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66TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
12TH ARMORED DIVISION

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A.P.O. 262, U.S. ARMY

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division

In compliance with memorandum Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, 7 January 1945,
transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 66th Armored Infantry Battalion for the month of February.

For the Commanding Officer:

REMO C INNOCENTI
2nd Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

AFTER-ACTION REPORT (NARRATIVE)

1 February: Task Force (B/66, A/43, 1/B/92) moved from assembly area to billets in LA WANTZENAU, FRANCE on alert status to meet enemy counterattack on order. Remainder of unit continued maintenance, rehabilitation and training.

2 February: Continued maintenance, rehabilitation and training.

3 February: At 0220 battalion departed from MITTELHAUSBERGEN enroute to vicinity of SELESTAT (V7862), in compliance with Field Orders #6, Hq, CC-A. The march was greatly delayed due to excessive traffic. At 2100 battalion reached assembly area vicinity of HOUSSEN, FRANCE (Y734474), COLMAR Sht 37-18 1/30,000.

4-5 February: The battalion remained in assembly area awaiting orders to attack.

TROOPS

66th Armored Infantry Battalion (-C)

A/43rd Tank Battalion

Platoon Co B/92nd Cav Rcn Sqdn Mes

MISSION: To attack and seize the towns of HATSTATT (V675347) and OBERMORSCHWIHR (V673355) and be prepared to continue the attack.

PLAN: B/66 with A/43 attached attack and seize the town of HATSTATT. Co A 66th to seize OBERMORSCHWIHR.

OPERATION: Task Force moved mounted to attack position SOUTH of COLMAR and the attack was launched at 1657. The enemy situation was uncertain but it was known that some enemy troops occupied the high ground NORTH of the objective. Enemy resistance was light and both objectives were taken by 2130. Three tanks were knocked out by long range AT fire. The town of HATSTATT was not completely mopped up due to darkness but resistance had ceased and both towns were outposted and preparations were made to meet possible counterattack.

TROOPS

66th Armored Infantry Battalion (-C)

A/43rd Tank Battalion

Platoon Co B/92nd Cav Rcn Sqdn Mes

MISSION: Move SOUTH down main road to NORTH edge of ROUFFACH prepared to enter town at daylight.

PLAN: Send RCN troops SOUTH to determine presence and strength of enemy. Final plans to be based on their findings.

OPERATION: The remainder of B/92 joined the Task Force but remained under CC-A control. One platoon of A/92 was sent to the town of PFAFFENHEIM, one of OBERMORSCHWIHR and one to

ROUFFACH to determine if towns were occupied by the enemy and if so, to determine the strength; definite plans for remainder of operation to be based on findings of B/92. Task Force CP and CP of B/92 were established in HATSTATT and troops occupying HATSTATT and OBERMORSCHWEIHR were ordered to assemble and prepare to continue operation. Reports were received that PFAFFENHEIM and OBERMORSCHWEIHR were occupied by the enemy, but it appeared that the strength was not great. The platoon sent to ROUFFACH did not have time to definitely determine if the town was occupied.

Due to the length of time taken to pull in the outposts from the town just taken and get into formation with vehicles, Task Force #1 was ordered by CC-A to pass through Task Force #2 and continue on Task Force 2's original mission. Task Force #1 passed through HATSTATT at 050400. Task Force #2 was ordered to follow immediately behind Task Force #1.

Task Force #2 less Headquarters Company (-AG Platoon) which was left behind to mop up HATSTATT moved out at 050500 on order, Company B with B/43 attached, Company A/66 with AG Platoon in support. Towns of PFAFFENHEIM and OBERMORSCHWEIHR were passed through and no opposition was met. ROUFFACH was entered by Task Force #2, with slight opposition at 050630, followed immediately by Task Force #2.

6 February: Completed mop-up of ROUFFACH, outposted town, coordinated defenses with French Forces, and maintained patrols in woods to the WEST on HATSTATT-ROUFFACH highway to prevent enemy infiltration. Approx 60 PWs were taken during night of 5-6 February. Continued occupation and defense of OBERMORSCHWEIHR and PFAFFENHEIM.

7 February: Continued to outpost and patrol in section and to defend ROUFFACH, PFAFFENHEIM and OBERMORSCHWEIHR. Platoon of light tanks reinforced one infantry platoon in OBERMORSCHWEIHR.

