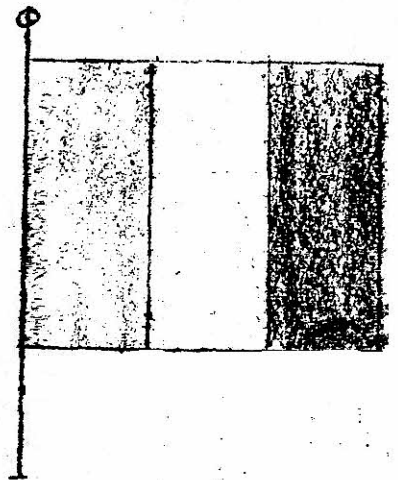
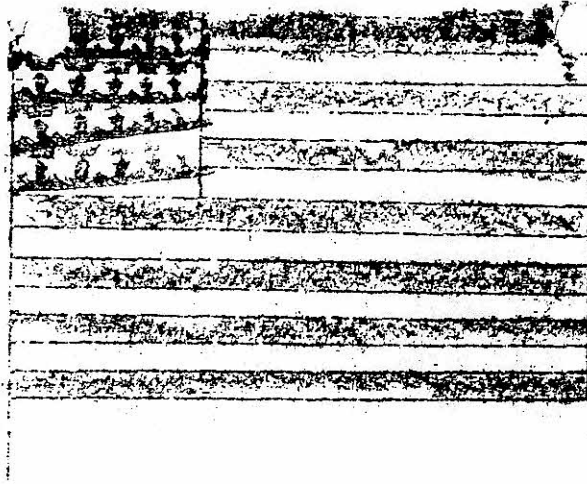
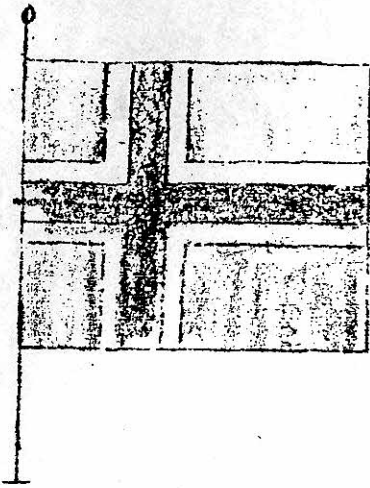
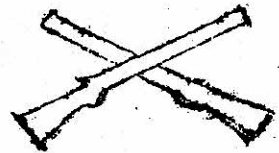


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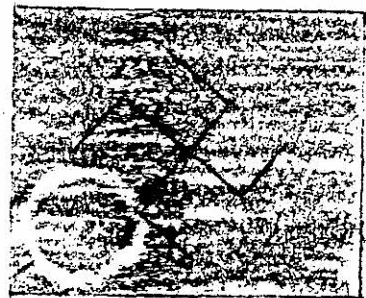
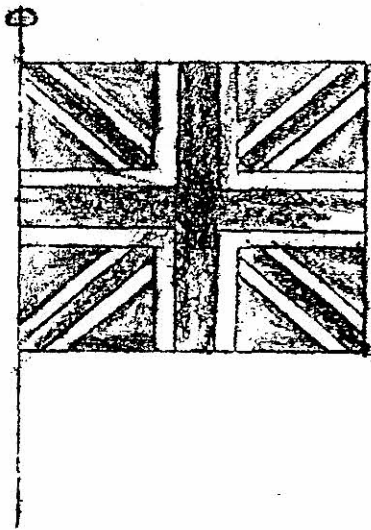
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2ND BIN.

118th INF.

◆ HISTORY ◆



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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

FROM:

16 Sept 1940 to 4 Aug 1942

The 2nd Bn, 118th Infantry, a National Guard Unit, was inducted into the Federal Service along with the balance of the Regiment, with the 30th Inf Division, on 16th Sept 1940.

During the period 16 Sept 1940 to 1 May 1941 the battalion was engaged in the training of its recruits at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

On or about 1st May 1941 field maneuvers were begun on the reservation of the Fort. These continued for approximately three weeks, at which time the battalion was ordered to the Tennessee maneuvers, in the vicinity of Camp Forest, Tennessee. The Tennessee maneuvers continued for approximately six weeks.

Upon completion the unit returned to Ft. Jackson for the further training of new recruits, and furnishing of cadres for activation of new divisions.

On or about 22 Sept 1941 the battalion began movement to North - South Carolina maneuver area. The Carolina maneuvers continued until approximately 2d Dec 1941.

Upon completion the unit returned to Ft. Jackson for additional training and preparation for overseas movement. This unit training and preparation continued until 4 Aug 1942, at which time the Regiment was withdrawn from the 30th Infantry Division and ordered overseas.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

FROM:

4th Aug 1942 to 28th May 1943

On 4 August 1942, 2nd Bn, 118th Infantry commanded by Lt Col JAMES C COOPER, departed Ft. Jackson, S.C., entraining at Columbia, S.C. Detrained in Jersey City, New Jersey at 1300 hours 5 August 1942 traveling a distance of approximately 900 miles by train. Ferried across the Hudson River and debarked at Pier 49, New York City, N.Y. At 2100 hours troops embarked on H.M.S. "Batory". Anti-tank platoon and Communication platoon under Lts HANCE and PETERBURS embarked on H.M.S. "Queen of Bermuda". Departed N.Y. early morning of 6 August 1942 and arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia 1200 hours 8 August 1942. Departed from Halifax, Nova Scotia 9 August 1942 in convoy of approximately 40 troopships, cargo ships and escort vessels. Varied weather conditions encountered during trip and departed from main convoy on 15 August 1942. Entered Reykjavik, Iceland harbor at 1200 hours, 18 August 1942. H.M.S. "Batory" departed Reykjavik, Iceland at 1700 hours and proceeded to Akureyri, Iceland, arriving there at 1300 hours, 19 August 1942. Debarked from H.M.S. "Batory" at 1215 hours, 20 August 42 and proceeded to designated camps. Entire journey completed without incident and covering over 5000 miles

Units of the 118th Infantry relieved British Unit "K.O.Y.L.I." (Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), which boarded transport H.M.S. "Batory" and departed Iceland

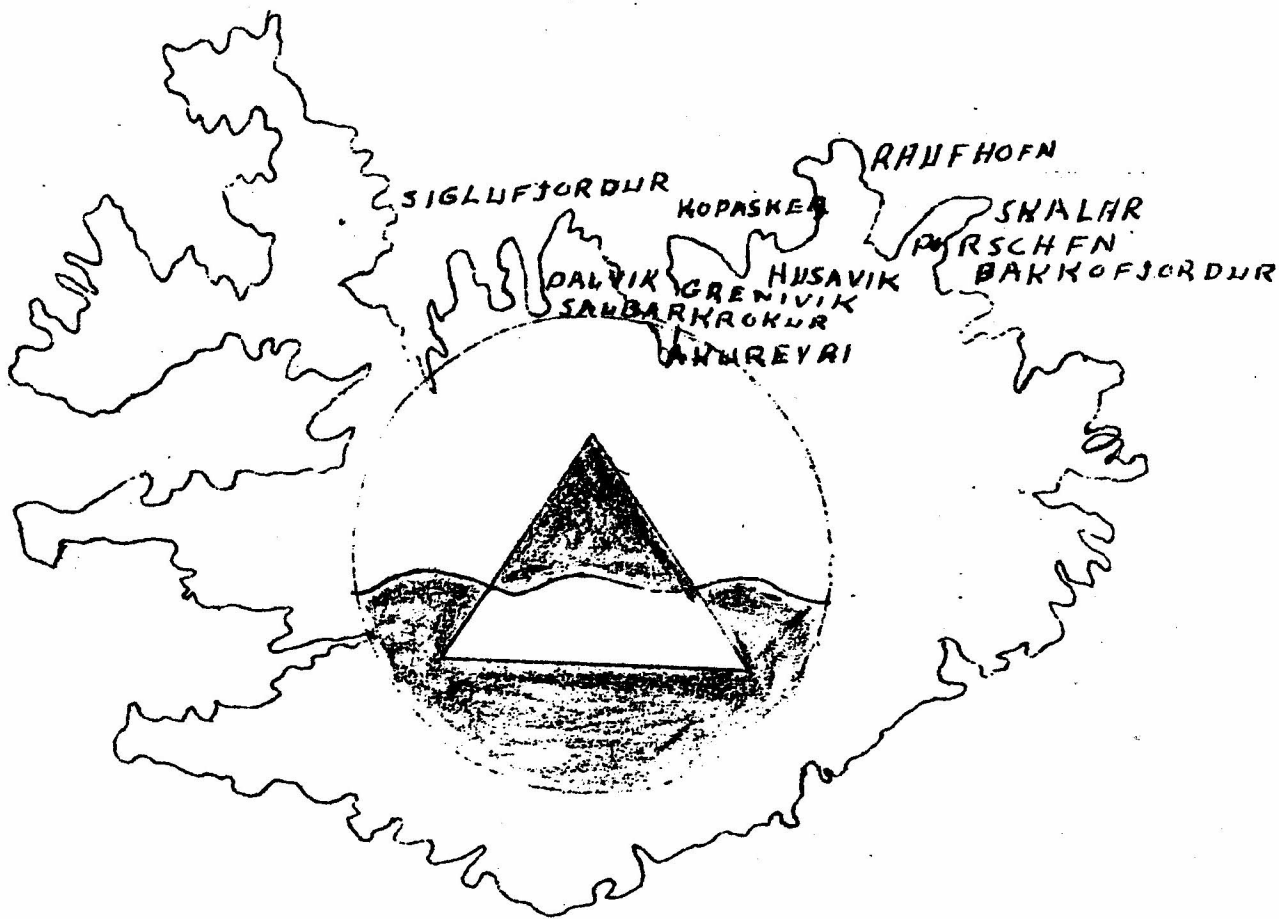
Organizations of 2nd Bn, 118th Infantry located as follows:

Hq 2nd Bn, 118th Inf - North Camp	Co "G", 118th Inf - Melgerdi (Airport)
Co "E", 118th Inf - Lons Camp	Kassos Field
Co "F", 118th Infantry-Lonsbru Camp	Co "H", 118th Inf - Knightsbridge Camp
	1 Platoon Co "G" - Camp North Quay

These camps were located within a radius of 5 miles of Akureyri with the exception of Melgerdi, which was approximately 15 miles north of Akureyri.

Due to some mishap the TE equipment failed to arrive and the Bn took over British weapons, transportation and signal equipment. Immediate renovation and rebuilding of camps was necessary to be prepared for the winter season. New Nissen huts and kitchens were built in some camps and this entailed many arduous hours of labor. Company training programs were instituted and interior guard set up. Entertainment facilities were meager and consisted of a Bn movie projector and group gatherings. Natives of the island were very reserved and had to be treated with suspicion upon our arrival. On several occasions it was discovered that our communications lines were being tapped but the culprits were not apprehended.

The severe winter season began in September and this heralded the short days and extreme weather conditions, including blizzards, high winds and huge snow drifts. Training during this period consisted of classroom work on weapons and a winter warfare school was established on the mountain range behind Knightsbridge Camp for instruction in skiing and a hardening process for personnel. A second ski school was established atop a glacier with Norwegian Army instructor. These camps were supplied by pack trains and foot troops.



ICELAND

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DEFENSE AREA

28 May 1943

Subject: Detached Battalion.

To : CO, 118th Infantry.

1. The 2d Battalion, 118th Infantry is designated as a detached battalion under the provisions of par 4c, AR 240-5, March 20, 1936.

2. Compliance with the provisions of par 14, AR 545-5, April 15, 1942 is directed.

By Command of Brigadier General CHAMBERS:

/s/ Chester H Brown, Jr.,
/t/ CHESTER H BROWN, JR.,
1st Lt, CAC,
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN SECTOR

* 2ND BN, 118TH INF REGT. *

Lt. Col. PEYTON McSWAIN, Commanding

STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
S-1
S-2
S-3
S-4
Personnel Officer

Major DEWEY M. McKEOWN
Captain LLOYD A HOBBS
1st Lt STANLEY M CASMER
Captain DON R GESTEFELD
1st Lt PHILLIP D KERSH
1st Lt FRED E FEATHERSTONE, JR.

SPECIAL STAFF OFFICERS

Water Transportation Officer
Surgeon
Engineer Officer
Finance Officer
Quartermaster
Chaplain
Artillery Officer
Ordnance Officer
Transportation Officer
Civil Affairs Officer
Communications Officer
Postal Officer
Post Exchange Officer
Special Service Officer
Fire Marshal
Provost Marshal
Censor
Cryptographic Security Officer

Major JOHN W JOHNSON
Captain MICHAEL L MATTEO
Captain FRANK C CURRY
Captain ROBERT J STANFORD
Captain JOHN J FARREN, JR.
Captain NARCISO G BARRON
Captain WALTER F DONALDSON
1st Lt EDWARD C TREVERTON, JR.
1st Lt GILBERT R LOSHEK
1st Lt STANLEY M CASMER
1st Lt ARTHUR E HANCE
1st Lt ANTON E GUZZIE, JR.
1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK
1st Lt EDWARD M CARMICK
1st Lt EDWARD C TREVERTON, JR.
1st Lt GEORGE W PETERBURS
2d Lt JOHN W McTERNAN
2d Lt ERNEST F GRIFFITH

CONTROL ROOM OFFICERS

Captain JOHN R DRAKE

1st Lt PAULK P KING

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

FROM:

4th Aug 1942 to 28th May 1943

Cont'd

On 20 May 1943 Lt Col JAMES C COOPER was relieved from command of 2nd Bn 118th Inf and Lt Col. PEYTON McSWAIN assumed command of 2nd Bn, 118th Inf.

