similar to ours. YEM previously Lightly Injured in Action returned to duty.

10 June 1944: Shelling by enemy light. Moved forward in early morning to new position in support of 505th Arch Inf Regt and fired steadily. Coordinates 32.9 - 87.8. Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000. Bn firing has been very effective and number of 88's knocked out. Men dug in well as enemy artillery fire in, over and around position. 17 ss Ranger Div arrived at Vimcote and two other small towns under our artillery fire. Effectiveness as yet unknown. No casualties.

Base Echelon: 6 to 10 June 1944 Incl. Cleaning and improving camp area, & usual camp duties.

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FORWARD ECHELON: 13 Jun 44: In position at coordinates 297-928 Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000 of France. Try to new position by shuttling small sections which proved to be less conspicuous coordinates 2830-9315 same map. No one hurt when enemy mortar fire dropped occasionally in area. Morale excellent.

BASE ECHELON: 13 June 44: Usual camp duties.

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15 June 44: Btry moved to new position at coordinates 257-933 Map Sheet 31/18 N.W Scale 1/25000 of France. Enemy occasionally shelling area. One enemy shell landed in Btry position causing no damage. In firing steadily on targets of opportunity and some more enemy 88's were knocked of by our fire yesterday.

BASE ECHELON: 14 - 15 Jun 44 incl. Usual camp duties.

FORWARD ECHELON: 7 Jul 44: Btry in position at coordinates 2406 - 8714 Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000 of France and firing at irregular intervals. The Division now in a defensive position with little Activity. Morale Excellent

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Forward Echelon: 16 June 44. Coordinate 232-918 Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000 of France. Btry moving forward as enemy falls back. Several Shells landed in and near Btry position. Enemy planes strafing vicinity. Artillery fire has been constant.

17 June 44: Btry moved to new position without casualties, Coordinate 2603-9439. Abandoned American equipment was given to Btry by local civilians and turned in to proper Authorities.

18 June 44: Bn firing steadily and in directions as needed. Enemy dud landed near position. Fragment of one of our shells landed in area, bursting as it came out of the tube. Morale Excellent. Two enemy duds came over head and landed to the rear of Btry position. Moved to new position across the Douve River at coordinate 2710-9090. No enemy activity. Morale Excellent.

20 June 44: Btry moved to new position coordinate 275-896. Enemy activity light. Enemy Tanks in vicinity, but firing over position on bridge over Douve River, have been unable to knock out of action. Morale Excellent.

21 June 44: Btry prepared to move forward to take three hills and other high ground to the south. Mission was delayed 24 hours in order for the Infantry to move into position. Anti-Aircraft guns in area protecting bridge over river. Enemy planes over position during night but no enemy action in the vicinity. Morale Excellent.

Base Echelon: 16 - 21 June 44 incl. Usual camp duties.

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FORWARD ECHELON: 22 June 44. Coordinates 275-896. Map Sheet 31/18 N.E. Scale 1/25000 of France. Enemy snelling over and around Battery position trying to knock out bridge built by Engineers. It is believed the 88's were knocked out by our guns after being observed by our observation planes. Morale Excellent.

23 June 44: Enemy activity very light and the front lines were comparatively quiet. Bn firing steadily on various targets. Two enemy planes over position. Ten-in-one rations and water plentiful.

24 June 44.: Btry still in same position. Enemy brought up artillery reinforcements and threw barrage after barrage in area. After fighters and observation planes landed. At 2200 hrs our artillery dual took place. No casualties reported. Morale Excellent.

22 to 24 June 1944: BASE ECHELON: Usual Camp duties.

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FORWARD ECHELON: 25 June 44: In position at coordinates 275-896 map sheet 31/13 N. E. Scale 1/25000 of France. Another Artillery duel developed as soon as our fighter and observation planes landed. It is believed the enemy using 150 MM guns "Big Bertha". Artillery fire start late evening and continue until late morning. Our fighters strafed and dive bombed Hill 131 with good results. Our troops received clean clothes. Chaplain held proper service in Itryarea. Morale excellent.

26 June 44: Firing steadily on targets of opportunity and some firing on unobserved targets. A fake attack was made at enemy by our troops early morning. The enemy was thrown back by a heavy concentration of Artillery and infantry small arms fire. Another duel developed late in the evening.

27 June 44: Activity quiet during the day. Enemy waited until late evening to start snelling which develops into and Artillery battle. Weather rainy: Morale: Excellent.

BASE ECHELON: 25 to 27 June 44: Usual camp duties.

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FORWARD ECHELON: 28 June 44. In position at coordinates 275-896 Map Sheet 31/18 N.E. Scale 1/25000 of France. Firing steadily on targets of opportunity. Enemy has reinforced skirmish line with mobile artillery. The enemy comes forward, fires, and then drops back before our fire can be brought on the mobile artillery. Enemy planes over in the early hours of the morning. Morale Excellent.

29 June 44. Firing steadily in same position and always keeping the enemy guessing. Little air activity due to a very low ceiling and rain at irregular intervals throughout the day. Enemy fired late in day and shells landed short of area with shrapnel flying through our position. Stars & Stripes and some mail being received. Morale Excellent.