8 February: The Batts Men with D/43 attached (one platoon attached to A Co and one to C Co) continued the defense of ROUFFACH and PFAFFENHEIM. C/66 rejoined the battalion and were used as combat patrols in battalion area of responsibility during the hours of daylight. C Co represented the battalion in parade held in COLMAR at 1100.

9 February: Continue defense of ROUFFACH and PFAFFENHEIM. At 1715 warning order was given to be prepared to move out of positions by 2400.

10 February: At 1800 D/43 was relieved from attachment to 66th AIB. At 1810 outposts were relieved and local security was set up in company areas. At 2045 battalion departed from ROUFFACH (V671289) via motor convoy in compliance with Operations Order #6, Hq 66th AIB.

11 February: The battalion moved from ROUFFACH, FRANCE at 102045, arrived LONGESVILLE Les St AVORD, FRANCE at 111445. A counter reconnaissance screen was set up consisting of one outpost at GR (196557) with mission of halting all vehicles during the night and all suspicious ones during the day, and a mounted patrol to patrol from BAMBIERSTROFF to FOLSONVILLER, contacting CC-B at BAMBIERSTROFF on the hour and the 92nd Reconnaissance at FOLSONVILLER on the half hour.

12 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: platoon problems.

13 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: platoon problems.

14 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: platoon problems.

15 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: platoon and company problems.

16 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: platoon and company problems.

17 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: platoon and company problems.

18 February: Maintained reconnaissance screen.

19 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

20 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

21 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

22 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

23 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

24 February: Continued reconnaissance screen.

25 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

26 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

27 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

28 February: Continued reconnaissance screen. Training: infantry and tank problems and small arms firing.

CASUALTY REPORT

Killed in Action	None
Died of Wounds	None
Battle Casualties	11
Non-Battle Casualties	74
Missing in Action	None
Casualties Returned to Duty	67

Change of Status Report for Month of January 1945

From Battle Casualties to Killed in Action	1 effective 20 Jan 45
From Mission in Action to Killed in Action	47 effective 16 Jan 45

/signed/

CLAYTON W WELLS
Lt Col, Infantry
Commanding

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

THE SILVER STAR

Tech Sgt Gabriel P Callahan awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 8, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Staff Sgt George W Carpenter awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 7, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

PFC Albert I Chayt awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 1, GO 18, Hq 12th AD, 12 Feb 1945

Staff Sgt Clarence J Danielson awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 7, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Staff Sgt Gilbert R Heine awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 8, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Staff Sgt Floyd J Lundien awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 7, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Tech Sgt Joe F Palmieri awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 5, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

PFC Bernie R Stewart awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 1, GO 18, Hq 12th AD, 12 Feb 1945

Cpl Peter A Sulli awarded "Silver Star." Auth: Par 1, GO 18, Hq 12th AD, 12 Feb 1945

The BRONZE STAR

Tech Sgt William M Asburry. Auth: Par 6, GO 18, Hq 12th AD, 12 Feb 1945

Staff Sgt Dweldon D Bardon. Auth: Par 9, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

PFC Julius Ommi. Auth: Par 9, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Tech 5th Grade Leonard W Forbes. Auth: Par 9, GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Capt Mitchell R Bowers. Auth: Par 10 GO 19, Hq 12th AD, 24 Feb 1945