It must be remembered that at this time Iceland was of intense strategic value as a supply base both to the Allies and the enemy. Our mission was the defense of the northern sector of the island. The hazards encountered were overcome in a most efficient manner but not without a remarkable display of ingenuity and courage by individuals in this command. The unit was subjected to long hours of waiting in trenches and air raid positions during enemy raids and reconnaissance missions. The threat of submarine activity was continuously prevalent and a constant vigilance against this menace was maintained. Some of our units were outposted and the only means of contact was by boat over perilous seas. Mail facilities were very poor, especially in the winter months. During the 14 1/2 months in Iceland there was not any cases of V.D. in the 118th Inf.

GENERAL RECORD OF EVENTS

HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN SECTOR

28 May 1943

Headquarters 118th Infantry embarked on SS Nova for Reykjavik.

29 May 1943

Extract, GO No. 1, Hq EDA, dated 29 May 1943 par 3: The Comdg O 2d Bn 118th Inf is designated Comdg O, Northern Sector, EDA.

2d Bn Hq and 2d Bn Hq Co 118th Inf moved from North Camp to Main Camp.

Company "F", less 3d platoon, moved from Camp Lonsbru to Camp Krossastadir. 3d Platoon, Co "F", moved from Camp Lonsbru to Camp Bragholt.

Company "E", less 1st and 3d Platoons, and Detachments, moved from Camp Lons to Camp Lonsbru.

Location of Units of 2d Bn 118th Infantry:

Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf	Camp Main
Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf	Camp Main
Co "E" less 1st Plat and Det	Camp Lonsbru
Co "F" less 3d Plat	Camp Krossastadir
Co "G" less 1st Plat	Kasses Field
Co "H"	Camp Knightsbridge
1st Plat AT Co 118th Inf	Camp Krossanes
1st Plat Co "E"	Camp Siglufjordur
3d Plat Co "E"	Camp Marlborough
1st Plat Co "G", 118th Inf	Camp North Quay
Detachment Co "E", 118th Inf	Camp Ray
Detachment Co "E", 118th Inf	Camp Greely

31 May 1943

1ST LT CLARENCE G THOMPSON, 0301994, relieved from assignment to Co "E", 118th Infantry and assigned to Hq and Hq Co Northern Sector, EDA.

1 June 1943

1st Platoon, Co "E", 118th Infantry relieved by British troops at Camp Siglufjordur.

2 June 1943

Battalion parade at Camp Delta

Brigadier General CHAMBERS departed from Ajureyri on Icelandic ship "Esja".

5 June 1943

Lt Col. RANDOLPH, Co "M", 118th Inf (less MG Platoon) and 115th FA troops embarked at Akureyri.

6 June 1943

1st Platoon AT Co 118th Infantry moved from Camp Krossanes to Main Camp.

One unidentified plane seen northeast of Skalar (no course given) at 2031 hours.

7 June 1943

Naval task force including USS ALABAMA, USS SOUTH DAKOTA AND HMS DUKE OF YORK arrived in Akureyri harbor.

Lieutenant Colonel PEYTON McSWAIN was guest of Vice Admiral B. A. FRASER, RN, Commander of the Second Battle Squadron and second in command of the British Home Fleet, on the HMS DUKE OF YORK.

9 June 1943

Naval task force departed from Akureyri harbor.

Battery "B", 115th FA Bn, and attached detachment, Camp Hamburg, placed under the direct administrative jurisdiction of Hq Northern Sector.

One unidentified plane, bi-motored, seen fifteen miles south of Skalar, course East, at 0615 hours.

10 June 1943

One unidentified plane (believed to be a Focke-Wulf) seen 10 miles north of Raufarhofn, course southeast, at 2045 hours.

One hostile aircraft attacked fishing trawler near Grimsey Island at 2030 hours.

12 June 1943

Co "C", 556th Sig AW Bn, Camp Murphy and Battery C 495th Sep CA Bn, Camp Dixfort, placed under the direct administrative jurisdiction of Hq Northern Sector.

13 June 1943

15th Station Hospital unit arrived in Akureyri on "Nova".

1st Lt HENRY P ROSACK O432100, relieved from 15th Station Hospital Hrafnagil and placed on Special Duty and assigned to 2d Bn 118th Infantry.

14 June 1943

Btry C 26th Sep CA Bn (HD), Camp Sandvik is placed under the direct administrative jurisdiction of Hq Northern Sector.

16 June 1943

At 1330 hours, a German four motored bomber attacked the Icelandic freight and passenger boat "Sudin" off Flatey Island, thirtyfive miles north of Akureyri. The plane dropped two bombs and strafed the vessel with machine gun and small cannon fire, badly damaging the vessel, and killing two members of the crew. There were also five others wounded. The boat was taken to Husavik.

17 June 1943

Twelve enlisted men of Co "E", 118th Inf relieved from attachment to 556th Signal at Camp Ray and twelve enlisted men of Co "E", 118th Inf relieved from attachment to 556th Signal at Camp Greely.

One unidentified plane overhead at Grimsey Island, course northeast, at 2115 hours.

18 June 1943

Major General WILLIAM S KEY assumed command of Iceland Base Command per General Order No. 23, USAF.

19 June 1943

One hostile plane seen northeast of Grimsey Island, course northeast, at 1023 hours.

21 June 1943

Hq Northern Sector moved from Main Camp to Marlborough.

One unidentified plane eight miles northeast of Skalar, course west, at 0010 hours.

One hostile plane seen overhead at Grimsey Island, four motored, course east, at 1045 hours.

23 June 1943

The following listed units placed under the direct administrative jurisdiction of Hq Northern Sector:

- 1st Position Finding Platoon 121st Sig Rad Int Co (Kirkjugard)
- AAF stationed at Kassos Field.
- All units 2d Bn 118th Infantry
- 5th Engr (stationed in Northern Sector) South Camp
- 15th Station Hospital (Hrafnagil)

2d Lt ROBERT I BAKER, 01543122 MAC, assigned to 15th Sta Hosp but not reported yet.

Third Platoon Co "E", 118th Infantry, released from Hq & Hq Co Northern Sector to report to CO for duty.

24 June 1943

Major General WILLIAM S KEY, Brigadier General TOURTELOTT, AC, Major GILSTROP (Aide) and Major BAGBY, AC, arrived at Akureyri by plane.

Company "G", less 1st and 3d platoons, moved from Masses Field to Camp Delta.

28 June 1943

Colonel S. L. BERTSCHEY, FA, SSO, USAF, arrived in Northern Sector.

30 June 1943

1st Lt ROBERT C LITTLE, O373436 Co "E", 118th Infantry placed on SD with and attached to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Infantry for quarters and rations, effective 1 July 1943.

1 July 1943

Lt Col. PEYTON McSWAIN assumed command of Northern Sector with Hq at Marlborough Camp.

1st Platoon AT Co 118th Infantry and AT Platoon, Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf moved from Main Camp to Camp Westdown.

The outpost at Skalar saw one unidentified multi-motored plane six miles north of post, course east, at 0835 hours.

2 July 1943

EDA Staff Hq Co Northern Sector, 49th Station Hospital and miscellaneous detachments embarked at Akureyri.

3 July 1943

Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Infantry moved from Main Camp to Marlborough.

One unidentified fourmotored bomber was spotted over Grimsey Island at 1628 hours, course northeast. (Called hostile by fighter control, Reykjavik)

4 July 1943

At 2045 hours, Raufarhofn saw one unidentified plane 12 miles northeast of post, course southeast. (Thought to be a Focke-Wulf)

5 July 1943

Co "H", 118th Infantry moved from Knightsbridge Camp to Main Camp.

Btry "C", 26th Sep CA Bn moved from Camp Sandvik to Camp Dixfort.

10 July 1943

Lt Col PICCARELLI, Inspector General, arrived in Northern Sector, 5 July 1943. Left for Reykjavik by motor after completing I.G. annual inspection of Northern Sector. Inspection dates - 7 July 1943 to 10 July 1943.

15 July 1943

Skalar fired 50 rounds of .50 cal. ammunition upon one hostile plane at 100 feet - a four motored German bomber. Results unknown.

16 July 1943

Colonel TURNER of USAF arrived in Northern Sector. Left for Rekjavik on 21 July 1943.

17 July 1943

Major IRVINE M FLYNN, Jr. transferred to Hq USAF.

At 0835 hours, one unidentified aircraft plotted 35 miles north of Siglunes, course south.

At 0856 hours, Akureyri on AIR RAID YELLOW.

At 0905 hours, unidentified aircraft plotted 35 miles north of mouth of Eyjafjordur, course north.

At 0917 hours, Akureyri on AIR RAID WHITE.

20 July 1943

Captain THOMAS BOWEN, 0379209 CE, transferred to Hq USAF. 2d Lt WILLIAM DOUGHERTY, 01106691 CE, reported for duty.

1st Lt ROBERT C LITTLE, 0373436 Inf, detailed as acting company commander Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Infantry.

1st Lt JAMES E O'ROURKE Jr, 01284381 Inf, is relieved from assignment to Co "F", 118th Infantry and is assigned to Co "G", 118th Infantry.

1st Lt HOWARD J LANSLOWNE, 0408581 Inf is relieved from assignment to Co "G", 118th Infantry and is assigned to Co "F", 118th Infantry.

21 July 1943

At 1915 hours, Skalar saw a two motored unidentified plane 7 miles southeast of post, course southeast.

Detachment of 15 enlisted men of Hq Co, 118th Infantry departed by motor for Koflavik Area for duty with Hq Co, 118th Infantry.

22 July 1943

1st Lt ANDREW S HUBBARD, 0352197 Inf, transferred to Hq 118th Infantry.

The personnel of Hq & Hq Detachment 55th QM Co (Sales) are attached to 2d Bn 118th Infantry, effective 13 July 1943, per SO #185, USAF.

Captain ELMER WESSEL, 01691141 MC, is designated Commanding Officer, 15th Station Hospital, effective 18 July 1943, vice Major IRVINE M FLYNN, Jr. MC.

Detachment Btry C 495th CA Bn, Camp Lozingham, embarked at Akureyri for Reykjavik. (Lt Landaw and Lt Teberg)

24 July 1943

2d Lt CARL A STARK, 01635342, Sig AW Bn, transferred to Hq 556th Sig AW Bn, USAF.

25 July 1943

2d Lt HARMON C ANDERSON, 0565937 Serv Sq. 2d Serv Gp, ordered to Reykjavik. Did not report for new station until August 1943.

Captain WILLIAM DIXON, 0393584 Sig C, transferred to Hq USAF.

26 July 1943

2d Lt HARMON C ANDERSON 0565937, Service Squadron Second Service Group, ordered to Hq USAF.

29 July 1943

Colonel GEORGE A. A. JONES, G-2, guest at Camp Marlborough.

30 July 1943

1st Lt THOMAS M NUNNALLY 0407735, CE, assigned to Northern Sector for duty.

2 August 1943

1st Lt THOMAS M NUNNALLY, 0407735, CE, appointed Purchasing and Contracting Officer by LO 300.4, 2 Aug 43, Hq USAF, vice Capt FRANK C CURRY.

3 August 1943

1st Lt LISTON J FREMSTAD 0415778, CE, departed from Northern Sector to report fo Hq USAF.

55th QM Co (Sales) attached to 2d Bn 118th Infantry effective 23 Aug 43, per SO No 195, Hq USAF.

14 August 1943

1st Lt EDGAR M HALL Jr. 0447610, MC, moved from Camp Delta to Camp Marlborough. Appointed Northern Sector Surgeon vice Captain MICHAEL L MATTEO.

1st Lt SAMUEL B MOORE Jr. 0436593, MC, moved from 15th Station Hospital to Camp Delta on Special Duty.

1st Lt ANTON E GUZZIE Jr. 0452848, AGD, relieved as Postal Officer, Northern Sector. 2d Lt JAMES E DAVIS 0500343, AGD, is appointed Postal Officer, Northern Sector,

Major JOHN W JOHNSON 0191905, TC, is relieved as Acting Asst Superintendent, ATS, Purchasing and Contracting Officer, Asst Transportation Officer, CI B Agent Finance Officer at Akureyri. Ordered to report to CO 118th Inf Port Hq & Hq Co, USAF, for duty per LO 300.4 (3) 14 Aug 43, Hq USAF.

2d Lt ROBERT A DAY 01573786, TC, is appointed Acting Asst Superintendent ATS, Purchasing and Contracting Officer for TC activities at Akureyri, Fiscal Officer, T Officer, Civilian Personnel Officer at Akureyri and CI B Agent Finance Officer to Captain ROBERT J STANFORD, FD, Disbursing Officer at Akureyri, per LO 300.4 (4) 14 Aug 43, Hq USAF.

15 August 1943

2d Lt ARAM BAKALIAM 01110914, CE, ordered to Northern Sector ofr duty with Engrs per LO 300.4 (1) 15 Aug 43, Hq USAF.

16 August 1943

Captain MICHAEL L MATTEO 0355917, MC, departed by plane to report to CO, 118th Infantry for duty.

17 August 1943

Brigadier General MICKELSON, 47th Coast Artillery Brigade, overnight guest at Marlborough Camp.

1st Lt ROBERT C OVERMEYER departed by plane to report to Hq, USAF.

18 August 1943

1st Lt ERNEST V CONRAD Jr. 01168607, FA, assigned to Btry A, 115th FA Bn relieving 1st Lt TATTNAL R PRITCHARD 0428641, FA.

19 August 1943

Pfc Charles B Cook, 34013551, Med Det 118th Infantry, died in 15th Station Hospital, cause undetermined. (Gastro interitis, acute, severe)

Lt GLENN A SLATER 20053, USN, Asst Port Director, relieved by Lt SMITH, USN, Left Akureyri on Lochnagar.

