

COMPANY "C" IN THE ETO

- Nov 30, 1944 We pulled up stakes from Ft Jackson, SC and made our way to Camp Kilmer, NJ via train. Arrived there on the 1st of Dec. excited about the prospects of the whole deal.
- Dec 1 to 8= Getting ready for big things and incidentally trying to drink all the bars on Times Square dry in one night. (It can't be done.)
- Dec 8, 44= Got aboard the train, after a dry run or two, and to the tune of "Over There" we started "sweating out" what tug we'd draw to go across on. But when we crossed the river to the docks and saw the Queen Mary waiting for us, we felt that for once we were in luck. Then to top it all off they made us MP's on the ship, and we really had it made.
- ~~Dec 10, 1944 1530 hours. We left the pier at New York and in a few minutes the Old Statue of Liberty was left in the distance. The fact that we were then drawing an extra 20% for Oversea Service helped a little but not much.~~
- Dec 16, 1944. We dropped anchor in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland after a swell trip over. Only two recruits and Pfc Jeffries got sick.
- Dec 19 = We finally got off the ship, after all the other troops had disembarked and other MIs had come on to replace us.
- Dec 20 Arrived at Blackshaw Moor, Staffordshire, England, after an interesting train ride through Scotland. Soon learned our way around to all the pubs and "some" of the boys found the British girls quite friendly. The "Pubs" were OK too if you could figure out how much you owed the man, in shillings and pence.
- Jan 23, 1945= Left Blackshaw early and drove to the Marshalling area at Portland, England, on the channel.
- Jan 25, 1945= Left the Marshalling Area and crossed the Channel via LST. (Pfc Jeffries sick again.) Arrived at La Harve, France. Quite a pile of bricks.
- Jan 28, 1945= Look at us now! We have a Big Chateau with all the trimmings, at Yvetot, France. The calvados was not too good and neither was Herndon's aim when he fired the first shot through the ceiling of the place.
- Feb 13, 1945= Moved across Belgium and Holland to Teveren, Germany. Saw our first anti-aircraft fire and searchlights.
- Feb 17, 1945= Moved to Baesweiler and got things ready for action. This is where the ammo trailer blew up and Stevens stopped a chunk of lead, which landed him in the hospital.
- Feb 22, 1945= Attached a Recon Platoon and moved to Gereonsweiler, Germany, near Linnich. Getting hot!
- Feb 24, 1945= Left Gereonsweiler and crossed the Røer River destination: Glimbach, we hoped! Received our first enemy shell fire and the Co Commander was wounded. Finally moved into position in an open field near Glimbach.
- Feb 25, 1945= Company moved from this position into Lovenich and received everything the enemy had to offer. Results: Highlander, Dietrich, Sargenat, Silvrodi, Ward, L., Montecino, Payton all landed in the hospital from shrapnel and mortar. Really a hot spot. Capt. Lavery took over here.

