

HEADQUARTERS, 317TH INFANTRY
APO # 80, UNITED STATES ARMY

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Regimental History.
Period from 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 inclusive.

1. Original Unit;
 - a. 317th Infantry Regiment.
 - b. Organized 15 July 1942.
 - c. Organized at Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
 - d. Authority: WD ltr AG 320.2 organized reserve brackets 3/19/43, MR-N-CN SUBJECT: Organized Reserve Divisions ordered into active service during June and July 1942.
 - e. Original cadre transferred from 8th Infantry Division, balance of enlisted men received through Selective Service, with a small percentage of voluntary enlistments.
2. Principal changes in organization resulted from changes in Table of Organization and the activation of a Cannon Company about the month of November 1942 and reactivation in September 1943.

3. Strength:	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
a. At beginning of period:	<u>119</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2807</u>
b. Net increase to 31 Mar 45:	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31</u>
c. Net decrease to 31 Mar 45:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. Strength:	<u>126</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2838</u>

4. Stations of Units:
 - 1 Mar 45 through 10 Mar 45: Biersdorf, Germany, 08-583.
 - 11 Mar 45: Beyren, France, 95.0-97.9
 - 12 Mar 45 through 13 Mar 45: Losheim, Germany, 21.4-11.7
 - 14 Mar 45 : Ober Zerf, Germany, 23.4-10.8
 - 15 Mar 45: Greimerath, Germany, 23.7-07.6
 - 16 Mar 45: Rappweiler, Germany, WL 319052
 - 17 Mar 45: Noswendel, Germany, WL 370030
 - 18 Mar 45: Oberthal, Germany, WL 534018
 - 19 Mar 45: Kusel, Germany, WL 760048
 - 20 Mar 45: Kaiserslautern, Germany, WR 020935
 - 21 Mar 45: Bad Dürkheim, Germany, WR 310957
 - 22 Mar 45 through 23 Mar 45: West Hofen, Germany, WR 370229
 - 24 Mar 45 through 25 Mar 45: St Alban, Germany, WM 093204
 - 26 Mar 45: Neider Saulheim, Germany, WM 300418
 - 27 Mar 45: Mainz, Germany, WM 382558
 - 28 Mar 45 through 30 Mar 45: Biebrich, Germany, WM 365604
 - 31 Mar 45: Leimsfeld, Germany, WL 089618

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

CANCEL

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
William D Tafe
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

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20 Feb 45: CT continued attack to the Northeast from Bollendorf, Germany to Schwarzenbruch, Germany. Weather cool with intermittent rains, poor visibility. Roads poor. Distance traveled 4 miles.

21 Feb 45: CT continued attack to Northeast from Schwarzenbruch, Germany to Nusbaum, Germany. Weather clear and cool. Roads poor. Distance traveled 2 miles.

25 Feb 45: CT continuing pursuit of enemy. Moved from Nusbaum, Germany to Mettendorf, Germany. Weather clear and cold. Roads very poor and suitable for one way traffic only. Distance traveled 6 miles.

26 Feb 45: CT continued the attack to the Northeast from Mettendorf, Germany to Feilsdorf, Germany. Weather clear and cold. Roads very poor. Distance traveled 8 miles.

28 Feb 45: Moved from Feilsdorf, Germany to Biersdorf, Germany. Weather overcast with light rain. Roads narrow and poor. Distance traveled 6 miles.

6. Campaigns:

1. Battle of Northern France

- a. From 5 Aug 44 to 13 Sep 44
- b. To drive the Germans from France
- c. Authority ordering was the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

2. Battle of Germany

- a. From 16 Sep 44 to date unknown
- b. To conquer Germany
- c. Authority ordering was the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

5. 11 Mar 45: Moved from Biersdorf, Germany to Beyren, France into reserve position. Weather fair, roads wet. Distance traveled 65 miles.
- 12 Mar 45: CT moved into forward assembly area from Beyren, France to Losheim, Germany. Weather fair and overcast. Roads fair but congested. Distance traveled 42 miles.
- 14 Mar 45: Moved from Losheim, Germany to Ober Zerf, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads fair, distance traveled 2 miles.
- 15 Mar 45: CT continued attack to the east from Ober Zerf, Germany to Greimerath, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads fair, distance traveled 3 miles.
- 16 Mar 45: Moved from Greimerath, Germany to Rappweiler, Germany. Weather fair, roads good, distance traveled 12 miles.
- 17 Mar 45: Moved from Rappweiler, Germany to Noswendel, Germany. Weather fair and cool, roads fair, distance traveled 8 miles.
- 18 Mar 45: Continued attack to the east by motor and foot from Noswendel, Germany to Oberthal, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads good, distance traveled 14 miles.
- 19 Mar 45: CT attacked to the east from Oberthal, Germany to Kusel, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads good, distance traveled 18 miles.
- 20 Mar 45: Moved from Kusel, Germany to Kaiserslautern, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads excellent, distance travelled 20 miles.
- 21 Mar 45: Moved from Kaiserslautern, Germany to Bad Durkheim, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads very good, distance traveled 20 miles.
- 22 Mar 45: From Bad Durkheim, Germany to West Hofen, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads very good, distance traveled 15 miles.
- 24 Mar 45: Moved from West Hofen, Germany to St Alban, Germany arriving in bivouac assembly area. Weather clear and warm, roads good, distance traveled 20 miles.
- 26 Mar 45: Moved from St Alban, Germany to Neid Saulheim, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads excellent, distance traveled 25 miles.
- 27 Mar 45: From Neider Saulheim, Germany to Mainz, Germany. Weather excellent roads excellent, distance traveled 18 miles.
- 28 Mar 45: CT attacked and crossed Rhine River in paddle and LST boats from Mainz, Germany to Biebrich, Germany. Weather clear and warm, roads excellent, distance traveled 6 miles.