1 Sept 1943

Lt Col PEYTON McSWAIN returned from I.B.C.

2 Sept 1943

CO, Northern Sector called meeting of Company Commanders and Staff. Issued warning order of movement of troops to Reykjavik area.

3 Sept 1943

1st Lt FRANCIS H CHASE, CAC, appointed Northern Sector Special Service Officer in addition to other duties vice 2d Lt FRED C RAESCKE, MAC.

Field Order No. 2 governing movement of troops to ADA by motor and water issued.

1st Lt GEORGE B RANDALL, CAC, appointed Post Exchange Officer vice 1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK, Inf.

6 Sept 1943

1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK, Inf, relieved from Co F, 118th Infantry and assigned to Co E, 118th Infantry.

The AT Platoon of Hq Co 2d Bn, 118th Infantry (Lt Vallelonga and 29 EM) departed from Camp Westdown at 0730 hours by motor for Camp Hop Garden, near Bogarnes. This platoon furnished meals and accommodations for remaining convoys of Northern Sector enroute to Reykjavik area by motor.

The AT Platoon, 118th Infantry (Lt Harry Nysten and 36 EM) departed from Camp Westdown by motor at 0730 hours for Camp Blondous. This platoon furnished meals and accommodations for remaining convoys of Northern Sector enroute to Reykjavik area by motor.

7 Sept 1943

Btry A 115th F., plus detachments (5 Officers and 136 EM) departed from Camp Hamburg by motor at 0800 hours. Arrived Camp Russell, Reykjavik area, at 1400 hours 9 Sept 1943.

8 Sept 1943

Advance Detachment, 2d Bn Hq (3 Officers and 17 EM) departed from Camp Marlborough at 0700 hours. Arrived Camp Lunley, Reykjavik area, at 1530 hours 9 Sept 1943.

Co F, 118th Infantry (5 Officers and 192 EM) departed from Camp Krossastadir at 0800 hours by motor. Arrived at Camp Yeomanry House, Reykjavik area, at 1430 hours 10 Sept 1943.

9 Sept 1943

Co E, 118th Infantry (5 Officers and 181 EM) departed from Camp Lonsbru at 0800 hours. Arrived at Camp Yeomanry House, Reykjavik area, 1330 hours 11 Sept 1943.

10 Sept 1943

Co H, 118th Infantry (4 Officers and 179 EM) departed from Main Camp at 0800 hours. Arrived Camp Scott, Reykjavik area, at 1445 hours 12 Sept 1943.

11 Sept 1943

Lt Col PEYTON McSWAIN departed from Camp Marlborough at 0700 hours and arrived at Camp Lumley at 2130 hours, same date.

Detachment of Hq Co 2d Bn, 118th Infantry (6 Officers and 58 EM) departed from Camp Marlborough at 0800 hours. Arrived at Camp Lumley, Reykjavik area, 1315 hours 13 Sept 1943.

15 Sept. 1943

Major DEWEY M McKEOWN 0336380, placed on TD as Commanding Officer Northern Sector, per VCG, I.B.C.

18 Sept 1943

Co G; 118th Infantry (5 Officers and 149 EM); Medical Detachment, 118th Infantry (2 Officers and 11 EM); Norwegian Company (3 Officers and 38 EM); British Marine Engineers (1 Officer and 23 EM); Air Corps (1 Officer and 26 EM); 656th Signal AW Bn (1 Officer and 20 EM) embarked at Akureyri on SS Lochnagar at 1600 hours. Debarked Reykjavik at 0830 hours, 20 Sept 1943.

Co G, 118th Infantry assigned to Camp Yeomanry House, Reykjavik area.

Detachment Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Infantry (1 Officer and 29 EM); Detachment Service Co 118th Infantry (1 Officer and 2 EM); Hq 2d Bn, 118th Infantry (1 Officer); Co G, 118th Infantry (1 Officer); 15th Station Hospital (6 Officers 8 Nurses and 47 EM) embarked at Akureyri on SS Nova at 1600 hours. Debarked Reykjavik at 0830 hours, 20 Sept 1943.

Movement of 2d Bn, 118th Infantry completed. Battalion Headquarters at Camp Lumley.

19 Sept 1943

During the period from 18 Sept 1943 to 29 Oct 1943, Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf were located at Camp Lumley, Reykjavik, Iceland. Companies "E", "F", and "G" were situated at Camp Yeomanry House. Company "H" was situated at Camp Scott. These camps were in an area approximately ten (10) miles northwest of Reykjavik, Iceland. Regtl Hq 118th Inf was located at Camp Fields, approximately thirty (30) miles southeast of Reykjavik, Iceland. During this period basic training was emphasized. Unserviceable clothing and individual equipment was turned in to the Quartermaster in preparation for overseas movement. On arriving in this area from the Northern Sector, the Bn was reviewed by Major General WILLIAM S KEY. General KEY visited Camp Lumley and was a guest of Lt Col PEYTON McSWAIN for lunch on Sept 25, 1943.

13 Oct 1943

CAPT DON R GESTEFELD and five (5) EM comprising the advance detachment from 2d Bn 118th Inf; departed from Iceland.

22 Oct 1943

MAJOR DEWEY M McKEOWN arrived from Northern Sector after relinquishing the command to CAPT GEORGE W HARDING, CAC.

29 Oct 1943

2nd Bn 118th Inf embarked at Reykjavik, Iceland on the U.S.A.T. "Christobal". Embarkation completed at 1900 hours.

30 Oct 1943

On board U.S.A.T. "Christobal" at anchor in Iceland Naval Base.

31 Oct 1943

Sailed from Iceland Naval Base at 1300 hours. This completed a tour of over 14 months in Iceland.

SECOND BATTALION 118TH INFANTRY

OFFICER ROSTER

1 November 1943

Lt. Col. PEYTON McSTAIN, Commanding

STAFF

OFFICERS

Executive Officer

S-1
S-2
S-3
S-4

Major Dewey M McKeown
Capt Lloyd A Hobbs
1st Lt Stanley M Casmer
Capt Don R Gestefeld
1st Lt Phillip D Kersh

Headquarters Company

Comdg Off
Trans Off
Comm Off
A.T. Plat Comdr
A & P Plat Comdr

Capt Lloyd A Hobbs
1st Lt Gilbert R Loshek
1st Lt Arthur E Nance
1st Lt Albert B Vallelonga
1st Lt Robert C Little

"E" Company

Comdg Off - Capt Gerhardt J Suhrstedt
Ex Off - 1st Lt Harry B Smoak
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt Edward M Mottern
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt Francis H Coakley
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt James R Reeder

"F" Company

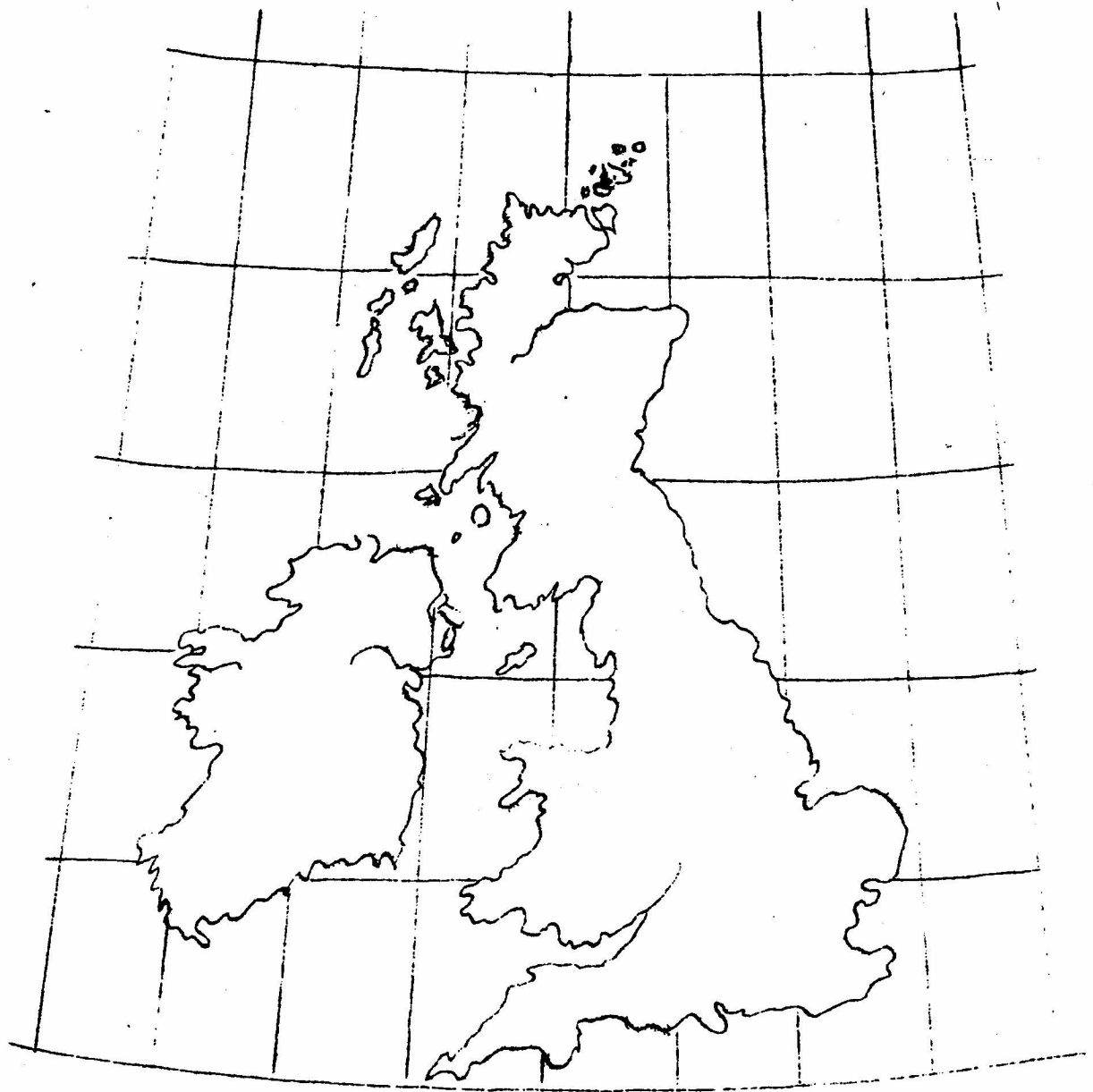
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Ex Off - 1st Lt Howard J Lansdowne
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt William J Buning
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt Edward H Carmick
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt Morgan E Stock

"G" Company

Comdg Off - Capt Albert D Sutton
Ex Off - 1st Lt Fred E Featherstone Jr
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt Robert H Harrison
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt Ralph E Lauster
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt James E O'Rourke
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt James A Williams

"H" Company

Comdg Off - Capt John H McKinnon
Ex Off - 1st Lt David J Eyerly
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt George E Coakley
Plat Comdr - 1st Lt George W Peterburs
Plat Comdr - 2nd Lt William E Kohler



ENGLAND

4 Nov 1943

Arrived at Gurock, Scotland at 0800 hours. Address of welcome to the United Kingdom by Major General MILLER, British Army, at 1200 hours.

5 Nov 1943

Debarked from U.S.A.T. "Christobal" at 1315 hours. Boarded train at Gurock, Scotland at 1517 hours.

6 Nov 1943

Arrived in Yeovil, Somerset, England at 0700 hours. Arrived at Camp Houndstone by truck at 0730 hours - two (2) miles west of Yeovil. Entire Regiment at Camp Houndstone.

12 Nov 1943

Air Raid Alert at 0225 hours. All clear at 0232 hours.

15 Nov 1943

Air raid alert at 0540 hours. All clear at 0605 hours.

17 Nov 1943

LT COL PEYTON McSWAIN assumed command of Regt as of 16 Nov 1943. Major DENEY M McKEOWN assumed command of 2d Bn 118th Inf as of 16 Nov 1943.

19 Nov 1943

Air raid alert at 2210 hours. All clear at 2230 hours.

25 Nov 1943

Co "G" 118th Inf moved from Camp Houndstone to Camp Montacute - $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Camp Houndstone.

6 Dec 1943

Per SO #139, Hq 118th Inf, CAPT JOSEPH R LOGAN, Inf, is reld fr comd of Co "A" 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "F" 118th Inf. CAPT JOHN C TROUTMAN, Inf, is reld fr comd of Co "F" 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "A" 118th Inf.

10 Dec 1943

Per SO #143, Hq 118th Inf, the following named officers, having been asgd to 118th Inf per Par 1, SO #240, American School Center, ETOUSA, dtd 2 Dec 43, are hereby asgd to dy with units as indicated:

2ND LT COY W FREEMAN	Co "E", 118th Inf
2ND LT MARIO GRANO	Co "F", 118th Inf
2ND LT CHARLES T HART	Co "G", 118th Inf
2ND LT SAMUEL S LAUTERPACHT	Co "H", 118th Inf
2ND LT ELDON J HESS	Co "H", 118th Inf
2ND LT JAMES S MARSHALL	Co "H", 118th Inf

14 Dec 1943

Per SO #145, Hq 118th Inf, 1ST LT ROBERT H BRIGGS, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt with Co "K", 118th Inf and asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf for dy.

16 Dec 1943

Co "G" 118th Inf moved from Camp Montacute to Camp Stapley, approximately 28 miles northwest of Yeovil.

27 Dec 1943

GO #9, Hq 118th Inf, Par 1: "In order to facilitate their administration in accordance with their assigned mission Co "H" 118th Inf is detached from the control of CO, 2d Bn 118th Inf and will come under control of and render reports direct to CO, 118th Inf, or other designated units."