Tech 3rd Grade Rowland V Wider. Auth: Par 6, GO 18, Hq 12th AD, 12 Feb 1945

Staff Sgt Stanley Schwartz. Auth: Par 7, GO 18, Hq 12th AD, 12 Feb 1945

OFFICERS ROSTER

Bancroft, John N	Captain	Innocenti, Remo C	2 nd Lt
Birsen, Paul M	2 nd Lt	Kaplitz, Sherman D	1 st Lt
Bruget, Chester M	WO (JG)	Kapp, Richard C	2 nd Lt
Burson, Douglas L	2 nd Lt	Kees, Joseph A	2 nd Lt
McDonald, Allen B	2 nd Lt	Kramer, James E	2 nd Lt
Chase, Wallace A	1 st Lt	Kowietkowski, Clarence	2 nd Lt
Christina, Frank P	Captain	McLees, William G	Captain
_____, Harold W	Captain	Moore, Ernest W	2 nd Lt
Cripe, Harold W	1 st Lt	Newman, Charles A	Captain
Day, Donald W	Captain	Parker, William M	WO (JG)
Dayton, Brady J Jr	Major	Payne, Alton B	WO (JG)
Derryberry, Henry O	Captain	Pollak, Fred A	1 st Lt
Evans, William J	Major	Pollak, Stanley E	1 st Lt
Fox, Ogden A	1 st Lt	Powers, Mitchell R	Captain
Ghormley, Lee F	2 nd Lt	Radichal, Arthur	1 st Lt
Hamilton, William T	Captain	Semzock, John W	1 st Lt
Holland, John L	2 nd Lt	Todd, James D	1 st Lt
Herrell, William H	1 st Lt	Walsh, Vincent	1 st Lt
Hagunin, Ansel E	2 nd Lt	Weeks, Howard B	Captain
Mahm, Kenneth K	1 st Lt	Wells, Clayton W	Lt Col
Huff, Glen E	2 nd Lt		

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED

Burson, Douglas L	2 nd Lt
Holland, John L	2 nd Lt
Huff, Glen E	2 nd Lt
Hagunin, Ansel E	2 nd Lt
Kapp, Richard C	2 nd Lt
Kowietkowski, Clarence	2 nd Lt
Moore, Ernest W	2 nd Lt

D.S. TO CC-R

Chase, Wallace A	1 st Lt
Evans, William J	Major

D.S. TO AGFT

Birsen, Paul E	2 nd Lt
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10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division

In compliance with memorandum Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, 7 January 1945, transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 66th Armored Infantry Battalion for the month of March 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

/signed/

REMO C INNOCENTI
2nd Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

AFTER-ACTION REPORT (NARRATIVE)

1 March: Conducted unit training and maintained reconnaissance screen.

2 March: Same as for the 1st.

3 March:

TROOPS

66th Armored Infantry Battalion (-B Co)

B/43rd Tank Battalion

Platoon A/119 Engineers

MISSION: To occupy the town of FORBACH and be prepared to repulse enemy counterattack from the north, northeast and northwest.

PLAN: A and C companies with one platoon of tanks in support each to occupy area as shown on overlay: one platoon co of tanks and one platoon of engineers to remain in reserve. Assault gun platoon and mortar platoon in position with fire plan prepared to support the rifle companies.

OPERATIONS: At 0700 66th AIOB, less B company, with B-43 and 2nd platoon of A company 119 Engineers attached, departed from Longeville, France billet area on tactical march to FORBACH, France via motor as 21st Corp Reserve. This element traveled 21 miles via motor. The tactical situation at that time so warranted that the unit was dismounted in vicinity of (Q410655) with vehicles moving on into assembly area vicinity of Oeting, France. Dismounted troops, A company leading, moved into FORBACH via main road. C company followed with heavy weapons displayed as shown on overlay. Battalion CP dismounted, moved into FORBACH, setting up operations in building located at (Q396655) at 1200. A and C companies from left to right set up defensive positions along railroad track from (388656) to (395680). At approx. 2115 C company with one platoon of B-43 attached moved out to take over area vicinity (403664) thereby relieving volunteer French company who had expended all available ammunition. This position was occupied by 2105 making contact with unit of 270th Infantry on the right flank and with A-66 on left flank. A Co extended right to make contact with D Co.

4 March: Continued to defend FORBACH and to defend against enemy counterattack: occasional artillery fire and continued on forward elements.

5 March: Continued to occupy FORBACH and to defend against enemy counterattack. Intermittent artillery and small arms fire received on forward elements throughout the day.

6 March: Continued to defend the town of FORBACH. Enemy counterattack reported but repulsed by elements of 274th Infantry.

7 March: Continued to defend the town of FORBACH. During the morning occasional heavy artillery shells fell in the area defended by our forward elements and in the afternoon occasional 88mm shells fell in same area. At 1115 Lt Col Wells departed enroute to Hq CC-A and returned at 1253. Col Hipple, 92nd Reconnaissance Sqdn, returning with him. Two patrols were dispatched at 1440 enroute to

Fleinrosseln, to determine the presence and strength of enemy. The patrols found the town to be occupied. The first patrol returned at 1730. The second at 1915.