31 Mar 45: Moved from Biebrich, Germany to Leimfeld, Germany. Weather clear and cool, roads excellent, distance traveled 80 miles.

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7. Narrative Accounts of Action:

1 March 1945:

Enemy seemed to be forming the remnants of his forces into small battle groups, referred to as "CT's"; these CT's consist of badly beaten units and stragglers. Enemy harassed our forward positions, using mortar, Arty and direct fire weapons. Intermittent mortar fire fell in SCHLEID.

Regimental Command Post 317th Infantry at BIERSDORF. 317th Infantry attacked to the north. 1st Battalion seized and occupied Hill 460, cleared area in vicinity of NIEDERWEILER, OBERWEILER of enemy; 2d Battalion seized and occupied Hill 450, cleared area in vicinity EHLENZ SCHLEID of enemy; 3d Battalion in Regimental Reserve vicinity BIERSDORF and LISSEN. 313th Field Artillery Battalion supported the attack.

2 March 1945:

Enemy activity in Regimental sector consisted of very light artillery, mortar and small arms fire.

317th Infantry continued to mop up present area. One platoon (Reinforced) Co E seized HEILENBACH and captured approximately sixty-three PWs. Company F relieved Company E, completed at 1750. Regimental Command Post remained in BIERSDORF.

3 March 1945:

No enemy contacted throughout the period; very active patrols sent out during the night.

317th Infantry outposted sector, conducted school in map reading, message writing for NCOs. Period of rehabilitation and adjustment of troops.

4 March 1945:

No enemy contacted throughout the period; very active patrols sent out during the night.

Training was conducted by all units in Medical subjects (trench foot), map reading, duties of NCOs and unit tactics.

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7 March 1945:

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Training was conducted by all units in Medical subjects (trench foot), map reading, duties of NCOs and unit tactics.

8 March 1945:

No enemy contacted throughout the period; very active patrols sent out during the night.

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9 March 1945:

No enemy contacted throughout the period; very active patrols sent out during the night.

Training conducted throughout the day. At 2240, Regiment was alerted for motor movement 10 March. Battalions were placed on a one hour alert status.

10 March 1945:

No enemy contacted throughout the period; very active patrols sent out during the night.

Training conducted throughout the day.

11 March 1945:

Sent overlay to troops of enemy identifications in Regiment's new zone.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) moved from area vicinity BIERSDORF, GERMANY to assembly area vicinity BEYDEN, FRANCE attached XX Corps.

12 March 1945:

No enemy contacted during period. Sent Reconnaissance patrol to vicinity OBER-ZERF.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) moved by motor and marching to forward assembly area West of OBERSERF.

13 March 1945:

Received heavy nebelwerfer, mortar and artillery fire in Regimental sector. Sent strong combat patrols out night of 13-14 March.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) attacked to the East 130200A, encountering very heavy nebelwerfer, mortar and artillery fire. At end of day, 1st Battalion and 3d Battalion were in woods North of GREIMERATH; Regimental Command Post located in OBERZERF.

14 March 1945:

Heavy nebelwerfer, artillery and mortar fire received in Regimental sector. Strong infantry resistance encountered throughout the day.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) sent combat patrols to the front in the morning, preparing to attack in the afternoon. 1st Battalion commenced to advance at 1500, held-up after gaining approximately 200 yards. Regimental Command Post in OBERZERF.

15 March 1945:

Enemy counterattacked with undetermined number of infantry and no armor. Strong enemy infantry resistance encountered vicinity SCHEIDEN.

Regiment continued attack to Southeast. 1st Battalion seized ground overlooking WALDHOLZBACH against determined resistance, and was entering town at end of day. 2d Battalion located West of SCHEIDEN. 3d Battalion at edge of woods Northwest of SCHEIDEN.