Par 2: "Effective o/a 6 Jan 1944, Co "K" 118th Inf, is detached from the 3d Bn 118th Inf, and atchd to 2nd Bn 118th Inf."

Co "H" 118th Inf moved from Camp Houndstone, Yeovil, Somerset, England to Kenfig Burrows, Glam, Wales.

28 Dec 1943

Par 1, GO #10, Hq 118th Inf, this date: "Under authority contained in Par 16, AR 345-5, 15 April 1942, the following procedure for simplification of the administration of this regiment during its present assignment is proscribed:

c. 2nd Bn (less Co "H") with Co "K" attached.

- (1) In addition to normal administrative duties, those listed in (2), (3) and (4) will be performed by Bn Comdr, who will organize and operate a personnel section for this purpose.
- (2) Authority to promote or reduce NCO's, remaining strictly within the quotas established by T/O, 15 July 43 for appropriate units, is delegated to the Bn Comdr, reports of such changes being furnished this Hq by mail. (Par 1b, AR 615-5, 30 Jun 43)
- (3) Assignment and reassignment of officers within the battalion is delegated to the Bn Comdr. All recommendations for promotion or reclassification of officers will be submitted through this Hq.
- (4) Responsibility for obtaining and maintaining all classes of supply for battalion units is delegated to the Bn Comdr.
- (5) Disciplinary punishment of officers and EM will be supervised by the Bn Comdr. Summary and Special Courts-martial jurisdiction will be exercised by the nearest Replacement Depot Hq or other replacement unit designated by the CO, Field Force Replacement System, with courts normally composed of Bn officers.

1 Jan 1944

2nd Bn 118th Inf organized as a training unit for Infantry Replacements.

1 Jan 1944

Per SO #1, Hq 118th Inf, 2nd Lt HOWARD I BUDROW, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt with Co "D" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf for dy.

4 Jan 1944

1st Lt STANLEY M CASMER, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt with Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "G" 118th Inf for dy. 1st Lt FRED E FEATHERSTONE JR, Inf, is aptd S-2, 2nd Bn 118th Inf, in addition to his other duties. 1st Lt PHILLIP D KERSH, Inf, is aptd Special Service Officer in addition to his other duties.

6 Jan 1944

Co "K" 118th Inf is located at Camp Chard, approximately 19 miles west of Yeovil.

12 Jan 1944

Training of replacements started. First group of replacements consisting of 49 officers and 1176 EM arrived on 9 Jan 1944. During the month of Jan 44, incoming replacements numbered 259 officers and 7076 EM. Outgoing replacements totaled 46 Officers and 1851 EM.

18 Jan 1944

Per SO #6, FFRD #3, 2nd Lt COY J FREEHAN, Inf, is trfd from Co "E" 118th Inf to Detachment of Patients, 67th General Hospital, APO 511, US Army.

21 Jan 1944

Air raid alert at 2150 hours. All clear at 2210 hours.

25 Jan 1944

Per SO #19, Hq FFRD #3, Capt AARON MERKER, MC, is placed on SD as Camp Medical Officer 52nd Repl Bn at Camp Stapley. 1st Lt DON B GROVE, MC, is placed on SD to 2nd Bn 118th Inf from 52nd Repl Bn.

29 Jan 1944

Air raid alert at 2139 hours. All clear at 2210 hours.

1 Feb 1944

Capt LOUIS B STOVITZ, DC, is reld fr DS with Hq FFRD #3 and Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf per Letter Order 300.4 (28 Jan 44) SB dtd 1 Feb 44, Hq AFUSA.

3 Feb 1944

1st Lt STANLEY M CASMER, Inf, is asgd to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf and placed on SD with Co "G" 118th Inf eff 2 Feb 44.

15 Feb 1944

1st Lt STANLEY M CASMER, Inf, is rel'd fr SD and atchmt to Co "G" 118th Inf for quarters and rations and is placed on SD with Co "E" 118th Inf, per SO #34, Hq FFRD #3, dtd 13 Feb 44.

20 Feb 1944

GO #25, Hq SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, dtd 20 Feb 44: " The following elements, 118th Inf Regt, are asgd to Field Force Replacement Depot #3, Yeovil, Somerset, eff this date. The Commanding Officers concerned will report to the Field Force Replacement Depot Commander for further asgmt to duties at sub-stations within the Depot area.

Hq and Hq Co 2nd Bn 118th Inf
Co "E", 118th Inf
Co "F", 118th Inf
Co "G", 118th Inf
Co "K", 118th Inf

23 Feb 1944

Air raid alert at 0110 hours. All clear at 0120 hours.

28 Feb 1944

Incoming replacements during Feb 1944: Officers - 142; EM - 1430
Outgoing replacements during Feb 1944: Officers - 123; EM - 4198

1 Mar 1944

1st Lt RAYMOND L HART, CH, promoted to Capt per SO #31, Hq ETOUSA.

Owing to the small number of replacements during the month of March, Co training programs were exercised and under the supervision of the Bn S-3. In addition to this, schools were conducted semi-weekly, the object being to further the efficiency in training replacements. Additional obstacle courses were constructed - one each at Hinton St. George and Cricket St. Thomas. Lesson plans were prepared for subjects used in training.

During the month of March 1944, incoming replacements totaled 328 officers and 1381 EM. Outgoing replacements for the same period totaled 161 officers and 937 EM.

27 March 1944

Air raid alert at 2332 hours. Plenty of action overhead. Raid lasted 1 hour and 18 minutes. All clear at 0050 hours.

2 April 1944

Per Par 1, Ltr 370.5, Hq WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 515, US Army, subject: Movement Orders No. 669: "PAC in teletype E24565, Hq ETOUSA, dtd 2 Apr 44, Det Co "H" 118th Inf Regt consisting of approximately 1 Officer and 75 EM WP o/a 3 Apr 44 by rail and organic trans fr present station Kenfig Burrows, Glam, (vO-2303) to Stapley, Somerset, (vT-6235) reporting upon arrival to CO, FFRD #3, for perm sta and dy.

3 April 1944

Co "G" 118th Inf (6 Officers, 183 EM) moved from Camp Stapley to Camp Chard.

6 April 1944

1st Platoon of Co "H" 118th Inf (1 Officer - 75 EM) arrived Camp Stapley from Kenfig Burrows, Glam, Wales. Attached to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf for adm. 1st Lt George E Cookley in command. Principal duties - training of heavy weapons replacements.

7 April 1944

Per teletype, SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, dtd 5 Apr 44: "Co "K" 118th Inf Regt WP from present station to Castle Dawson, Londonderry, North Ireland for permanent dy. Report to Repl Depot #5.

8 April 1944

Convoy of Co "K" 118th Inf consisting of 1 Officer and 5 EM departed fr Camp Chard at 0800 hours for Castle Dawson, Londonderry, North Ireland.

10 April 1944

Co "K" 118th Inf (5 Officers, 179 EM) departed Camp Chard by rail at 1015 hours for Castle Dawson, Londonderry, North Ireland.

11 April 1944

Per VOCO 118th Inf, Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf (4 Officers, 91 EM) moved fr Camp Houndstone, Yeovil to Camp Hinton St. George, 9 miles southwest of Yeovil, 2 miles northwest of Crewkerne.

15 April 1944

Per Par 20, SO #96, Hq FFRD #3, 2nd Lt BERT E SCOTT, Inf, atchd unsgd Repl Det FFRD #3 (72nd Repl Bn) is asgd to 2nd Bn 118th Inf for dy. Further asgd to Co E 118th Inf.

24 April 1944

Air raid alert at 0130 hours. Two large bombs dropped in near vicinity. Damage slight. No casualties. All clear at 0240 hours.

28 April 1944

Per Par 11, SO #109, Hq FFRD #3, 1st Lt DON B GROVE, MC, 52nd Repl Bn, is reld fr SD with 2nd Bn 118th Inf and is placed on TD with 83rd Repl Bn.

Incoming replacements for April 44: Officers - 740 EM - 11,182
Outgoing replacements for April 44: Officers- 449 EM - 2,603

8 May 1944

On this date the training plans for replacements were altered from the ordinary school and instructional methods to a hardening-up process for men.

14 May 1944

Air raid alert at 2320 hours. All clear at 2340 hours.

15 May 1944

Air raid alert at 0130 hours. All clear at 0305 hours.

16 May 1944

Per Par 1, SO #2, Hq FFRD #17, Capt DON R GESTEFELD, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to 2nd Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq & Hq Co 17th Repl Depot.

Per Par 1, SO #51, Hq 118th Inf, Capt ALBERT D SUTTON, Inf, is reld fr comd and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf for dy as S-3.

Per Par 2, SO #51, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt ROBERT C LITTLE, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co G 118th Inf.

Per Par 3, SO #51, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt EDWARD E MOTTEN, Inf is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co E 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf for dy.

Air raid alert at 0015 hours. All clear at 0115 hours.

28 May 1944

Air raid alert at 0105 hours. All clear at 0205 hours.

29 May 1944

Air raid alert at 0130 hours. All clear at 0205 hours.

31 May 1944

Training of replacements suspended as of this date.

Incoming replacements for May: Officers - 564 EM - 6400
Outgoing replacements for May: Officers - 181 EM - 1351

5 June 1944

Per Par 5, SO #147, Hq 17th Repl Depot: Lt Col PEYTON McSWAIN, Inf, is reld fr dy as CO and asgmt to 2nd Bn 118th Inf.

Per Par 6, SO #147, Hq 17th Repl Depot: Lt Col ROBERT E MOORE, JR, Inf, Hq & Hq Co, 17th Repl Depot, is asgd to dy as Actg CO, 2nd Bn 118th Inf. (Prim dy)

Per Par 7, SO #147, Hq 17th Repl Depot: Capt GERHARDT J SUHRSTEDT, Inf, is reld fr dy as CO and asgmt to Co "E" 118th Inf and is atchd undsgd to Cas Det 9, Hq 17th Repl Depot, APO 873.

Per Par 8, SO #147, Hq 17th Repl Depot: 1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK, Inf, is reld fr asgmt as platoon ldr and asgd to dy as CO, Co "E" 118th Inf.

6 June 1944 (Invasion of Normandy)

Par 54, SO #148, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "So much of Par 6, SO #147, this Hq, dtd 5 June 44 re: Lt Col Robert E Moore Jr, as reads "is asgd dy as Actg CO, 2nd Bn 118th Inf (Prim Dy)" is amended to read "is placed on SD with 2nd Bn 118th Inf as Actg CO thereof".

7 June 1944

Par 120, SO #149, Hq 17th Repl Depot, "Co "E" 118th Inf, and asgd personnel consisting of 4 officers and 183 EM WP 9 June 1944 from Camp #9 (Houndstone-Lufton) 17th Repl Depot to Camp #90 (Honiton) 17th Repl Depot. This is a temp change of station.

9 June 1944

Par 37, SO #151, Hq 17th Repl Depot, "Par 7, SO #147, this Hq, dtd 5 Jun 44, is amended to read "Capt Gerhardt J Suhrstedt, Inf, is reld fr dy as CO, Co "E" 118th Inf."

Co "E" 118th Inf departed this date for Camp #90, Honiton, Devon.

Par 2, SO #60, Hq 118th Inf, APO 67: "Capt GERHARDT J SUHRSTEDT, Inf, is reld fr comd and asgmt to Co "E" 118th Inf and is asgd to Serv Co 118th Inf as Mun O."

Par 3, SO #60, Hq 118th Inf, APO 67: "Capt ROY P EISON, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to Serv Co 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "E" 118th Inf."

10 June 1944

Co "H" 118th Inf, less 1 Platoon, arrived Camp Stapley. One platoon s tationed at Wellington, Somerset.

12 June 1944

Par 14, SO #154, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "Co "H" 118th Inf and atchd personnel consisting of 8 Officers and 164 EM having reported to 17th Repl Depot per TWX SOS RS T-1801, dtd 8 Jun 44, are atchd to 52nd Repl Bn for qrs and rat. Disposition as follows: 5 Officers and 91 EM at Camp #11 (Stapley); 3 Officers and 73 EM at Camp #89 (Wellington).

13 June 1944

Par 27, SO #155, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "1st Platoon, Co "F" 118th Inf and atchd personnel consisting of 2 Officers and 45 EM are atchd to 81st Repl Bn for qrs and rat and WP fr Camp #9 (Houndstone-Lufton) to Camp #66 (Barwick-House).

19 June 1944

Par 22, SO #161, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "Lt Col ROBERT E MOORE JR, Inf, this Hq, is reld fr SD with 2nd Bn 118th Inf and dy as Actg CO thereof, this date."

Par 23, SO #161, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "Major DEWEY E MCKEOWN, Inf, 2nd Bn 118th Inf, is reld fr dy as Exec O and is aptd as CO thereof, eff this date."

Det Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf moved from Houndstone Camp to Lufton Camp.

23 June 1944

Par 43, SO #165, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "Capt JOHN H MCKINNON, Inf, is reld fr comd and asgmt with Co "H" 118th Inf and WP fr Camp #11 to Camp #9. O is asgd to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf as Exec O."

Par 44, SO #165, Hq 17th Repl Depot: "1st Lt GEORGE E COAKLEY, Inf, Co "H" 118th Inf, WP fr Camp 89 to Camp 11 and is asgd as CO of Co "H" 118th Inf."

27 June 1944

Par 1, SO #7, Hq GFRS, APO 871: "Lt Col PEYTON McSWAIN, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf and is AU 10th Repl Depot for reasgmt."

30 June 1944

Reid fr 17th Repl Depot and asgd VOCO to 12th Repl Depot.

