

Unit Journal

328th Field Artillery Battalion

Daily Log of Activities during WW2

Period: **June 1- 10, 1944** (Partial)

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at College Park, MD

REPORT DETAILS

Header – includes Month of report.

Date is in main column at top of each page and after line break.

Page Number – bottom of page

COLUMN HEADINGS

TIME IN/OUT: Time when information arrives at Battalion HQ. Or time when a report or a person left HQ.

SERIAL NO: Entry Number for this subject Month.

TIME DATED: Time of recorded event.

For example, info that is 12 hours old for day 17 will be recorded with TIME IN at 1900 but the TIME-DATE will be recorded as 161900

LEGEND

Bn - Battalion

FO - Forward Observer

RCN - Recon report

BC – Battery Commander (3 Batteries per Bn)

“From 24-1” - The Forward Observers were identified by a code name.
This begins the entry for a report from a FO identified with code 24-1.

Map Coordinates -

345-874 or 34.5-87.4 different forms of grid coordinates

See page: <http://www.custermen.com/Maps/ArmyMaps.htm>

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UNIT 326th F. A. BN

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FROM 0800, 1 June 1944

TO 1000, 10 June 1944

TIME IN	OUT	SER NO	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	DISPTN
				Thursday 1 June 1944	
0800		1	0800	Bn Comdr and party left to go on recon	
0900		2	0900	From Comd Ln: A Co. about 1000 yds in 01-49 square; C Co. on right, little to rear; 1st Bn CP at RR Sta. 339th to left sector. 3rd Bn 337th to move to right to take Hill 733. 1st Bn round draw at Hill 735.	M
0930		3	0930	CG Div Arty visited CP	
1010		4	1010	Btry A displaced forward.	M
1100		5	1100	From Bn Comdr: Prepare Bn to move forward.	
1250		6	1250	Guide arrived for Bn	
1300		7	1300	Bn left position 5 miles NW of Cori	M
1345		8	1345	Bn arrived at new position 1/2 mile east of Lariano; CP & FDC established.	M
1445		9	1445	Bn Comdr returned to CP	
1500		10	1500	Firing Btrys in position and ready to fire.	
1600		11	1600	Our fires destroyed enemy vehicles and enemy battery.	M
1815		12	1815	Bn Comdr left for Firing Btrys	
1830		13	1800	905 rounds expended, 17 missions	
1900		14	1900	From Comd Ln: Germans at Valamontone have surrendered; HWY 6 has been cut off.	M
2100		15	1500	From Div: G-2 Report.	S
2100		16	180031	May From Corps: Intelligence Report.	S
2200		17	2200	Red alert; enemy planes strafing general area in vicinity of CP.	T
2330		18	2330	Btry A position strafed by enemy plane	
				Friday, 2 June 1944	
0300		19	0300	CP Area bombed by enemy; three bombs fell, no damage.	
0945		20	0945	To all Btries: Be ready to leave with forward party upon call.	
1005		21	1005	Bn Comdr & party left on recon.	
1725		22	1725	From 910th FA: Red alert	T
1732		23	1732	From 910th FA: All clear	T
1845		24	1845	Btry C displaced forward.	
1940		25	1800	1537 rounds expended, 52 rounds.	
2035		26	2035	Bn left position 1/2 miles E of Lariano	M
2210		27	2210	Bn arrived at new position Mt Castelaccio.	M
2220		28	2220	Bn Comdr returned to CP.	
				Saturday, 3 June 1944	
0845		29	0845	CG Div Arty visited CP	
1130		30	1130	From Comd Ln: 339th on outskirts of St Sebastian; 337th, 1st Bn advancing toward Rocca Priora; 3rd Bn on Hill 515	