16 March 1945:

Enemy counterattacked at 0700, which was repulsed by 0800; force consisted of undetermined number of infantry and one tank.

Regimental Command Post moved to RAPPWEILER. 1st Battalion repulsed counterattack at 0730, seized WALDHOLZBACH, ZWABACH, RAPPWEILER, THALEN; 2d Battalion seized MITLOSHEIM; 3d Battalion seized SCHEIDEN and reverted to Regimental Reserve. Regiment knocked out two enemy tanks and captured 150 PWs.

17 March 1945:

Enemy made attempts to withdraw forces in Regimental sector. Enemy troops appeared to be in a disorganized state, and their morale was very low.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) continued attack to the East at 0830A. The attack was in column of Battalions, 2d, 3d and the 1st Battalion in reserve. 1st Battalion advanced to WALDERN; 2d Battalion cleared WEIERWEILER, LOCKWEILER, KRETTNICH. Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon cleared WADERN and DAGSTUHL of enemy, and captured bridge intact at DAGSTUHL. This bridge was defended against enemy by the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon until troops came to their relief. Regiment captured approximately 140 PWs.

18 March 1945:

No change.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) continued advance to the East, mopping up resistance by-passed by the 10th Armored Division; seized OBERTHAL, GÜDESWEILER, NAMBORN and EISWEILER.

19 March 1945:

No change.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) continued advance to the East, seized the following towns: PINSWEILER, FURSCHWEILER, HIRSTEIN, GEHWEILER, RITSCHIED, OBERKIRCHEN, SCHARZERDEN, PFEFFEBACH, ALBESSEN, EHWEILER, BLEDESCHACH, KUSEL. Regimental Command Post moved to KUSEL.

✓ 20 March 1945:

No change.

Regiment continued the attack to the East, conquered the following towns: RAMELSBACH, ALTENGALNG, FRIEDELHAUSEN, NIEDERSTAUFENBACH, OBERSTAUFENBACH, REICHENBACH, STEEGEN, SCHWEDELBACH, WEILERBACH, RODENBACH, SIEGELBACH, ERFENBACH and KAISERSLAUTERN. Regiment captured 275 PWs, including one Colonel, four Majors, five Captains, three First Lieutenants and seven Second Lieutenants captured by the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon in KAISERSLAUTERN. Regimental Command Post moved to KAISERSLAUTERN.

21 March 1945:

No change.

317th Infantry moved by motor to assembly area vicinity BADDURKHEIM.

22 March 1945:

No change.

Regimental Command Post moved to WESTHOFEN. 1st Battalion in assembly area at WESTHOFEN; 2d Battalion in GUNDERSHEIM; 3d Battalion in ABENHEIM.

23 March 1945:

No change.

Regimental Command Post in WESTHOFEN. 1st Battalion in assembly area at WESTHOFEN; 2d Battalion in GUNDERSHEIM; 3d Battalion in ABENHEIM.

24 March 1945:

No change.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) moved to assembly area, with units located as follows: 1st Battalion in GERBACH, 2d Battalion OBERNDORF, 3d Battalion GAUGERWEILER, Regimental Command Post ST ALBAN.

25 March 1945:

No change.

Regiment conducted training; otherwise no change.

26 March 1945:

No change.

Regiment conducted training throughout morning; commenced to move to assembly area in vicinity NIEDERSAULSHEIM at 1800A. Regimental Command Post moved to NIEDERSAULSHEIM.

27 March 1945:

Enemy appeared to be defending East bank of RHINE River vicinity MAINZ. Intermittent 20mm AA and artillery fire fell in Regimental sector.

Regiment moved to area in vicinity MAINZ, preparing to cross RHINE River. Regimental Command Post moved to MAINZ.

28 March 1945:

Enemy resisted our crossing of the RHINE River by placing heavy artillery direct fire weapons, AA, mortar, and small arms fire on our bridge sites, as well as on the city of MAINZ. After our troops were firmly established on east bank of the RHINE, the enemy infiltrated small groups out of the sector. Approximately 900 PW's were taken during operation.

2d Battalion seized bridgehead across RHINE River in vicinity MAINZ, meeting determined enemy resistance. Company G repulsed two enemy counterattacks South of KASTEL. Company E repulsed enemy counterattack consisting of undetermined number of infantry and tanks in vicinity KASTEL. 1st Battalion crossed RHINE River 0700A, and attacked to the North. 3d Battalion crossed RHINE River, attacked to the North and seized BIERSTADT. 317th Infantry (Reinforced) seized the following: KASTEL, WIESBADEN, BIERSTADT, BIEBRICH, KOSTHEIM, ERBENHEIM; also, an airplane factory, landing field, six enemy aircraft, an ordnance repair depot, numerous enemy field pieces and 20mm AA guns, a champagne factory with 4,000 cases of champagne and a German military hospital. Approximately 900 PWs were captured during the day. Regimental Command Post moved to BIEBRICH.