8 March: Continued to occupy Forbach and defend against enemy counterattack.

9 March: Continued to occupy FORBACH and to defend against enemy counterattack. At 1130 operations order number 8, Hq 66th AIB was published, in compliance with instructions received from Hq CC-A, ordering Task Force 2 to cease operations and return to original billet area in Longeville, France. Operations ceased at 1500. The unit departed from FORBACH at 1540 and arrived in Longeville at 1700.

10 March: Care and maintenance of equipment.

11 March: Church services and police of battalion area.

12 March: Same as 10th.

13 March: Full field inspection by CO CC-A.

14 March: Conducted unit training.

15 March: Continued unit training including CX exercise by CC-A.

16 March: At 0800 operations order number 80 Hq CC-A was received:

TROOPS

66th Armored Infantry Battalion (-B)

B/43 Tank Battalion

MISSION: To close the billet area at Longeville Les Avord, France and move to checkpoint in Reseling, France and await orders.

PLAN: To remain in that vicinity awaiting further orders.

OPERATIONS: At 1010 66th AIB less B Co with B-43 and D-43 (-2 platoons) attached departed from Longeville, France enroute in Reseling, France (U094904) on tactical march via motor convoy. This task force traveled 30 miles dismounted and set up operations at the above coordinate, awaiting orders to advance to the east.

18 March: Tactical march from Reseling to Rumsfield awaiting orders.

19 March: Task Force 2 was divided at Bannholder, making Task Force 2 and Task Force 3; Task Force 2 following CC-R, Task Force 3 in Division reserve.

20 March: Task Force 2 followed CC-R; Task Force 3 continued as Division reserve.

21 March: Task Force 2 attacked toward MANNHEIM (5398) at 211135A. Small arms and mortar fire were encountered in the edge of LUDWIGSHAFEN (5098) and four tanks were knocked out by enemy AT fire. Task Force pushed forward to (475985). Elements of the 94th Division began at 211634 to move through Task Force. Task Force 3 attacked toward LUDWIGSHAFEN at 210900. Enemy resistance was

Encountered in the northern part of the town and nine half-tracks were knocked out by enemy AT fire. Company C/43 tanks was attached and the attack continued. Task Force pushed forward to (488013) where it was stopped by AT and SA fire. Elements of 94th Division moved through Task Force at 211645. Task Force held on position at close of period.

22 March: Task Force 2 was in support of 1st Battalion, 376th Infantry Regiment at LAMBSHEIM, Germany and was shelled by 15 cm guns. Task Force 3 supported the 376th Infantry Regiment by fire.

23 March: During the morning strong resistance was encountered; progress was slow. Task Force 2 was on its objective, Task Force 3 advancing to the south at close of period.

24 March: TROOPS:	<u>Task Force 2</u>	<u>Task Force 3</u>
	66 th AIB (-)	A/66
	B/43 Tank Battalion	C/45 Tank Battalion

Task Forces attached to battalions of 376th and 301st Infantry Regiments continued in LUDWIGSHAFEN against slight enemy resistance. City was declared clear at 240900 and CC-A relieved of mission with 94th Infantry Division at 0930. Relieved from attachment to 94th Division at 241200 and ordered to occupy LUDWIGSHAFEN. Reorganized Task Forces and moved in to occupy assigned area.

25 March: TROOPS:	<u>Task Force 2</u>	<u>Task Force 3</u>
	66 th AIB (-)	A/66 AIB
	C/43 Tank Battalion	B/43 Tank Battalion

Task Forces moved at 251300 from position in LUDWIGSHAFEN to assembly area vicinity KONIGSBACH (8831). Closed in new assembly area 251730. Route: LUDWIGSHAFEN, AGGERSHEIM, MAXDORF, BADDARKHEIM, assembly area vicinity GIMMELDINGEN.

26 March: Task Forces reconsolidated. TROOPS:	66 th Armored Infantry Battalion (-B, -D)
	C/43 Tank Battalion
	AG Platoon/43 rd Tank Battalion
	D/43 Tank Battalion

Conducted care and cleaning of vehicles and equipment, maintenance and rehabilitation.

