

494th Armored Field Artillery After Action Reports

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDER</u>	<u>ISSUED BY</u>
Major	William G. Raoul	25 December 1944	Silver Star	Par II, GO #9, dated 19 January 1945	Hq, 12th AD
Capt	David A. Hill, Jr.	25 December 1944	Air Medal	Par VII, GO #9, dated 19 January 1945	Hq, 12th AD
1st Lt	Maurice L. Glover	7 to 31 December 1944.	Air Medal	Par VI, GO #9, dated 19 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
1st Lt	Lester R. Johnson	7 to 31 December 1944.	Air Medal	Par VI, GO #9, dated 19 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
2nd Lt	Herman F. Nast	25 December 1944	Air Medal	Par VII, GO #9, dated 19 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
2nd Lt	Marquard C. Muller	2 January 1945	Bronze Star	Par VI, GO #11, dated 26 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
Lt Col	Harold M. Crawford	5 December 1944 to 20 January 1945	Bronze Star	Par VII, GO #11, dated 26 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
S/Sgt	Herman G. Gerber	7 December 1944 to 10 January 1945	Bronze Star	Par VII, GO #11, dated 26 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
Sgt	Joseph C. Peterson	7 to 27 December 1944.	Certificate of Merit	Par IX, GO #11, dated 26 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD
Sgt	William C. Smith	7 to 27 December 1944	Certificate of Merit	Par IX, GO #11, dated 26 January 1945	Hq, 12th AD
Sgt	Paul G. Swanson	7 to 27 December 1944	Certificate of Merit	Par IX, GO #11, dated 26 January 1945.	Hq, 12th AD

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494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. ARMY



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UNIT HISTORY
MONTH OF DECEMBER 1944

On the morning of 1 December this battalion was still enroute from Auffay (M204474) to vicinity of Luneville (V1483) where the Division was to assemble and prepare materiel and personnel for commitment on the Seventh Army front. Same date arrived at Baccarat Barracks (V2785) where preparation and maintenance was started.

Departed from Baccarat (V2785) on 5 December and moved into position vicinity of Waldhambach (Q6287). Battalion was attached to the 44th Infantry Division and reinforcing the 220th Field Artillery Battalion.

On 7 December the battalion was relieved from attached to the 44th Infantry Division and reverted to control of the 12th Armored Division.

A new CP was established outskirts of Rahling (Q622423) on 8 December and firing batteries moved into position to fire their first fire missions. During the day two battalion TOT missions were fired. Battery "A" fired harrassing missions throughout the night. On this date battalion was placed in direct support of Task Force, CC A.

On 10 December the battalion commander, Lt Col Harold M Crawford, flew his first combat mission and adjusted battalion fire on enemy artillery installations located in vicinity of Rohrbach (Q657499). Same date Battery "B" was displacing to a new position until 10 rounds of enemy artillery fire (believed to be 105mm) landed in selected position. Shell fragments hit the R0 half-track. Alternate position was selected to complete move.

Another displacement of the battalion was accomplished on 12 December by moving to Rohrbach (Q657499). From this position and at 2020 battalion fired their first rounds into Germany (Utweiler (Q683586) Germany, range 7600 yards).

Enemy harrassing fire, on 13 December, landed in battalion area killing one enlisted man from the 572 AAAW battalion, platoon of which was attached to this battalion. Same date battalion was placed in direct support of the 92d Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized.

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Unit History, Hq, 494th AFA Bn, Dec 44, Contd.

Results of propaganda projectiles fired on Eppingen, France, (Q695791) on 15 December were not found out.

On 17 December, 12th Armored Division, was relieved by the 80th Infantry Division. This battalion remained in position in direct support of the 714th Tank Battalion covering sector while change was made.

One ME 109 enemy aircraft flying over our position on 18 December afforded quite a target. A heavy barrage of ack-ack and machine gun fire chased the plane away from the area and firing only ceased when plane was lost in the low clouds.

This battalion released from 80th Infantry Division on 19 December and placed under control of CC B, 12th Armored Division still indirect support of 714th Tank Battalion. Battalion displaced to Hoelling (Q6852).

The Battery Commander of Battery "A", Captain Thomas E. Brassell, was slightly wounded in action (LWA) by shell fragments on 21 December while reconnoitering for an alternate gun position in vicinity of Urbach, France (Q701557). He was evacuated through 82d Medical Battalion to 11th Evacuation Hospital.

The following report is extracted from paragraph 4, XV Corps Daily Artillery Periodic Report Number 89, dated 25 December: --

"The Corps Artillery Commander received the following memorandum from the 12th Armored Division Artillery: 'The capture of 28 prisoners north of Epping Urbach (695791) by the 494th Armored Field Artillery Battalion as a result of TOT time fire 21 December 1944 is called to your attention.

Enemy was observed in and around fox holes in the battalion sector from the battalion OP by the battalion Executive Officer and "C" Battery Commander, who was acting as Liaison Officer to the 714th Tank Battalion, also by the air observer who sent in a fire mission at 1127. Battalion TOT was fired, good effect noted, another volley followed, and third TOT brought a group running to our lines to surrender. Two more TOTs followed.

In addition to the 28 prisoners captured by the 494th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 15 more ran to the 44th Infantry Division. Air observers counted 30 German killed outside their fox-holes and an undetermined number killed or wounded in their holes."

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Unit History, Hq, 494th AFA Bn, Dec 44, Contd.

Battalion was still in position vicinity of Hoelling (Q6852) on 25 December. The morning dawned, cold and misty, and it was not until 1000 that the liaison plane was able to take to the air. Captain David A Hill, the observer, with 1st Lt Maurice L Glover, as his pilot, had been flying for several minutes when passing over Utweiler, Germany (Q683586) he spied an enemy horse-drawn artillery column on the road moving south into Peppenkum, Germany (Q673605). Captain Hill's ensuing adjustment succeeded in driving the artillery off the road leaving one piece abandoned in a ditch. Close observation of the same road and the houses on north edge of Peppenkum (Q673605), revealed more German infantry and Captain Hill proceeded to fire successive concentrations up and down this road and to register with precision methods on houses known to contain Germans. Realizing that this large assemblage of Germans indicated a strong German counterattack, Captain Hill flashed all observed enemy actions to the battalion CP where the information was immediately relayed to higher units.

Another plane flown by 1st Lt Lester R Johnson with 2d Lt Herman F Nast as his observer, took to the air around noon to assist the other liaison plane, and allow it to gas up. These two officers took over the fires of the 494th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, while Captain Hill was given a battery of the 495th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Equally important missions were adjusted by Lt Nast and further information reported on the mounting enemy activity.

The battalion departed from Hoelling (Q6852) and established its new CP at Zetting (Q5653), being placed in general support of 44th Infantry Division reinforcing 156th Field Artillery Battalion. A fourth firing battery was formed in the battalion, Battery "D" by making use of our three forward observer M-4 tanks. Battery "D" proved to be quite a success, after a few problems were cleared up, and they helped to reinforce our fire power.

During the period spent near the Saar River at Zetting (Q5653) information coming in regarding enemy activities increased to quite a tempo. From all these indications it definitely pointed toward an enemy attack which later was launched at midnight on the 31st of December.

The morale of this battalion showed in many ways that it was high. The more rounds the gun sections could throw out at the enemy and the more missions accomplished by both air and ground observers brought greater satisfaction inspite of fatigue.

For the Commanding Officer:

Howard R. Gmelch

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1st Lt, FA

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		7 cont		BCs to destination. (Drulingen) Route of march, Baccarat - Luneville (IP at first cross road after we cross river in Luneville (Head of col to cross IP at 0815) Einville - Valhey - Arracourt - Mayenvic - E on GC 36 to Dieuze - Hersheim - Fenetrang - Pisdorff-Eschwiller - Weyer - Drulingen. Order of march A B Hq C & Sv. Btries leave on schedule with the Exec leading column.	
		8		One plat fr 895 AAA atchd to 494 at 1100	
		9		CO delayed on cross road for one and half hours because of passing col fr CCA. (1130-1300)	
		10		Bn closed in biv at Waldhambach (26287) Map of France 1:200,000 - sheet 57, Verdun-Missembourg at 1645 - Distance traveled approx 63 miles. Men of Bn Hq billeted in homes and insrtucted to await further orders.	
		11		<u>6 December 1944</u> CO and BC parties out at 0915 to reconnoiter new positions.	
		12		CO and BC parties ret'd to direct btries to new location at 1230.	
		13	1500	New CP established at Batten (26241 - Map of France - 1:200,000 - sheet 57 - Verdun-Missembourg) at 1500. Distance traveled 4 miles.	
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IN	OUT				
		14		Request to 220th FA ---- Air Obsr to register A Btry. Two rds (Ch 7) fired at BP at 66.9 - 48.3 --- Darkness hindered observation, rds lost.	
		15		CO to 220 FA CP at 1815 --- Retd at 2008.	
		16		<u>7 December 1944</u> CO left CP to reconnoiter new pos- itions at 0700. Retd to CP at 0830	
		18	1100	Exec, Div Arty to CO: (verbally) We revert to Div control im- mediately.	S T
		17		BC parties proceeded to new pos- ition at 1015.	
		19	1155	BC parties returned to CP upon order fr CO to await arrival of the Div. Div assembly area in vicinity of Rahling.	
		20		CO left CP to Ren new position in vicinity of Rahling at 1600. Retd to CP at 1715.	
		21		Password ----- Fifi-Mast	
		22		<u>8 December 1944</u> BC call at 0900	
		23		March order 1050. Btries move out by infiltration.	
		24		New CP opened at 0622423 at 1150. Distance traveled 5.3 miles.	
		25		AA Plat detached fr 494 at time of displacement 1100. - 15 -	SECRET

