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4# HISTORY

OF

28TH MILITARY POLICE PLATOON

28TH INFANTRY DIVISION .

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HISTORY

28TH MILITARY POLICE PLATOON

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

23 May 1834	Organized as York Pennsylvania Riflemen	1
1864	Disbanded	1
1869	Reorganized as York Rifles	1
20 April 1861	Federal Service. Civil War Co K 2d Regt. Pennsylvania Volunteers	1
26 July 1861	Mustered Out	1
24 August 1861	Federal Service Civil War Co K 87th Regt. Pennsylvania Volunteers	1
13 October 1864	Mustered Out Federal Service	1
27 September 1866	Reorganized as York Zouaves	1
30 June 1874	Redesignated Co A 8th Regiment Infantry (York City Grays)	1
12 May 1898	Federal Service Spanish-American War Stationed at Cp Alger, Va., Cp Meade, Pa. and Augusta, Ga.	1
7 March 1899	Mustered Out Federal Service	1
9 May 1899	Reinstated in Pennsylvania National Guard	1
9 July 1916	Federal Service Mexican Border	1
27 February 1917	Mustered Out Federal Service	1
15 July 1917	Mustered into Federal Service World War I	1
11 October 1917	Redesignated Co A 112th Infantry	1
4 May 1919	Mustered Out Federal Service	1
18 November 1921	Reorganized as the 28th Military Police Co.	1
17 February 1941	Mustered into Federal Service World War II	2

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

28th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY reorganized to form the 28th MILITARY POLICE PLATOON per GO # 9, Par 3, dated 15 February 1942 Hqs 28th Infantry Division, Camp Beauregard, La.

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Notes: 1. Penna. Military Regulations #80, 1 March 1937 -
Subject: Histories and Records

2. Executive Order Number 8633, dated 14 January 1941.

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

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<u>STRENGTH</u>				<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>			
		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>EM</u>			<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>EM</u>
31 Jan	44	3	95				
29 Feb	44	3	115			0	+ 25
31 Mar	44	3	117			0	+ 2
30 Apr	44	4	116		+ 1	-	1
31 May	44	4	116		0		0
30 Jun	44	4	70		0	-	46
31 Jul	44	4	68		0	-	2
31 Aug	44	4	81		0	+	13
30 Sep	44	4	88		0	+	7
31 Oct	44	4	91		0	+	3
30 Nov	44	4	97		0	+	6
31 Dec	44	4	90		0	-	7
31 Jan	45	4	101		0	+	21
28 Feb	45	3	103		- 1	+	2
31 Mar	45	5	124		+ 2	+	21
30 Apr	45	4	120		- 1	-	4
31 May	45	4	131		0	+	11
30 Jun	45	4	76		0	-	45
31 Jul	45	4	104		0	+	28
31 Aug	45	4	104		0		0
30 Sep	45	4	91		0	-	13
31 Oct	45	4	102		0	+	11
3 Dec	45	0	0		- 4	-	102

(Unit inactivated 3 Dec 45)

NOTE: 3 Morning Reports, 28th M. P. Platoon

D. STATIONS (PERM. OR TEMP.) OF UNIT OR PARTS THEREOF

1	Mar 1941	---Arrive Indiantown Gap, Pa.	
9	Jan 1942	---Departed Indian Town Gap, Pa.	1
19	Jan 1942	---Arrived Camp Livingston, La.	
14	Jan 1943	---Departed Camp Livingston, La.	2
15	Jan 1943	---Arrived Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.	
5	Jun 1943	---Departed Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.	3
27	Jun 1943	---Arrived Camp Pickett, Va.	
1	Oct 1943	---Departed Camp Pickett Va.	4
2	Oct 1943	---Arrived Camp Myles Standish, Mass., Boston POE	
9	Oct 43	---Departed Camp Myles Standish, Mass., Boston POE sailed on Queen Mary.	5
15	Oct 1943	---Arrived England	
17	Apr 1944	---Departed Pembrokeshire, Tenby, Wales	
17	Apr 1944	---Arrived Camp Chiseldon, Wiltshire, England	
18	Jun 1944	---Departed Camp Chiseldon, Wiltshire, England	
18	Jun 1944	---Arrived South Hampton, England	
19	Jun 1944	---Departed South Hampton, England	
26	Jun 1944	---Arrived Omaha Beach, France	
		27 Jun 1944 to 5 Jul 1945 - Period of action against the enemy..	
6	Jul 1945	---Departed Kaiserlautern, Germany	
6	Jul 1945	---Arrive Camp Pittsburgh, Mourmelon, France	
17	Jul 1945	---Departed Camp Pittsburgh, Mourmelon, France	
17	Jul 1945	---Arrived Camp Old Gold, Fauville, France	
25	Jul 1945	---Departed Camp Old Gold, Fauville, France	
26	Jul 1945	---Arrived Le Havre, France POE	
26	Jul 45	---Departed Le Havre, France POE	
2	Aug 45	---Arrived Boston, Mass. USA	
4	Aug 1945	---Departed Camp Myles Standish, Boston POE	
6	Aug 1945	--- Arrived Camp Shelby, Mississippi.	

