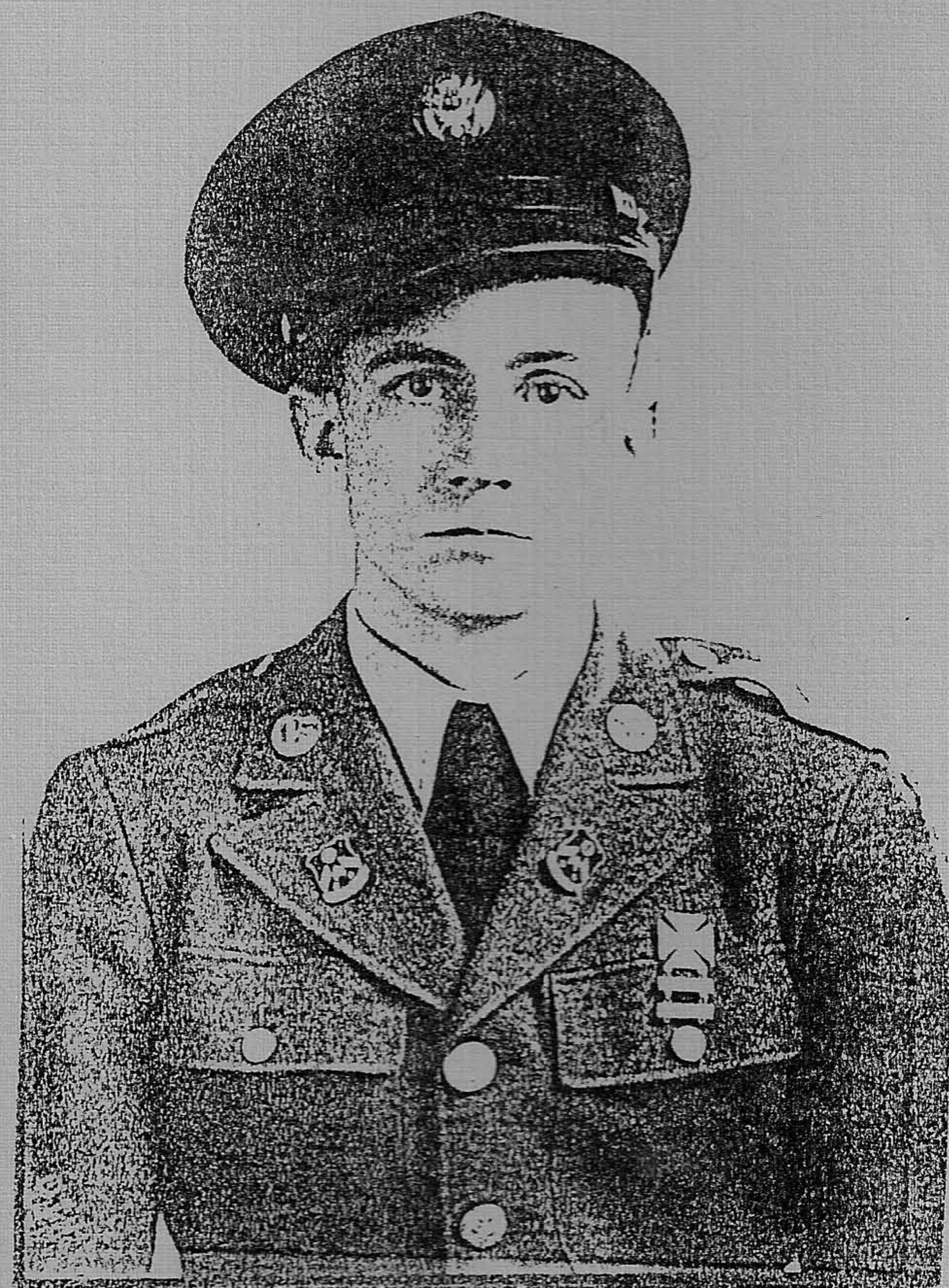


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ON MARCH 22-1944 WE LEFT CAMP KILMER AND LOADED AT NEW YORK CITY ON THE
 SHIP (DOMINION) AT 1-0 CLOCKS ^{AND} MARCH-23 WE LEFT FOR ENGLAND. PACKED IN
 THE SHIP LIKE AN HEARD OF CATTLE WE RODE FOR 13 DAYS - taking shots,
^{HAVING} FIRE DRILL AND STANDING INSPECTIONS. SOME TOO SEA SICK TO DIE,
 BUT STILL HAD TO TAKE IT. CAME OVER ON A BRITISH'S SHIP SO WE
 DIDN'T GET ANYTHING WORTH EATING. ON THE AFTER-NOON OF APRIL-4-44
 WE DOCKED AT LIVERPOOL BUT WERE KEPT DOWN IN THE HOLE UNTIL
 AROUND 5-0'CLOCK - APRIL 5. THERE WE LOADED ON THEIRS SO CALLED TRAINS AND RODE
 FOR 5 HOURS. FROM THERE WE GOT ON TRUCKS AND WENT TO OUR CAMP, (KINLET
 HALL) TO ~~BEGIN~~ START OUR TRAINING OVERSEA. THEY SET UP A BN. MESS ~~THERE~~
 SO THERE IS WHERE THE COOKS CAUGHT HELL. ^C AND ^B WORKED TOGETHER
 ON ONE SHIFT AND ^A AND ^M ON THE OTHER. WE HAD TO MAKE HIKES
 WITH THE CO WHEN WE WERE OFF SHIFT. ON APRIL 29th ¹⁹⁴⁴ SERWENY AND I
 LEFT TO FIRE THE MACHINE-GUN AND HAD A NICE TIME AS THERE WERE
 A.T.S. GIRLS STATIONED THERE. WE LEFT BACK FOR KINLET HALL ON MAY
 3rd. ON MAY 13-44 THE COMPANY LEFT KINLET HALL, DIDN'T KNOW WHERE
 THEY WERE GOING. THEY WENT TO AN OLD RACE TRACK WHERE THEY
 HAD BARRACKS BUILT FOR ~~THEY~~ THEM. WE STAYED AT KINLET HALL UNTIL
 THE 16th ^{of MAY} AND THEN WE WENT ON OUR KITCHEN TRUCK ^{FOR BOURNE MOUTH} TO BOURNE MOUTH,
 ENG - WHERE WE MOVED INTO A HOTEL. WHILE WE WERE THERE WE
 HAD OUR TRAINING - CLIMBING ROPES, GOING ON HIKES, PLAYING BALL,
 AND PULLING GUARD. ON THE 15 OF JUNE WE LEFT BOURNE MOUTH.
 R AND JUNE 16 WE LOADED ON A L.S.T. AND ^{LEFT} ~~HEADED~~ FOR FRANCE. WE