Incoming replacements for June: Officers - 1120	EM - 17,343
Outgoing replacements for June: Officers - 1147	EM - 14,560

Per Movement Order, Hq 12th Repl Depot, APO 551, dtd 3 Jul 44, Hq & Hq Co 2nd Bn 118th Inf and atchd personnel consisting of 13 Officers and 145 EM WP by organic trans from Camps 9 & 13 to Camp #10 (Chard) o/a 3 Jul 44 reporting upon arrival to CO, 12th Repl Depot.

HEADQUARTERS
17TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT
GFRS - ETOUSA
APO 873 U. S. ARMY

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30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 118th Infantry.

1. Your Battalion carried on training for this Depot from 9 Jan 1944 to 27 June 1944. During this period you were called upon to furnish training to substantially all the replacements handled by us and at our six outlying camps; many thousands of replacements, chiefly infantry, have passed through the Depot during this period.

2. Your responsibilities in the matter of training replacements have been considerable. Starting with almost nothing, members of your organization have, in many instances, designed and built training aids, ranges and obstacle courses, often from salvage materials or on unfavorable terrain. You worked with our Training and Security Division in the preparation of training schedules and supplied the personnel which put the training schedules into effect. In this connection you provided instruction and firing of all basic weapons of infantry rifle and heavy weapons companies. You gave substantial physical conditioning including day and night marches, obstacle courses and calisthenics. Your instruction covered many subjects, requiring skillful handling by your officers and men. Some of the matters covered were defense against air and mechanized attack, hasty field fortifications, scouting and patrolling, compass and map reading, hand to hand combat, use of reserve rations, pack rolling, defense against gas attack, care and cleaning of equipment, identification of enemy personnel, aircraft and armored vehicles. In general, you gave a full review of requirements of an infantry soldier for combat service.

3. In the performance of your duties, your Battalion has rendered a highly efficient and responsible service. I wish to commend you and each officer and man of your Battalion on the superior manner in which you have met your responsibilities for training replacements at this Depot.

s/ Leslie W. Brown
t/ LESLIE W. BROWN,
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

5 July 1944

Par 3, SO #13, Hq GFRS, APO 871: "2nd Lt BERT E SCOTT, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to Hq 118th Inf and asgd AU to Hq 12th Repl Depot, APO 551, for reasgmt.

Co "G" 118th Inf moved from Camp Chard per VOCC Hq 12th Repl Depot. 3 Officers and 96 EM to Hinton St George - 3 Officers and 95 EM to Cricket St. Thomas.

10 July 1944

Par 6b, Ltr 370.5, Hq GFRS: "The following units, GFRS, are asgd or atchd to the 12th Repl Depot as indicated:

b. Attached: 2nd Bn 118th Inf Regt

12 July 1944

Par 1, SO #71, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt HUGH E DORRIEN, Inf, is trfd fr Co L 118th Inf to Co "E" 118th Inf off this date.

21 July 1944

Received warning alert order dtd 13 Jul 44 from GFRS, APO 871.

27 July 1944

SO #76, Hq 118th Inf: "2nd Lt Irving G Cheslaw, Inf, having been asgd to 118th Inf per Par 33, SO 205, Hq 10th Repl Depot, dtd 23 Jul 44, VOCC 118th Inf 26 Jul 44 assigning him to Co "F" 118th Inf, APO 551, are confirmed and recorded.

29 July 1944

SO #78, Hq 118th Inf; "The following named O and EM, Mod Det, 118th Inf, atchd to Co "M" 118th Inf, are placed on TD with Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf for the purpose of performing dental work on personnal of 2nd Bn 118th Inf.

Capt LOUIS B STOVITZ, DC
Tec 5 Roman V Gadledge

3 Aug 1944

Par 16, SO #132, Hq 12th Repl Depot, "2nd Lt ERNST F SCHUMACHER, Inf, is reld fr AU GFRS (Det 65 GFRS) and asgd to 118th Inf, Regt. O will report to Pers O, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf for further asgmt. Asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf per VOCC 2nd Bn 118th Inf.

4 Aug 1944

2nd Lt Irving G Cheslaw, Inf, is reld of principal duties as platoon ldr and fr asgmt to Co "F" 118th Inf, and is asgd to Casual Officers Det, 10th Repl Depot, eff 31 Jul 44. Departed 5 Aug 1944.

6 Aug 1944

HEADQUARTERS
12TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT
APO 551

GENERAL ORDERS)

6 August 1944

NUMBER 13)

CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The following officer is cited for meritorious service -

MAJOR DEWEY M. McKEOWN, O336380, INF, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 118th Infantry, assigned to the 12th Replacement Depot, from 2 July 1944 to 4 August 1944, in support of operational activity against the enemy.

Major McKeown, as Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 118th Infantry, assigned to 12th Replacement Depot as training troops, Major McKeown exhibited superior cooperation and a very patient and sincere desire to furnish the maximum instruction to the replacements and to make his battalion of the maximum value to the Depot. His battalion was an example in matters of orderliness, appearance of camp, and general discipline. It is with sincere regret that I have received the order for the detachment of his battalion from the 12th Replacement Depot.

s/ G. A. Moore
t/ G. A. MOORE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Commanding

8 Aug 1944

Relieved from training duties with 12th Repl Depot by AG, GFRS.

1st Bn 118th Inf atchd to 12th Repl Depot for training duties.

9 Aug 1944

Capt LOUIS B STOVITZ and assistant relieved from TD with 2nd Bn 118th Inf.

10 August 1944

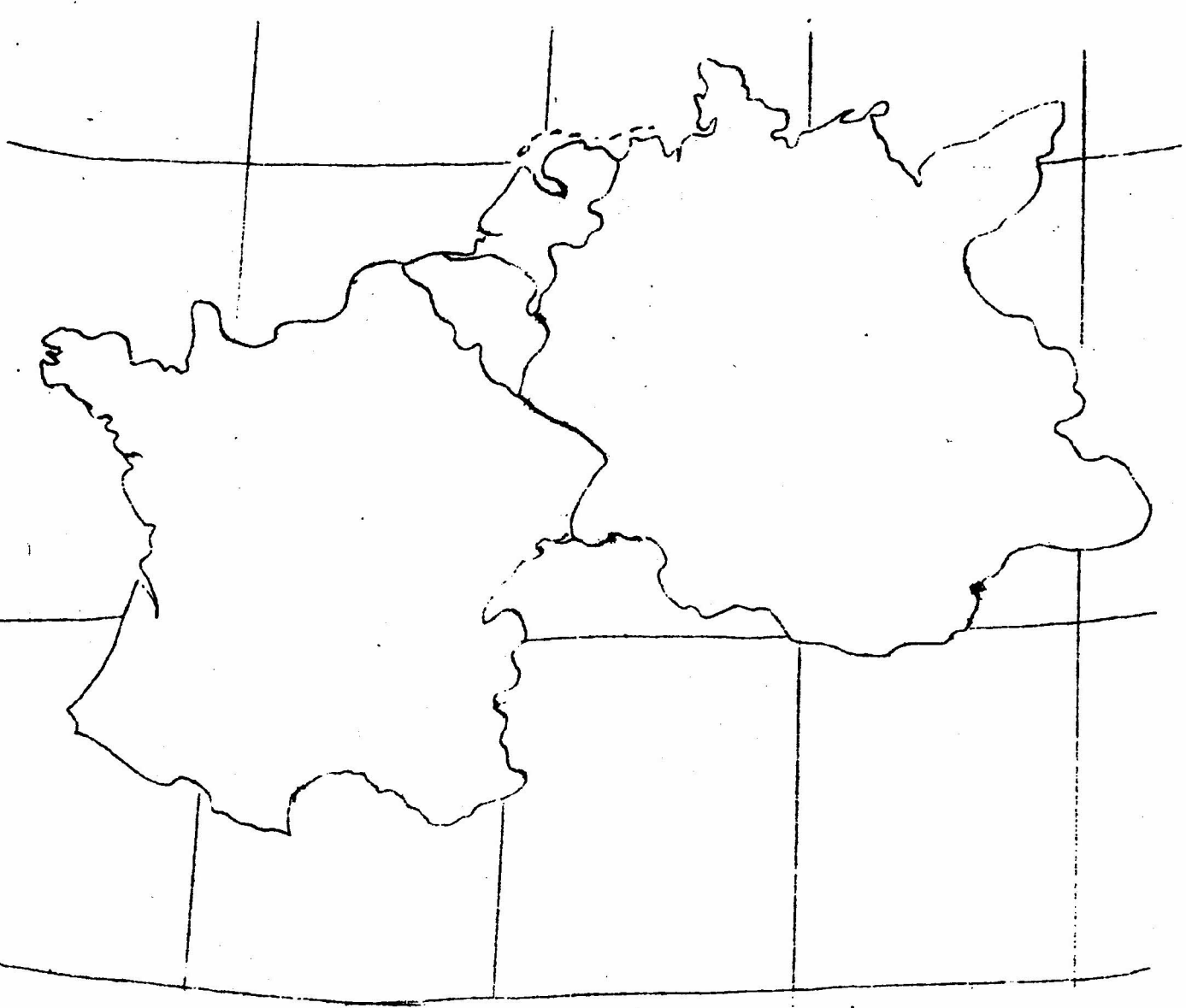
2nd Bn 118th Inf departed by rail and convoy to Marshalling Area C-3. Convoy consisting of 83 vehicles in 2 serials and commanded by 1st Lt PHILLIP D KERSH. Arrived at Marshalling Area C-3 approximately 1400 hours.

12 Aug 1944

Departed Marshalling Area C-3 by motor to Southampton, England. Foot troops completed embarkation on H.M.S. "BLARRITZ" at 1430 hours. Convoy embarked on L.S.T. #261.

13 Aug 1944

Convoy sailed from Southampton 0300 hours. Debarked at Omaha Beach, France, at 1500 hours and bivouaced one mile south of Vierville, France.



FRANCE
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SECOND BATTALION 118TH INFANTRY

OFFICER ROSTER

13 August 1944

Major DEWEY M McKEOWN, Commanding

STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Capt John H McKinnon
S-1	Capt Lloyd A Hobbs
S-2	1st Lt Stanley M Casmer
S-3	Capt Albert D Sutton
S-4	1st Lt Phillip D Kersh
Personnel Officer	1st Lt Fred E Featherstone, Jr.
Med Officer	Capt Aaron Marker
Chaplain	Capt Raymond L Hart

Headquarters Company

Comdg Off	Capt Lloyd A Hobbs
Trans Off	1st Lt Gilbert R Loshek
Comm Off	1st Lt Arthur E Nance
A.T. Plat Comdr	1st Lt Albert B Vallelonga
A & P Plat Comdr	1st Lt Edward E Mottern

"E" Company

Comdg Off	- Capt Roy P Eison
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Harry B Smoak
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt Francis H Coakley
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt James R Reeder
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt Hugh C Dorrien, Jr.
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Thomas R Hudson

"F" Company

Comdg Off	- Capt Joseph R Logan
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Robert H Briggs
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt William J Buning
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt Edward M Carmick
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Howard I Budrow
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Ernst F Schumacher

"G" Company

Comdg Off	- 1st Lt Robert C Little
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Robert H Harrison
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt James A Williams
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt Ralph E Lauster
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt James E O'Rourke
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Charles T Hart

"H" Company

Comdg Off	- 1st Lt George E Coakley
Ex Off	- 1st Lt David J Byerly
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt George W Peterburs
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt William E Kohler
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt James M Robertson
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Eldon J Hess
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Samuel S Lauterpacht
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt James S Marshall

14 Aug 1944

Air raid alert from 2340 hours to 0030 hours, 15 Aug 1944. Shrapnel and flak falling in bivouac area. AA guns in immediate vicinity. One German plane sighted immediately overhead bivouac area.

15 Aug 1944

Departed bivouac area at Vierville, France by motor at 0545 hours. Arrived Fontenay, France, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east 510-898 at 0715 hours. Assigned bivouac area and messes by CO, 51st Repl Bn, 3rd Repl Depot.

16 Aug 1944

Overseas movement Per Par 10, Troop Movement Order #82, Hq ETOUSA, APO 887, dtd 14 Jun 44, completed.

Co "F" 118th Inf consisting of 6 Officers and 193 EM and following elements of Co "H" 118th Inf - 2nd Machine Gun Platoon and 3rd Mortar Section consisting of 2 Officers (Lts Robertson & Lauterpacht) and 55 EM - attached to 51st Repl Bn, 3rd Repl Depot.

Co "G" 118th Inf consisting of 6 Officers and 186 EM attached to 90th Repl Bn, 3rd Repl Depot for training duties. Co "G" 118th Inf left Fontenay by motor and arrived at new Camp area 2 miles west of St. Lo, France at 2030 hours.

2nd Bn 118th Inf less units formerly assigned left bivouac area at Fontenay, France at 1945 hours and arrived at bivouac area at Formigny, France 2030 hours. Attached to 42nd Repl Bn, 14th Repl Depot for training duty. These units consisted of 25 Officers and 427 EM.

17 Aug 1944

Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf at Treviere, France $\frac{3}{4}$ miles northeast of Isigny, France. General improvements of bivouac area. Principal duties - converting non-riflemen into basic riflemen - M.O.S. #745.

18 Aug 1944

Air raid alert at 2315 hours. All clear at 0015 hours.

19 Aug 1944

1st Lt ALBERT B VALLELONGA, O-1284433, Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf, killed in action while attempting to de-arm a German booby trap found in area of Hq & Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf. The following EM seriously wounded - Pfc John V Wiltse and Pfc Francis P Krizynauckas. Lt VALLELONGA buried at US Cemetery #1, Omaha Beach, Normandy, France with military honor.

Air raid from 0105 hours to 0315 hours.

20 Aug 1944

Air raid alert from 2305 hours to 0130 hours.