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IN	OUT				
		26	1230	S-3, Div Arty to S-2. (Verbally) The 494th is in general support of CCA.	S
		27	1310	B Btry registered on BP using 4th AD Air Obsr.	
		28		2nd Plat, D Btry 572 AA (2 Off & 56 E) attached to 494th.	
		29		Password --- Coffin-Varnish	T
		30		1st mission fired (TOT) fired at 2015 - In one volley. Target was road junction at 65.510-52.240 - Ch 7 - Mission accomplished.	
		31		2nd TOT mission fired at 0830 at 65.60-52.71, town of Guising.	
		32		A Btry selected to fire harrassing missions from 2200 to 0600, 9 Dec. Three guns were detached and moved to a different position to ac- complish mission.	
		33		<u>9 December 1944</u> Harrassing missions completed at 0600. 224 rds expended.	
		34		Password -- Congo-Buck	T
		35		CO left CP at 2030 for Div Arty and CCA. Retd at 0100, 10 Dec 44. Conference on morning attack to coordinate Corps Arty.	
		36		<u>10 December 1944</u> CO observed fr air and fired upon enemy arty installations located in vicinity of Rohrbach --- Coord 634550 0800-1010.	
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IN	OUT				
		37		Password --- Fox-Cossack	T
		38		C Btry displaced forward about 1000 yds at 0800.	
		39		B Btry displaced forward at 1000. RO H/T hit by shell fragments. Ten rds (believed to be 105mm) hit in selected position before btry moved in. Btry moved to an alternate position.	
		40		<u>11 December 1944</u> Password ---- Russo-Catt	T
		41		Exec went forward to reconnoiter for OP positions NE of Rohrbach (1400-1630)	
		42		<u>12 December 1944</u> Exec and RO section out to establish OP at 651504.	
		43		Password --- Zozo-Topp	T
		44		Hq Btry displaced at 1445 to Rohrbach (Q657499). Distance traveled approx 3.7 mi. Arrived at 1635.	
		45		Exec O & RO section ret'd to CP at 1650.	
		46		TOT mission fired one volley into Utweiler, Germany at 2020. Range 7600 yards.	
		47		CO left for CCB at 2030. Ret'd to CP at 2245.	
		48		<u>13 December 1944</u> Enemy harrassing fire (Believed to be 105mm) falling in Bn bivouac area. One man fr 572 AAAW atch'd to	

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IN	OUT				
		48 cont		494th. Killed by shrapnel at 1215.	
		49	1335	494th indirect support of 92nd Rcn Alerted to fire on any targets designated by FO's of the Rcn Bn	S
		50		Password: Bathan, Note	S T
		51		Harrassing fire 'intermittingly') landed in Bn area fr 2230 to 0330. 2 Rds hit approx 50 yds fro CP. Believed to be 150 mm No casualties.	
		52		Password Carmel-Catt	S T
		53		By arty btry firing harrassing missions located by Corps. Bn fired six volleys at same at 1855.	M
		54		<u>15 December 1944</u> Propaganda projectiles fired on Eppingen at 1045. 46 rds expended.	
		55		Password -- Lefty-Poco	S T
		<u>56</u>		Two enemy aircraft reported in vicinity at 1345.	S T
		57		S-2, Div Arty to CO:- Warning order: 494th remain in position in support of 714th Tk Bn Div Arty less 494th moves to rear afternoon, 16 Dec 44.	S T
		58		<u>16 December 1944</u> CG 12th AD to CO:- Opers Memo No 76: 80 Inf Div relieves 12th AD in present positions -- Eff 17 Dec 44.	S T
		59		<u>17 December 1944</u> Password -- Stork-Cordell	S T

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IN	OUT				
		60		Fired TOT on Epping-Urbach, un- observed. Requested by Corps. Fired on ey tanks. Observed by In Plane.	
		61		<u>18 December 1944</u> Bn harrassed by ey Arty fire fr 0620 to 0700. 1st battle-casualty: DCW at 0745, Henry S. Urban of B Btry.	
		62		Me 109 flying SW over Rohrbach at 1145. Fired on by AA weapons.	
		63		Password --- Locksley-Hall	S T
		64	1515	Bn Atchd to 80th Inf Div for general support.	S
		65		<u>19 December 1944</u> 494th in CCB in direct support of 714th Tk Bn. Released fr 80th Inf Div control at 1330.	S
		66		Bn displaced at 1545. Arrived at Hoelling (Q681526) at 1630. Dis- tance traveled 4.9 miles.	
		67		Password -- Pianissimo-Bolo	S T
		68		FO #1 sent to 714th Tk Bn at 1700	
		69		In O (S-1) sent to 92nd Rcn Bn at 1745.	
		70		<u>20 December 1944</u> Exec firing at ey Inf installations Observed fr OP located at Q562702 (1000-1600)	M S
		71		Password -- Stock-Nett	S T
		72		CCB took obj (high ground in vic of Utweiler)	M T

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IN	OUT				
		73		CO & BCs left to reconnoiter for alternate positions in vicinity of Q 695555 (Urbach) at 0900.	
		74		Capt Thomas A. Brassell, BC A Btry LIA at 1055. Evacuated to Co B 82nd En. Later evacuated to 11 Evac Hosp.	
		75		Billeting party ret'd at 1130.	
		76		Password -- Sardina-Santa	S T
		77		<u>22 December 1944</u> Password --- Flock-Sell	S T
		78		En fired at combat targets during the day observed by Air Obsr and from OP. Defensive fires during the night-- unobserved.	
		79		<u>23 December 1944</u> Password -- Gaz-Litvinoff	S T
		80		<u>24 December 1944</u> CO & BC parties out to reconnoiter for alternate positions in vic of Zetting at 1400. Ret'd to CP at 1905	
		81		Password -- Lapel-Belt	S T
		82		<u>25 December 1944</u> Password -- Desk-Tack	S T
		83		Exec And C Btry BC left CP at 0945 to establish an OP.	
		84		Exec Lwa by mortar fire at 1700 while conducting fire from OP at advancing ey. Ret'd to CP at 1800 Did not require hospitalization.	
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IN	OUT				
		85		Bn left Hoelling at 0630. Order of march A, Hq, B & C. Arrived at Zetting (3562534) at 0840. Distance traveled 22 miles.	
		86		494th in general support of 44 Inf Division.	S T
		87		Ln O (S-1) sent to 217th FA Bn. Ln O sent to 44th Div Arty 1300.	
		88		<u>27 December 1944</u> Password -- Khaki-Splendide	S T
		89		Relieved fr 44th Inf Div control at 1330. Awaiting further orders fr 12th AD in present position.	S T
		90		In Os recalled to Cp at 1400.	
		91	1900	<u>28 December 1944</u> Div Arty to CO:- Be prepared on six hours notice.	S T
		92		CCB representative to CO :- (Verbally) at 1345. 12th AD atchd to 21st Corps as of 27 December 1944.	S
		93		Password -- Rabat-Mix	S T
		94		CCB to CO thru Ln O (S-1):- All previous instructions received regarding our six hour alert and displacement to assembly area in vicinity of Goerlingen is recinded. Bn to remain in present position in general support of 44th Inf Div -- reinforcing fires of 156 FA Bn.	

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IN	OUT				
		97		<p>S-3 Resume:</p> <p>Bn, after notified to ret to 12th AD, remained in position awaiting orders. Morning of 28 Dec OPs were manned as usual. A, B & C Btries were registered on check Pts between 1000 and 1035 by air obsr. At 1116 to 1155 FO Fired at ey in house and stopped because of visibility. Fired again at same target between 1416 & 1438. (Conc #44) Fired to register Dog Btry during morning but failed due to poor visibility. Registered Dog Btry between 1525 & 1620 by CO fr plane. Fired Two TOTs, one at 1731 on veh and one at 1750 on ey activity. Both missions fr 156th Fa Bn.</p>	
		98		<p>S-2 Resume:-</p> <p>Undetermined number of Tks and Inf assembling and waiting for re-inforcements at Habersheim with two objectives in view; Felpersweiller and Frauenberg: by PW interrogation at 2200.</p>	
		99		<p>29 December 1944</p> <p>Password -- Cheragass-Force</p>	S T
		100		<p>Bn fired three TOTs and A Btry fired harrassing missions during night 28-29 Dec. Fired TOT on Reinheim as requested by 156th FA Bn at 0900 At 1004 fired WP on Reinheim with Corp TOT. At 1428 air obsr adjusted on house (Conc #44) --Recd target hits but failed mission. Requested 155 fire fr 182nd FA Bn.</p>	
		101		<p>S-2 Resume:-</p> <p>Ey situation unchanged. Ey Inf still adopted a defensive attitude No marked increase in number of Inf or veh. No counter-battery shell reports on Bn front.</p>	

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IN	OUT				
		102		<u>30 December 1944</u> S-3 Resume:- Bn remained in general support and fired three TOT missions during the day. They were fired at ey pers and veh in woods at request of air obsr and 156 FA Bn. Dog Btry registered on Ck Pt in the afternoon and will fire harrassing missions during the night.	
		103		<u>31 December 1944</u> Password -- Balony-Not	S T
		104		S-3 Resume:- B and D Btries fired harrassing fires between 0600 & 0800. Bn fired 4 TOTs consisting of targets against ey pers, and a Corps TOT at 1530 at 1530 requested by 156 FA Bn. Obsr firing A Btry had to give up because he could not obsv. A Btry was adjusted on their normal barrage for night.	
		105		S-2 Resume:- No change in front lines. Ey cont to assume a defensive attitude. Only in a few instances did our observers actually see any ey pers or veh. In these instances it was observed in vicinity of Neid-Gailbach (2613592). No shell reports in our Bn area.	
		106		Supplement to Entry No 97: Dog Btry is composed of three (3) FO Tks of Hq Btry armed with 75 mm guns.	
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MISSION	TIME		TYPE	A/C No.	REMARKS
	IN	OUT			
DATE: 7 Dec 44					
1	0830	0930	Rcn	4480147	PLACE: Waldhambach (Q6287) Lt Maurice L Glover and Lt Howard R Gmelch; 1 hour rcn at front lines.
2	1035	1135	Rcn	4480155	Lt Lester R Johnson and Lt Gmelch; 1 hour rcn of front lines.
3	1145	1300	Rcn	4479944	Lt H. Martin and Lt Herman F Nast; 1 hour rcn of front lines.
DATE: 8 Dec 44					
1	1420	1540	Adj of Fire	155	PLACE: Waldhambach Lt Johnson and Lt Nast; Registered roving platoon on CP. Successful.
2	1605	1640	Adj of Fire	155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast; Registered Bn on BP. Mission successful.
DATE: 9 Dec 44					
1	0930	1045	Adj of Fire	155	PLACE: Rahling (Q6242) Lt Johnson and Captain James W Hudson; Registered Bn on BP. Mission successful.
2	1330	1430	Rcn	155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast; 1 hour rcn of front lines.
3	1430	1530	Rcn	155	Lt Glover and Lt Nast; 1 hour rcn of front lines.
4	1615	1645	Adj of Fire	155	Lt Glover and Lt Nast; Adj Bn on enemy MG in barracks.
DATE: 10 Dec 44					
1	0900	0800	A	147	PLACE: Rahling. Lt Glover and Lt Col Harold M Crawford Adjusting fire on counterbattery
2	1000	0900	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Col Crawford; Adjusting fire on counterbattery.
3	1110	1000	B	155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast; Front line rcn
4	1340	1220	A	147	Lt Glover and Captain David A Hill: Adjusting Corp Arty and Rcn.
5	1600	1420	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adjusting fire on tanks and enemy AA.
6	1615	1510	B	155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.