 SLEPT DOWN IN THE HOLE ^{THAT} ~~THE NIGHT~~ OF ~~THE 16th~~ BUT THE 17th WE MOVED
 UPON DECK. WE LANDED THE NIGHT OF THE 18th. AND GOT A WELCOME FROM
 HILTER'S AIR FORCE. WE GOT OFF ON UTAH BEACH THE MORNING OF
 JUNE 19. AT 2-0'clock. WE WALKED ABOUT TEN MILES BEFORE GETTING
 ON THE KITCHEN TRUCK AND THEN WE WENT TO A FIELD WITH REEF. THERE
 WE DOG IN AND PULLED GUARD. THERE IS WHERE BREADT TALKED TO THE
 FIRST FRENCH PEOPLE AND THEY TOLD US HOW THEY HAD BEEN TREATED
 BY THE GERMANS.
 ON THE 21st OF JUNE WE WERE ALL CALLED TOGETHER AND TOLD
 WE HAD TO GO UP TO BN. AS GUARD AS ^{THEY} ~~WE~~ WERE LOW ON

MEN. WHEN WE GOT TO BN. WE DUG US AN HOLE FOR SHELLS WERE
 COMING OVER FAST. SCHWARR, PAVLIC, AND I STAYED IN ONE
 HOLE FOR IT WAS RAINING AND WE DIDN'T HAVE BUT ONE
 SHELTER HALF WITH US. THE MORNING OF THE 27 OF JUNE WE
 WERE CALLED OUT AND WALKED ABOUT 3 MILES UP TO OUR COMPANY.
 WHERE THEY WERE HOLDING OUT SIDE OF CHERBOURG.
 I WERE SENT OUT TO THE FIRST PLZ. AND THERE I FOUND ABOUT
 FOUR MEN THAT I KNEW. ALL THE OLD COMPANY HAD GOTTEN
 KILLED OR WOUNDED. I DUG ME A HOLE FAST AS THOSE 88'S
 CAN MAKE YOU DO SOME FUNNY THINGS. THE NIGHT OF THE
 27th I PULLED GUARD ALL NIGHT AS I WERE TOO SCARED TO
 SLEEP. JUNE THE 28th I TRIED TO SLEEP BUT I STILL COULDN'T
 ALTHOUGH I HAD BEEN UP TWO NIGHTS. THAT AFTERNOON THEY
 BROUGHT ME DOWN SOME MAIL FROM HOME AND IT SURE DID
 HELP OUT. THE NIGHT OF THE 28th S-Sgt. AMBURY SENT ME
 WITH THREE OTHER MEN OUT ON A LISTENING POST. WE LAIED
 OUT THERE WITH SHELLS FALLING AND MACHINE GUNS FIRING OVER
 OURS HEADS UNTIL 3:30 THE MORNING OF THE 29 AND THEN WE
 WENT BACK IN. AROUND MOON THEY SENT FOR ME TO COME
 TO THE Co C.P. AND SENT US ALL BACK TO THE KITCHEN.