Housing facilities of Bn consisted of individual trenches.

23 Aug 1944

Co "G" 118th Inf left bivouac area near St. Lo, France at 1930 hours by truck and arrived at Mortain, France at 2135 hours.

25 Aug 1944

Advance party of Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf consisting of 2 officers and 20 EM departed from Trevieres, France at 1730 hours for La Chapelle St. Fray, France, 1 mile southeast of Maine, France.

26 Aug 1944

Advance party Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf arrived La Chapelle St. Fray, France at 0430 hours.

27 Aug 1944

Eight Officers and 124 EM left Trevieres, France by motor at 1725 hours and arrived at La Chapelle St. Fray, France at 0430 hours 28 Aug 1944.

5 Sept 1944

Co "G" 118th Inf completed move from Mortain, France to Le Mee, France at 2204 hours this date.

7 Sept 1944

Co "F" 118th Inf departed Fontenay, France by truck for destination unknown.

8 Sept 1944

Co "F" 118th Inf arrived at Requiell, France at 0045 hours this date. Attached to 15th Repl Depot for training purposes.

9 Sept 1944

Par 1, SO #27, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf: 2nd Lt JOHN R BOWMAN, Inf, having been assigned to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf per Par 10, SO #141, Hq 14th Repl Depot, dtd 8 Sep 44, is further asgd to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf. Principal duty - Anti-tank Platoon Leader.

11 Sept 1944

Per Ltr AG 370.5, Hq GFRS: Co G 118th Inf will proceed without delay by Govt T from 3rd Repl Depot, A PO 153 to 19th Repl Depot, APO 176, reporting upon arrival to CO, 19th Repl Depot for dy.

15 Sept 1944

Co "G" 118th Inf attached to 19th Repl Depot, APO 176, and asgd the mission of operating a stockade for American prisoners accused of being deserters or stragglers.

30 Sept 1944

Replacements trained by Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf, Co "E" 118th Inf and Co "H" 118th Inf for the month of Sept 1944 with the 14th Repl Depot numbered 12,500.

Replacements trained by Co "F" 118th Inf for the month of Sept 1944 with 15th Repl Depot numbered 6000.

1 Oct 1944

SO #32, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, this date:

Par 1. Capt ROY P EISON, Inf, is rel'd fr comd of Co "E" 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "G" 118th Inf.

Par 2. 1st Lt ROBERT C LITTLE, Inf, is rel'd fr comd and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf for dy.

Par 3. 1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK, Inf, is rel'd fr dy and asgmt as Platoon Ldr Co "E" 118th Inf and is asgd as CO, Co "E" 118th Inf.

Par 4. 1st Lt EDWARD E MOTTERN, Inf, is rel'd fr dy and asgmt to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "G" 118th Inf for dy.

Par 5. 1st Lt ROBERT H HARRISON, Inf, is rel'd fr dy and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "E" 118th Inf for dy.

Colonel ERNEST A RUDELIUS, Regimental Commander, visited 2nd Bn 118th Inf this date.

5 Oct 1944

Legion of Merit presented to S/Sgt Earl L Miller, Co F 118th Inf at 1100 hours this date by Bn Comdr, Major DEWEY M McKEOWN. Coremony with entire company present.

6 Oct 1944

Par 2, SO #117, Hq 118th Inf: 2nd Lt PAUL G ROBARDS, MAC, 118th Inf is atchd to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf, APO 583, and WP o/a 7 Oct 44 to proper sta and orgn, reporting upon arrival to CO thereat for dy. Reported for dy 9 Oct 1944.

16 Oct 1944

Co "F" 118th Inf initiated training of MP Bns at 15th Repl Depot.

Approximately 12,000 replacement troops were trained by 2nd Bn 118th Inf during Oct 1944.

1 Nov 1944

Per GO #303, Hq ETOUSA, Capt JOHN H McKINNON promoted to Major and 1st Lt GEORGE E COAKLEY promoted to Captain.

2 Nov 1944

SO #39, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf:

1. Capt ROY P EISON, Inf, is reld fr comd and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf as S-3.
2. Capt ALBERT D SUTTON, Inf, is reld fr dy and S-3 and asgmt to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "G" 118th Inf.
3. 1st Lt RALPH E LAUSTER, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "H" 118th Inf for dy.
4. 1st Lt JAMES E O'ROURKE, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf for dy.
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9. 2nd Lt THOMAS R HUDSON, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "E" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "G" 118th Inf for dy.

16 Nov 1944

Per SO #318, Hq ETOUSA, Major DEWEY M McKEON promoted to Lt Col and 2nd Lt WILLIAM E KOHLER promoted to 1st Lt.

20 Nov 1944

advance party consisting of 3 Officers and 7 EM departed La Chapelle St. Fray, France at 1030 hours. Arrived at Fontainebleau, France at 1400 hour. Billeted in Hotel Savoy.

21 Nov 1944

First convoy 2nd Bn 118th Inf commanded by Major JOHN H McKINNON and consisting of 6 Officers and 52 EM departed La Chapelle St. Fray, France at 1430 hours and arrived at Hotel Savoy, Fontainebleau, France at 2000 hours.

22 Nov 1944

2nd convoy 2nd Bn 118th Inf commanded by Lt BYERLY left La Chapelle St. Fray arriving at Fontainebleau, France at 1100 hours. 3rd convoy departed La Chapelle St Fray commanded by Lt SMOAK at 2200 hours and arrived at Hotel Savoy, Fontainebleau, France at 0700 hours 23 Nov 44.

Entire battalion moved by organic motors under severe weather conditions without incident.

HEADQUARTERS
14TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT
TRAINING AND SECURITY SECTION
APO 583 US ARMY

1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 2nd Bn, 118th Inf, APO 583 US Army.
(Thru: Channels)

1. The cheerful cooperation and attention to duty displayed by members of your command during the training of replacements in Le Mans, France is worthy of special note.

2. On many occasions it was necessary to adjust schedules and demands of your officers and men work not ordinarily included in line of duty. In every instance the situation was met with complete confidence and alacrity thereby earning the respect of their fellow soldiers.

s/ Harlan Y. York,
t/ HARLAN Y. YORK,
Major, T.C.

Training & Security Section

1st Ind

HJL/jb

HQ, 14th Repl Depot, APO 583, US Army, 11 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2nd Bn, 118th Inf, APO 583 US Army.
(Thru: Commanding General, Ground Force Replacement System, APO 887
US Army. Attn: Commanding Officer, 118th Infantry Regiment).

I desire to add my commendation for the excellent work done by your organization while on duty with this command.

s/ H. J. Liston,
t/ H. J. LISTON,
Colonel, Inf,
Commanding

5 Dec 1944

Lt Col McKELOWN, 3 Officers and 5 EM departed on advance party from Fontainebleau, France at 0830 hours. Arrived Chateau Bourlemont, Neufchateau, France at 1400 hours.

6 Dec 1944

2nd Bn convoy with Lt LOSHEK as convoy commander and Lt BYERLY as troop commander consisting of 9 Officers and 93 EM departed Fontainebleau, France at 1030 hours. Arrived Chateau Bourlemont, Neufchateau, France at 1800 hours. Distance traveled - 170 miles.

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22 Dec 1944

VOCO Hq 14th Repl Depot, 2 Officers and 1 Platoon of EM are attached to 14th Repl Depot for the purpose of guarding bridges in Neufchateau. Officers - 1st Lt ROBERT C LITTLE and 2nd Lt CLIFFORD E NANSSEN.

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Co "F" 118th Inf moved by road and rail from Le Lude, France to Givet, France arriving at 1030 hours, 24 Dec 1944. 8 Officers and 242 EM.

23 Dec 1944

Regimental Commander Colonel Ernest A Rudelius and Exec O Lt Col Robert E Barron visited Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf this date.

24 Dec 1944

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24 Dec 1944

Per Par 81, SO #211, Hq 19th Repl Depot, dtd 16 Dec 44 - Following O and EM all limited assignment attach unassgd Ground Force Replacement System (Det & Repl Co indicated) are trfd to 306th Repl Co for the formation of Reinforcement Co 19D 136-14. Reinforcement Co 19D 136-14 is reld fr 306th Repl Co and is trfd in gr to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf Regt APO 583. WP o/a 22 Dec 44 to their proper sta and orgn reporting upon arrival to the CO threath for dy and asgmt. PAC Ltr Hq, COM Z, file AG 220.3 RC GA subj: Infantry Replacements, dtd 29 Oct 44 and Unit Req 7 & 8 dtd 18 Nov 44. Govt T will be utilized. (Personnel not to carry basic weapons) (Thru 14th Repl Depot). 72 EM arrived at 1730 hours this date. Officers included - 1st Lt JOHN T RUSSELL, 1st Lt JAMES D HANNAFIN, 1st Lt CHARLES W BOROUGHS, and 2nd Lt WOODROW H McCORMACK.

Per Par 82, SO #211, Hq 19th Repl Depot, dtd 16 Dec 1944, 3 Officers and 106 EM arrived as L/A replacements for Co "E" 118th Inf. Officers - 2nd Lt HERBERT A MOORE, Capt LAWRENCE G SEXTON, and 2nd Lt YEIKI KOBASHIGAWA.

Per Par 86, SO #211, Hq 19th Repl Depot, dtd 16 Dec 1944, 4 Officers and 84 EM arrived as L/A replacements for Co "H" 118th Inf. Officers - 2nd Lt JOSEPH S ANTOON, 2nd Lt CHARLES J WHEALEN, 2nd Lt CLIFFORD E MANSEN and 2nd Lt MADISON D GARDNER.

30 Dec 1944

Per VOCO Hq 14th Repl Depot, 2 Officers and 68 EM atchd to 87th Repl Bn at Vaucoliers, France (Lt Dorrien and Lt Kobashigawa). These officers later relieved by Lts Buning and Eugene T Little.

31 Dec 1944

Approximately 2500 replacements were trained by Co "E" 118th Inf at Toule, France.

Approximately 3000 replacements were given a familiarization firing course in Neufchateau area during this period.

2 Jan 1945

1st Lt MALCOLM C PENNINGTON and 1st Lt EDWARD R McNABB JR asgd and jd Co "G" 118th Inf this date.

2nd Lt THOMAS R HUDSON and 91 EM Co "G" 118th Inf departed this date. AU to 16th Repl Depot, APO 129, per Par 96, SO #221, Hq 16th Repl Depot.

From 1 Jan 1945 to 10 Jan 45 Co "F" 118th Inf was engaged in a defensive mission assigned them by 11th Repl Depot. This included digging prepared positions which were outposted and could be fully manned in 20 minutes. The Co also manned 5 road blocks with British and French on the outskirts of Givet, on the south side of the Meuse River, including the Meuse River bridge. Later relieved by the 29th Inf Regt. Motorized patrols were maintained 24 hours a day as a paratroop patrol, during Ardennes breakthrough.

7 Jan 1945

Co "G" 118th Inf received Troop Assignment Order No 2, Hq GFRC, dtd 7 Jan 1945, relieving them from atchmt to 19th Repl Depot and assigning them to Repl Depots as indicated:

$\frac{1}{2}$ Rifle Plat, 1 LMG Squad and 2 60mm Mortar Squads - 3rd Depot (St Trond, Belgium)
1 Rifle Plat and 1 60mm Mortar Squad - 17th Repl Depot (Angevillers, France)
1 Rifle Plat, 1 LMG Squad & 1 60mm Mortar Squad - 18th Repl Depot (Tongres, France)

Troop Movement Order No 2, Hq GFRC, also received this date.

9 Jan 1945

2 Officers & 47 EM, Co "G" 118th Inf departed Etampes, France by rail enroute to Angevillers, France, this date.

Per Par 2, 4, & 5, SO #5, Hq 14th Repl Depot, APO 583, dtd 5 Jan 1945: 8 Officers and 209 EM from Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf and Companies "E" & "H" 118th Inf departed for 16th Repl Depot, APO 129 by convoy. Officers as follows:

1st Lt PHILLIP D KERSH	(Serv Co 118th Inf)
1st Lt STANLEY M CASMER	(Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf)
1st Lt GILBERT R LOSHEK	(Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf)
1st Lt ARTHUR E NANCE	(Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf)
1st Lt GEORGE W PETERBURS	(Co "H" 118th Inf)
1st Lt JAMES A WILLIAMS	(Co "E" 118th Inf)
1st Lt HUGH C DORRIEN JR	(Co "E" 118th Inf)
1st Lt WILLIAM C KOHLER	(Co "H" 118th Inf)

10 Jan 1945

3 Officers and 81 EM Co "G" 118th Inf departed fr Etampes, France by con-
voy enroute to St. Trond, ~~France~~. Arrived at 1500 hrs 11 Jan 1945.

2 Officers and 51 EM Co "G" 118th Inf departed fr Etampes, France by con-
voy enroute to Tongres, ~~France~~. Arrived 11 Jan 1945.

11 Jan 1945

Par 1, SO #3, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt CHARLES W BOROUGHS, Inf, is reld fr
asgmt to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf and asgd to Serv Co 118th Inf for dy as S-4
2nd Bn 118th Inf and atchd to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf for adm, quarters and
rations.

Par 1, SO #4, Hq 118th Inf, dtd 9 Jan 45, 1st Lt FRED E FEATHERSTONE JR, Inf,
is reld fr asgmt to Hq 118th Inf and asgd to Serv Co 118th Inf to remain on DS
with Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf. Lt FEATHERSTONE is aptd Regtl Munitions Officer.

2nd Lt EUGENE T LITTLE, Inf, asgd and jd Co "E" 118th Inf per Par 115, SO
#222, Hq 19th Repl Depot, APO 176.

