

REPORT ¹²⁰⁰ 23 June 1944
March Base, Leffestery,
Westershire, England

Co 25th 401st Glider Inf. Inf.

RECORD OF EVENTS

Airborne part of Co left England
0700 7 Jun 44 by Glider. Arrived
in France 0900 7 Jun 44. Seaborne
part of Co left England 6 Jun 44.
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Completed Special Mission and
joined rest of Co 9 Jun 44.
Company on subsequent mission in
France.

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7 Jun 44 after landing near
Boutteville, France the Co moved
to Euvrille. Co participated in
Bn's capture of Caroubet and
Le Fort. At 1800 Co moved to a
defensive position in Regt II area
near Chef de Font. 8 Jun 44 Co
remained in defensive position.
9 Jun 44 Co moved to assembly
area 358th Gl. Inf's attack & crossing
of the Verdun River at coord 31.5
95.6 W of France-1.25000 St. Vère
Eglise sheet 431/18 NK. Co played
important part in drive which took
them to the intersection of roads
at coord 29.8-94.2. Established
a defensive position.

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14 Jun 44 Bn with G Co leading
E & F behind, attacked Euvrille
relieving 358th Inf Regt. Co F
relieved Co G and by nightfall
the position was secured. Cur Bn
was then relieved by 1st & 2d Bns.
15 Jun 44 Cur Bn relieved 1st Bn
at 1300 in drive along improved
road at coord 21.8-94.6. Co F was
guarding right flank. Reached
Crossville at 2200. Co was supposed
to proceed to Raville but contact
was lost by the rest of Co B so
the night was spent in a driving
rain at Crossville. No rations
were had the entire day.

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16 Jun 44 Co moved from Crossville
to Raville where 1st Bn was
contacted. At 1800 Co moved out to
outpost the Douve River. Night was
unsuccessful but men were without
rations or blankets. 17 Jun 44 Co
withdrew outposts and moved to
assembly area at coord 21.4-94.6
arrived at 1800 hrs. Co with Bn
left area 0500 17 Jun 44 by truck.
Arrived at area coord 28.2-92.8
at 0600. Co was permitted to rest,
received first mail since invasion.

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Co left area at 2330 18 Jun 44 and
moved to Bienville where Bn was to
cross the Douve River. Crossed at
0330 hrs 19 Jun 44. Co advanced to
a line coord 259-855, W of France
1.25.000 Carentan sheet 431/18 SZ.
Co resumed attack at 0530 hrs
20 Jun 44 and advanced to a line
coord 258-891 where we were stopped
by heavy automatic fire. Co was
relieved by A & B Co at 2230 hrs.
Co F withdrew to Bn reserve. Co
relieved Co G on the line at 2000
hrs 21 Jun 44. 0330 22 Jun 44 Co
moved to a position in Regt I reserve
occupying previously dug emplacement.
Men were issued new O.D. clothes.

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23 Jun 44 Co spent the day slightly
altering, digging and bettering
their positions. Co received 2d
mail since invasion.
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24 Jun 44 Co remained in defensive
position in Regt I Reserve, spent day
bettering positions. A combat patrol
of 11 men under 1/Sgt Urschel was
sent out to capture some enemy and
inflict casualties. Patrol returned
without casualties having killed 3
enemy and capturing 1, 25, 26 and
27 Jun 44 Co spent resting and
improving their positions. There was
frequent artillery and mortar
shelling from both sides. A 3 man
recon patrol under 3/Sgt Harris
was sent out at 2300 hrs 26 Jun 44.
returned intact at 0730 hrs 27 Jun
44. Co remained in defensive position
27 Jun 44.

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Sgt Sparks with 2 M left at 2320
hrs 27 Jun 44 as part of Combat
Patrol, returned intact at 0815 hrs
28 Jun 44. Co remained in defensive
position. A Combat Patrol of 11 EM
under 7/Sgt Urschel left out lines
at 1045 29 Jun 44 and returned at
1300 hrs. They encountered no enemy
searched a small village and gained
entrance to a church where they were
able to observe more enemy territory
from the steeple. Reported no
activity. Co remained in defensive
position. 30 Jun 44 received more
mail.

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1 Jul 44 & 2 Jul 44 the Co remained
in defensive position. 2 Jul 44 a
recon patrol of 5 M under 3/Sgt
Grigg left at 1330 hrs, returned
intact at 1545 hrs. 3 Jul 44 our
Bn in reserve for 325th Gl. Inf
moved out in the attack. L.D. extend
from coord 258-892 to 243-894. Heavy
concentration of artillery was fired
on enemy preparatory to the attack.
Some anti personal mines were en-
countered. At 1200 hrs our Bn was
given mission protecting left flank.
Co F & E took position facing east.

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Co encountered enemy resistance and
took 7 prisoners 3 of which were
wounded. Co moved from this position
at 2330 hrs. 4 Jul 44 the Bn arrived
at assembly area at 0030 hrs and dug in.
At 0730 Bn relieved 2nd Bn in
the attack. Heavy resistance with
mortar and artillery held up Co for
approx 2 hrs. A 6 man patrol was sent
out to flank and knock out enemy
position so Co could move on to the
road at coord 216-856. Co F captured
9 prisoners.

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5 Jul 44 At 0515 hrs the enemy attacked
our left flank causing them to
withdraw also causing some casualties
and capturing PFC Crabtree. Va for
Vernon led a patrol of 4 EM around the
enemy's rear and help route them with
hand grenades. At 1400 hrs Bn attacked
with Co F on right and reached their
objective. Co F line extended fr coord
221-853 to 216-850. Co took defensive
position and harassed the enemy with
mortar fire. Co remained on alert all
night. 2 prisoners were taken. Co
remained in defensive position 6 Jul 44.
PFC Crabtree escaped from enemy and
joined Co. 7 Jul 44 a driving rain
was sleeping in open slit trenches
disposable. At 1100 hrs Co with Bn
moved from its position to an area

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coord 221-874. Arrived at approx
1430 hrs where the Co dug in. The
rain had a chance to abate and clear
up. The morale of the men was
excellent despite the last 4 days
of engaging the enemy. Co remained
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