29 March 1945:

317th Infantry (Reinforced) in Reserve positions, outposted area. No organized enemy contacted. PWs continued to be captured, approximately 1,200 taken during the day.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) seized the following towns: GEORGENBORN, SCHLANGENHAD, WALBACH, SEITZHAHN, HETTENHAM, HAHN, BLEIDENSTADT, DOTZHEIM, FRAUENSTEIN, NEUDORF, SCHIERSTEIN, ELTVILLE, NIEDERWALLUF, OBERWALLUF, AURINGEN. Regiment captured approximately 1,200 PWs.

30 March 1945:

Regiment continued to pick up German PWs, and took approximately 1,000 during the day.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) remained in position. Regiment captured approximately 1,000 PWs.

31 March 1945:

During the day's progress to the North small arms, light mortar, anti-tank and artillery fire were received on bridgehead across FULDA River. It is estimated the enemy is attempting to delay on FULDA River line South of KASSEL with a force of 1000 infantry, 15 tanks, 1 Battalion artillery, unknown number of antitank guns and possibly 3 Battalions of flak AA guns vicinity of KASSEL to reinforce. PWs identified 2 Battalions, 661st and 662d, 166th Infantry Division, which arrived in this area from Denmark 3 days ago. According to PWs, Battalions have strength of 400 men each.

317th Infantry (Reinforced) moved by motor to forward assembly area in vicinity LEIMSFELD. 1st Battalion located GEBERSDORF, 2d Battalion BORSCHAIN and LEIMSFELD, 3d Battalion FRIELEDORF. Regimental Command Post moved to LEIMSFELD.

ADDENDA

German resistance during this period was sporadic and not too determined a character, except in one or two instances. No lessons were learned that would be valid in warfare against a determined enemy. Many calculated risks were taken to achieve tactical ends which would not have proven feasible under conditions of combat prior to this period.

During this period, the deterioration of the German Army became particularly evident from two different aspects: (a) large quantities of equipment abandoned, (b) wholesale surrender and desertion.

During the past month, and the further penetration of the 317th Infantry Regiment into Germany, a SECURITY POLICE PATROL system was organized and put into effect. Each Battalion, upon acquiring new billets in new areas, immediately enforces a Security Police Patrol in all towns occupied. Members are required to dress as neatly and uniformly as possible, carry .45 caliber side-arms, and enforce the following measures:

1. Non-fraternization between any member of US Armed Forces and any civilians.
2. Prevention of drunkenness and looting by US soldiers.
3. Camouflage vehicles and personnel.
4. Detention of suspicious persons and capture of enemy deserters and stragglers.

This system is initiated immediately upon occupation of new billets and stopped as unit evacuates old billets.

Attached and/or supporting organizations included in the month of March 1945 are as follows:

313th FA Bn	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
Co A, 305th Med Bn	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
Co A, 305th Engr Bn	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
Co A and B, 811 TD Bn	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
Co A and B, 702 Tk Bn	12 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
Co D, 633d AAA Bn	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl

8. Commanding Officer of the Regiment from 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 inclusive was Lt Colonel Henry G. Fisher, Infantry.

Exec Off	Lt Col Paul F. Roberts	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
S-1	Capt Emerson R. Jones	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
S-2	Capt Robert M. Walker	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
S-3	Maj James H. Hayes	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
S-4	Maj Archie C. Johnson, Jr.	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl

The following Battalions of the Regiment were commanded by Officers indicated.

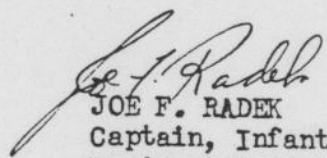
1st Bn	Lt Col James A. Craig, Jr.	1 Mar 45 to 12 Mar 45 incl
	Capt Charles S. Jones	13 Mar 45 to 19 Mar 45 incl
	Capt Emmett H. McCrary	20 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
2d Bn	Samuel L. Williams	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl
3d Bn	Maj Robert W. Black	1 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 incl

9. Casualties:

List of casualties for period covered by this report attached hereto.

