

HEADQUARTERS 1ST RANGER BATTALION
APO 302, U S Army

11 January 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Action against Enemy.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (thru Channels).

1. The following report of action against the enemy is made as required by paragraph 10, AR 345-105.

2. On August 19, 1942, a detachment from the 1st Ranger Battalion consisting of six officers and forty-four enlisted men, took part with British Forces in the raid on Dieppe, Occupied France.

The members of the detachment were attached to various British organizations as follows:

4 Officers and 36 EM attached to #3 Commando
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2 Officers and 4 EM attached to various units of 2nd Canadian Division.

The mission of #3 Commando was the capture and destruction of an enemy shore battery of six 6" guns at Berneval, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Dieppe.

The mission of #4 Commando was the capture and destruction of an enemy shore battery of six 6" guns at about 5 miles west of Dieppe.

The mission of the 2nd Canadian Division was the destruction of utilities and military installations in Dieppe and vicinity.

The landing of #3 Commando was delayed and disrupted by a flotilla of German E Boats. The landing craft were scattered and many boats did not land. The boats which did bring personnel ashore were met by heavy fire and many losses resulted.

The landing of #4 Commando was made without incident and troops moved out in good order. The landing was first discovered after the troops had advanced about 500 yards inland. The operation at the battery was severely opposed but opposition was overcome and the battery taken and the guns destroyed.

The main landing was heavily opposed, but troops made entry well into the town. It is not known to what extent the mission of the group was accomplished.

3. Missing in this action were:

2nd Lt Edwin V. Loustalot, O-395585, Co "B"
2nd Lt Joseph H. Randall, O-418342, Co "D"
Sgt Lloyd N. Church, 20705919, Co "A"
Sgt Albert T. Jacobsen, 37042277, Co "B"
Tech 4th Gr Howard M. Henry, 35125112, Co "E"
Pvt 1cl Walter A. Breshahan, 36131288, Co "B"
Pvt 1cl Edwin R. Furru, 20714853, Co "B"

Wounded in this action were:

Sgt John J. Knapp, 20706608, Co "C"
Pvtlcl Stanley Bush, 36102067, Co "F"
Pvt Erwin J. Moger, 36209900, Co "A"
Pvt Charles Reilly, 20253106, Co "E"
Sgt Kenneth G. Kenyon, 20709520, Co "C"
Tech 4th Gr Marcell G. Swank, 20706985, Hq Co
Pvt James O. Edwards, 33031650, Co "C"

4. The following men have since been reported to be prisoners of war at Prisoner of War Comp, Stalog VIII, Germany.

Sgt Lloyd N. Church
Sgt Albert T. Jacobsen
Pvtlcl Walter C. Breshahan
Pvtlcl Edwin R. Furru

WILLIAM O. DARBY,
Lt Col, 1st Ranger Bn,
Commanding.