27-28 March: Same as 26 March until 2130. At 2130 tactical march from GIMMELDINGEN across the RIVER RHINE arriving at checkpoint across the RHINE at 280830. Mission received to move east, clearing out enemy pockets. Light resistance met and repulsed. Task Force moved into RUMBACH.

29 March: Continued mop-up action east toward AMORBACH.

30 March: Continued mop-up action toward HOARDT.

31 March: Continued mop-up action east to WALDHUTTELHUM and occupied town at 1830.

CASUALTY REPORT

Killed in Action	18
Died of Wounds	None
Battle Casualties	68
Non-Battle Casualties	47
Missing in Action	13
Casualties Returned to Duty	28

/signed/

CLAYTON W WELLS
Lt Col, Infantry
Commanding

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10 April 1945

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

The awards and decorations report for the month of March 1945 is negative.

OFFICERS ROSTER

Wells, Clayton W	Lt Col	Pollak, Fred A	1 st Lt
Dayton, Brady J Jr	Major	Radichal, Arthur W	1 st Lt
Evans, William J	Major	Semsock, John D	1 st Lt
Bancroft, John N	Captain	Todd, James L	1 st Lt
Christina, Frank P	Captain	Walsh, Vincent	1 st Lt
Day, Donald W	Captain	Carder, Wesley S Jr	2 nd Lt
Fox, Ogden R	Captain	Canfield, Allen B	2 nd Lt
Gregory, Robert E	Captain	Eblen, Everett N	2 nd Lt
Hamilton, William T	Captain	Ghormley, Lee F	2 nd Lt
McLees, William C	Captain	Hager, Harvey R	2 nd Lt
Newman, Charles A	Captain	Holland, John L	2 nd Lt
Powers, Mitchell R	Captain	Innocenti, Remo C	2 nd Lt
Weeks, Howard L	Captain	Kapp, Richard C	2 nd Lt
Chase, Wallace A	1 st Lt	Kwiatkoski, Clarence	2 nd Lt
Cripe, Harold W	1 st Lt	Moore, Ernest W	2 nd Lt
Horrell, William H	1 st Lt	Palmieri, Joe F	2 nd Lt
Huhn, Kenneth K	1 st Lt	Bruget, Chester M	WO JG
Kaplitz, Sherman E	1 st Lt	Parker, William M	WO JG
Pollak, Stanley M	1 st Lt	Payne, Alton S	WO JG

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED

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Eblen, Everett N	2 nd Lt
Holland, John L	2 nd Lt
Kwiatkowski, Clarence	2 nd Lt
Moore, Ernest W	2 nd Lt
Palmieri, Joe F	2 nd Lt

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Evans, William J	Major
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For the Commanding Officer:

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REMO C INNOCENTI
2nd Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

AFTER-ACTION REPORT (NARRATIVE)

1 – 8 April: TROOPS: 66th AIB (-B & D)
 C/43rd Tank Battalion
 AG Platoon/43rd Tank Battalion

Continued mop-up mission from Waldhuttelhum, which was occupied on 31 March. At 011200 orders were received to attack and seize Nettstadt, Germany. Mission completed and occupied town by 1830. Continued occupation of NETTSTADT through 2 April. Tactical move from Nettstadt to vicinity Zella W operating patrols northeast across the River Main through the 4th. Continued the tactical movement from Zella W across the River Main at Warsburg on the 5th. Resistance was met on the 6th near Presselsheim. The Task Force dispersed, reduced the resistance, seized the town, reformed, continued the movement, meeting with light enemy resistance at Schwanfeld. Again this force dispersed, reduced the resistance, seized the town, reformed, continued the movement meeting with extremely heavy artillery time fire at Hergelshausen, forcing this Task Force to withdraw to Schwanfeld and reorganize. On the morning of the 7th enemy resistance was reduced and the town of Hergelshausen captured. At 1400 2/242 IR was attached. This Task Force occupied the town of Hergelshausen during the night 7-8, sent out reconnaissance patrols to Garstadt and to the north with the mission of locating enemy strong points and gun positions, then moved north seizing the high ground vicinity (734564).