10. Former and present members of this organization who have distinguished themselves in action are as indicated by company lettering on the attached copies of General Orders.
11. Former and present members of this organization who have been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action are as indicated by company lettering on the attached copies of General Orders.
12. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events not available up to 31 March 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:


JOE F. RADEK
Captain, Infantry
Regimental Historian

29 Incls:

Incl # 1 - List of Casualties
Incl # 2 - Ltr, Supreme Headquarters, AEF
Incl # 3 - Extract Copy General Order 59, HQ, Third Army
Incl # 4 - Extract Copy General Order 82, HQ, 80th Division
Incl # 5 - True Copy General Order 70, HQ, Third Army
Incl # 6 to 29 - Copies of 80th Inf Div GO (Awards)

LIST OF CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

Pfc Bernard J. Kriley	37331364	Pfc Lawrence T. Besancenez	37635722
T Sgt Alva L. Edge	14005093	Pvt Virgil T. Larsen	37579654
S Sgt Joseph H. Sutter	33320311	Pfc Walter J. Glaser	35131347
Cpl Wyatt C. Duvall	35645558	Pvt Freddie L. Howell Jr.	35816779
Pvt Cltie W. Clayton	35247883	Pvt Willard G. Johnston	35923163
Cpl Anthony F. Warzecha	13059265	T Sgt Robbie L. Waites	34166123
Pfc Hermann G. Ottenstroer	42144189	Pvt Harrold C. Williams	35892652
Pfc Raymond W. Vanderheiden	37750755	Pfc J. C. (IO) Kirkland	34243029
Pfc Arvel L. Bushong	38607017	Sgt Charels S. Paquette	36975565
Pfc Edgar R. Brown	34869174	Sgt Otto W. Giuliani	35027236
Pvt Kenneth E. Curtright	37645251	Pvt LeRoy T. Nowlin	39048034
Pfc George H. Wilcox	42097629	Sgt Bain C. Leonhardt	34996804
Sgt Charles W. Lynch	33842135	Pvt Harry T. Kallus	38528712
Sgt Edward J. Strauss	33922178	Pvt John Kettle Jr.	35070764
Pvt Robert E. Quarles Jr.	33857694	Sgt Charles W. Allen	34819397
Pfc Ramiro Garza	38253064	Pfc William K. Pavy	35817253
Sgt Robert L. Armstrong	32291833	Pfc Eurnie W. Sheridan	36876733
Pfc J. D. (IO) Albertson	34311471	Pvt Edwin G. Collins	34678472
Pvt Daniel Baker	37702537	Pvt Thomas L. Keener	17059686
Pvt Herbert E. Noel	39588245	1st Lt Harold T. McDermott	01307162
Pvt Edmund L. Massey	33907507	Pvt Joseph Muller	42070263
Pvt Warren J. Sloan	34936316	Tec 5 Benedict Borrazzo	32642997
2d Lt Richard G. Patten	0557377	Pvt Herman B. Ainsworth Sr.	44045265
Pvt Joseph J. Argenziano	33712587	Sgt William D. Bentley	20430148
Pfc Jessy K. Collins	37412720	Pfc Clyde H. French	33823252
Pvt Arnold H. Harmon	31401523	Pvt William H. Hege	44016269
Pfc William F. Hood Jr.	35535069	Pvt Donald E. Lambert	35240631
Pvt Horace E. Norton	31463403	Pfc William L. Peek	35845662
Tec 4 Leonard F. Rafferty	33343942	Pvt Francis L. Van Dolah	36983812
S Sgt John E. Greene	33813013	S Sgt William L. Stratton	14130801
Sgt William K. French	38511224	Pfc Stanley R. Werkheiser	33835683
Pvt Willard C. Barksdale	33845991	Pvt Fredrick O. Bacon	33950798
Pfc Modie D. Watkins	38377508	Sgt Wilbert E. Dodd	37697955
Pfc Gerald F. Tice	36982615	Pfc William C. Vaughan	34979932
Tec 5 Sylvester Agner	14007362	Pfc John F. L. Neuroth	38691511
Pvt Marshall H. Sisson	42123513	Tec 4 George A. Page	33229636
Pvt Lee H. Cathagan	33877113	Pfc Tony C. Martinez	38557336
Pfc Howard F. Lutz	42035002	Cpl Walter G. Rounds	33273445
2d Lt Paul J. Carlson	01328115	Pvt Reuben B. Denny	34837790
Sgt William H. Evans Sr.	34832027	Pvt Marcel I. Abernathy	42088097
Pfc James R. McDermott	35292163	Pvt Jerome H. Luebbbers	36987555
Tec 3 Daniel J. Summers	37331372		