30 June 44. In same position and firing steadily making the most of our shells. Two parties of liaison men are out and any enemy activity is fired upon. Several enemy shells landed close to area with shrapnel flying through position. No casualties occurred. Our fighters are supporting the ground troops. 1 Off joined Btry from Base Echelon. Morale Excellent.

BASE ECHELON: 28 June 44. Usual camp duties.

29 June 44. Usual camp duties. 1 Off departed for forward echelon.

30 June 44. Usual camp duties. 31 EM Replacements joined base echelon 1930hrs. after four weeks training at 319th GliderFA Bn Base camp

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FORWARD ECHELON: 1 Jul 44 Btry in position at coordinates 275-896 Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000 of France. Firing at irregular intervals on targets of opportunity. Enemy believed to be using mobile French 75MM guns, shelling south of position with no casualties. Self propelled artillery is moving up against the enemy. Low overcast and frequent showers has kept our air support at a minimum. Morale Excellent.

2 July 44: Enemy has control of high ground in front of position giving them very good observation for shelling all around Btry position. Weather has held down our observation and air support. Morale Excellent.

3 July 44 Firing steadily on targets of opportunity has been reported very destructive to the enemy. A heavy concentration was laid down in front of the infantry as they drove forward to take high ground which includes hill 90, 121 and 131. They are pushing forward against heavy enemy resistance. Morale Excellent.

4 Jul 44: Btry moved to new position at coordinates 2406-8714 Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000 of France. Area being shelled by enemy artillery, Mortar and small arms fire 1 EM evacuated due to foot injury by a pick axe while digging a fox hole. Enemy planes circled btry position several times. Morale Excellent.

BASE ECHELON: 1 - 4 Jul 44: Usual camp duties

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FORWARD ECHELON: 5 Jul 44. In position at coordinates 2406-8714 Map Sheet 31/18 N. E. Scale 1/25000 France. Enemy shelling area with artillery mortars and small arms fire and enemy planes over position. No casualties. Our fighters giving infantry their need support, firing steadily. Morale Excellent.

6 Jul 44: Continued shelling of area by enemy artillery & mortar fire. Two bombs accidentally dropped in area by one of our fighters. No casualties. Morale Excellent.

BASE ECHELON: 5-6 Jul 44 Incl. Usual camp duties.

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STATION Husbands Fosworth, HP-1403, England
 ORGANIZATION Hq Btry 320th Glider FA Bn

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
36 674 532	Ciomber, Edward S.	PFC	
39 189 335	Bower, Wilbur R.	PFC	
14 014 192	Colding, Hugh D.	Pvt	
34 178 851	Cashwell, Graham C.	Pvt	
39 318 178	Fleming, Louis V.	Pvt	

Above 5 EM fr dv to fur 5 days.
 1 EM Med Det this En dropped for rations only.

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FORWARD ECHOION; 10 Jul 44; Coordinates: 2406-8714 Map Sheet 31/18 NE Scale 1/25000 of France. Enemy still in range of our guns. In defensive position with enemy being driven So. Our guns are firing at irregular intervals. Enemy planes over our position and dropped bombs, no damage to area. Btry was issued Jump Boots and new clothing in preparation for return to the UK. (Over)

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD O CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ASGD	9		3	1			2			
ATCND										
ATCND FR OTHER ORGN					2					
TOTAL	9		3	1	2		2			

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DV	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD			106		21	127
ATCND						
ATCND FR OTHER ORGN			1			1
TOTAL			107		21	128

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK	Friday	NUMBER
	DATE	July 21/44	
MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT		TOTAL	AVERAGE
BREAKFAST	135	DINNER	135
SUPPER	135	TOTAL	405
			AVERAGE
			135
MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY		0	MEN ATCND FOR RATIONS
MEN ATCND TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		0	NET
		107	0 & OTHERS MESSED
		107	18
		107	TOTAL
		107	28
		107	135

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11 July 1944. Btry in same position. Turning in all equipment, packing and preparing for move to beach. Enemy planes over our position one bomb was dropped well outside of our area. Morale high.

12 July 1944. Advance party consisting of one officer departed this area via C-47 for home station. Take off 0800 hrs. Position at present time: Coordinates 435-943 Map Sheet 31/18 N.E. Scale 1/25000 of France after moving to area D on beach. Morale Excellent.

13 July 1944. Moved from Area D. Coordinates 435-943 Map Sheet 31/18 N.E. Scale 1/25000 of France, to beach Utah via trucks. Loaded on LST at 1410 hrs and sailed in convoy at 1810 hrs. LST lead consisted of 320th and 505th personnel.

14 July 1944. Disembarked from LST 2100 hrs and marched with band to an area in park. Received coffee and doughnuts from ARC. Morale high.

15 July 1944. Boarded train at Southampton, England 0045 hrs. Arrived at Leicester, Leicestershire, Eng 0900 hrs. Entrucked and departed for Huttet Camp, Husbands Bosworth, Eng. Arrived at camp 0940 hrs. Morale Excellent.

Base Echelon: 10 to 14th July/44 incl.
Usual Cp Duties.

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