7 April: TROOPS: 66th AIB (-B, C & D)
 C/43 Tank Battalion
 One platoon D/43
 One Platoon 692 TD

At 0400 orders were received for this Task Force to be relieved by the 2/242 IR and march from position (7543) and advance north to assembly area vicinity Zeiltzheim (8147). Slight enemy resistance was encountered in form of artillery and mortar fire. At 2300 operations order was received giving the mission of making reconnaissance during darkness to determine presence of enemy in Brunstadt (8448) and Altsheim (8551) and making report by 100600B.

10 April: At 0700 this force jumped off from Zeiltzheim (8247) and occupied Alitzheim (8651) against strong enemy resistance. This force was pinned down by direct enemy artillery fire during the greater part of the day. At close of period Alitzheim was occupied and outposted, with one company occupying and outposting unter-Spiesheim (8153).

11 April: TROOPS: 66th AIB (-C)
 C/43
 One platoon D/43
 One platoon A/692 TD

At 0230 B Company returned to the battalion. At 0545 this Task Force jumped off on attack from checkpoint 37 and pushed to objective northeast of checkpoint 58. Tank Company supporting attack became mired in swamp at (8356). Tanks were extracted from swamp and returned to our position at checkpoint 37 at 1730. Reconnaissance platoon was sent out to determine enemy occupation of (822571); patrol returned at 1245, mission successfully completed.

12 April: Shortly after Grettstadt surrendered, patrols were dispatched at 0800 and found that woods (8554) Burrfield, Sulsheim, Kleimrheinfeld and Bammradeff unoccupied by enemy. This Task Force moved to Sulsheim where it was stopped on orders from higher headquarters. D/66 relieved and attached to Task Force 1 at 1130.

13 April:	TROOPS:	66 th AIB (- C & D) C/43 Tank Battalion Btry C/493 AFA
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Tactical movement from Sulsheim to Geirol, no enemy resistance; outposted town.

14 April: At 1100 tactical movement from Geirol to Ober & Unter Lambach; no enemy resistance; outposted the towns.

15 April: Ober & Unter Lambach; conducted maintenance, rehabilitation and reorganization.

16 April: Tactical movement from Ober & Unter Lambach to Kmskirhan.

17 April: Task Force 2 initially in CC Reserve attacked south from Laggengann. Enemy small arms fire encountered in woods (O 2202) and (O 2399); resistance repulsed and town of Zastendorf (2396) was taken at 1903. At close of period TF in assembly area at Voigtsreichtenbach (T2396). Patrols dispatched to Ammerndorf (T2695) to demand surrender of enemy garrison.

18 April: Departed Voigtsreichtenbach at 1300 on tactical movement traveling until 1530, halting vicinity Helsbrown awaiting orders. At 1525 occasional 88 mm shells fell in vicinity of this checkpoint at the rate of one every 20 minutes. Departed from Helsbrown 1800, arrived vicinity Ansbach 2015; established bivouac and outposted town.

19 April: Tactical movement from vicinity Ansbach to Buchenbach.

20 April: This Task Force attacked south capturing Bogersbrown, Schopflech, Lehengutingen and Dinkelthal. At this time the force was momentarily stopped when the bridge was blown.

21 April: Proceeded on alternate route to seize Oberdorf and Reffingen. Oberdorf was captured and at close of day mopping up enemy snipers in Reffingen and clearing out a double roadblock and crater in the town.

22 April: Jumped off from Depfingen 0700 and advanced towards the Danube River via Bopfingen, Aufreusen, Vichelfeld, Obriffingen, Dorfmerkingen, Ohmenheim, Resingur, Frickingen, Omstalkingen, Anglingen, Domingen, Medingen, Leech, Lingsweiler, Schabringen, Consualitheim, and Dillingen, arriving at Danube River 1145 and because of the rapidity of this advance, this force was able to secure the bridge across the river intact. At close of period one platoon of tanks and one company of infantry were securing the bridgehead on the east bank.

23 April: Operated patrols in vicinity of Dillingen and defended bridgehead on east bank of the River Danube.

24 – 25 April: Same as 23rd.

26 April: Departed Dillingen on tactical movement and closed in assembly area Fienltehausen 2205.

27 April: Closed Maltenfingen (2038) at 270800B and prepared to defend bridges acting on report of Cavalry. TF dispatched patrol to Ettringen (1749) and liberated 2800 American, British and Australian PWs. Enemy resistance in town was reduced and new area occupied at 281445B. This Force occupied and outposted the town of Lamisburg.