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Pvt John L. Grimsley	34928436	Pfc Fred Meckel Jr.	32761498
Sgt William H. Evans Sr.	34832027	S Sgt Richard E. Weber	35313053
Pvt Martin A. Ariza	39592957	Pfc Roscoe Locklear	34674863
Pfc Norman R. Bouchard	31037945	S Sgt Lionel E. Carr	12016355
Pvt Lee H. Gathagan	33877113	Pvt Harold J. Heckman	42097739
Pfc Alfred Tedeschi	33253721	Pvt Frank Dick	35088426
Pvt Donald Guss	15402869	Sgt John Busel	42129066
S Sgt Walter Pilger	33844075	Pfc Andrew E. Grosclaude Jr.	31468369
Pvt Amasa R. Robinson	14012978	Pvt John C. Martin	33712845
S Sgt Charles C. N. Law	20011023	S Sgt Jack H. Randle	39049150
Pvt Edward J. Cockerham	18129703	1st Lt William G. Alverson	01294596
Pfc Raymond Gonzales	37707053	Pfc Thornton P. MacMullin	42083822
T Sgt Jack E. Barr	33282562	Pfc Billy B. Ritchie	38685047
Pfc Earnie W. Sheridan	36876733	Sgt Daniel J. Moskaitis	33354627
Pfc George W. Sparks Jr.	38177235	Sgt Ishmeal W. Williams	34570989
Pvt Samuel P. Tomlinson	42144348	Sgt Daniel R. Boggs	35089836
Pfc Andrew B. Ferencz Jr.	33922955	Cpl Edward J. Supancik	33355190
Tec 5 Irving Lowenstein	33320486	Capt Dock K. Rachels	01301878
Sgt William J. Redmon	14045323	Pfc William E. Kinkade	36328908
Pfc Thomas H. Keith	34390695	Pfc Selso Perches	36372300
Pfc Jerry C. Spellman	15311632	Pfc Clarence H. Allersma	36474637
Pfc Kenneth E. Johnson	37683419	Pfc Edward Armanini	31417887
Pfc Stanley S. Kinney	32948028	Pvt John D. Wilson	37694932
Sgt Paul P. D'Amico	36877805	Pfc Nelson J. Knebel	36979815
Cpl George C. Hill	35833199	Pvt John Roberts	34989968
1st Lt Norman H. Selmer	0470284	Pfc William F. Ubrey	33924399
Tec 4 Roger Emmons	31040392	S Sgt Harry L. Martin	36975463
Pfc William B. Strout	38694917	Pfc Ralph W. Gluyas	39593884
Pfc John Berta Jr.	33835254	Pfc Dean C. Midey	42097882
Pfc Crescenso B. Carrino	35503375	Pvt Robert J. Group	33950681
Pvt Haspel R. Mooney	35200721	Sgt Joe R. Halteman	35482996
Pfc Virgil F. Westfall	35240176	Pfc Edward W. Keck	35906968
T Sgt James A. Lavelle	17051395	Pvt Dale F. Brandstetter	37736897
1st Lt Gid B. Adkisson Jr.	0533405	Pfc Vernie E. Hatfield	39050973
Pfc Fred E. Brown Jr.	37750532	Pvt Calvin C. Collette	6913425
Cpl William J. Matthews	33686766	Pfc Herbert W. R. Woolard	34869221
Pfc Norman D. Rothfolk	37750322	Sgt Donald J. Gaffney	32377971
Pfc Jack Taylor	35782462	Pfc Leo J. Lee	39622571
Sgt Webster L. Copsey	33733007	1st Lt William A. Beisner	01312113
S Sgt Rudolph Gay	14028898	Pfc James H. Browning	35203676
Pvt Harold W. Compasso	39054045	Pvt Donald E. Ullery	35237815
Pvt Kenneth D. Steinkruger	37750691	Pfc Lou Matalon	20228490
Pvt William L. Cook	35239699	Pfc Stuart K. Wallace Jr.	33905560
Pfc Ralph F. Naessig	33937295	Pfc Edward P. Feddeler	36641697
Lt Col James A. Craig Jr.	01285555	Sgt Floyd R. McConnell	37630800
Pfc Edward R. Downs	39010243	Pfc Joseph Agnello	33592330
Pvt Leslie T. Hendricks	35907292	Pvt Carl Schantz	37361585
Pfc James D. Woodcock	33923547	Pvt James J. Gardner	33950746
Sgt Peyton B. York	38606861	Pvt Ted J. Polzin	37125514
Sgt Jack C. Johnson	38682295	Sgt Frank J. Phillips	33761935