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DATE: 11 Dec 44				
1	1035	0935	B 155	PLACE: Rahling. Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.
2	1210	1030	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj of fire of bn.
3	1425	1315	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.
4	1430	1330	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj of 8" howitzer on pillbox.
5	1530	1430	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn Adj of fire.
6	1635	1530	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn adj of fire on targets.
DATE: 12 Dec 44				
1	1520	1420	B 155	PLACE: Rahling. Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Rcن of front lines.
2	1640	1530	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Registered Bn on BP.
DATE: 14 Dec 44				
1	1100	1000	B 147	PLACE: Rahling. Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Front line rcn.
2	1200	1100	B 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Front Line rcn.
3	1610	1445	A 155	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill: Bn Adj of fire and front line rcn.
DATE: 15 Dec 44				
1	1015	0900	B 155	PLACE: Rahling. Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn. Located front lines of unit on our left flank.
2	1500	1330	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn adj.
DATE: 16 Dec 44				
1	1120	1010	B 155	PLACE: Rahling. Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.
2	1530	1400	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: BP registration and adj on 3 Mark IV tanks.

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DATE: 17 Dec 44				PLACE: Rahling.
1	0940	0830	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn
2	1125	1000	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Adj on enemy tanks
3	1245	1145	B 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Front line rcn for S-2.
4	1405	1300	B 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Frant line rcn for S-2.

DATE: 21 Dec 44				PLACE: Rahling.
1	1140	1030	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn BP Adj.
2	1230	1115	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn & adj of bn on enemy.
3	1310	1200	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn TOT on enemy doughboys.
4	1520	1415	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.
5	1645	1500	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn Adj on enemy doughboys.

DATE: 22 December 44				PLACE: Urbach (Q7055)
1	1110	1000	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn Adj on BP & time corrector.
2	1230	1120	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn registered TOT on Enemy doughboys; some killed, some surrendered.
3	1300	1200	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn, no targets.
4	1515	1330	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Bn Adj on Enemy infantry in foxholes. Four prisoners out of foxholes herded by Cub into our lines.
5	1600	1450	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn for S-2 info and targets.

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DATE: 23 Dec 44				
1	1000	0900	A 147	PLACE: Urbach. Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj Btry on enemy Inf in fox holes, Div Arty patrol.
2	1115	1010	B 147	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.
3	1235	1130	B 147	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Front line rcn.
4	1400	1300	B 147	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Div Arty patrol.
5	1630	1530	A 147	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Adj of tankers.
DATE: 24 Dec 44				
1	1145	1100	A 147	PLACE: Urbach. Lt Glover and Capt Clayton: Adj of tankers & firing tanks on Germans.
2	1415	1310	B 155	Lt Johnson and S Sgt McDougal: Rcn and patrol.
3	1600	1445	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Landau: Rcn & patrol.
4	1500	1330	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Lester Gorenstein: Adj tanks, also adj arty on enemy OP.
DATE: 25 December 1944				
1	1200	1045	A 147	PLACE: Urbach. Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Discovered enemy moving arty in for counter attack and started adj on same.
2	1330	1210	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Contd adj on enemy moving into position.
3	1500	1345	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Requested Corps Arty to adj on CP. It was refused, adj Bn on CP should have been large guns.
4	1650	1510	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Lots of enemy troops and vehicles seen in another town. Requested Corps Arty, was refused, adj Bn on this town.
5	1430	1345	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Adj on enemy.
6	1535	1445	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Adj Bn on enemy.
7	1645	1545	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Contd adj bn on enemy,

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	IN	OUT		
DATE: 27 Dec 44				PLACE: Zetting. (Q5653)
1	1340	1210	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj Bn on BP
DATE: 28 Dec 44				PLACE: Zetting
1	1145	1000	A 155	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill: Adj Bn on BP, mission successful.
2	1445	1340	A 155	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill: Adj tank platoon on BP. No adj obtained.
3	1630	1500	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Col Crawford: Adj tank platoon on BP. Mission accomplished.
DATE: 29 Dec 44				PLACE: Zetting.
1	1310	1205	B 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Front line rcn and patrol. No activity observed.
2	1550	1410	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adjustment of Corps Arty on cement house, mostly destroyed.
DATE: 30 Dec 44				PLACE: Zetting.
1	0935	0830	B 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Rcn and patrol.
2	1030	0945	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast: Adj Bn on Germans
3	1340	1210	B 155	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: S-2 info & patrol.

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Walter, Harry C	1st Lt	01182296	Bn Ren O
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Zanetta, Joseph A	1st Lt	01167708	BC & Asst S-3
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Lewis, Eugene C	2d Lt	01182172	Fwd Obsr
Masland, Frank E, III	2d Lt	0522811	Fwd Obsr
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Hill, Russell W	2d Lt	01180951	Ren O
<u>Battery C</u>			
Moulder, James H	Capt	01167549	Btry Comdr
Flanagan, Albert B	1st Lt	01180894	Exec
Muller, Marquard C	2d Lt	01182201	Maint O
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494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
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NARRATIVE UNIT HISTORY



At the beginning of this period the Battalion was reinforcing fires of the 156th Field Artillery Battalion, 44th Infantry Division, with the Battalion Command Post at Zetting, Q5653. On 1 January, between the hours 0001 to 0600, 1507 rounds were expended during an enemy counterattack. At 0642 Battery A fired the 10,000 round since the battalion had been in combat. By morning the counterattack, which was believed to be an attempt by the enemy to catch the American forces in a New Year's Eve celebrating mood, was repulsed and during the day enemy activity decreased.

Word was received from Seventh Army Headquarters, 2 January, that a coordinated attack was expected at 1200 along the entire Allied front. First signs of an attack came at dark (1800). The Battalion fired 7 TOT's, neutralization and destruction missions against elements of the enemy which had made penetrations along the 44th Infantry Division's sector.

During the period 3d to 6th of January, this Battalion continued firing against hostile elements including infantry in the open and in buildings and machine guns in the woods. Front lines were also marked with colored smoke for air support.

While working with the 253d Infantry Battalion, on 5 January, the Battalion Commander, Lt Col Harold M. Crawford and Battery Commander, Battery A, Captain Lawrence A. Gobeille, preceded I, K and L Companies into the town of Gros Rederching, Q6253, and took 4 prisoners of war.

The Battalion was relieved from the 44th Infantry Division to rejoin the 12th Armored Division the 7th of January. Departed from Zetting at 0830 and proceeded through the Saverne Gap, Q7117, to assembly area at Mommenheim, Q9317. After arriving in area the Battalion was assigned the mission of direct support of Combat Command B, 12th Armored Division. Same afternoon the Battalion moved and occupied positions in vicinity of Weyersheim, R0513.

The Battalion Command Post moved to Bischwiller, R0918, still maintaining the same mission. During the day the Battalion inflicted enemy casualties by observed fire missions and destroyed enemy materiel in vicinity of Herrlisheim, R1214. As a result of intensive artillery fire of this Battalion and other artillery of the Division, the town of Herrlisheim blazed fiercely throughout the night. Corporal Robert W. Drescher, while accompanying 2d Lt Russell W. Hill, both of Battery B, was seriously wounded by an Artillery shell fragment dying of wounds received.

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The 9th and 10th the Battalion continued to support attacks on Herrlisheim. Battery Commander, Battery C, Captain James H. Moulder was wounded in action at Herrlisheim on 10th January and had to wait until darkness to be evacuated by light tank. During the day our air observers adjusted fires with good effect on infantry dug in and 88's, scoring direct hit on one 88.

The Battalion Command Post was moved to the northwest part of Bischwiller on 11th of January. Same date one platoon of tanks from the 714th Tank Battalion was attached to this Battalion for operations.

On the 13th of January 1st Lt Lester R. Johnson was slightly injured in a liaison plane crash. His motor cut off while taking off on an air mission. During the day most missions were adjusted by air observers, from the 493d and 495th Armored Field Artillery Battalions. E Troop, 92d Reconnaissance Squadron (8 assault guns) and Company A, 83d Chemical Battalion, less one platoon, was attached to this Battalion for reinforcement of fires and operations.

That afternoon the Battalion Commander, while acting as air observer, registered our Battalion, the 975th Field Artillery Battalion (155 howitzer) and 8 inch howitzer battalion from VI Corps. Commanding Officer registered the 975th Field Artillery Battalion on church steeple in Herrlisheim which was being used as an enemy observation post. Satisfactory results were not secured and request was made to adjust 8 inch howitzer on same target. Several direct hits were scored on the tower. Simultaneously tanks were observed in vicinity and fired on by 975th Field Artillery Battalion. Two tanks were destroyed but the church steeple was left standing but burning fiercely. A few hours later, the same afternoon, a report was received from VI Corps Sound Base that the church steeple finally collapsed.

On the 15th of January 2270 rounds were expended in harrassing missions, prepared concentrations against enemy activity and barrages.

1st Lt Hugh Robinson, Battery C, was wounded in action by small arms fire and 2d Lt Herman F. Nast (air observer) was seriously wounded in action when a 20mm anti-aircraft shell hit the plane on the 16th of January. Our Battalion continued to support the infantry and tanks in the attack on Herrlisheim and succeeded in neutralizing anti-tank fire there. Estimated large number of enemy casualties and dead from our concentrations.

On the 17th of January, after a rather quiet night, we fired artillery preparations for an attack. Through out the day our Forward Observers adjusted fire to silence small arms and machine gun fire. During the evening the Battalion fired heavy smoke concentrations along grade crossing north of Herrlisheim to enable our troops, tanks and infantry to withdraw from sector and across the canal.

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1st Lt Harry C. Walter was slightly wounded in action on 18th of January by enemy flak while observing from the air.