2 Officers and 9 EM (L/A) reported at 1700 hours this date for dy. Asgd
to Co "H" 118th Inf. Officers: 2nd Lt CHARLES J SINNOTT & 2nd Lt KENNETH R.
PETERSON.

11 Jan 1945

Per Par 15, SO #1, Hq 11th Repl Depot, APO 131: 3 Officers and 83 EM, Co "F" 118th Inf reld fr asgmt to Co "F" 118th Inf and asgd to Hq 16th Repl Depot, APO 129. Officers: 1st Lt JAMES E O'ROURKE, 2nd Lt HOWARD I BUDROT, & 2nd Lt ERNST F SCHULMACHER.

2 Officers and 32 EM, Co "H" 118th Inf atchd to Co "F" 118th Inf reld fr asgmt to Co "H" 118th Inf and asgd to Hq 16th Repl Depot, APO 129. Officers: 2nd Lt SAMUEL S LAUTERPACHT & 2nd Lt JAMES M ROBERTSON.

13 Jan 1945

Co "F" 118th Inf EM withdrawn from defensive positions in area at Givet, France. Bridge guard and road blocks still maintained.

18 Jan 1945

2nd Lt YEIKI KOBASHIGAWA reld fr asgmt to Co "E" 118th Inf and atchd to 2nd Repl Depot for forwarding to 442nd Regt Combat Team, APO 23.

19 Jan 1945

Co "F" 118th Inf guards withdrawn from road blocks at Givet, France. Training of troops at 11th Repl Depot begun. 5 Ranges in operation.

21 Jan 1945

Par 1, SO #115, Hq ETOUSA, 2nd Lt PAUL G ROBARDS, MAC, promoted to 1st Lt with date of rank eff 16 Jan 1945.

22 Jan 1945

Co "F" 118th Inf EM withdrawn from bridge guard at Givet, France.

3 Officers & 91 EM Co "G" 118th Inf departed by convoy from St. Trond, France at 1445 hours and arrived Verviers, France at 1700 hours.

23 Jan 1945

1st Lt ROBERT H HARRISON, Inf, reld fr asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and atchd to Hq 16th Repl Depot.

27 Jan 1945

Par 149, SO #221, Hq 19th Repl Depot, 2nd Lt ROBERT C O'BRIEN, Inf, asgd and jd Co "F" 118th Inf.

29 Jan 1945

Par 39, SO #24, Hq 14th Repl Depot, dtd 24 Jan 45: 2 Officers and 12 EM reld fr asgmt to 2nd Bn 118th Inf and atchd to 16th Repl Depot. Officers: 1st Lt DAVID J BYERLY & 1st Lt RALPH E LAUSTER.

1 Feb 1945

Par 1, SO #11, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 2nd Lt KENNETH R PETERSON Co "H" 118th Inf is atchd to Co "G" 118th Inf for dy.

4 Feb 1945

Capt AARON MERKER, MC, Med Det 118th Inf, fr dy to DS with 82nd Repl Bn per SO #33, Hq 14th Repl Depot.

8 Feb 1945

Par 59, SO #38, Hq 3rd Reinf Depot, 1st Lt EDWARD E MOTTERN, Co "G" 118th Inf is reld fr asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and atchd unasgd to 16th Reinf Depot APO 129.

9 Feb 1945

Par 1, Troop Movement Order No. 14, Hq GFRC:

The following units of 118th Inf Regt will proceed by organic motor and/or rail transport from present stations to stations indicated below:

<u>Unit of 2d Bn</u>	<u>Present Station</u>	<u>New Station</u>	<u>Depot</u>
Hq & Hq Co	Neufchateau	Camp de Coetquidan	3930th
Co "E"	Neufchateau	Fontainebleau	9th
Co "F"	Givet	Camp De Coetquidan	6960th
Co "G"	Verviers Angevillers Tongres	Camp De Coetquidan	6960th
Co "H" (less 1 Plat MG & 1 Sect Mortar)	Neufchateau	Fontainebleau	9th
1 Plat MG Co "H"	Givet	Camp De Coetquidan	6960th
1 Sect Mortar Co "H"	Givet	Fontainebleau	9th
1 Sect, 3d Plat 81mm Mortar, Co "M"	Compeigne	Camp De Coetquidan	6960th

Advance party consisting of 5 officers and 9 EM departed by convoy from Neufchateau, France at 0730 hours. Arrived at Fontainebleau, France at 1530 hours.

17 Officers, 382 EM departed From Chateau Bourlemont, Neufchateau, France at 2030 hours and marched to railhead in Neufchateau. Entrained at 2200 hours. Arrived at Fontainebleau, France at 0500 hours 11 Feb 1945.

11 Feb 1945

Detrained at 0700 hours and marched to billets in Fontainebleau at 9th Reinf Depot.

Advance party 2d Bn 118th Inf departed by convoy from Fontainebleau, France at 1345 hours arriving at Camp de Coetquidan, France at 0030 hours 12 Feb 45 4 Officers and 5 EM. Camp de Coetquidan situated approximately 30 miles north-west of Rennes, France.

12 Feb 1945

6 Officers and 75 EM departed Fontainebleau, France by convoy at 0730 hours; arrived at Camp de Coetquidan at 2200 hours.

16 Officers and 445 EM departed Fontainebleau, France by rail at 1500 hours arriving Camp de Coetquidan, France at 1800 hours 13 Feb 45. Major JOHN H McKINNON train commander.

13 Feb 1945

SO #12, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, dtd 14 Feb 45, eff 13 Feb 45.

1. Capt ROY P EISON, Inf, is reld fr dy as S-3 and asgmt to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "E" 118th Inf.
2. Capt ALBERT D SUTTON, Inf, is reld fr comd and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf as S-3.
3. 1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK, Inf, is reld fr comd and asgmt to Co "B" 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Co "G" 118th Inf.
4. 1st Lt CHARLES E TAYLOR, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "F" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "H" 118th Inf for dy.
5. 2nd Lt MADISON D GARDNER, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "I" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf for dy.

Elements of 2nd Bn 118th Inf - Hq & Hq Co, Co's "F" & "G", 1 Plat Co "H", 1 Sect MG & 1 Sect Mortar Co "M" 118th Inf housed in barracks and general clean-up begun. Total strength - 29 Officers, 550 EM.

14 Feb 1945

Brigadier General Harold C Stanford, Commander of Camp de Coetquidan, addressed personnel of 2nd Bn 118th Inf at 1100 hours this date, emphasizing the Bn mission at this depot.

16 Feb 1945

Per SO #14, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 2nd Lt KENNETH R PETERSON, Inf, Co "H" 118th Inf is reld fr atchmt to Co "G" 118th Inf.

17 Feb 1945

2nd Bn 118th Inf cited for Battle Participation Award in campaign "Northern France" per Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, AG 200.6, OpGA, dtd 31 Jan 1945.

22 Feb 1945

Per SO #20, Hq 118th Inf, Capt RAYMOND L HART, CH, atchd fr Hq 118th Inf is reld fr atchmt for adm, qrs and rat eff 21 Feb 45.

Per SO #20, Hq 118th Inf, Capt LEO F BOPPELL, CH, Hq 118th Inf, is atch to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf for adm, rat, and quarters.

Per VOGG, 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov), Btry "B" 130th FA Bn consisting of 4 Officers and 101 EM are atch to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf for adm, rat and qrs.

22 Feb 1945

1st Lt JAMES D HANNAFIN, fr dy to TD approx 7 days, Hq ETOUSA, APO 887, to attend Information & Education school, per SO #20, Hq 118th Inf, dtd 21 Feb 45 and eff 24 Feb 45. Returned 5 March 1945.

26 Feb 1945

Co "G" 118th Inf cited for Battle Participation Award in campaign "GERMANY" per Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, AG 200.6, OpGA, dtd 5 Feb 1945.

7 March 1945

2nd Lt MADISON D GARDNER, Inf, Co "F" 118th Inf, fr dy to TD with Hq 118th Inf per VOCC Hq 118th Inf. From TD with Hq 118th Inf to 30 day rest and recuperation furlough in U.S.A.

9 March 1945

1st Lt ROBERT H BRIGGS, Inf, reld fr asgmt to Co "F" 118th Inf and AU to 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov), per Par 32, SO #37, Hq 11th Reinf Depot.

1st Lt HARRY B SMOAK, Inf, reld fr comd of Co "G" 118th Inf and placed on TD with Hq 118th Inf. Trfd from Hq 118th Inf to 11th Reinf Depot, per SO #26, Hq 118th Inf.

1st Lt EDWARD R McNABB, JR, assumed comd of Co "G" 118th Inf.

11 March 1945

Per SO #26, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt WILLIAM J BUNING, and 1st Lt JAMES R. REEDER, are reld fr asgmt to Co "E" 118th Inf and AU to 11th Reinf Depot, APO 131.

Per SO #26, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt HILDRETH B FOLTZ and 1st Lt GEORGE H. KRYDER, asgd and jd Co "E" 118th Inf from 9th Reinf Depot.

15 March 1945

Capt ROY P EISON, Inf, AU to Det of Patients, 4317 USAHP, per SO 40, Hq 4317, USAHP, APO 887.

Per SO #20, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 1st Lt THOMAS D BROCK, asgd and jd Co "G" 118th Inf.

19 March 1945

Capt LLOYD A HOBBS and 1st Lt JAMES D HANNAFIN on TD with advance party of 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov) in preparation for contemplated movement to new station.

2nd Lt JAMES S MARSHALL promoted to 1st Lt per SO #75, Hq ETOUSA, dtd 16 March 1945.

20 March 1945

1st Lt FRANCIS H COAKLEY, Inf, asgd to comd Co "E" 118th Inf per VOCC 118th Inf dtd 13 Mar 1945 is confirmed and made of record per SO #30, Hq 118th Inf this date.

21 March 1945

Per SO #29, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt JAMES S MARSHALL is reld fr asgmt to Co "H" 118th Inf and is AU to 11th Reinf Depot, APO 131.

Per SO #48, Hq 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov), Capt DOM C McCRACKEN, Inf, and 36 EM atchd and jd Btry "B" 130th FA Bn from Det 523 GFRG. Unit redesignated as 6902 Ground Force Training Detachment eff 24 Mar 1945.

24 March 1945

Per Par 13, SO #75, Hq ETOUSA, dtd 16 March 1945, 2nd Lt CHARLES T HART and 2nd Lt ELDON J HESS promoted to 1st Lt.

25 March 1945

1st Lt HERBERT A MOORE from Co "E" 118th Inf to TD with I & E school at APO 887.

5 April 1945

Per SO #41, Hq ETOUSA, dtd 1 Apr 1945, 2nd Lt EUGENE T LITTLE promoted to 1st Lt.

10 April 1945

5 Officers, 31 EM Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf departed Camp de Coetquidan by motor at 1300 hours. Destination Camp Maily.

1st Lt FRANCIS H COAKLEY reld of comd of Co "E" 118th Inf.

Per SO #38, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt WESTON M FORTSON, Inf, asgd and jd Co "E" 118th Inf and assumed command.

3 Officers, 66 EM Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf departed Camp de Coetquidan by rail at 2000 hours. Destination Camp Maily.

12 April 1945

Motor convoy of Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf arrived at Camp Maily, 25 miles southeast of Troyes, France, at 2130 hours.

15 April 1945

Per SO #275, Hq 7th Army, 2nd Lt CHARLES J SIMMOTT, Co "I" 118th Inf promoted to 1st Lt. Date of rank - 29 Dec 1944.

15 April 1945

Per SO #1, Hq 118th Inf, Capt FREDERICK J BALSAM, MC, Med Det, 118th Inf, atchd to Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf.

1st Lt EDWARD R McNABB, Jr, reld of comd of Co "G" 118th Inf per SO #38, Hq 118th Inf.

1st Lt RAYMOND D ZIEGLER, Inf, asgd and jd Co "G" 118th Inf and assumed comd per SO #38, Hq 118th Inf.

16 April 1945

3 Officers, 181 EM Co "F" 118th Inf departed Camp de Coetquidan by rail at 2000 hours this date.

17 April 1945

Btry "B" 130th FA Bn consisting of 4 Officers and 97 EM departed Camp de Coetquidan by organic motors at 0800 hours this date.

Motor convoy of 2 Officers and 48 EM from Co's "F" and "H" departed Camp de Coetquidan at 0700 hours this date. Arrived Camp Maily at 2330 hours.

19 April 1945

Btry "B" 130th FA Bn arrived Camp Maily at 1400 hours this date.

24 April 1945

Co "G" 118th Inf, 2 Sections Mortar Co "M" 118th Inf consisting of 7 Officers and 193 EM departed Camp de Coetquidan by rail at 2000 hours.

25 April 1945

Motor convoy consisting of 1 Officer and 43 EM (Rear Det Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf) departed Camp de Coetquidan at 0700 hours. Arrived Camp Maily at 2030 hours.

1 Officer, 36 EM 6902 Training Team (Prov) departed by rail from Camp de Coetquidan at 1000 hours. Arrived Camp Maily at 2045 hours 26 Apr 45.

26 April 1945

2nd Bn 118th Inf cited for Battle Participation Award in Campaign "GERMANY" per Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, AG 200.6, JpGA, 14 April 1945.

29 April 1945

Per SO #30, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 1st Lt EDWARD R McNABB Jr, reld fr asgmt with Co "G" 118th Inf and asgd to Co "H" 118th Inf.

