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87TH INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORY

- Oct 10, 1944.....Left Ft Jackson S.C. Destination Unknown .
- 11 Oct 1944.....Arrived Cp Kilmer, N.J. after daylong ride.
- 15 Oct.....Left NY POE and boarded Queen Elizabeth.
- 17 Oct.....Sailed. Goodbye, old gal. See you soon !
- 22 Oct.....Arrived Grennack, Scotland. Trip unevent-
ful. Weather balmy.....
- 24 Oct.....Disembarcked to Biddulph Moors, England.
- 25 Nov.....Left Biddulph for Southampton. Goodbye
"Merrie Old England".....
- 26 Nov.....Set sail for France on LSI 37. Food good.
- 27 Nov.....Went over the side of the LSI to an LCT
at the battered port of Le Havre.
- 28 Nov.....The Old Aple Orchard near Amiens. Just Mud.
- 4 Dec.....The "Forty and Eight" Days-- boxcars full
of human beings.
- 6 Dec.....Arrived Metz after 2 nights in cattle cars.
Committed to action 2330 taking Fort
Jean D'Arc, relieving Fifth Div.
- 8 Dec.....Met Al, who had come from Verdun, after
about two and a half years.
- 13 Dec.....Left Metz by truck for Saar Basin, Rimling,
Urcher, Medalsheim, and Obergailbach.
- 24 Dec.....Xmas Eve. Left Saar after an eternity of
Hell. Relieved by 44th Div after much blood.
- 26 Dec. Bivou.....Bivouaced outside Reims, France, after
numbing convoy ride. Attached to 7th Army.
- 29 Dec.....Crossed Belgian border at 1515, Province
of Luxembourg. Snowing hard.
- 30 Dec.....This was the "Bulge", little did we suspect
it. Objectives-- Jenneville and Moircy.
- 2 Jan 1945.....Snow packed hard and high. Fighting hard.
Living miserable. Stayed at Laneville.
- 5 Jan.....Moved to Ochamps. Collected 9,500 dollars
for Money Orders. Made corporal.
- 8 Jan.....Left for Jenneville. Just snow.
- 10 Jan.....Campaign for Bonnerue. 12 men captured from
our company. Many casualties.
- 11 Jan.....Back to Moircy for rest and replacements.
- 13 Jan.....Defensive positions at Sprimont.
- 17 Jan.....Truck convoy to Wilper, Luxembourg. Patrols
sent across Our River at Echternach. Snow.
- 26 25 J.....Back to convoy to Wilper, Luxembourg.
- 27 Jan.....Yourth.....
- 29 Jan.....Moved into a flattened city called St Vith.
Taken by 7th Arm Div and 82nd A/B.
Jumped off overland to Hume.
- 30 Jan.....Carrying party of emergency rations and
socks 12 miles overland in knee-deep snow.
Carried mailbag full of socks up, wounded
man back. He died.
- 31 Jan.....Took Hume after shelling by "88's".
- 3 Feb.....Andler, Belgium. Poverty, snow and manure.
- 6 Feb.....Moved over sea of mud to Aww, Germany.

7 Feb.....Prepared to assault the Siegfried Line.
Crossed I.P. in approach march at midnight.

8 Feb.....Jumped up to attack Siegfried Line at 0700
from Walschied, Germany.

9 Feb.....Men against concrete. Cracked some pillboxes.
Tanks and TD's in support. Artillery, too.

10 Feb.....CP in house with big gaping hole at Olzheim.
Jerries coming in by truckloads.

12 Feb.....The "Screaming Meemie" days. Sniped at going
up with mail. Patrols into booby-trapped woods.

14 Feb.....Back to Auw for a rest. 9th TAC in fray.

19 Feb.....Left Auw for the Siegfried Line again.
Shelling terrific. Many close ones.

22 Feb.....I Taking and sleeping in pillboxes.

24 Feb.....Took many small towns. One man captured.

27 Feb.....Two men killed, 7 wounded this week, in our
company.

28 Feb.....After an arduous campaign we moved to
Neunstein. Not much left to it.

30 Feb.....Infantry on tanks and TD's to Schoenfeld.

3 Mar.....Moving fast we hit Gonnersdorf

5 Mar.....On tanks to Digel, Dollendorf. Feed hot
chow any time we can catch up. Usually
midnight. Brief rest here.

14 Mar.....Moving every day and moving fast, we passed
through many pretty towns untouched by war.
Plenty of Schnapps and champagne.

16 Mar.....Big move to Karich and the drive to Coblenz
started. Crossed Moselle at Winnengen on
assault boats.

18 Mar.....Long pontoon bridge built by Engineers under
smokescreen. Took Coblenz after moderate
street fighting. Some Casualties. Big news-
paper splash.

23.....Into woods ten miles from Boppard. Very
hopeful now. Birthday today..

25 Mar.....Took Boppard. Crossed Rhine under smoke-
screen after 89th Div had failed further
up the river. Some casualties from "88's".

26 Mar.....Pontoon bridge knocked out but we pushed
inland to Dahlheim. Returned for mail and
was ferried across Rhine by US Navy. Snipers
in Boppard, taken by 76th and 89th Divs
following us.

27-28 Mar.....Esbach, Bettendorf, Zollhouse, Gimmerich.
5th Cav Gp moving ahead of us.

30 Mar.....Niederalters, Butzbach, Brandoberndorf.
Flushing out woods of snipers. Trapped Regt
of SS Troopers.

5 Apr.....Obersull, then Waldfinch, Fich and Tambach.

8 Apr.....County attacked, we lost some men, in 2nd Bn.

12, 13 Apr.....Plaue, Ehrenstein, we free thousands of
slave laborers of every nationality, daily.

15, 16 Apr.....Two Henries give in to kitchen tonight.
They were hungry. We moved to Judenew, Fossneck

17 Apr.....Pausa, then Plauen, the city flattened by
the Air Corps. Camped in tents overlooking
city.

7th May.....Falkenstein, false VE Day..

8 May.....VE DAY. Not much excitement, though.