Battalion established new Command Post at Geudertheim, R0113, 21 January. Battalion was placed in direct support of 4th Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division, reinforcing fires of 133d Field Artillery Battalion.

Technician Fifth Grade Calvin M. Cauley, while acting as a member of a liaison party on front lines, was killed in action by direct hit on half-track that he was driving on the 22d of January. Battery C received artillery fire in their position which resulted in killing two battery personnel and wounding eight.

The artillery of the 14th Armored Division relieved our artillery on 23 January and occupied our positions. The Battalion then displaced to Eckwersheim, Q9709, not going into firing position. Following day the Battalion displaced to positions in vicinity of Vendenheim, R9908.

New Command Post was established vicinity of Strasbourg, V9896, on the 25th of January. Battalion was put in direct support of 159th Infantry Regiment (French) and Alsace-Lorraine Brigade. From that period to the end of the month, mission remained unchanged.

Harold M. Crawford
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Lt Col, FA
Comdg



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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		1		Password: Poll-Tex	S T
		2		Mission unchanged. Still rein- forcing fires of 156 FA Bn. IN 6 and FGS sent to 156 FA for their control; equipped with 610 radio.	
		3		S-3 Summary:- Fr 0001 to 0600, 1507 rds were expended during ey counter- atk. During the day the firing btries displaced to new positions and registered on new BP & Ck PT. Fired 4 TOTs, 11 harrassing and neutralization missions with good effect. At 0642, A Btry fired the 10,000th rd since En has been in combat.	
		4		S-2 Summary:- Beginning at approx 2300, 31 Dec 1944, Ey launched a counter- attack, cont throughout the night. Spearheads of atk reached pts at 06456. Early in the morning, 1 Jan Ey was repulsed. Msgs were re- ceived that enemy would try atk on RDLING. Several paratroopers were captured plus P/ls fr atk; revealed that air support would accompany atk. (None was observed) As day progressed Ey action decreased.	

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	* ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		4 cont		Beginning of night, similar msgs were recd regarding the oncoming Ey attack. Ey capabilities:- Can atk with possible 5 Divisions on this Div Zone.	
		5	1120	<u>2 January 1945</u> 7th Army to CO: (Thru Channels) Coordinated atk expected at 1200 this date on entire Allied Front.	S T
		6		Password: Mock-Pelt	S T
		7	1845	In O (S-1) recalled fr 217th FA. Requested to report to 12th AD Artillery as soon as practicable.	
		8		S-3 Summary:- Bn fired 7 TOTs, 1 colored smoke to mark "Bomb Lines" for P-47s, 19 missions (harrassing), neutralization & destructive again- st counter-attack. Later counter-atk on right flank called for barrages.	M S
		9		S-2 Summary:- Ey situation during morning was quite static. Bn received msg that a coordinated atk of the Ey was expected at 1200 but did not materialize until approx 1800-1900. Ey atkd on 3rd Bn front of 253rd Regt. Ey made penetrations to Q611549 - Q620540- C Co of 71st was reported cut off by German patrol. Ey front line on 253rd front approx 300 yds S of RR fr Q610551 to Q626537 at 2300.	M S
		10		<u>3 January 1945</u> Password:- Mask-Partisan	S T
		11		S-3 Summary:- Fired 5 TOTs, 2 AT, 15 neutralization, 1 harrassing & 3 interdiction missions -- a total of 1346 rds expended. ----- Effects good. Most of targets were Inf in open, houses	

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IN	OUT				
		15		<u>5 January 1945</u>	
				CO to join LN O (A Btry BC) at 253rd Inf Bn - Co K CP at 0800.	
		16		Exec O to 156 FA Bn CP at 1500 to get the latest situation.	
		17		Password:- Franco-Dock	S T
		18		CO ret'd to CP with interesting fact discovered upon his entry into GROS REDERCHING. The CO & LN O preceded I, Y, & L Cos into the town and took four prisoners. After brief questioning they were turned over to the Inf.	
		19		Exec O ret'd to the CP at 1715.	
		20		S-2 Summary:- Ey front lines at close of the period on our front Q600555 - Q605550 - Q612540 - Q617531 - Q622522. Ey action was confined to Ey patrols and MGs. Most Ey action was centered around BELLEVUE FARM (Q614549. MORONVILLE FARM (Q633550). Four Ey veh appeared early in the afternoon at Q630553. They were the only veh seen during the day. In general the Ey appeared to have no large force in the vicinity.	
		21		S-3 Summary:- Bn remained in General Support with obsr and LN Os out. During the morning air obsr fired on MGs in vic Q630565 & Q622564. He then registered on BP and afterwards fired on tk in same vic. The tk did not move, therefore the results are not known. Other targets were selected by air obsr and fired upon. They included MGs, Ey pers, and again on BELLEVUE FARM. In the afternoon the air observer was active and fired several missions against tks, veh, and house in vic Q599566. This mission was not accomplished.	

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		21 cont		A tk advanced on BP fr NE and fired on our front line troops. We fired Precision Fire on the tk -- No direct hits but the fire was close enough to cause him to retreat. During the day the Bn fired 4 TOTs, 9 missions for supporting units including unobsr fire and series of targets, 23 were air obsr -- two of which were BP adj. During the day we expended 841 rds.	
		22		<u>6 January 1945</u> CO to reconnoiter for new positions at 1200 in vic of Wiesviller and Woelfling.	
		23		Password:- Encore-Academy	S T
		24		CO ret'd to CP at 1340.	
		25	2030	CG 12th AD to CO (Thru Div ARTY, 44th Inf Div) Tp msg. Bn alerted to rejoin 12th AD at 2000. Remain in present position and await further orders.	
		26		CO to Div Arty, 44th Inf Div at 2230.	
		27		Asst S-3 and route marking party to meet CO at 44 Inf Div, Div Arty. Party left CP at 2300.	
		28		CO to Exec (tp msg) at 2317. Alert Bn to be ready to displace at 0830 tomorrow morning. Meet elements of CCB in assembly area in HOCHFELDEN	S T
		29		Information regarding movement disseminated to all bttries -- Route of march --- SILTZHEIM * HERBITZHEIM KEKASTAL * SARRE UNION - GUNZWILLER - DRULINGEN - METTING - PHALSEOURG - SAVERNE - DETTWILLER - HOCHFELDEN.	

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		29 cont		Order of March -- C, Hq, A & B. Sv Btry to meet us in SAVERNE.	S T
		30	2400	IN Os and observers ordered to report back to CP as soon as relieved. (Notified by radio and telephone)	
		31		S-2 Summary:- Little action on our front. The front lines remain unchanged.	
		32		S-3 Summary:- The Bn remained in General support. The day's activity was started at H-10 by firing a series of concentrations prepared for H hour (0800) During the day various missions were requested by 156th FA or observers. Most of these were in the vic of BELLEVUE and BRANDELFINGENHOFF FARMS and extend- ing to a radius of approx 2000 yds. A Btry fired several concentrations with Posit Fuze with excellent effects. They were "on call" missions in the Q6254, Q6255, and Q6356 grid sqs. No air observation during the day. Veh knocked out at Q597562 (2) on 2nd 'fire for effect'. A total of 832 rds were expended between 0600 and 1800.	
		33		<u>7 January 1945</u> IN Os and observers ret'd to Cp at 0820.	
		34		Bn relieved fr General Support of 44 Inf Div to rejoin 12th AD at 0820.	
		35		Bn displaced fr ZEMTING as scheduled. Exec leading column.	
		36		Bn stopped for 1½ hrs at MORCHHEIM (1430-1600) to await further orders.	
		37	1520	CCB to CO (verbally):- Bn in direct support of CCB.	

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		37 cont		CCB, in turn, is in General Support of 79th Inf Div.	
		38		Password:- Act-Elimp	S T
		39		CO and BC parties out to reconnoiter for btry positions in vicinity of WEYERSHEIM at 1600.	
		40		Bn alerted to move out at 1625 to new positions.	
		41		New Cp established at WEYERSHEIM (R050126) at 1715. Map Reference:- Eastern France 1:50,000 Sheet XXVIII-15. Distance traveled 65 mi.	
		42		CO to Div Arty and CCB at 2005.	
		43		IN Os assigned to units as indic- ated below and instructed to report immediately (2030) IM O to 56 Inf Bn A Btry BC to CCB C Btry BC to 714th Tk Bn.	
		44		S-3 Summary:- An atk on HERRLISHEIM by the 56th Inf Bn and Co C 714th Tk Bn made some progress during the day and intent to resume operations at dawn tomorrow. During the course of the day the Bn was engaged in registrations by air obsr and fired on enemy inf & MGs at R140169 and R135167 with maximum effect. Three TOTs were fired on EY inf dug in at the outskirts of HERRLISHEIM AND THE TOWN PROPER. The town was burning fiercely upon completion of our fire and that of tks other artillery units in our locality. Mission accomplished. All missions were observed. Total of number of rds expended 331.	

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		45		<p>S-2 Summary:- Ey front lines in CCB Sector run generally along river (ZORN) fr R087121 to R141171. Remained same throughout period, however, an atk on FERRLISHEIM in center of CCB sector push Ey back for few hrs. Ey was characterized by sporadic arty fire (mostly on our forward OPs) PW reports revealed several Ey 75mm SP guns, SSAT, and CP positions in vic R1011. Ey seems content to hold ground immediately on this side of RHINE RIVER.</p>	M S
		46		<p><u>8 January 1945</u> CO ret'd to CP at 0200.</p>	
		47		<p>En instructed to move to new location in vic of BISCHMILLER at 0800.</p>	S T
		48		<p>En CP shelled by Ey arty at 0705. One rd hit ten yards fr entrance. No casualties. Determined to be German 88mm.</p>	
		49		<p>RO parties went forward at 0730 with respective BCs.</p>	
		50		<p>En displaced at 0830. Order of March B, Hq, A & C.</p>	
		51		<p>New CP established at R098185 (BISCHMILLER) at 0930. Distance traveled 5.6 miles.</p>	
		52		<p>CC to CCB at 1305. Ret'd to CP at 1418.</p>	
		53		<p>Password:- Bobo-Vest</p>	S T
		54		<p>Cpl Robert W. Drescher of B Btry SWA by Ey arty shell fragments at 1730. Evacuated to S2nd Med En at 1800.</p>	
		55	1327	<p><u>9 January 1945</u> Cp hit by one stray rd of Ey arty. Azimuth and caliber unknown; no casualties.</p>	

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		56		Two Ey aircraft flew over the Bn position at 1348. MGs and local AA weapons opened fire without results.	
		57		Password:- Cafe-Corsage	S T
		58		S-2 Summary:- Resistance on the atk on HERRELSHEIM. Air obsr and PW reports reveal small numbers of Ey tks E of HERRELSHEIM. Two Ey counter-attacks were unsuccessful during the day. Ey arty was fairly active during the day. ROHRWILLER recd heavy bn concentrations on two different occasions.	M S T
		59		S-3 Summary:- During the night of 8-9 Jan Bn fired on line set up as barrage about 0430. They were N of HERRELSHEIM and along creek NE of town. After mission was accomplished we continued with harrassing fired. Tks were fired upon in vic of R132164 & Ey inf vic R116145. Later a series of preparations -- Targets 7 through 12 were fired S of town. (1200 to 1230) At 1325 to 1405 screening smoke was maintained at R130157. At 1500 to 1600 bn fired on Ey MGs S of town -- after which defensive fires (7-8 & 9 were refired. Conc MF 96 was fired vic R127158 along with 493rd FA Bn & 69th AFA Bn. Obsr reports that one tk was knocked out. Conc EF 33 against 88mm at R143153 at 1815. During the night we fired targets 2 & 4 and harrassing missions for the remainder of the night.	