 THE NIGHT OF THE 29 OF ~~JUNE~~ JUNE WE SET UP OUR KITCHEN
 TO COOK OUR FIRST MEAL FOR OUR BOYS SINCE MAY THE ¹³ 13th.
 WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING BUT 10-1 RATIONS TO COOK FOR THEM
 BUT ANYTHING HOT WAS BETTER THAN K-RATION. WE COOKED
 FOR THEM JUNE THE 30th. AND JULY THE 1st. SURE DIDN'T LOOK
 LIKE K-Co FOR NEARLY ALL THE OLD MEN WERE GONE. AFTER
 SUPPER ^{on July 1} OURS BOYS PULLED OUT AGAIN, HOPING TO SEE THE KITCHEN
 SOON - WHICH SOME NEVER DID. WE LOADED UP AND PULLED
 OVER INTO ANOTHER FIELD FOR THE NIGHT. ON JULY - 2 - 44
 EVERYBODY WERE TO GO UPON THE LINES EXCEPT ~~THE~~ ^{THE} MESS SGT,
 1 FIRST COOK, AND ONE SECOND COOK. WE DRAWD CARDS
 SO MIXERS AND I GOT TO STAY BEHIND. THEREFORE

BREAUPT, PAULIC, AND SCHWEAR HAD TO GO UP. THE 3RD OF JULY
 WE MOVED ~~OVER~~ BACK WITH THE REGT. WHERE WE HAD TO PULLED
 GUARD FOR THE PERSONNEL. ON THE NIGHT OF THE 3RD. GIVEN AND
 I PULLED GUARD ON A POST NEAR THE KITCHEN. ON THE 4TH OF
 JULY GIVEN HAD TO GO UP TO PERSONNEL TO PULL GUARD UP
 THERE. JULY 8TH WE WERE CALLED OUT AGAIN TO HELP ON
 THE LINE - JUST LEAVING ONE MAN ~~TO~~ WITH THE KITCHEN.
 ON THE WAY UP WE GOT BOUGHT UNDER ARTILLERY
~~BY~~ FIRE AND DIDNT HAVE ANY HOLES TO GET IN. GOING UP
 WE WADED THROUGH MUD UP TO OURS KNEES. GIVENS AND I
 FOUND US AN HOLE AND I PULLED GUARD ALL NIGHT
 ON THE ACCOUNT OF GIVENS WAS SICK. ON JULY 9TH ON
 OUR LEFT FLANK THREE GERMANS TRIED TO GET THROUGH
 OUR LINES. THEY GOT ONE, BUT LET TWO GET AWAY SO
 AROUND NOON THEY LAID THE SHELLS IN ON US. WE LOST
 17 MEN THE 5 DAYS WE WERE UP THERE. ON THE 13 OF
 JULY WE WENT BACK TO THE KITCHEN AND BREAUPT, PAULIC,
 AND SCHWEAR CAME IN RIGHT AFTER WE DID. ON JULY-11th
 CAPT ALLEN GOT KILLED FIGHTING FOX HILL 122. CARTER
 GOT WOUNDED AND WEST GOT KILLED. JULY 15th WE DRAWD
 B-RATION AND WENT UP AND DUG OUT KITCHEN IN ^{NEAR ST-20} TO COOK
 FOR THE COMPANY. JULY 16 WE FED THE MEN. ~~AND THEN~~
~~THEY MOVED OUT AGAIN.~~ TO FINE WE JUST HAD A VERY FEW
 OLD MEN. MY BEST BUDDY (CLELL CARTER) WAS THERE NO
 LONGER TO GO THROUGH THE CHOW LINE - AND LT. LOWE
 A FINE MAN HAD TAKING OVER COMMAND OF THE COMPANY
 AFTER CAPT ALLEN'S DEATH. THE COMPANY PULLED OUT
 AGAIN JULY-24 HEADED FOR PERRIERS. ON JULY 28 WE
 MOVED INTO FIELD NEAR ST. SAUYEUR TO BE WITH THE
 COMPANY FOR A FEW MORE DAYS. THERE SINCE THE
 BOYS WERE OUT OF RANGE OF SHEETS THEY MADE THEM
 GO ON HIKES AND GAVE THEM CLOSE-ORDER DRILL.

ON Aug ~~the~~ 1st. ~~we were~~ THE CO. MOVED OUT AGAIN RUNNING
 THE GERMAN'S NOW. ~~ON AUG WE MOVED OUT AND WENT~~
~~NEAR GAA~~ THEY WENT THROUGH LANDIVY AND ERNEE
 WITH TASK FORCE WEAVER IN LEED. ON AUG 6 THE 3rd.