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IN	OUT	NO	DATED	
			Saturday, 3 June 1944 cont'd	
1130		30	1130	Cont'd from Page 1; 2nd Bn on Hill 500: M
1240		31	1240	Bn Comdr & party left on recon.
1915		32	1915	Bn left Mt. Castelaocio
2015		33	2015	Bn arrived at new position 1/2 miles S of Rocca Friora. M
			Sunday, 4 June 1944	
0100		34	0100	Bn Comdr returned to CP
0500		35	0500	Bn Comdr & party left on recon.
0715		36	0715	Bn left Rocca Friora.
0925		37	0925	Bn arrived at position at Monteporzi M
0945		38	0945	CG Div Arty visited CP.
1025		39	1025	GSMO received.
1125		40	1125	Bn Comdr & party left on recon
1330		41	1330	Bn left Monteporzi.
1445		42	1445	Bn arrived at position at Roma Vecchia: area at Cinecitta, 3 mi from Rome M
1600		43	1600	Bn Comdr returned to CP
			Monday, 5 June 1944	
0200		44	0200	From CT-7 Hq; Situation overlay & memo to establish bivouac at present location; prepare to move on 1 hr notice. M
0830		45	0830	From CT-7 Hq; Be prepared to move within two hours notice.
0900		46	0900	From Div Arty; FA Annex to FO #16; 328th FA - General Support. Displacement to positions for support of phase line 1. Recon for new position. M
	0905	47	0905	To all Btries; All Btry recon parties report to CP at 0915.
	0905	48	0905	In Officers and FO's report to CP.
0920		49	0920	CG Div Arty visited CP
1125		50	1125	Bn Comdr & party left on recon for new position
1515		51	1515	Bn Comdr & party returned to CP
1730		52	1730	Bn Comdr left for CT-7 CP
1920		53	1920	Bn Comdr returned to CP
			Tuesday, 6 June 1944	
0445		54	0445	Bn Comdr & party left CP for new forward position.
0600		55	0600	Bn left Cinecitta, Rome Vecchia.
0710		56	0710	Bn arrived at new position on northern outskirts of Rome; CP & FDC established M
0800		57	0800	CG Div Arty visited CP.
0820		58	0820	Bn Comdr returned to CP.
0900		59	0900	From Div; FO #17; situation overlay. M
1115		60	1115	Bn Comdr & party left on recon.

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			Tuesday, 6 June 1944 cont'd
1250		61	1140 From Div Arty: Enemy continues to with- draw without resistance; continue with recon, move Bn by bounds from assembly area to assembly area.
1630		62	1630 BC parties left for new position
1730		63	1730 Bn left for new position 8 mi N of Rome
1800		64	1800 Bn arrived at position 8 mi N of Rome; CP & FDC established.
1930		65	1930 Bn Comdr left for CT-7 CP
2100		66	2100 Bn Comdr visiting all Batteries.
2115		67	2115 Bn Comdr returned to CP
			Wednesday, 7 June 1944
	0700	68	0700 To Btry C: Prepare forward party & report when ready to move.
0720		69	0720 Bn Comdr & party left on recon
0800		70	0800 From Forward Party: Send Btry C forward
	0805	71	0805 To Btry C: Close station and move over prescribed route; Prescribed route overlay.
0815		72	0815 From Btry C: Btry ready to move.
0820		73	0820 Btry C displaced forward.
0820		74	0820 Btry B displaced forward with 2nd Bn.
0820		75	0730 From Comd Ln: 1st Bn on line from 61-84 to 64.5-86.5; 2nd Bn in reserve; 3rd Bn at 63.4-to-66.1
0820		76	0730 Bn Comdr with 3rd Bn moving forward.
0840		77	0840 Btry A received close station. (ENTRY 74 FALSE- VOID)
1045		78	1045 Bn left position 8 mi N of Rome
1115		79	1115 Bn arrived at assembly area; FDC moved forward.
1400		80	1400 Bn left assembly area
1420		81	1420 Bn arrived at position 2 1/2 Mi south of Monterosi; CP & FDC established.
1820		82	1820 Bn Comdr returned to CP.
1845		83	1845 From Div Arty: Approaches to Monterosi mined; fields & town mined.
1950		84	1950 From Bn Comdr: BC parties come forward
2000		85	2000 Bn left position 2 1/2 mi S of Monterosi.
2100		86	2100 Bn arrived at position 2 1/2 Km North of Monterosi.
			Thursday, 8 June 1944
0500		87	0500 From Div: Plan of attack.
1030		88	1030 CG Div Arty visited CP
1800		89	1800 Bn Comdr left for CT-7 Hq.
2000		90	2000 Bn Comdr returned to CP
2100		91	2100 From Div: G-2 report.

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			Friday, 9 June 1944	
1815	92	1815	Bn Comdr left for Div CP	
2045	93	2045	Bn Comdr returned to CP	
			Saturday, 10 June 1944	
1000	94	1000	Bn relieved from operations at 2 1/2 Km north of Monterosi, Italy.	
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