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IN	OUT				
		60		<u>10 January 1945</u> Password:- Serviette-Po	S T
		61		Capt James H. Boulder (C Btry BC) LNA at 1530 by Ey arty shell fragment.	
		62		S-2 Summary:- Ey cont strong defense against our atk in vic HERRILISHEIM -- bringing into action tks and 88s. Ey inf dug in kept our friendly elements from gaining full control of the town. Air reported several (observer) times in afternoon period that tks were at R124135 - R131152. Ey OP at R122149 kept the obj under constant counter arty fire during period. --In all Ey employed 15- 20 tks, probably a bn of inf and any number of well concealed and dug in AT guns -- plus supporting arty and small arms. These small small arms enable the Ey to fortify such a small force in defending their bridge-head W of the Rhine River. Ey is capable of holding or extending this bridge- head to our committment of more troops and to aid them in bringing across the RHINE RIVER, more troops and materiel for a possible large scale atk.	
		63		S-3 Summary:- Bn fired a barrage line NW along railroad tracks from HERRILISHEIM at 0845. During the day the Bn placed heavy fire on targets 7 thru 12 in two lines across the town. Planes were up and we fired several targets with good effect. They included inf dug in in vic R136158, 88ths and pers in vic R133157 with a direct hit scored on gun. Fired on a bridge but obsr lost rds and we failed to accomplish mission. Fired on inf at R147157 at 1154 with several casualties. Other missions	

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		63 cont		consisted of an AA gun which was neutralized and one crew was seen abandoning tank. The barrage along RR tracks was refired again and cont for the remainder of the afternoon. Smoke screen was laid by Bn along rd N of town to permit evacuation of casualties. 494th, 493 and 33 Brigade also helped with smoke barrage; Registered on new FP at RL4711500 at 1604. In the meantime C Btry was still firing harassing missions in the vic of the RR tracks. Total rds expended 1067. This morning at approx 0530 the 20,000th rd was fired.	
				<u>11 January 1945</u>	
		64		Bn displaced by infiltration at 0630.	
		65		Password:- Juliette-Tess	S T
		66		New CP established at ROE7195 at 1015. Distance traveled 1.1 mi. Map Reference:- Eastern France Sheet XXXVIII-15 Scale 1:50,000.	
		67		One platoon of tanks attached to 494th fr 714th Tk Bn for operations only. (1200)	
		68		S-2 Summary:- By front lines remained approx the same. By closed in as our forces withdrew W of ZORN RIVER (canal). moderate By arty -- no heavy cond.	H S T
		69		S-3 Summary:- Night of 10-11 consisted of firing the rolling barrage along RR tracks E of HERLISHET, and then fr about 2300 until 0300 bn fired barrages N, E, & S of the town. This was fired to enable our troops to withdraw to a better defensive position. Mission accomplished and inf and tankers displaced to an alternate position NE of BISCHWILLER.	

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IN	OUT				
		70		<u>12 January 1945</u> CO to Div Arty and CCB at 1100.	
		71		CO ret'd to CP at 1230.	
		72		Password:- Press-Gulf	S T
		73		Exec O & S-1 out to reconnoiter for alternate positions in vic of HAGENAU at 1300.	
		74		Exec O & S-1 ret'd to CP at 1430.	
		75		S-2 Summary:- Ey cont to hold stubbornly to HERBESHEIM and to the E bank of the ZORN RIVER. No Ey activity except for a patrol which tried to cross the canal at RL21152. They were forced back by arty fire. Counter-battery fire was received all around Bn positions. No Ey planes observed.	
		76		S-3 Summary:- Bn remained in same position with little activity in the morning except harrassing missions by C Btry which was requested by Div Arty. Between 1030 and 1130 we registered on Ch Ft at RL67154. Bn fired a TOT on Krauts near footbridge at RL21152. -- A gun fr each new pos was registered prior to the dis- placement. Smoke preparation was fired to cover the movement of the advancing inf between RL2161536 and RL266163. Dog Btry (consisting of five tks attached to the 494th fr the 714th Tn Bn plus two of our FO Tks -- armed with .75mm guns) fired har- rassing missions formerly fired by C Btry. During the night 403 rds 105mm were expended and 295 rds of 75mm	

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IN	OUT				
		77		<u>13 January 1945</u> 1st Lt Lester R. Johnson (pilot) was MIA at 0945 in plane crash. Motor cut out when he was taking off for an air mission. Observer 1st Lt Hugh Robinson was uninjured.	
		78		Password:- Lost-Echo.	S T
		79	1558	S-2, Div Arty to S-2:- (Radio Msg) All Bns "Red alert".	S T
		80		S-2, Div Arty to S-2:- (Tp msg) Revert to yellow condition.	S T
		81		CO to CCB for Unit COs meeting to discuss plans for coordinated attack to reestablish bridge-heads. (1945)	
		82		CO returned to CP at 2300.	
		83		S-2 Summary:- Enemy still held to line along ZOWE RIVER -- Slight EY action on front. Some EY arty reported on BOIRWILLER. One large caliber weapon reported at RL34164 by patrol. EY vehicular traffic reported by air obsr at RL48152 at 1445. No EY air activity.	M S T
		84		S-3 Summary:- The 494th cont in direct support of CCB front line elements. During the day most of the missions fired were by air obsrs from the 403rd & 495th AFA Bns. The effect on EY inf at RL06130 was "Pretty", as described by air obsr, "couldn't be any better". Additional fires were brought down on EY personell near canal at RL15142 and RL1271407. A total of 14 missions were fired, 2 of which were registrations. Most of the firing was time fire with excellent results. A total of 349 rds were expended,	

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IN	OUT				
		85		Password:- Echelon-Tobruk	S T
		86		CO to Div Arty at 0930	
		87		CO ret'd to CP at 1047.	
		88	1000	CO, Div Arty to CO:- (tp msg) "E" Troop, 92nd Ren Sqdn (8 assault guns) and A Co, 83rd Chen Bn, less 1 plat attached to 494th for operations only.	
		89		CO out to register on new Ck Pts at 1305. (from air)	
		90		Exec O to CCB and Div Arty at 1310.	
		91		Exec O ret'd to CP at 1550.	
		92	1645	S-2, Div Arty to S-2:- (tp msg) PW reports that Ey will atk on our direct front sometime before dawn.	S T
		93		Co A (less one plat) 83rd Chen Bn reld fr atch'd to rejoin parent unit.	
		94		CO ret'd to CP at 2100. (In addition to registering our bn, the CO also registered the 975th FA Bn ---155mm and 194th FA Bn -- 8in How bn fr the 6th Corps.) CO registered 975 FA on church steeple (which was believed to be an Ey OP) without satisfactory results. CO then asked 194th FA to fire for effect on same target. Several direct hits were observed. Simultaneously tks were obsr in vic RL35157 and fired upon by the 975th FA Bn. Two veh were destroyed but the church steeple was left standing and burning fiercely.	
		96	2000	S-2, Div Arty to S-2 by tp:- Report received fr Corps Sound Base that speeple finally collapsed.	

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IN	OUT				
		97		<p>14 January 1945 (cont)</p> <p>Mission unchanged --- 494th still in direct support of COB. During the day a few harrassing missions were fired by A Btry and continued later by Dog Btry. Bn fired at Ey pers at R115147 and silenced small arms and MG fire at C745. Bn also fired for other air observers fr Div Arty at Ey pers and veh. Direct hits scored on two veh at R126155 at 0845. Also fired at AT gun with excellent results in vic of R135156 at 1058. Fired on Ey OP at R122153. Bn registered again on new HP at R13821598. Air obser requested mission on Ey pers at R10591232 with good effect. An Ey arty btry was fired upon at R106113. During the day the Bn also propaganda leaflets over OFFENDORF. Fourteen missions fired during the course of the day. Ammunition expended for the day was 459 rds of 105mm and 188 rds of 75mm.</p>	
		98		<p>S-2 Summary:--</p> <p>No change in Ey front line. Ey continued to dig in along canal. Most Ey activity limited to patrol action. One patrol reported to have infiltrated into our lines near R110147. Activity was discovered near foot-bridge (Appeared to be construction work) at R122153. Ey placed tks in the town of HERRLISHHEIM, and an OP in tower of church. Tower later destroyed by arty fire adjusted by CO. Ey arty fire increased to an extent.</p> <p>One btry (Troop E, 92nd Bcn) atchd to 494th received several rds in their area. PW interrogation revealed a possible Ey atk along Corps front.</p>	

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IN	OUT				
				<u>15 January 1945</u>	
		99		Plat of tankers fr 714th Tk Bn relieved fr attached to rejoin parent unit. (0800)	
		100		CO to Div Arty at 0915. Retd to CP at 1130.	
		101		CO to Unit Commanders meeting at 1830.	
		102		S-2 Summary:- By front lines remained the same. Slight By activity in Ln sector. Air obsr, ground obsr, and air photo interpretation, plus PW reports revealed numerous AA guns, AT guns and By arty btries W of RHINE RIVER up to canal -- all within CCB sector. By inf dug in N of Herrlisheim along road leading NE out of town. Three jet-propelled aircraft sighted in zone.	M S T
		103		S-3 Summary:- Ln fired mostly harrassing missions -- during the day observers called for missions. (1 fr 92 Bcn and two fr A Btry RO.) They asked for prepared conc against By activity. C Btry fired harrassing fire fr 0900 until 0930, after which all btries fired a series of conc, running N to S about a 1000 yds E of HERRLISHEIM fr 1015 to 1315. C Btry then resumed firing harrassing missions fr 1800 to 2230. After that barrage lines were fired by Ln. (time fire) for preparation of atk. The btries then supported the atk by firing prepared fires to cover our forces. During the day 2270 rds were expended on the above mentioned prepared fires.	
		104		CO returned to CP at 2130.	

