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From Omaha Beach to POW , by Frank M. Wright, 4 September 2013

S/Sgt Frank Wright, native of Cambridge, enlisted in the Army October 1942. His unit, the 331st Infantry, 83rd Division, was sent across the English Channel to Omaha Beach relieving the 101st Airborne Division. After facing German artillery, 3 US squads were sent to Carentan to occupy the city. Within 2 hours, the heavy enemy fire had wounded or killed 31 of the 37 men in his platoon. The remaining members of Frank's Platoon were forced to surrender, beginning his long POW ordeal. They were moved from POW camp to POW camp, because the Allied troops were moving closer. Frank and his fellow POWs were liberated January 1, 1945 from a German camp in Poland by a Russian Tank Company. His is a remarkable story of will and determination, truly the hallmark of the Greatest Generation.