

**Diary from the 106<sup>th</sup> by Staff Sgt. Charles S. Garn 424/H**

Left N.Y. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1944 Aquatania

Arrived Grenwock [Grennock] Scotland Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

Atterbury England Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

Leave Southhampton Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Arrive Le Harve Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Moved to the front reserve area near Veilsam [Vielsalm] Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

Moved into F.L. P. Winterspelt Dec. 12, '44

Gen. drive hit 5:00 am Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Pulled out Sun. nite Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, moved to Bergrulan [Burg-Reuland] during that night

Moved to Maldange.

1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Shot up while we were going out other side

Gen. Montgomery overruled- corp. gen. on pulling 424<sup>th</sup> out

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne held roads open while 424<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> & 591<sup>st</sup> got out

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> -

Manhay & Garmish [Garmisch] - 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Torn to pieces

Relieved on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> by the 75<sup>th</sup> Div.

Losses in 12 days of combat: 2 ½ regiments, 2 Art. Batt.

Moved to Warzer [Warzee] for re-equipment, stayed here till Jan. 5

Howell moved to S 4 on 2<sup>nd</sup> night of combat (could be Rob't F. Howell H/424 of Griffin, Ga.)

Col. Umanoff relieved Dec. 26 (Reg.)

Jan. 5 - moved to Spinx [Spineux]

8,866 captured-killed or wounded in 1<sup>st</sup> 8 days

Jan. 9 - Moved back to F.L.P. at Stavalot [Stavelot]. Attached to 7<sup>th</sup> armored Troix Point-Wausen [Trois Ponts] area on Jan 23

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - moved to St. Vith section, Veci Manhay & Malmady [Malmedy]. Defensive positions.

Started attack Jan 26 – Lt. Wilson killed

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne moved thru us

“ “ relieved & moved to Plainveaux [Plaineveaux]

Feb. 5 - Moved to Hounseife, Belgium

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - Stayed 4 miles closer to F.L.P.

Relieved 394<sup>th</sup> Inf. Of 99<sup>th</sup> Div. on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Rugged terrain – Weasels

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - minefields at Newheff or Blyoff [Bleialf]?

Feb. 25 - Pulled back to Reg. Reserve to 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. Positions

Mar. 5 - Unit moved back up & attached to Berk, Germany

Mar 8 - Assembled in area

Mar 14 - Started to Saint Quentin, France

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Arrived Saint Quentin – regrouped

April 6<sup>th</sup> - moved to Rennes, France

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Moved to Heidsheim, Germany

April 23 - Arrived at Rhine River, Reg. – guarded 62,000 prisoners

War ended May 8<sup>th</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup> - moved to Heidesheim near Meintz [Mainz], Germany- took over 2 new prison camps

June 27 - Moved to Dittersheim [Dietersheim], Germany took over larger prison camp and processed 900,000

1<sup>st</sup> men left for 28<sup>th</sup> Div. to go home, all with high points

July 14 - moved to Karlsruhe?, Germany for occupation duty. Flosheim

Assigned to San Luis Obispo, Calif. P.O.E. with 28<sup>th</sup> regrouped for Pacific duty after 30 days leave in the States – Old 28<sup>th</sup> unit originally Penn. National Guard.

All 106<sup>th</sup> men under age 28 transferred.