NOTES:

1. per WD Ltr 3 Jan 42, FO #1 Hq 28th Div, 6 Jan 1942
2. per FO #7, Hq 28th Inf Div 7 Jan 1944
3. per TWX WD FO #2, 8 May 1945
4. per TWX, XIII Corps Hq, dtd 18 Sept 1943
5. per MO Shipment 4010 Boston POE 19 Sept 1943.

D. STATIONS DURING ACTION

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23 Apr 44	Omaha Beach
24 Jul	Transit Area #4, France, Treveries, 3 mi SW
29 Jul	Agneaus, $\frac{1}{2}$ Mi W (vic St Lo)
31 Jul	La Deni Seire, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mi NW
2 Aug	La Tilandiers, $\frac{1}{4}$ Mi NE
3 Aug	Margueray, $\frac{1}{2}$ Mi NE
4 Aug	Courson, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mi NE
6 Aug	St Sever Calvados, 3 Mi SE
10 Aug	Champ du Boul, 1 Mi E
12 Aug	Gathemo, 1 Mi N
14 Aug	Sourdeval, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mi S
15 Aug	Ger, Mi SE
21 Aug	Barre, $\frac{1}{4}$ Mi NW
22 Aug	Beauche
23 Aug	Damville
24 Aug	Quittebeuf
27 Aug	Houdan
28 Aug	Versailles
29 Aug	Paris St Denis
30 Aug	Chatenay-en-France
31 Aug	Raray, 1 Mi W
3 Sep	Marest
4 Sep	Nizy le Compte
5 Sep	Wagnon, 1 Mi SW
6 Sep	Boulzicourt, 1 Mi E
7 Sep	Douszy, 1 Mi E
8 Sep	Florenville, Belgium
10 Sep	Habay la Neuve, 3 MI NE
11 Sep	Trois Vierges, Luxembourg, 2 Mi NE
4 Oct	Elsenborn, Belgium, 1 Mi NW
25 Oct	Rott, Germaay
19 Nov	Wiltz, Luxembourg
19 Dec	Sibret, Belgium
21 Dec	Vaus les Rosieres
22 Dec	Neufchateau
2 Jan 45	Charleville, France
17 Jan	St Marie aux Mines
1 Feb	Kaysersberg
4 Feb	Colmar
8 Feb	Rouffach
14 Feb	Toul
19 Feb	Sprimont, Belgium
21 Feb	Wahlerscheid, Germaay
8 Mar	Mulheim
17 Mar	Niedermendig
29 Mar	Frickhofen
10 Apr	Herzogenrath
23 Apr	Kaiserslautern

NOTES: 5. Taken from After Action Reports

E. CAMPAIGNS

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DATESPARTICIPATION DATESNormandy -- 6 Jun 44 to 24 Jul 4424 Jul 44

Purpose: To penetrate the enemies outer coastal defensive system in order to gain entrance to the continent of Europe from the West. The capture of the port of Charbourg, and the build-up of sufficient forces and material to enable the Allied Forces to break out from the beachhead.

Authority: ETO USA letter 16 Nov 1944, Subject: Battle Participation Awards Normandy Campaign No. 1.

NorthernFrance -- 25 Jul 44 to 14 Sept 4425 Jul 44 to 14 Sept 44

Purpose: To reach Germany, destroy the German Armies in France and to free the channel ports.

Authority: ETO USA letter 1 Dec 1944, Subject: Battle Participation Awards Northern France Campaign No. 1.

Rhineland -- 15 Sept 44 to 21 Mar 4515 Sept 44 to 21 Mar 45

Purpose: To clear the enemy from the west bank of the Rhine prior to a full scale drive into the heart of Germany.

Authority: ETO USA letter 28 Jan 1945, Subject: Battle Participation Awards Rhineland Campaign No. 1.

Ardennes -- 16 Dec 44 to 25 Jan 4516 Dec 44 to 17 Jan 45

Purpose: According to Colonel General Jodl, Chief of the Operations Staff of the German High Command, the objective of the attack was Antwerp. It was hoped that the overcast weather would neutralize Allied air superiority, and that an exceptionally rapid initial breakthrough could be achieved. The Allied aims were to frustrate it's purpose and remove the salient which it created in the LUXEMBOURG-BELGIUM area.

Authority: ETO USA letter 21 Jan 1945, Subject: Battle Participation Awards Ardennes Campaign No. 1.

CentralEurope --- 22 Mar 1945 to 9 Apr 194522 Mar 1945 to 9 Apr 1945

Purpose: To complete the destruction of the enemy in Europe by a final blow eastward through the plains of Western Europe.