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		105		<u>16 January 1945</u> Password:- Palace-Farce	S T
		106		Lt Hugh Robinson (C Btry BC) LMA at 1000 by Ey arty shell fragments while observing fr an CP located N of HERRILISHEIM.	
		107		2nd Lt Herman F. Mast (Air Observer) SMA by flak fr a German 20mm shell at 1030. Pilot 1st Lt Maurice Glover was uninjured.	
		108		3-2 Summary:- Ey resisted strongly our atk vic HERRILISHEIM with small arms, AT guns and 88s (Dual purpose) Ey dug in well along road at RL35160 and along RR E of HERRILISHEIM. However, estimated large number of casualties and dead among the Ey from our artillery concentrations.	N S T
		109		5-3 Summary:- Bn remained in direct support of COB. Bn fires were supported by 493rd, 975th FAs and 92nd Assault guns. Bn fired preparation fires during the day to cover and neutralize for our attacking force. Fires started at 0135 when the atk started. Main fires were 1st bridgehead series, (vic RL33165) 2nd bridgehead series, (RL33160) N RR series (RL43168), grade crossing series (RL38160), and factory series (RL48172); the 493rd helped us on both bridgehead series in vic RL32165 and 975th FA fired on grade crossing and factory series vic RL48172. Bn fired a smoke mission to guide atk and harrassed N RR series. During the day observers called for different series to silence small arms and MG fire. At 1435 Bn fired on Ey 88mm guns for air obsr at RL29151. Expended 3800 rds of ammunition.	

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IN	OUT				
		110		<u>17 January 1945</u> Password:- Fisk-Debris	S T
		111		One platoon of A Co, 83rd Chem Bn (4.2 mortars) attached to 494th for operations only. (1630)	
		112		S-2 Summary:- Ey defended stubbornly along HERRILISHEIM with AT guns, mortars, and artillery fire. At least ten prisoners were taken N of HERRILISHEIM due directly to our tk and arty fire. Ey strong points along main RR track from RL40161 to RL46166 and at RL26154. Ey front lines remain the same. No Ey air activity during the period.	M S T
		113		S-3 Summary:- Situation remained unchanged. After a rather quiet night we fired the series N of HERRILISHEIM in preparation for an atk. The Bn then fired on a suspected gun btry at 0715 in vic RL48134. Throughout the day the series E of HERRILISHEIM was harassed. At different times observers with forward units called for the series to silence small arms and MG fire. This evening Bn fired a hvy smoke concentration along grade crossing (RL38160) series and E of town to enable tanks to pull out across bridge at RL30168. Obsr (A Btry RC) withdrew under cover of smoke when he discovered he was alone. A Co, 92nd Rcn, to whom he was attached, had already withdrawn to an assembly area. -- Rds expended for the day was 1422.	
		114		<u>18 January 1945</u> CO to CP of 56 AIB at 1010. Retd to CP at 1138.	

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18 Jan 45
CO out to observe from air at 1345.

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ME 109 attacked In plane at 1510 but escaped by "hugging the ground". Same ME 109 flew SE over Bn position at 1512. MG and AA opened fire but without effect.

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1st Lt Harry C. Walter LWA at 1245 by flak while observing from air.

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CO ret'd to CP at 1645.

119

1830 Tp msg: CO, Div Arty to CO.
Warning Msg; be prepared to withdraw to alternate position.

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Password: Deck - Star.

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S-3 Summary:
Bn fired on Ey Btries located at 118134 and 141100 at 1103 to 1106. Bn registered Ck Rds on woods at 13781681 in preparation for an attack. Fired mission from air obsr on Ey Veh and bridge at 145151 which received a target hit at 1230. Fired on AT gun at 138-159 time 1440 target hits. At 1515 marked woods mentioned above. At 1700 fired on Ey Pers at 143160 dispersing them. At 2000, 168 rds expended.

122

S-2 Summary:
Ey resistance stiffened during period and resisted any attempt of our forward Elms to push across the Canal on into Herrlisheim. Reports that Ey had captured a forward Cp of our Inf and that they had cut off part of a tank Bn were received in the morning and afternoon respectively. Ey has strong AT defense and well dug in Inf position plus Arty and Mortar positions.

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19 Jan 45
Password: Poco -- Telephone.

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124 CO to Div Arty at 0930, ret'd to CP at 1137.

125 A Btry displaced to alternate posn at 1500 in vic of Kaltenhausen R072208.

126 Hq Btry less CP pers displaced to alternate posn in vic of Weinumshof R040216 at 1840.

127 Hq Btry arrived in new posn at 1920

128 S-3 Summary:

Bn fired on reported counter attack in the south for Div Arty vic 106138 at 0830. Most of the missions against Ey pers were in vic of Herrlisheim vic 122152 at 1002. At 1230 fired colored smoke into Herrlisheim and at west bridge to mark it for air support. Air obsr fired 975th at bridge vic 124145 during time planes were bombing. Planes missed but air obsr reported it knocked out but Ey tanks crossed it shortly afterwards. During the afternoon fired Ck rds on BP and afterwards fired colored smoke on breakthrough west of bridge at 124145. Fire of other Arty and air support dispersed them. At 2000 fired WP as a background for adjustment of 8" How on bridge at 130168. 767 rds expended.

129 S-2 Summary:

Ey initiated attacks along canal, pushing tanks with Inf mounted on back of tanks across at 075120. Ey occupied woods at 0914. Ey front lines generally are 1000 yards north of canal in our zone. Ey continues to have reinforcements in Offendorf and Herrlisheim.

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130 Password: Test - Paul.

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131 Hq Btry ret'd to CP at 0930.

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	132		CO out to reconnoiter for new posn at 1410.	
	133		Bn in Gen support of 36 Inf Div, reinforcing fires of 133 FA Bn.	S
	134	1508	CO to S-3 (Radio Msg): BC parties to meet CO at R013139 Guedertheim as soon as practicable.	
	135		Hq billeting party left at 1520.	
	136		One plat Co A, 83d Chem Bn and Troop E, 92d Rcn reld fr atchd 494th at 1640.	
	137	1715	CO to CO 133 FA thru Ln O, B Btry BC: request permission to remain in present position till dawn. Permission denied. Alert Bn to move out as soon as road is clear. Follow 493d to alternate posn.	S T
	138		RO parties reld to CP at 1800.	
	139	2330	CO 133 FA to CO thru Ln O, B Btry BC: Displace to alternate posn immediately, road is clear.	
	140		S-3 Summary: Fired high burst registration at 1148 followed by a harassing mission vic R13001448 between 1530 and 1800. At 1800 fired in vic of R14001775 to cover withdrawal of front line Elms. At 1940 fired on Bridge and Veh vic R131167 and later at 2200 and 2300 fired two more emergency targets before Bn moved. 155 rds expended.	
	141		S-2 Summary: Ey continued to hold line as of 20 Jan with slight partol action. Ey occupied Rohrwiller after front line Elms had withdrawn from that Vic. Ey still holds woods at 0914.	

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TIME IN	OUT	TIME NUMBER	TIME L-210	LOCATION, DATE, TIME, ETC	CITIZEN NAME
		142		21 Jan 45 Bn displaced at 2330, 19 Jan, new CP established at R017136, Guedertheim at 0345. Distance traveled 7.8 miles.	
		143		CO left CP for 36th Div Arty at 1000.	
		144		Exec left CP for 133 FA at 1055, ret'd at 1120.	
		145		CO ret'd to CP at 1145,	
		146	1130	CO to Exec (Verbally) Bn in direct support of 4th Bn, 143d Inf Regt, 36th Inf Div	
		147		Password: Sfax - Souvenir.	S T
		148		S-3 Summary: 21 Jan 45 Bn displaced to Coord, A R01171605, B R01391566, C R0138014260, registered on BP at 09621545 at 1230. Bn fired defensive fires for 36 Inf Div Arty. in gen vic of half way between Weyer- sheim and Herrlisheim. All targets unobserved and effect unknown. 487 rds were expended.	
		149		S-2 Summary: Front lines remain the same. Small attacks across canal vic Herrlisheim were repulsed by arty fire. Slight Ey action during the period, no Ey air activity.	
				22 Jan 45	
		150		CO & Exec out to reconnoiter for alternate posn at 1020	
		151		Password: Limousine - Constantine	S T
		152		CO & Exec ret'd to CP at 1155	
		153		Tec 5 Calvin M Cauley KIA at 1600 by shell fragments. Tec 4 Thomas E. Dodd LWA by same shell.	