 BN. KITCHENS MOVED OUT LEAVING US UNTIL THEY COULD
 SEND BACK AFTER US AS OUR TRUCK WAS OFF HAULING
 SUPPLIES. JUST BEFORE DARK M-COMPANY TRUCK CAME
 BACK AFTER US - SO WE LOADED UP AND PULLED OUT FOR
 THE 18 MILES RIDE. GERMAN'S PLANES WERE TRYING TO
 BOMB A BRIDGE AT GRANVILLE. WE GOT LOST AND HAD
 TO PULL INTO A HAY-FIELD FOR THE NIGHT. AUG-7 WE
 WENT ON TO THE FIELD TRAIN WHERE THE OTHER KITCHEN
 WERE. ON AUG THE 9th WE MOVED OUT WITH THE FIELD
 TRAIN FOR A LONG RIDE. WE MOVED 60 MILES AND
 UNLOADED ~~OUTS~~ ON A HILL ABOUT 2 MILES FROM LE MANS
 DREULT AND I WENT TO A FRENCHMAN'S HOUSE TO
~~GET SOME EGGS AND SHE TOLD US THE GERMAN'S LEFT~~
 THERE THE NIGHT BEFORE. AUG THE 11th WE MOVED
 THROUGH LE-MANS AND IN A FIELD WITH THE 357th REGT.
 KITCHENS. AUG-14th SCHWERTY AND PAULIE WENT UP
 TO THE LINE. AUG 16 WE MOVED UP AGAIN AND SCHWERTY AND
 PAULIE CAME BACK AS WE WERE COOKING AND SENDING
 CHOW UP TO THE MEN AS THEY WERE HOLDING AROUND
 THE GREAT FAHISE POCKET (KNOWNED BETTER TO OURS
 BOYS AS DEATH VALLEY) WHERE THEY HAD THE SS
 PANZER DIVISION TRAPED. ON AUG. 21 WE MOVED
 UP OUT FROM SEES WITH THE CO. FOR THEY HAD
 BEEN RELIEVED. ON AUG 26 WE MOVED OUT WITH THE
 CO FOR ANOTHER LONG RIDE. ~~WE PULLED INTO A FIELD~~
~~AND UNLOADED AND LIND AND I WENT BACK AFTER~~
~~ANOTHER KITCHEN~~ Moved into the woods after
 dark and set up the kitchen to cook

breakfast for the Co. We cooked for them Aug 27 + ~~28~~ then they moved out on 3rd Army trucks. We stayed there ~~until~~ and went up and saw one of their camps. The night of the 27th we moved up about 10 miles to a field and unloaded. ON the 28 of Aug. Joe and I went with Lind to haul troops. We went through Chateau - Thierry the town they had their big fight in in World War # 1. We went back Aug 30 and got the kitchens and brought them up into the old world war # 1 battle ground and unloaded in the woods. We cooked for the Troops and sent chow up on a jeep where they ~~was~~ ~~originally~~ the Reims Bridge head. on Sept 2 we moved through Reims and put up in the woods just west side of town with the Co for awhile. We were out of gas and couldn't go any further. We were there until Sept 7 and then pulled out with the Co. leaving them in a field. That night we had to unload and go back and get another kitchen of the 2. Bn. Sept 8th we moved up to the Co again and fed them the 9th of Sept, then pulling out the 10 of Sept. We moved into a old saw-mill the 10th of Sept the first shelter we had since we landed in France.

Sept - 12 - 44 we loaded out and moved into
 a cave with a high rock wall all around
 us. We moved out on Sept 15 and
 went through Home Court and Gouff and
 unloaded in the woods. We set up there
 cooking for the Co. while they were on a
 hill outside of Metz. We had all kinds
 of pretty French girls from Gouff and
 Home Court coming out to see us. We
 stayed there until the 30th of Sept and
 then we moved over about 10 miles from
 Gouff where we could get a few incoming
 shells. We dug us some holes and put
 a good top on them and had a nice
 little lay-out. Joe and I went to Gouff
 on Oct 9th and took a shovel and
 looked over town. On the 14th of Oct we
 moved to Traizieres LES METZ in an old
 factory with the other 3rd Bn. kitchen.
 We were there until the 14th of Oct when we moved
 to RUMBUS to FEED THE CO FOR 4 DAYS IN A BIG
 SCHOOL HOUSE. AFTER THE CO PULLED OUT ON THE 19
 OF OCT WE WENT BACK TO TRAZIERES IN THE SAME
 OLD FACTORY. On THE 25. OF OCT WE LEFT TRAZIERES
 AND WENT BACK ON A BREAK. THERE WE HAD A
 NICE ROOM FOR THE KITCHEN BUT FOR OURS BEDS WE
 TOOK OVER FROM THE COWS. ON THE NIGHT OF NOV THE
 9th WE LEFT AGAIN. WE RODE ALL NIGHT AND
 UNLOADED THE 10th AND COOKED SUPPER AND
 SENT IT UP TO THE MEN. THAT NIGHT WE WERE
 SENT UP AGAIN AS CARRYING PARTIES ON THE
 CROSSING OF THE MOSELLE RIVER.