5 May 1945

SO #94, Hq 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov): Limited Assignment Officers and EM
2nd Bn 118th Inf reld fr asgmt to 2nd Bn 118th Inf and asgd to Det 578 GFRS
School Bn, APO 269. Officers included:

1st Lt JOHN R BOWMAN	1st Lt THOMAS D BROCK
1st Lt JOHN T RUSSELL	1st Lt ELDON J HESS
1st Lt ROBERT C O'BRIEN	1st Lt WATTS W WARD
1st Lt MALCOLM C PENNINGTON	2nd Lt WOODROW H McCORMACK
1st Lt DOUGLAS A RIACH	2nd Lt MADISON D GARDNER

SO #57, Hq 118th Inf, Limited Assignment officers and EM reld fr asgmt
to 118th Inf Regt and asgd to Det 580, GFRS School Bn. Officers included:

1st Lt JOSEPH S ANTOON	1st Lt EUGEE T LITTLE
1st Lt CHARLES J WHALEN	1st Lt HERBERT A MOORE
1st Lt CHARLES E TAYLOR	2nd Lt CLIFFORD E NANSEN
1st Lt HILDRETH B FOLTZ	2nd Lt KENNETH R PETERSON
1st Lt GEORGE M KRYDER	

Per SO #32, Hq 2nd Bn 118th Inf, APO 269, US Army: Following named Off-
icers asgd and jd units of 2nd Bn 118th Inf as indicated:

2nd Lt LEWIS T BOTT	Co "H" 118th Inf
2nd Lt J. P. COTTON	Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf
2nd Lt GENE T COY	Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf
2nd Lt JACOB A DEKOKER	Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf
2nd Lt LEO A BROOKSHIRE	Co "F" 118th Inf
2nd Lt ANTHONY V DUFEK	Co "F" 118th Inf
2nd Lt DONALD L CASTERLINE	Co "G" 118th Inf
2nd Lt REX CONNELLY	Co "G" 118th Inf
2nd Lt GEORGE H CROSSON	Co "G" 118th Inf
2nd Lt ROBERT A DAVIS	Co "G" 118th Inf
2nd Lt DAVID H DONNAN	Co "G" 118th Inf

6 May 1945

Per SO #58, Hq 118th Inf, following named officers asgd and jd Co "H"
118th Inf:

1st Lt ROBERT A MILLARD	2nd Lt GEORGE A SHIRK, JR
2nd Lt JOSEPH C PRUCHA	2nd Lt THOMAS F SMITH

Per SO 56, Hq 118th Inf, following named officers asgd and jd Co "E"
118th Inf:

2nd Lt JOHN E PREUSS	2nd Lt ROBERT MARTIN
2nd Lt JAMES C NIX	2nd Lt ARTHUR J O'KERNIS

8 May 1945

Per SO #59, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt FRANCIS H COAKLEY is reld fr asgmt to
Co "E" 118th Inf and asgd to comd Co "G" 118th Inf.

8 May 1945

Per SO #59, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt RAMON D ZIEGLER is reld fr comd of Co "G" 118th Inf.

Per SO #96, Hq 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov) 1st Lt CHARLES T HART is reld fr asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Det 578, GFRS School Bn.

10 May 1945

Par 1, SO #33, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 1st Lt ROBERT H BRIGGS, Inf, having been asgd to 2nd Bn 118th Inf on Par 9, SO #98, Hq 6960th Reinf Depot (Prov) is further asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf.

Par 2, SO #33, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf; 1st Lt OTIS F SWIGER, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "F" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "G" 118th Inf for dy.

Par 3, SO #33, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 2nd Lt REX CONNELLY, Inf, is reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "F" 118th Inf for dy.

12 May 1945

1st Lt CHARLES J SINNOTT, Inf, reld fr asgmt to Co "H" 118th Inf and asgd to Det 578, GFRS School Bn.

13 May 1945

Co "E" 118th Inf departed from Fontainebleau, France by motor at 0800 hours and arrived at Camp Mailly at 1145 hours.

1st Lt RAMON D ZIEGLER, Inf, reld fr dy and asgmt to Co "G" 118th Inf and asgd to Co "I" 118th Inf for dy.

16 May 1945

Per SO #64, Hq 118th Inf, Capt FREDERICK J BALSOM, MC, is reld fr atchmt to Hq2d Bn 118th Inf effective 14 May 1945.

19 May 1945

Per Par 3, SO #136, Hq ETUSA, 1st Lt FRED E FEATHERSTONE JR promoted to Captain with date of rank 16 May 1945.

2nd Lt GEORGE A SHIRK, JR, reld fr asgmt to Co "H" 118th Inf and asgd to Serv Co 118th Inf.

2nd Lt ROBERT S PARSONS, reld fr asgmt to Serv Co 118th Inf and asgd to Co "H" 118th Inf.

SECOND BATTALION 118TH INFANTRY

OFFICER ROSTER

27 May 1945

Lt. Col. DEWEY M McKEOWN, Commanding

STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major John H McKinnon
S-1	Capt Fred E Featherstone, Jr.
S-2	1st Lt James D Hannafin
S-3	Capt Albert D Sutton
S-4	1st Lt Charles W Boroughs
Chaplain	Capt Leo F Boppell
Med Off	Aaron Merker
M.A.C.	1st Lt Paul G Robards

Headquarters Company

Comdg Off	Capt Fred E Featherstone, Jr.
Trans Off	2nd Lt Jacob A DeKoker
Comm Off	2nd Lt Gene T Coy
A.T. Plat Comdr	1st Lt Robert C Little
A & P Plat Comdr	2nd Lt J P Cotton

"E" Company

Comdg Off	- 1st Lt Weston M Fortson
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Robert Martin
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Arthur J O'Kerns
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt James C Nix
1st Comdr	- 2nd Lt John E Preuss

"G" Company

Comdg Off	- 1st Lt Francis H Coakley
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Ottis F Swiger
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Robert A Davis
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt David H Donnon
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Donald L Casterline
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt George H Crosson

"F" Company

Comdg Off	- Capt Joseph R Logan
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Robert H Briggs
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Rex Connelly
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Leo A Brookshire
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Anthony V Dufek
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt Edward M Carmick

"H" Company

Comdg Off	- Capt George E Coakley
Ex Off	- 1st Lt Edward R McHabb
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Lewis T Bott
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Joseph C Prucha
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Thomas P Smith
Plat Comdr	- 1st Lt Robert A Willard
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Robert S Parsons
Plat Comdr	- 2nd Lt Robert E Snider

20 May 1945

Per Par 3, SO #68, Hq 118th Inf, Capt LLOYD A HOBBS, Inf is reld fr comd and asgmt to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to Hq 118th Inf for dy.

Per Par 5, SO #68, Hq 118th Inf, Capt FRED E FEATHERSTONE JR, Serv Co 118th Inf, is reld fr asgmt to Serv Co 118th Inf and is asgd to comd Hq Co 2nd Bn 118th Inf.

21 May 1945

Advance party consisting of 2 Officers and 3 EM departed for destination unknown. Officers - Capt LLOYD A HOBBS and 1st Lt JAMES D HANNAFIN.

Per Par 2, SO #34, Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf, 1st Lt EDWARD R McNABB Jr, Co "H" 118th Inf, is reld fr atchmt to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf.

26 May 1945

Units of 2nd Bn 118th Inf consisting of 5 Officers and 89 EM entrained at Maily station at 2330 hours. Departed for Mannheim, Germany.

27 May 1945

Convoy consisting of 8 Officers and 37 EM departed Camp Maily at 0700 hours this date. Arrived Mannheim, Germany at 1400 hours, 28 May 1945.

28 May 1945

Units of 2nd Bn on train arrived at Ludwigshafen, Germany at 2020 hours. Detrained at 2100 hours and proceeded to Mannheim, Germany by truck.

29 May 1945

Last convoy of personnel of 2nd Bn 118th Inf crossed Rhine river at 0045 hours this date. Billeted in school in Mannheim. Departed Mannheim at 1600 hours arriving in Feudenheim, Germany at 1630 hours. Co "E" 118th Inf located at Camp Kafertal, Germany. Bn billeted in civilian homes.

31 May 1945

Co "H" 118th Inf assigned duty of performing guard duty at CONAD guard house.

8 June 1945

Par 4, SO #77, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt ROBERT C LITTLE is reld fr asgmt to Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "M" 118th Inf for dy.

17 June 1945

Per SO #85, Hq 118th Inf, 1st Lt EDWARD M CARMICK, is reld fr asgmt to Co "F" 118th Inf and is asgd to Co "E" 118th Inf for dy. 1st Lt CLIFTON K. DALBOM, asgd and jd Co "F" 118th Inf fr Hq 118th Inf.

HEADQUARTERS
6960TH REINFORCEMENT DEPOT (PROV)
APO 269 U S ARMY

AG 201.22

30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, APO 667.
(Thru: Commanding General, Ground Force Reinforcement Command, APO 667)

1. It gives me great pleasure to commend you, your officers, and your men on their superior performance of duties while attached to the 6960th Reinforcement Depot (Prov), APO 269.

2. Your command, consisting of the 2nd Battalion 118th Infantry (less companies E and H (less 1 platoon) a mortar section, and a machine gun section of Company M, 118th Infantry, joined the Depot at Coetquidan, on 15 February 1945,

School Troops. Later your command was augmented by one platoon of tanks, commanded by Captain Mc Cracken, and B battery of the 130th Field Artillery, commanded by Captain Houston. The high standard of training received by the trainees passing through this Depot was to a great extent due to the untiring efforts of your battalion.

3. At Camp Maily you continued your outstanding performance and assisted greatly in establishing a high standard of training at this Depot.

4. I wish to thank you personally for your unfailing cooperation and loyalty.

s/ George A Davis
t/ GEORGE A DAVIS
Brigadier General, United States Army
Commanding.

AG 201.22 1st Ind
HQ GROUND FORCE REINF COMMAND, APO 687, 2 July 1945.

CHV/wes

TO: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, APO 667.
(Thru: CO, 118th Infantry Regt, APO 667).

The Commanding General is very pleased to forward this well earned commendation.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ C. H. Valentine,
t/ C. H. VALENTINE,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

AG 201.22

2d Ind

EAR/vif

HEADQUARTERS, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH INFANTRY REGIMENT, APO 513, 11 July 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 118th Infantry, APO 513, U S Army.

The above commendation is passed on to you with my congratulations and a feeling of satisfaction and pride in your achievements. Please convey to the officers and men of your battalion my appreciation for their fine work.

s/ E. A. Rudelius
t/ E. A. RUDELIUS
Colonel, 118th Inf.,
Commanding.

AG 201.22

3d Ind

FEF/aml

HQ 2ND BAN, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH INFANTRY, APO 513, 16 July 1945.

TO: All Officers and Enlisted Men, 2d Bn, 118th Infantry.

The above commendation attests to the superior manner in which you have accepted and discharged your duties, individually and collectively. I am justly proud of your accomplishments, and wish to extend my congratulations and express my personal appreciation for your interest, loyalty and enthusiastic cooperation.

s/ Dewey M. McKeown
t/ DEWEY M. McKEOWN,
Lt Col, 118th Inf.,
Commanding.

17 June 1945

Co "H" 118th Inf reld fr dy as guard at CONAD guardhouse. Prisoners sent to Metz, France.

20 June 1945

Per SO #165, Hq 9th Reinf Depot, 2nd Lt WILLIAM R BORING, Inf, asgd and jd Hq Co 2d Bn 118th Inf.

26 June 1945

Co "H" 118th Inf moved from billets in Feudenheim, Germany to billets in Rheinlan, Germany. Assumed duty of guarding QM installations. 1 Officer and 37 EM allocated to 57th Field Hospital for guard duty.

30 June 1945

First allotment of EM released under the Army Point System numbering 80.

1 July 1945

Advance party of 2nd Bn 118th Inf consisting of 1 Officer (Lt Hannafin) and 7 EM departed Feudenheim, German for Tavaux, France at 1300 hours.

6 July 1945

2nd Bn 118th Inf motor convoy consisting of 10 Officers and 56 EM departed Feudenheim, Germany at 0800 hours. Arrived Auxonne, France at 1530 hours 7 July 1945.

Remainder of 2nd Bn 118th Inf departed Feudenheim, Germany at 0800 hours by truck. Entrained at Mannheim Station under command of Major JOHN H McKINNON and departed at 1100 hours.

7 July 1945

Engine of train derailed at 1500 hours causing 3 hour delay enroute.

9 July 1945

Capt LLOYD A HOBBS reld fr DS with Hq 2d Bn 118th Inf per Par 2, SO #98; Hq 118th Inf.

14 July 1945

3 Officers, 100 EM of 2nd Bn 118th Inf participated in parade in Auxonne, France to assist in commemoration of Bastille Day.

Training of troops of 2nd Bn 118th Inf in basic infantry schooling instituted at this time under supervision of Bn S-3 and Bn officers.

24 July 1945

All EM of 2nd Bn 118th Inf having ASR score of 75 or more points were informed that their re-adjustment would begin o/a 2 Aug 45 with their transfer to a category IV unit. (For de-activation) 118th Inf Regt scheduled for re-deployment to the United States o/a Sept 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS
12TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT
APO 551

GENERAL ORDERS)

6 August 1944

NUMBER

13)

CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The following officer is cited for meritorious service -

MAJOR DEWEY M. McKEOWN, 0336380, INF, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 118th Infantry, assigned to the 12th Replacement Depot, from 2 July 1944 to 4 August 1944, in support of operational activity against the enemy.

Major McKeown, as Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 118th Infantry, assigned to 12th Replacement Depot as training troupes, Major McKeown exhibited superior cooperation and a very patent and sincere desire to furnish the maximum instruction to the replacements and to make his battalion of the maximum value to the Depot. His battalion was an example in matters of orderliness, appearance of camp, and general discipline. It is with sincere regret that I have received the order for the detachment of his battalion from the 12th Replacement Depot.

s/ G. A. Moore
t/ G. A. MOORE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Commanding