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IN	OUT				
		154	1435	S-3 Div Arty to S-3: (Tp Msg) Send one officer per bn and one NCO per btry to Div Arty to serve as a billeting party	
		155		Pfc Rema L Davis LWA at 1410 by small arms fire.	
		156		Ln 0 out to replace A Btry BC at 142 Inf Bn at 1525	
		157		S-3 Summary: Bn fired ck pt registration vic R914. Fired on Ey Inf at R08311442 at 1100. Four other targets included Ey veh & pers vic R85125 and R878-1435. Expended 275 rds.	
		158		S-2 Summary: Ey front lines continue generally along the canal, southand west of Herrlisheim, except for Ey attack on Kilstett at 0200. Ey held portion of Kilstett until approx 1200 when French forces retook town. Reported 300 PWs tanken. PW reports a German attack may be launched on Weyersheim in afternoon of this period or tomorrow. Some armor reported in vic of Bischwiller. 25 tks reported vic R0913 going towards Weyersheim.	
				23 Jan 45	
		159		The following casualties of C Btry occurred at 0545 by Ey arty fire at R014143: Pfc Ernest Bishop, KIA Tec Raymond Sanfilippo, KIA Pvt William M Widing, SWA Sgt Alfred L Dagner, LWA Tec 5 Joseph De Pillo, LWA Pfc Carl W Turbush, LWA Tec 4 Walter L Keith, LWA Cpl Leroy J Cole, LWA Cpl Harold A Luedtke, LWA Pvt Edward Cione, LWA	

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IN	OUT				
		160		CO & Rcn parties left CP to reconnoiter for alternate posn in vic of R0107 at 0745. CO ret'd at 0900.	
		161		Cpl Donald Kuhn, LWA at 1050. Gun exploded while firing at two Ey planes.	
		162		Billeting party departed for Eckwersheim at 1400 to establish CP.	
		163	1500	CO to CC B & Div Arty: Bn displaced at 1720 to meet billeting parties in Eckwersheim. Arrived at 1820 at R969091.	
		164	2003	Ln O to CO fr CC B (Verbally) Bn on alert (3 hr), under control of Div ARTY.	
		165		CO ret'd to CP at 2030.	
		166		Password: Kasserine - Martinique.	S T
		167		S-3 Summary: A Btry fired harrassing mission at R10001149 between 2200 and 0700. At 1020 fired on bridge at R08721196, unobserved. Bn registered one gun from 14th Armd Div in C Btry posn. Expended 43 rds.	
				24 Jan 45	
		168		Bn displaced fr Eckersheim by infiltration to new position in vic of Vendenheim at 0730. CP established at Q992084 at 1315.	
		167		At 1100 CO to Div Arty then to reconnoiter for new posn in vic of Strasbourg.	
		168		Password: Congo - Bell.	S T
		169		CO ret'd to CP at 1713	

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IN	OUT				
		170		S-3 Summary: At 1329 btries registered on BP at R0956009630. 10 rds expended.	
		171		S-2 Summary: Ey front lines on Bn front are unchanged. Little Ey activity along entire front, limited to very small patrols. No Ey air activity observed. 25 Jan 45.	
		172		Bn displaced at 0715 to meet billeting parties in vic of Strasbourg. New CP established at V989969, at 0845.	
		173		Ln O (Exec) to Military Sub-Division of the Lower Rhine, strasbourg 0915.	
		174		Bn in direct support of 159 Inf Regt, and Brigade Alsace Lorraine.	
		175		Ln O (SQ2) to 159 Inf Regt.	
		176		Password: Corsica - Lafayette	S T
		177		Ln O (A Btry BC) to Brigade Alsace Lorraine.	
		178		S-3 Summary: Bn fired on small German counter-attack at 0150 vic R098096 and on Ey mortars at 0200 vic R101098 at request of French. Coord of posns: A Btry, V97839287; B Btry, V98959642; C Btry, V98859829. Bn registered on BP at W04939740, at 1100 fired on Ey mortars vic W055994 at 1530. 110 rds expended.	
		179		S-2 Summary: Ey lines in this sector remain along east bank of Rhine River. Ey mans pillboxes and MG posn on front. Slight Ey action, no air activity.	

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		<p align="center"><u>26 January 1945</u></p> <p>180 Password:- Democracy-liberty</p> <p>181 CO to Div Arty at 0900. Returned to CP at 1115</p> <p>182 S-3 Summary:- Bn fired on bridge with concrete fuze (T105 Fuze) vic 06449826 at 1530. After which all btries registered on Ck Pt. Bn then fired on pillbox vic 054920 at 1930. Also fired on Ey personnel vic 071019 at 2240 and 026853 at 2300. During the day 83 rds were expended.</p> <p>183 S-2 Summary:- Ey situation unchanged along entire river front. Slight Ey action observed at W069016 quieted by arty fire. No Ey air observed.</p>	<p align="center">S T</p> <p align="center">M S T</p>
		<p align="center"><u>27 January 1945</u></p> <p>183 Password:- France-Madagascar</p> <p>184 CO left for Div Arty at 1930 Retd to CP at 2215</p> <p>185 S-3 Summary:- All btries fired harrassing missions between 2400 and 0700 vic 062904 (A Btry), 059916 (B Btry) and 069016 (C Btry). Bn fired on Ey OP at 1530 at 06650130 -- getting target hits but little damage done. From 1615 to 1630 bn fired Unobserved Fires on Ey Inf & MGs vic 053923 and 054908. During the day 287 rds were expended.</p> <p>186 S-2 Summary:- Ey front lines remain the same in our sector. No Ey activity observed.</p>	<p align="center">S T</p>
		<p align="center"><u>28 January 1945</u></p> <p>187 Password:- Columbia-Villa</p> <p>188 S-2 Summary:- Ey situation remains the same. No activity observed.</p>	<p align="center">S T</p>

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		189		<u>29 January 1945</u> Password:- Viva-Bella	S T
		190		CO to Firing Batteries at 1300. Returned to CP at 1525.	
		191		S-2 Summary:- Enemy front lines remain the same. Air Observers reported that several main roads and bridges leading into Kehl were being used by the Germans. Bridges at 066974 and 084964 were prepared for harrassing missions at night. Well worn paths were observed leading up to pill-boxes all along E bank of RHINE RIVER. Little traffic observed on roads during the day. Enemy evidently is using roads and bridges at night.	M S T
		192		S-3 Summary:- Batteries registered on their respective Base Points and then on bn Base Point between the hours 1100 and 1400. At 1405 Baker and Charlie were registered on bridges for harrassing missions. (Baker on bridge at 083963 and Charlie at 065974) Able and Baker fired harrassing missions between 1300-1800. Bn also registered on another bridge in vicinity 032870. At 1700 Bn fired on Ey mortars at 05249216 on request of LN O (A btry EC). Harrassing missions were fired by all batteries between 1900 and 2300. Total rounds expended 330.	
		193		<u>30 January 1945</u> Password:- Anna-Jack	S T
		194		S-2 Summary:- No change in Ey front lines. Very little Ey activity along entire front. No Ey patrols observed. No Ey air activity.	
		195		S-3 Summary:- During the course of the day the Bn fire six harrassing missions -- two were observed. One was at a building at 05269876 and the other at a factory at 056992. Direct hits were observed. During the night a full schedule of harrassing missions was in effect.	

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			<u>31 January 1945</u>	
		196	Password:- Costa-Mesa	S T
		197	CO to airfield at 1400. Took off to observe at 1430. CO ret'd to CP at 1640.	
		198	S-2 Summary:- Enemy front lines remain the same. Air observer reported at 1230 that 10 Ey pers were building a bridge at 028854. Bn fired on this target and all Ey pers dispersed. Enemy were seen crossing a bridge and going into a suspected dugout at 035862. Bn CO acting as air observer reported Ey arty piece at 085925. Liaison plane received small arms fire from woods at 052935. No Ey arty firing during the day. Reported all quiet along the entire front. No Ey air activity.	M S T
		199	S-3 Summary:- Bn had very little activity this morning. From 1148 to 1200 Able battery fired on Ey mortars and pers in vic 026873 and Charlie battery fired on Ey pers in the open in vicinity 04959859. Between 1200 and 1215 Charlie battery fired on Ey pers building bridge vic 06559240 with good effect. At 1230 Able fired on Ey pers crossing bridge vic 03188590. One gun each from Baker and Charlie were brought forward approximately 4000 yards and registered on EPs at 031960 and 03929904 respectively. To be used during the night for harrassing missions -- covering a sector of approximately 400 m. Harrassing missions assigned for the night are as follows:- Able battery in vic 0385 to 0388 ---- Baker battery in vic of ODELSHOFEN and WILLSTADT ---- Charlie battery in vic of QUERBACH. During the day 400 rds were expended.	
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MISSION	TIME	TYPE	A/C NO.	REMARKS
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<u>DATE 1 Jan 45</u>				
1	0925 0815	A	44-80147	PLACE 7th Army Front Lt Maurice L Glover and Capt David A Hill, Bn BP adj.
2	1050 0940	A	147	Lt Lester R Johnson and Lt Herman F Nast, Adj Bn on Enemy Inf.
3	1200 1115	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Bn Adj.
4	1300 1215	A	147	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Bn Adj.
5	1420 1310	A	147	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Bn Adj.
6	1620 1430	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Nast, Adj Bn
<u>DATE 2 Jan 45</u>				
1	1000 0845	A	147	PLACE 7th Army Front Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on enemy vehicles & personnel in woods. Effect very good.
2	1140 1010	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Repeated above concentration and adjusted on other personnel.
3	1420 1300	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adjusted Bn on enemy artillery on the road.
4	1600 1430	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adjusted on personnel and vehicles, horse drawn.
<u>DATE 3 Jan 45</u>				
1	1000 0830	A	147	PLACE 7th Army Front Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on BP and CP. Fired on Enemy Inf.
2	1200 1010	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj another Bn on BP.
3	1445 1340	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adjusted 155mm on house and pillbox, scattered enemy.
4	1615 1455	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on Enemy in town, fired Bn 6 volleys, results excellent.

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MISSION	TIME	TYPE	A/C NO.	REMARKS
	IN	OUT		
ATE <u>4 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	0945	0830	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Bn fire missions, Excellent results.
2	1100	0955	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Bn fire missions, fired TOT.
3	1320	1120	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Bn Fire missions, fired on enemy infantry.
4	1515	1330	C 44-80155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Bn patrol & S-2 Info.
ATE <u>5 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1215	1000	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on targets.
2	1630	1400	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on targets.
3	0915	0815	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj Bn on Ey MG.
4	1030	0925	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj Bn on BP and enemy infantry.
5	1130	1040	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj Bn on Ey targets.
6	1320	1215	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj Bn on Ey vehicles and personnel.
7	1445	1330	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj medium Bn on Ey installation and personnel.
ATE <u>10 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>Bischwiller, France.</u>
1	1245	1020	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on seven targets, excellent results.
2	1700	1445	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on six targets, good results.
3	1345	1230	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj Bn on Ey tanks, adj 8 in. howitzer on house.
4	1530	1400	A 155	Lt Johnson and Lt Nast, Adj 8 in. how. on tanks.