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION Cont'd

Pfc Nicholas Vitale	42136820	2d Lt Isidore Beckerman	01059710
Pfc Forrest D. Parker	34997557	Pvt Lewis A. Stocker	35330898
Sgt Delmar H. Marbut	37741641	S Sgt Melvin N. Lund	39136002
Pvt Charles E. Schroyer Jr.	33876666	Pfc Norman Winn	34706398
Cpl James H. Wilson	36977498	Cpl Loyd E. Wise	38524884
Cpl Henry R. Steele	38571660	Pfc Adalbert G. Staszak	35840130
S Sgt Raymond C. Martin	36860465	Pvt Leroy P. Roberts	37644107
Pfc James W. Barger	38410175	Sgt Edwon R. Neal	6845925
S Sgt Robert L. Claus	36288948	Sgt Wilton E. Felton	35844063
Pfc Frank R. Jones	38571638	Pfc Eugene D. Pockemuehl	39583641
Pfc Charles A. Heath	36841207	S Sgt Lawrence E. Hoal	33844932
Pfc Dumont Moulder	34761826	Pfc Raymond R. Quiring	37524153
Pfc Alfred G. Zuehlke	38061958	Pfc Frank Chiaro	33709980
Pvt John C. Solecki	20283883	Sgt Harold G. Getz	36907192
Pvt Claude E. Clapp	35906926	Pvt Pat H. Trogdon	35074400
Cpl Anthony F. Warzecha	13059265	Pvt Frank W. Josay	42116089
Cpl Robert J. Taylor	38445005	Pfc Edward L. Carlson	33843429
T Sgt Thomas P. Isphording	20362076	Sgt John H. F. Hoving	16080881
S Sgt Samuel W. Thrasher	14021253	Pfc William P. Thmailkill	34682004
Cpl Roman J. Franszczak	16007531	Sgt Ralph B. Plummer	33772791
Tec 5 Bernard L. Lowenbach	36813998	Pfc Christoph A. Wrick	36840849
Pfc Carroll B. McDonald	38684967	Pvt Harold J. Dean	42086476
Pfc Elmen L. Kopka	36974923	S Sgt Donald J. Cooke	32238434
Pvt George P. Hawkins	34867219	Pvt Malcolm D. Cowart	38582647
Pfc Benjamin E. Miskovic	36643363	Pvt John P. Firestone	33891809
Pvt James R. Millar	36982329	Cpl Baldomero A. Torrez	37363570
Sgt Hubert O. Gabbert	35169864	1st Lt Robert R. Singleton	0482526
Pfc Milo L. Harkness	36782713	Pvt Alexander A. Marcello	42097787
Pfc William S. Czopek	33668521	Sgt Walter J. Wojtkowski	33373104
S Sgt Frederick W. Osterbeck	36890646	Pvt William K. Fahringer	33876591
Pvt Charles L. Haywood	35782203	Pvt Van B. Tucker	38641344
Pfc John S. Taormina Jr.	33923636	Pfc Isaac L. Barney	37643764
Sgt Donald W. Swanson	36859807	Pfc Carl V. Anderson	6582957
S Sgt Orville E. Henry	36785027	Pfc Roscoe S. Smith	34939709
Pvt Joseph W. Earnest	33768852	Pvt U. L. (IO) Gregory	38664485
Sgt Paul W. Bergeron	34153344	Tec 5 Robert H. Stargell	33127117
Pfc Oscar F. Givens	35839778	Pvt Everett P. Trottier	39934281
Pvt Eugenio A. Biscottini	42085503	Cpl Carl L. Vance	35084410
Pvt Calvin Burton	35806939	Pvt Donald W. Wagner	35906855
Pfc Eddie G. Burris Jr.	42117168	Pfc Bernard W. Kraai	36987485
Pvt Richard E. Corderman	37698206	Pvt William C. Hickman	34945666
S Sgt George C. Curdy	42145951	Pvt Harold Werner	39082488
Sgt Peter F. Misco	42140248	Pvt Edward S. Kaminski	31467136
Pvt Dennis H. J. Lambrecht	36818777	Pvt William R. Vaughn	34990991
Pfc Sidney Walnoha	35076821	S Sgt James L. Jacob	35082666
Pvt Clarence E. Blaschke	37194811	Pfc Samuel M. Haggard	35906647
S Sgt Edward F. Shaffstall	35313149	Pvt James L. Combs	34893315
Sgt Michael R. Lesko	33104318	S Sgt Ralph L. Ruble	33092187
Pfc James L. Scott	33376589	Pfc Harrison W. Albright Jr.	39529978
Pfc William C. Van Delinder	42143308	Pfc Robert J. Rooke	35849040
Pvt Veray L. Smith	34939965	Sgt Roger C. Bare	39924879

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Pvt Glen M. Barlow	36480783	Pvt Lester A. Carver	38700825
Pfc Edward H. Pyde	12106212	Pvt Edward J. Grzela	36173166
Capt Walter F. Matters	01296881	Pfc Walter J. Glaser	35131347
Tec 5 Julian M. Gaddy	34212653	Pfc Dennis H. J. Lambrecht	36818777
Sgt Hector J. Carriere	31006371	S Sgt Anthony S. DiDonato	42133505
Pfc Everett S. Crabtree	31401860	Pfc William J. Golden	33877403
Pvt Ora D. May	35082208	S Sgt Willie M. Nesby	38676139
Pfc Glenn L. Boswell	39423700	Pfc Michael R. Hontz	36381866
Pfc Cecil F. Baxter	34839945	Pfc Harry W. Cain	35929388
Sgt Robert E. Dillon	31107183	Pfc Wesley H. Barnhart	35847969
Pfc Ollie J. Johnson	35782071	Pfc Bernard O. Olson	37597171
1st Lt Merrill B. Hartman	01319838		