- 27, 1945. The Company moved on to Anhoven, Germany. ~~and then~~
~~wounded, then was~~
 Feb 28, 1945 Today we took off for Schriefers and set up indirect
 fire positions. Some more artillery came in and Wadell was
 wounded. Then later we went on to Hardt, Germany at night
 and the damn Krauts cut loose at us with everything they had.
 Luckily none of the boys were hurt this time. Planes dropped
 flares to light up the position; quite a show!
- Mar 2 to 5, 1945= For a few days we just moved around. First to
 Waldneil then to HULS then to Kapellan then back to Hüls again
 to do some repairs and maintenance.
- Mar 13, 1945= We set up indirect fire positions at Krefeld,
 Verdingen and layed some across the Rhine at installations and
 enemy positions. Pretty good shooting too!
- Mar 18, 1945. We pulled out from Verdingen early in the morning
 and took off down the road toward Belgium. Luckily too, because
that night the Jerries bombed and shelled our set-up there til
it was hardly recognizable. Close shave!
- Mar 19 to 24= In Boorseem, Belgium. A good time was had by all.
 No rules against Fraternalization here! Did a little maintenance
 on the side.
- Mar 25, 1945 Company left Boorseem and went to the Marshalling Area
 on the Rhine waiting for orders to make a crossing.
- Mar 27, 1945= Crossed the Rhine at Wesel and was that a sight!
 That place had been bombed and shelled until you could hardly tell
 where the streets used to be. Beyond there we joined
 the 507th Inf in the vicinity of Peddenberg, direct position.
- Mar 28, 1945= We moved up cautiously directly behind the Inf
 Regt and caught plenty of artillery fire. This is where Sgt
 Garzonetti and McCartney ran over a large box mine in the road
 that blew their jeep sky high. They were both lucky and were
 not killed but Sgt Garzonetti was pretty badly shot up and has
 not rejoined us at this writing.
- Mar 29, 1945= Arrived at Haltern at 1300 hrs. Shacked up there
 and set up our Platoons against possible enemy counter-attack.
- Apr 2, 1945= We left Haltern and proceeded to Appelhulsen for
 the night. Sgt Fladoos was accidentally killed while we were
 cleaning out some billets.
- Apr 3, 1945= Went on up the road to Münster, supporting the Inf
 and setting up road blocks on the outskirts. Requisitioned some
 good billets and a good wine cellar or two. 1st Sgt Hale even
 got off the water wagon for a time (Don't tell his wife)
- Apr 4, 1945= The outfit went on a wild geese chase. Secret
 mission to stop a break through someplace east of Münster, in
 fact it was so secret the Officer leading us apparently didn't
 know where it was. Rode all night but the mission was in vain
 as the breakthrough didn't materialize.
- Apr 5, 1945= Nicht schlafen! We're off down the road again toward
 Bottrop near the Ruhr River where we set up our guns and threw
 a few over into enemy territory. Harkleroad was wounded by
 artillery shell fragments, on the 7th.
- Apr 9, 1945= We were supporting elements of the 17th Airborne
 Div and helped them clean out our sector of the Ruhr Pocket.
 Swell outfit to work with! Reached Nuessen that day.
- Apr 11, 1945= Went on to Mulheim, not much opposition as the
 Volkstrumers there didn't have their heart in the fight.
- Apr 12, 1945= Went back to Essen, Germany for a much needed rest
 Did maintenance and necessary repairs.

- Apr 14, 1945= Did I say Rest? We're off again, this time to Ulmenhoff, Germany then to Orsey to guard bridges and roads over the Rhine River. Lots of good road patrolling, but the Non-Fraternization Program is still in effect!
- Apr 23, 1945= Mount up! We're on the road again toward Waltrop Germany. This time we're assigned Road Patrol and MG duties under the 904th FA Bn- I think everybody had a good time here.
- Apr 28, 1945= Left Waltrop and took off to the Elbe River at Schwenlitz, where we bivouaced waiting for orders to cross the River. We were attached to the 82nd Airborne Div. with the Platoons being attached to the Battalions of the 504th Regt.
- Apr 30, 1945= Crossed the Elbe and proceeded to Stiepelse without much opposition. By this time the Jerries were looking for somebody to surrender to, which didn't make us unhappy!
- May 2, 1945= Tough luck again! Just as the thing was about over Cecil and Preece had an accident in their Jeep and Cecil was killed. Preece was seriously injured and is still in the hospital. Linked up with the Russians at Marllis, Germany, and got a taste of their Vodka. Rough stuff!
- May 4, 1945= Moved back to Redifin waiting for the War to be officially ended and incidentally to have our first full field in the ETO.
- May 8, 1945= Hurray! The War is Over! It was official at 0251 hours this time.
- May 17 to June 20, 1945= We moved to the vicinity of Lüchow, Germany for about two weeks, then went on a long ride to southwestern Germany to a little town by the name of Ketsch. After about 10 days there, we were ordered north again and are now in the towns surrounding Seeheim, Germany doing some more Military Gov't work but taking things fairly easy in general.

During the time we have been over here, I think all the men have appreciated the fine work done by the Officers in the Company: Capt. Elliott as CO; Lt Martinsen as Exec; Lt Nelson and later Lt Lubfin, 1st Plat; Lt Rob't Taylor, 2nd Plat; and Lt Baxter as 3rd Plat Commander. All the men and Officers worked together and got the job done. We had the hell scared out of us several times and were plenty disgusted a lot of times but we had a lot of fun along with it, and as for me, I wouldn't have missed the sights we've seen. We all mourn the loss of our four friends who won't go back with us and who gave their lives for a good cause but we know that is part of a game in which noone wins. And we wish for the speedy recovery of all the guys that have been hospitalized. From here we don't know the future so we can all continue sweating out the CBI, Occupation Troops or HOME!