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ON NOV. 12 WE CROSSED THE MOSELLE WADING WATER
WAS DEEP IN WATER AND THEN CARRYING 11 RATIONS
FIVE MINES ON THE OTHER SIDE. WE THEN CROSSED
BACK OVER EARLY THE MORNING OF THE 13. THE AFTER-
NOON OF THE 13TH WE WENT BACK ACROSS THE MOSELLE
TO CARRY RATIONS UP TO THE LINE. ON THE 16 OF
NOV. WE CAME BACK TO THE KITCHEN. WE FOUND
THE BEST KITCHENS IN ONE BIG BLDG. THERE WE GOT
CLEAN CLOTHS. ON THE 19TH OF NOV. I WENT UP TO
THE CO. TO HELP GIVENS & BREAUPT COOK FOR THE CO.
THE 20 OF NOV. WE MOVED TO THE NEXT TOWN ON THE
JEOP AND THERE THEY BROUGHT THE KITCHEN UP. THE
23RD WE MOVED OUT AND MOVED INTO THE WOODS
AND COOKED SUPPER WHEN ORDER CAME DOWN FOR
US TO LOAD UP AND WE MOVED INTO A TOWN 2 MI
FROM HER. WE FED SUPPER AND PUT OUR TRUCK
INTO A BARN AND COOKED BREAKFAST THE 24TH.
THE CO PULLED OUT THE MORNING OF THE 24TH.
TAKING BREAUPT AND PAULIE WITH THEM TO MAKE
COFFEE. ON THE 29 OF NOV WE MOVED THE KITCHEN
UP AND GOT SHELLED GOING THRU FUR WATER, GER.
NOW WE WERE IN GER SO WE COULD TAKE
WHAT WE WANTED. THE 30TH OF NOV THE CO CAME
BACK AND WE MOVED TO SEIRBURG, GER WHERE
WE WRECKED A HOUSE AND SET THE KITCHEN UP.
LIPARI GOT A PASS TO PARIS WHILE WE WERE
THERE. ON DEC. 4TH WE WERE ALL CALLED TO
GETHER AND TOLD WE WOULD BE USED FOR CARRYING
PARTIES ON THE SAAR RIVER CROSSING. WE LEFT
BEFORE DAYLIGHT THE MORNING OF THE 5 BUT DIDN'T
GET TO CROSS UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE 6 ON
ACCOUNT OF SHELLING AND MACHINE FIRE.

WHEN WE GOT ~~OVER THERE~~ CROSS WE WERE TOLD TO GO DOWN THE RIVER UNTIL WE HIT THE RAILROAD AND THEN TAKE DOWN IT UNTIL WE CAME TO ANOTHER RAILROAD AND THEN LOOK FOR AN WATER TANK. THAT WAS PACHTEN-COLONY, ~~WER~~ WHERE THE 3RD BN C.P. WAS AT. WHEN WE GOT THERE WE WERE WET ALL OVER AND TOO TIRED TO MOVE AFTER CARRYING 5 ROUNDS OF 81 M.M. MORTAR. WE DIDNT HAVE ANY BLANKETS SO WE MADE AN FIRE AND TRIED TO GET DRY. THE 6 WE MOVED INTO A CELLER WHERE WE LAIED AROUND LIKE HOGS IN THE SAND. WE WOULD MAKE 2 AND 3 TRIPS AN NIGHT DOWN TO THE RIVER AND THEN IN THE DAY TIME WE CARRIED UP TO THE LINES AND WOULD BRING LITTERS CASES BACK. WE COULDNT PULL OUR SHOES OFF FOY IF WE DID WE COULDNT GET THEM BACK ON. ON THE MORNING OF THE 9TH WE WERE BRINGING ALL LITTER CASE BACK WHEN BREWALT GOT HIT. WE WENT ABOUT 75 YARDS WHEN ANOTHER FELLOW GOT HIT SO THEN GIVENS CAME BACK TO HELP ON MY LITTER. THE NIGHT OF THE 12TH WE TOLD THEM WE COULDNT CARRY ANYMORE FOR 6 days WITH OUT ANY SLEEP HAD GOTTEN THE BEST OF US. THE NIGHT OF THE 13 OF DEC. WE LEFT TO GO BACK TO THE KITCHEN. WHEN WE GOT CROSSED THE RIVER AND READY TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT THEY LAID TWO SHELLS IN WHICH LONG FROM M-CO GOT HIT. WE THEN WENT ON TO THE KITCHEN IN SEIRBURG. WE LAIED AROUND IN SEIRBURG ^{UNTIL} THE 20TH OF DEC. WHEN WE PULLED BACK INTO FRANCE FOY A BREAK. ON THE FIRST LOAD SCHWEAR, HARDY AND I WENT ALONG. ~~WE~~ AFTER ABOUT 5 HOURS RIDE WE GOT TO ALGREEN, FRANCE AND THEY SAID FINE SOMEWHERE TO