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S Sgt Joseph H. Sutter	33320311	Pfc Walter J. Glaser	35131347
Pvt Charles R. Cousar	38731611	Pvt Joseph P. Del Grosso	6907514
Pvt Lucious D. Worcester	31452731	Pvt Frank J. Michalkowski	32912587
Pvt Jack D. Shelby	20732142	Pfc Edward H. Pyde	12106212
Pfc James J. Vasquez	36985965	Pvt Maurice C. Marz	42097623
Pfc Lenard Meredith	35698908	Pvt John E. Halligan Jr.	33304741
Pvt Harry Fredman	33773441	Tec 5 John J. Coburn	31347858
Tec 5 Jess Gonzalez	32460863	Pvt Irving N. Morris	42145849
Pvt Thomas B. Ramsey	38631023	Cpl George J. Hermes	36242492
Pfc Harry H. Mitchell	44030341	Sgt Edward Cross	42138134
Pfc Ed Dezern	34175259	Cpl Wyatt C. Duvall	35845558
Pvt Dale C. Lane	36975817	S Sgt Haakon M. Ojard	37581449
S Sgt Gerald E. Beatty	33831884	Sgt Earl F. Pickard	42118136
Pfc Frederick Holderbaum	13059296	Pfc Tommie Moore	6283377
Pvt Ekoy Aron	44045139	Pvt Sanford J. Barnes	42123419
Pvt Ralph Brunson	38582648	Pvt Ray K. Chittom	44045126
Pvt Freddie L. Howell Jr.	35816779	Pvt Willie E. Crabb	38631598
Pvt Thomas E. Hill	33888137	Pfc Edgar R. Brown	34869174
Pfc Edward J. Lowry	42095741	Pfc Treno Alonzo	36360905
Pvt Eugene C. Snyder	33247065	Pvt George H. Wells	42095644
T Sgt Robbie L. Waites	34166123	Pvt Philip J. Lynch	12106469
Pvt Robert E. Quarles Jr.	33857694	Pvt Frank E. Trickey	36840358
Pfc Clarence Gowan	34912664	Pvt Frank J. Michalkowski	32912587
Pvt Harry T. Kallus	38428712	Sgt Charles W. Lynch	33842135
Sgt Bain C. Leonhardt	34996805	Pfc George H. Wilcox	42097629
Pvt Harrold C. Williams	35892652	Pvt Raymond W. Vanderheiden	37750755
Pfc J. C. (IO) Kirkland	34243029	Pfc Charles Qualkenbush	35840479
Pvt James C. Vinson	34765803	Pvt Noah McGuire	15064490
Pfc William L. Brown	37481067	Pvt Dellos T. Schroeder	37596904
Pvt Joseph J. Gergely	36614583	Pvt Fred R. Gilley	7004756
Pvt Raymond W. McCaffrey	36977096	Tec 5 Fred P. Gernos Jr.	38493178
Pfc John W. Barnett	38479035	Pfc Thomas E. Hill	33888137
Pvt Daniel L. Lockhart	39622498	Tec 5 Benedict Borrazzo	32642997
1st Lt Harold T. McDermott	01307162	Pvt Edmund L. Massey	33907507
Pvt Joseph Muller	42070263	Pvt Warren J. Sloan	34936312
Pvt Lawrence H. Golden	17021498	Pfc Donald R. Ross	39588030

Pfc Arthur C. Bastian
2d Lt Richard G. Patten
Pfc Howard F. Lutz

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36955978 Pvt Orville T. Willard
0557377 Pfc Frank E. Butler
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Supreme Headquarters
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13 March 1945

Dear Colonel Fisher:

I am deeply touched by the remembrance I received yesterday from the officers and men of the 317th Infantry. The P-38 and the letter from you are most treasured possessions and always will be. When they are no longer mine, my son will see to their safekeeping and I know he will treasure them as I do.

I gladly accept the assignment to deliver the other P-38 to the Commander-in-Chief in the name of the 317th. When this takes place, I also will give him a photostatic copy of my letter from you. He will like that. I know the letter and the weapon will be given a choice place in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park and will be kept permanently on exhibition there.

I do not include the President's thanks with mine because I am very certain he would prefer to acknowledge his gift in person.

It is an honor to be trusted with this mission by the officers and men of your gallant regiment. As one privileged to serve his Country with the 317th in World War I, I am proud beyond the power of expression of my gift from that regiment of World War II's famed Blue Ridge Division.

My compliments to General McBride and heartfelt thanks to all.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Stephen T. Early

/t/ STEPHEN T. EARLY

Lt. Colonel Henry G. Fisher,
Commanding Officer,
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Adjutant

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