

Camp March Harve,  
Leicester, Leicestershire, England

ORGANIZATION Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 401 Glider Inf.

RECORD OF EVENTS

1944: Company left airport at 0715. In France at 0910, arrived Etenville at 1000. Moved on to Carantilly, then on to La Fort, still no camp on to Graf De Post to the assembly area. Good, weather warm.

1944: Company left assembly area. Started crossing causeway at cleared two road crossings, pushed (over)

RECORD OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

(9 June 44 cont'd) back once by strong counter attack. Reinforced by 120 men from 507th Parachute Infantry and retook the area. Set up a line to hold what we had. Morale good, weather clear.

12 June 1944: Company moved up to forward position. Usual camp duties.

14 June 1944: Company moved forward into Etenville, encountered strong enemy resistance. After pushing forward approximately 1500 yards were relieved by the 1st Battalion 325th Glider Infantry.

15 June 1944: Toward evening we passed thru the 1st Battalion 325th Glider Infantry to resume the attack. Pushed on to Cromille.

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10 June 44: (France) 90th Div moved in, using our front line as their line of departure at 0530 to continue advance. En remained in same position. Morale good, weather clear. Still a few snipers in our area.

11 June 44: (France) Three Seaborne EM joined unit. Company withdrew to bivouac area 2500 yards from Anfreville. Men clean up and rest. Morale good, weather warm.

(Over)

RECORD OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

12 June 44: (France) Rested in bivouac area. Reorganized and were resupplied. Morale good, weather clear.

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16 June 44: Company moved into Reville. 1st and 2nd Bn moved on to St Savier La Vicorie. We set up outpost all along the river. Morale good, weather rain in the morning, clear in the afternoon.

17 June 44: Pulled in our outpost from river line as friendly troops had crossed river. Morale good, weather clear.

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18 June 44: Company moved back to Etenville (Over)

RECORD OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

(18 June 44 cont'd) area in vicinity of Etenville at 0400. Stayed there until 2330. Then started on way to cross causeway over Douve River south of Etenville.

19 June 44: Company crossed causeway at 0400 under mild artillery fire. Moved on to objective under heavy fighting. Reached final objective at 0430.

20 June 44: Company remained in defensive position. Some artillery fire and ambush patrols thru day. Weather clear, morale fair.

21 June 44: Company remained in position. 60mm mortars fired concentrations every hour and when called on sent out a patrol. Got pinned down and couldn't accomplish mission. Weather warm, morale fair.

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22 June 44: Men clean up and improve defenses. Change of clothes was given all men. Weather warm, morale good.

23 June 44: Improving positions. Arrangements were made so men could clean up. Weather warm, morale good.

24 June 44: Keep improving positions. Sent out patrols. Weather warm, morale good.

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25 June 44: Keep improving positions. Friendly and enemy artillery fire throughout day.

26 June 44: Keep improving positions. Fired mortars at enemy concentrations for half an hour. Morale good, weather rain.

(Over)

RECORD OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

27 June 44: Improved positions. Enemy and friendly artillery and mortar fire throughout day. Morale good, weather warm.

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28 June 44: Improving positions, friendly and enemy artillery and mortar fire throughout day.

(Over)

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30 June 44: Company carried on usual defensive duties.

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1 July 44: Company engaged in usual defensive duties. Friendly and enemy artillery and mortar fire throughout day. Weather rain, morale good.

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2 July 1944: Usual defensive duties, weather clear, morale fair.

(Over)

RECORD OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

3 July 1944: Left defensive position to resume attack S.W. at 0530. In Regimental reserve moved up to Faudner, where the company was committed to protect the left flank. Weather rain, morale fair.

4 July 1944: Pushed on at 0730 thru the 2nd Battalion attacking south. Push on passed La Poterie, met heavy resistance and artillery fire. Weather warm, morale fair.

5 July 1944: Push on to forward slope of high ground overlooking Lithaire. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Weather warm, morale good.

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6 July 44: Remained holding our lines, while 90th Div started moving across our front. Enemy and friendly artillery and mortars firing all day. Weather warm, morale good.

7 July 44: Pulled out of positions at 1100, after 90th Div passed in front of us. Returned to rear about one mile as Division reserve.

8 July 44: Remained in Division reserve, morale good, weather warm.

9 July 44: (France) Remained in Division Reserve area. Church services were held. Men took showers. Weather rain, morale good.

10 July 44: (France) Company remained in same area. Weather rain, morale good.

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14 July 44: Company returned from Airborne Mission in France.

COMPANY MORNING REPORT

14 July 1944

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