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SET UP THE KITCHEN. WE WERE ALL COLD SO WE GOT IN THE FIRST BARN WE COULD FIND. AFTER WE UNLOADED LIPARI WENT BACK AFTER THE OTHER PART OF THE KITCHEN. WE CLEANED OUT THE BARN AND THEN HARDY WENT TO FIND US SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP ~~THE~~ THE 21ST OF DEC. THE CO. PULLED IN FOR A LITTLE REST AFTER SPENDING THEIR TIME IN HELL. THE MORNING OF THE 23RD I WENT BACK TO THE REST CAMP FOR TWO DAYS WHICH WAS ~~ON~~ ACROSS THE MOSELLE RIVER. THE 25TH I GOT BACK TO FIND RIVENS WENT TO THE REST CAMP AND THEY WERE COOKING CHRISTMAS DINNER. WE HAD A WHITE CHRISTMAS AND SPENT OUR NEW YEAR IN ALGREEN. ON JAN⁶ 1945 WE PULLED OUT WITH THE CO AND THE ROADS WERE SO BAD WE GOT LOST IN LUX CITY FROM THE CONVOY. WE FOUND THEM JUST BEFORE WE GOT ~~WHERE~~ WE WERE GOING. SNOW GETTING DEEPER ALL THE TIME. ON THE MORNING OF THE 7TH WE UNLOADED AND COOKED FOR THE CO. THEY MOVED OUT THEN GOING TO THE NEXT TOWN. THE ROADS WERE SO BAD WE SENT SNOW UP IN A JEEP. ON THE 10TH WE MOVED OUT GOING THRU TOWNS THAT LOOKED LIKE AN LUMBER YARD, ~~AND~~ WRECKED GUNS, VEHICLES AND EVERYTHING ELSE LAYING ALL OVER THE PLACE. WE SET UP OUR KITCHEN IN A SHED AND GOT US A NICE ROOM TO SLEEP IN. WE COOKED AND SENT IT UP IN A JEEP SOMETIMES GETTING TO FEED AND OTHER TIMES HAVING TO THROW IT OUT. WE WERE THERE UNTIL ~~UNTIL~~ THE 15TH AND THEN WE MOVED AGAIN. WE SET UP THE KITCHEN IN WITH THE SUPPLY AND HAD TO SLEEP IN A HOG SHED ON ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN WELL ~~WELL~~ KNOCKED

DOWN. WE KEPT ON COOKING SENDING IT UP IN A
 JEEP. ON THE 21st of JAN WE MOVED OUT AND WENT
 TO BASTONE, BELGIUM TO ONE OF HILTER'S GARRISON
 CAMPS. THERE WE SET UP TO BE WITH THE COMPANY FOR
 A FEW DAYS. WE MOVED FROM THERE ON THE 29
 AND WENT TO WEISWAMPACH, LUX. WHERE WE FED
 THE MEN CARRYING IT UP IN A JEEP AGAIN. ON
 THE 3rd of Feb. THE CO. PULLED BACK IN
 WEISWAMPACH AGAIN. ON THE 5TH WE MOVED WITH
 THE CO. AND WENT THUR ST-VITH WHERE YOU DIDNT
 SEE ONE HOUSE STANDING. WE WENT ON TO ELCHERATH
 MER, ON THE LUX + MER BORDER. WE SET THE KITCHEN
 UP IN A HOUSE WITH THE WTR-PLA. AND COOKED SUPPER
 THAT NIGHT. WE COOKED BREAKFAST ^{THE MORNING OF THE 6} BUT THE CO HAD
 TO EAT ON A RUN, FOR THEY HAD TO MOVE OUT.
 THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE SIEGFRIED
 LINE AND WE LOST QUITE A FEW MEN THERE. ON
 Feb. 11 we moved out and had to set up
 in the woods. WE COOKED AND SENT IT UP
 ON A JEEP UNTIL THE 17th. OF Feb WHEN WE
 PULLED BACK TO LUIDENBORN WITH THE COMPANY.