28 April: Continued to occupy the town of Lamisburg west of river, until 1300. The force moved north on tactical mission towards Oberon.

29 April: Continued tactical movement towards Oberau until enemy resistance was encountered near the town. Enemy resistance reduced and force closed in assembly area in Oberon at 2120.

30 April: Continued occupation of Oberau.

CASUALTY REPORT

Killed in Action	38
Died of Wounds	0
Battle Casualties	165
Non-Battle Casualties	95
Missing in Action	5
Casualties Returned to Duty	86
NOC Died of Wounds	1
Missing in Action prior to April 45 – Returned to Duty	6

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CLAYTON W WELLS
Lt Col, Infantry
Commanding

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

Tec 5 James C Leitheiser "Distinguished Service Cross." Sec I, GO 133 Hq 7th Army 6 Apr 45
(Presented British Military Medal per Ltr, Hq 7th Army AG200.62 12 Apr 45 orders 21st Army Group)

Staff Sgt Lewis J Forensa "Silver Star Medal.: GO 28, Hq 12th Armored Division, 1 Apr 45

Sgt Edward E Volkmar "Bronze Star." GO 28, Hq 12th Armored Division, 1 Apr 45

OFFICERS ROSTER

Wells, Clayton W	Lt Col	Pollak, Fred A	1 st Lt
Dayton, Brady J Jr	Major	Radichal, Arthur W	1 st Lt
Evans, William J	Major	Semsock, John D	1 st Lt
Bancroft, John N	Captain	Walsh, Vincent	1 st Lt
Christina, Frank P	Captain	Blackwell, Harold	2 nd Lt
Derryberry, Henry G	Captain	Canfield, Allen B	2 nd Lt
Day, Donald W	Captain	Ferelis, Lawrence J	2 nd Lt
Fox, Ogden R	Captain	Ghormley, Lee F	2 nd Lt
Gregory, Robert E	Captain	Hager, Harvey F	2 nd Lt
Hamilton, William T	Captain	Hammond, Max C	2 nd Lt
Newman, Charles A	Captain	Holland, John L	2 nd Lt
Parker, Robert B	Captain	Innocenti, Remo C	2 nd Lt
Powers, Mitchell R	Captain	Kapp, Richard C	2 nd Lt
Birch, James L	1 st Lt	Kleineschmidt, C C	2 nd Lt
Chase, Wallace A	1 st Lt	Parker, William R	2 nd Lt
Cripe, Harold W	1 st Lt	Pavia, Joseph D	2 nd Lt
Hashenbacher, Arnold	1 st Lt	Postoni, Jack G	2 nd Lt
Herrell, William P	1 st Lt	Rago, Emile J	2 nd Lt
Haught, Joseph	1 st Lt	Swofford, Herschel	2 nd Lt
Kaplitz, Sherman E	1 st Lt	Willis, Daniel	2 nd Lt
Pollak, Stanley M	1 st Lt	Bruget, Chester	WO JG
		Payne, Elton	WO JG

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED

Derryberry, Henry G	Captain	Parker, William	2 nd Lt
Hashenbacher, Arnold	1 st Lt	Pavia, Joseph D	2 nd Lt
Haught, Joseph	1 st Lt	Postoni, Jack G	2 nd Lt
Blackwell, Harold	2 nd Lt	Rago, Emile J	2 nd Lt
Hammond, Max	2 nd Lt	Swofford, Herschel	2 nd Lt
Kleineschmidt, C C	2 nd Lt	Willis, Daniel	2 nd Lt

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Evans, William J	Major
Chase, Wallace A	1 st Lt

D.S. TDY

Dayton, Precy J Jr	Major
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SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division

In compliance with memorandum Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, 7 January 1945,
transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 66th Armored Infantry Battalion for the month of May 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

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REMO C INNOCENTI
2nd Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

AFTER-ACTION REPORT (NARRATIVE)

1 – 2 May

TROOPS: 66th AIB (-C & D)
C/43 Tank Battalion
One platoon D/43

Tactical movement NORTH from Oberau via Weilheim, Daffen arriving at Helskirchen 020700 and outposted town. No enemy resistance. Several prisoners captured. Reconnaissance patrols operated in vicinity of Helskirchen during the afternoon and night.