Authority: ETO USA letter 21 Jun 1945, Subject: Battle Participation Awards Central Europe Campaign No. 1.

NOTE: 6. Biennial report of the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, 1 July 1943 to 30 June 1945 to the Secretary of War. Published by Simon and Schuster 1945.

F. BATTLES 7

<u>BATTLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAMPAIGN</u>	<u>FORCE ENGAGED</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Battle of Percy	29 Jul 44- 5 Aug 44	Northern France	Platoon	Supported Division in driving German 7th Army out of Normandy.
Battle of St. Sever-Calvados	6 Aug 44- 12 Aug 44	Northern France	Platoon	Supported Division in driving German 7th Army out of Normandy.
Battle of Gathemo	13 Aug 44- 14 Aug 44	Northern France	Platoon	Supported Division in driving German 7th Army out of Normandy.
Pursuit to the Siegfried Line	27 Aug 44- 11 Sep 44	Northern France	Platoon	Supported Division in driving Germans from France, Belgium & Luxembourg.
Battle of the Siegfried Line	12 Sep 44- 27 Oct 44	Rhineland	Platoon	Supported Division in breaking Siegfried line and holding off heavy counter-attacks.
Battle of the Hurtgen Forest	28 Oct 44- 18 Nov 44	Rhineland	Platoon	Supported Division in clearing the Hurtgen Forest which was very heavily defended.
Battle of the Our River	19 Nov 44- 18 Dec 44	Rhineland	Platoon	Supported Division in holding west wall positions.
Battle of the Ardennes	19 Dec 44- 3 Jan 45	Ardennes	Platoon	Supported Division in holding defense position against heavy enemy attacks and advances.
Battle of the Meuse River	4 Jan 45- 17 Jan 45	Ardennes	Platoon	Supported Division in holding defensive positions along the Meuse River.
Battle of the Colmar Pocket	18 Jan 45- 14 Feb 45	Rhineland	Platoon	Supported Division in holding and wiping out large enemy pocket.
Drive to the Rhine River	15 Feb 45-	Rhineland & Cen Europe	Platoon	Supported Division in clearing German forces from west side of Rhine.

NOTE: 7. After Action Reports.

G. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS

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William Fellman II	Major	29 Jul 44 - 12 Feb 45
Frank Koziak	Ist Lt	12 Feb 45 - 16 Mar 45
William T. Hill	Major	16 Mar 45 - 29 Mar 45

H. LOSSES IN ACTION

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Battle of the Ardennes - 19 Dec 44 - 3 Jan 45

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>PW</u>
Off.	0	0	0	0
W.O.	0	0	0	0
E.M.	0	3	26	0
Total	0	3	26	0

<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF CASUALTY</u>
33016382	Sgt	Charles R. Bruce	WIA
35096500	Pfc	Gilbert G. Kaske	WIA
33034132	Sgt	Frank H. McClelland	MIA
33028729	Sgt	Alex Wyshyvanuk	MIA
34150393	Cpl	Lousi J. Landrum Jr.	MIA
33022582	Cpl	Stephen Vajda Jr.	MIA
36607952	Pfc	Edward A. Biogus	MIA
36104924	Pfc	Charles F. Colbert	MIA
34044274	Pfc	Edward C. Chesney	MIA
39327565	Pfc	Kenneth J. Dagmn	MIA
13101682	Pfc	Joseph T. Fay	MIA
39315906	Pfc	Leon S. Geimer	MIA
32084816	Pfc	Joseph Goldberg	MIA
20306787	Pfc	Charles C. Jenkins	MIA
36382383	Pfc	WALTER W. Kidd	MIA
33011581	Pfc	George S. Klenzing Jr.	MIA
32247658	Pfc	Willard F. Mulhearn	MIA
20305420	Pfc	Vincent F. Mc Dermitt	MIA
33034142	Pfc	Steve Radnick	MIA
33022587	Pfc	George W. Sefick	MIA
33034191	Pfc	George W. Seifert	MIA
33034205	Pfc	Andrew Semen	MIA
35043028	Pfc	Floyd C. Smith	MIA
20300575	Pfc	Homer J. Taunton	MIA
33022540	Pfc	Thomas Tognelli	MIA
20301821	Pfc	Stanley W. Zinko	MIA
6288969	Pvt	Ernest E. Harrison	MIA
Unknown	Pvt	Alvin D. Holdcraft	MIA
<u>6 March 1945</u>			
34100957	Pfc	Claude Hyde	WIA

NOTES: 8. After Action Reports.
9. Battle Casualty Reports.

OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN RECOMMENDED FOR DECORATIONS

STILL PENDING

FRENCH AWARDS

CROIX DE GUERRE

Major	William T. Hill	0-884917
Pfc	Charles A. Whyms	36266317

LUXEMBOURG AWARDS

CROIX DE GUERRE

Pfc	Charles R. Finn	20300527
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