 ON THE 21st WE MOVED BACK TO THE WOODS
 AGAIN TO THE SAME PLACE. ON THE 26 WE MOVED
 OUT OF THE WOODS SEEING WRECK VEHICLES AND DEAD
 GERMANS. WE UNLOADED SO THE TRUCKS COULD GO
 BACK AND MOVE THE FIELD TRAIN. WE HAD TO LOAD
 UP AGAIN THE SAME NIGHT AND ~~WENT~~ WENT TO THE
 COMPANY, GETTING THERE JUST AS THEY WERE GOING
 TO MOVE OUT. ON FEB-28 WE MOVED OUT AND WENT
 TO A HUNTING LODGE WHERE THEY HAD THE 3rd
 BN. KITCHENS AND MOTOR POOL. WE WERE THERE
 UNTIL MARCH 3rd. WHEN WE MOVED OUT AT NIGHT

AND IT WERE SO DARK YOU COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING
 ON THE WAY UP M. CO. TRUCK TURNED OVER. WHEN WE
 GOT TO THE CO. WE SET UP TO COOK BREAKFAST. ON THE
 MORNING OF THE 9TH. THE COMPANY MOVED OUT LEAVING
 US TO CATCH ON WITH THE FIELD TRAIN. WE GOT TO
 MAYEN WE HAD TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP
 SO WE FOUND AN BOX-CAR WITH AN HEATER IN
 IT SO WE MADE OURSELVES AT HOME. WE FOUND
 CASES OF SODA-WATER IN THE RAILROAD-STATION.
 WE MOVED OUT THE 10TH AND WENT UP IN MAYEN
 WHERE THE CO. WERE. THERE WE SET UP IN 3 ~~small~~
 ROOMS WHICH WE CLEANED OUT BY THROWING EVERY-
 thing OUT. THIS TOWN WAS PRETTY WELL KNOCKED DOWN
 BY OUR PLANES. ON THE 12TH THE CO MOVED OUT
 LEAVING US UNTIL A TRUCK COULD COME AFTER US.
 WHILE WE WERE WAITING ON THE TRUCK WE WENT
 THRU MORE HOUSES TO SEE WHAT WE COULD FIND.
 WE MOVED OUT ABOUT 5 HOURS LATER GOING TO
 WHERE THE CO HAD MOVED TO - PUTTING OUR KITCHEN
 IN WITH THE 4TH PLA. WE FED THE TROOPS UNTIL
 THE 17TH. WHEN THEY JUMPED OFF TO CROSS THE
 MOSEL RIVER FOR THE SECOND TIME. THE 18TH OF
 MARCH WE WENT ACROSS THE MOSEL AND WENT TO
 ALKEN. THAT IS WHERE BREAUET CAME BACK TO
 US. WE MOVED OUT ON THE 20TH AND GOT TO
 THE CO THAT NIGHT COOKING SUPPER FEEDING ABOUT
 11:30 THAT NIGHT. WE FED BREAKFAST ^{THE 21ST.} THEN THEY MOVED
 OUT AGAIN RACING FOR THE RHINE RIVER. WE
 MOVED OUT FROM BINGER AND ON THRU PARTEN-
 HEIN ~~AND BOUGHT UP AGAIN~~ AND AND MOVED TO
 A RAILROAD STATION IN GAU-BISCHOFSHAIN.
 ON THE 23RD OF MARCH THEY CROSSED THE RHINE.
 AT LEEHEIN.

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WE COULD SEE GERMAN'S PLANES EVERY NIGHT TRYING TO BOMB THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RHINE. ON MARCH 26 I WENT ACROSS THE RHINE TO HELP LOAD AS THE TROOPS WERE MOVING SO FAST THEY HAD TO KEEP THE TRUCKS GOING. THE 27TH WE LEFT DARMSTADT AND MOVED THE 3rd Bn. TO OFFENBACH - GETTING SHELLED AT LANGEN. WE MOVED THE FIELD TRAIN UP TO OFFENBACH THE NIGHT OF THE 27. THE MORNING ^{OF THE 28} I WENT BACK ACROSS THE RHINE TO GET THE KITCHEN. GOT BACK TO OFFENBACH UNLOADED THE KITCHEN AND MOVED THE FIELD TRAIN AGAIN, ACROSS THE MAINZ TO BRSCHOFSHEIM. MARCH THE 29 I WENT BACK TO OFFENBACH TO GET A LOAD OF (R.T.D.). ~~BE~~ MY TRUCK BROKE DOWN ON ME JUST AS I WERE LEAVING OFFENBACH SO I TRANSFERRED MY MEN TO ANOTHER TRUCK AND THEN LOAD AND I GOT A FEW DAYS OF REST. MARCH THE 30TH WE MOVED OUT AFTER DARK AND PULLED IN A TOWN JUST AFTER DAY-BREAK AND THEY TOLD US TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO UNLOAD. WE UNLOADED IN A BARN AND I HAD TO BREAK A DOOR DOWN TO GET INTO THE HOUSE SO WE COULD HAVE A BED. THE 2nd OF APRIL WE MOVED INTO KERSFELD IN AN SAWMILL WHERE WE UNLOADED. WE SLEPT IN AN BIG HOUSE OUT FROM THE SAWMILL. ON THE 4 OF APRIL WE WENT FISHING AND PAULIE CAUGHT A GERMAN'S SOLDIER TO GO WITH THE MESS OF FISH WE GOT. WE MOVED OUT THE 6 OF APRIL AND WENT TO KAISERODA WHERE THE 357th. BREG. WERE GUARDING A SALT MINES. WE WERE THERE UNTIL THE 16TH WHEN WE MOVED OUT WITH THE COMPANY TO SCHWARZENBACH. WE MOVED A FAMILY OUT OF THEIR HOUSE AND PUT THE

KITCHEN IN IT. THE NEXT MORNING THEY FOUND SOME JERRIES
 OVER IN THE FIELD SO THE 4TH PLR SET UP THEIR
 MORTAR AND FIRED AT THEM. ON THE 19TH OF APRIL
 WE MOVED OUT JUST BEFORE DARK AND WENT TO
 WUNSIEDEL, WHERE WE STOPPED FOR ABOUT 16 HRS.
 AND THEN WENT TO FUCHSMUHL AND UNLOADED.
 THEY HAD A BUNCH OF GERMANS WOUNDED SOLDIERS.
 ON THE 21ST WE MOVED OUT AND IT WERE RAINING
 AND ~~WAS~~ SURE HAD A COLD WIDE. WE MOVED
 TO NEUSTADT IN A SCHOOL HOUSE, THE 22ND.
 WE MOVED TO FLISCHBACH AT THAT NIGHT THE CO.
 BROUGHT IN ABOUT 50 PRISONERS MOST OF THEM AT
 THE AGE OF 15 YEARS. THEY HAD AN SS. IN THE
 BUNCH SO THEY KILLED HIM. WE LEFT THERE THE 24
 AND WENT TO A TOWN ~~IN~~ JUST OUTSIDE OF RECKENDORF.
 WE MOVED INTO RECKENDORF THE 26 OF APRIL
 AND MOVED INTO A HOUSE DOWN BY OURSELVES.
 WE FED THE CO SUPPER THE 26. GIVENS AND I WERE
 ON SHIFT SO WE GOT UP AND MADE BREAKFAST THE NEXT
 MORNING. THE CO. MOVED OUT THE 28 SO WE WERE THERE
 ALL ALONG HAVING A FINE TIME. ~~WE WERE THERE~~ WE WERE
 THERE UNTIL MAY THE 2ND WHEN WE MOVED THROUGH
 HINTER TO BUCHBERG UP IN THE MOUNTAINS AND
 THERE WERE SNOW EVERYWHERE. WE FED BREAKFAST
 THE 3rd AND THEN THE CO MOVED OUT, ~~AND~~ MAY
 4TH. WE WENT TO ARNFRUCH AND FED ONE MEAL
 AND THEY MOVED OUT AGAIN. THE NIGHT OF THE
 5TH. WE LOADED UP AND WENT TO A TOWN WHERE
 THE 1st & 2nd BR. WERE AND SLEPT THERE. WE
 MOVED OUT EARLY THE MORNING OF THE 6TH.
 AND WENT TO A HOSPITAL TOWN. JUST
 BEFORE DARK THEY MADE US UNLOAD SO THEY COULD

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HAVE THE TRUCK. ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK THAT NIGHT WE LOADED
BACK UP ~~AND~~ ~~RODE~~ ALL NIGHT, AND UNLOADED
THE MORNING OF THE 7TH. AT THE BREAK OF DAY
IN OUR FIRST CZECH-TOWN. WE WENT TO A HOTEL
AND WENT TO BED. I GOT UP ABOUT 10:30 AND HEARD
THE WAR WAS OVER. WE WALKED OVER TOWN WATCHING
THE ^{CZECH-}PEOPLE HAVING A GOOD TIME. WE MOVED OUT THE
SAME DAY GOING TO USTALEC, CZECH WHERE WE
MOVED INTO A SCHOOL HOUSE. WE STAYED THERE UNTIL
THE 15 OF MAY WHEN WE MOVED BACK TO WINDISCHESCH-
ENBACK. ON THE 17TH WE WENT TO KEMNATH WHERE
THE CO. GOT OUT ~~THE~~ ROADS BLOCKS. ON THE 19TH OF
MAY ~~WE~~ LEFT ON PASS FOR PARIS. GOT TO PARIS THE
21ST. AT 10:30 AND WENT TO THE HOTEL WHERE WE
WERE ASSIGNED TO OUR ROOM. WE LEFT PARIS THE
24TH AT 20:00 AND GOT TO WINDISCHESCHENBACK THE
26TH. TO FINE THEN MOVED TO THE FACTORY. ON
SAT MAY 2 1946 BRUULT, GIVENS, AND I WERE
AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR FOR LAST DECEMBER
WHEN WE WERE ON CARRYING PARTLES ACROSS
THE SAAR RIVER. GONE THE 13TH WE MOVED
OUT AND CAME TO FLOSSENBURG - TO THE FLOSSEN
BURG CONCENTRATION CAMP TO GUARD SS-GERMAN PRISONS.