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	IN	OUT		
DATE <u>14 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>Bischwiller, France</u>
1	0945	0845	C 147	Lt Glover and Lt Nast, S-2 Info and Rcn for Div Arty.
2	1415	1315	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Col Harold M Crawford, Adj Bn on targets.
3	1730	1445	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Col Crawford, 8 in. gun adj, target destroyed. Adj Bn on several targets.
DATE <u>16 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	0930	0815	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Nast, Adj Bn on MG, Plane hit by 20mm.
2	1315	1145	A 44-80135	Lt Johnson and Lt Harry C Walter, patrolled front lines during attack, fired on Ey weapons.
3	1540	1330	A 135	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Fired on 3 tanks with medium Bn, tanks moved.
DATE <u>17 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1545	1430	A 135	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj on AT weapons
DATE <u>18 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	0940	0820	A 80131	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on tks, located Tk Bn along creek.
2	1135	1010	C 131	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Rcn patrol and S-2 Info.
3	1320	1150	A 131	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Bn mission of destruction of Bridge. One direct hit. Flak hit wing.
4	1630	1340	A 131	Lt Glover and Lt Col Crawford, Adj on AT gun and Rcn for CC B.
ATE <u>19 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1545	1330	A 131	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP for time and registration. Good results.
2	1730	1610	A 131	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on Ey tks during counter attack. Adj Bn on bridge.

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DATE <u>21 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1230	1100	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP and Rcn.
DATE <u>22 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1630	1530	C 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Rcn and patrol for S-2 Info.
DATE <u>23 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1135	0945	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Adj 500 FA Bn on BP also adj 494 AFA Bn.
DATE <u>24 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1430	1310	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Registered Bn on BP and patrol.
DATE <u>25 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1735	1535	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on three CP across Rhine River.
DATE <u>29 Jan 45</u>				PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1220	1015	A 36560	Lt Johnson and Capt James W. Hudson, Adj Bn on BP and S-2 Info.
2	1450	1315	A 560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hudson, Adj Bn on bridges for harassing fire during night
3	1640	1515	A 560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hudson, Adj Bn on bridges for harassing fire during night.
4	1500	1345	C 147	Capt Givens and Capt Hill, Rcn of front line for S-2 Info.
5	1630	1530	C 147	Capt Givens and French Colonel, Rcn of front line with French Colonel.

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DATE 31 Jan 45					PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1150	1045	A	560	Lt Johnson and Captain Hudson, Rcn of front lines. Adj on Ey Pers in field.
2	1425	1230	A	560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill, Adj on Ey Pers on bridge (repairing it) and in field.
3	1620	1515	C	560	Lt Honson and Capt Lallend (French), Rcn of front lines for photographs for French.
4	1725	1625	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Col Crawford, Adj one gun of harassing mission.
5	1615	1515	C	155	Capt Givens and French Colonel, Rcn of front lines.
6	1800	1700	A	155	Capt Givens and Capt Hill, Adj 2 guns for harassing fire.

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36432306	Drescher, Robert W.			Cpl	FA	DOW		8 Jan 45	--	France	SWA at 1730 by shell frag- ments. - DOW at 2010, 8 Jan.
01167549	Moulder, James H.			Capt	FA	LWA		10 Jan 45	--	France	LWA at 1530 by shell frag.
01168436	Robinson, Hugh (NMI)			1st Lt	FA	LWA		16 Jan 45	--	France	LWA at 1000 by small arms fire.
01184555	Nast, Herman F.			2nd Lt	FA	LWA		16 Jan 45	--	France	LWA at 1030 by flak.
33536952	Gauley, Calvin M.			Tec 5	FA	KIA		22 Jan 45	--	France	KIA by enemy shell fragments at 1600.
15324022	Davis, Rena L.			Pfc	FA	LWA		22 Jan 45	--	France	LWA by small arms fire at 1410.
36430447	Keeling, Millard E.			Sgt	FA	LWA		22 Jan 45	--	France	LWA at 1900, foot caught between bogie and track in attempt to remove tk from

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3. Army Serial No. To agree with enlisted service record or officer's qualification card.
4. Name. Last name, first name and middle initial must be shown. Where no middle initial exists, (NMI) will be shown.
5. Grade. Will agree with that shown on service record, etc.
6. Arm or Service. Use proper abbreviations.

7. Type of Casualty.

Description	ALPH	Description	ALPH
Killed in action	KIA	Captured	CAP
Died of wounds	DOW	Missing in action	MIA
Died of injuries	DOI	Gas illness	SIG
Seriously wounded in action	SWA	Interred by a neutral country	INT
Seriously injured in action	SIA	Returned to duty	RTD
Slightly wounded in action	LWA	Alive and well	ALW
Slightly injured in action	LIA		

8. Date of Casualty. The day, month (abbreviated) and year will be shown.

9. Flying or Jump Status.

Pilot, Copilot and Command pilot	A	Armorer gunner	I	Navigator bombardier Radar	P
Navigator	B	Parachutist on jump status	J	Power plant specialist gunner	Q
Bombardier	C	Gunner	K	Electric plant specialist gunner	R
Observer	D	All other air force personnel in flying status	L	Radar mechanic gunner	S
Flight Surgeon	E	Bombardier navigator	M	Photo gunner	T
Photographer	F	Flight or aerial engineer	N	All air force personnel not in flying status	Z
Radio operator gunner	G	Central fire control gunner	O		
Engineer gunner	H				

10. Place. General location only will be used, i.e., Germany, France, North Sea, English Channel, etc.
11. Remarks. Where the casualty status is changing from one type to another, this change will be shown. Date of previous status will be indicated (fr LWA 12 Mar 44 to RTD). Sub-unit, if desired by local headquarters (Co A, 425 Sqdn, etc.).

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494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO 262, U. S. ARMY

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By 7 NARS, Date 8/14/79

NARRATIVE UNIT HISTORY

At the beginning of this period the battalion was in direct support of the 159th French Infantry Regiment and the Alsace-Lorraine Brigade, with the Battalion Command Post at Strasbourg (V9869).

On the night of 31 January 1945 a warning order was received from Division Artillery that the battalion is to be relieved from its present assignment between 2-3 January to rejoin the Division. Upon receipt of confirmed orders, billeting parties will be sent to Molsheim (V8293) to meet representative from G-3 and proceed to Division assembly area in vicinity of Selestat (V7862). While awaiting orders to displace the battalion continued to fire harrassing missions and on targets of opportunity reported by our observers. During the entire period 25 January to 4 February the enemy front lines remained the same in this sector with very little air and ground activity.

At 1000, 3 February battalion was relieved from its assignment. Departed 1300 from Strasbourg toward Rosenkrantz (7347) to meet billeting parties. After arriving at destination, battalion was placed in general support of the 12th Armored Division, under direct control of Division Artillery, and instructed to proceed to Colmar. Battalion cautioned against excessive land mines and booby traps in this sector.

Captain Albert M. Chandler and Private First Class Richard O. Moser hit a land mine on 4 February while returning from Division Artillery with S-2 information. Captain Chandler was seriously wounded and Pfc Moser was slightly injured. It was later learned that the Captain lost both legs.

1st Lt Roger G. Bismeyer (then 2d Lt) on the 3d of February, on a mission as forward observer with the 23d Tank Battalion, was forced to withdraw because of intense anti-tank and bazooka fire. Three tanks that preceded Lt Bismeyer had been knocked out. Though the tank he was riding was hit by bazooka fire, it did little damage. Upon reaching the downward slope of a hill the tank over-ran enemy bazooka positions. Fifteen enemy surrendered to Lt Bismeyer and his crew, who, in turn turned them over to the members of the knocked out tanks.

The Battalion Command Post moved to Hattstatt (V6734) on 6 January. The same day a platoon of tanks from Troop "F", 92d Cav Ren Sqn was attached for operations.

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A radio message was intercepted at 0900, 4 February that the 4th Moroccan Division had previously met the elements of the 12th Armored Division in Rouffach (V6829) at 0530 thereby splitting the Colmar Pocket. The front line of organized enemy resistance was the east bank of the Ill River, but numerous groups of stragglers remained in the Vosges Mountains. At approximately 1100 this battalion moved to Rouffach with the mission of general support of the 28th Infantry Division. The progress of the French 5th Armored Division was so rapid the battalion was forbidden to fire between the Rhine Rhone Canal and the Rhine River. Air observer later reported that Neuf Brisach had been cleared of enemy and was occupied by French forces.

Operations order was received on 9 February ordering this battalion to rejoin the 12th Armored Division and prepare for operations in vicinity of Hundling (Q4556). Enroute to destination Battalion halted in Dieuze (Q2524) to spend the night. At 0800 the following morning the battalion continued the journey to occupy firing positions at Hundling with the mission of general support of 70th Infantry Division reinforcing fires of the 883d Field Artillery Battalion. Due to poor visibility the Corps Artillery Flash and Sound Base was used to register our Charlie Battery on a check point at Q508614.

During the period 14-16 February, this battalion was attached to the 44th Infantry Division, reinforcing fires of the 220th Field Artillery Battalion which was to support an attack to gain more favorable ground and also to straighten front lines. By morning of 16 February the enemy has been driven out and our lines restored to run generally east along the following coordinates: Q642560 - Q649563 - Q658560 - Q681570. After this mission was accomplished this battalion returned to the 70th Infantry Division in general support, reinforcing the fires of the 882d Field Artillery Battalion. New Command Post was established at Tenteling (Q4158).

On the 17th of February, after a rather quiet night, Battalion, participated in the firing of artillery preparations for an attack at H-20, time 0630-0650. Throughout the day this battalion fired unobserved missions on enemy infantry, battery of artillery, tanks and bridges. During the hours of darkness we continued with harrassing missions. The total number of rounds expended for the day was 1200.

The following day the battalion continued to support the attack of the 70th Infantry Division by firing prepared missions between 0645 and 0845. A counter attack by enemy tanks, and infantry was repulsed.

Battalion displaced to Bousbach (Q4261). Same date six 105mm assault guns from the 714th Tank Battalion were attached for operations.

Confirmed report received on 23 February that attached AAAW Platoon, from Battery "D", 572d AAAW, shot down one jet propelled German aircraft, ME 262 on 23 January 1945.

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REPORT

Between 2230 and 2250 on 24 February, 25 rounds of 170mm artillery fell in "B" Battery's position. No casualties were suffered, Enemy battery silenced by Corps Artillery.

From 24 February to the end of the month the mission was unchanged. The Battalion continued to fire on hostile forces, including infantry in the open, bridges, buildings, suspected OPs and artillery installations. Also neutralization and destructive missions against elements of the enemy which had made penetrations along the 70th Infantry Division's sector.

Harold M. Crawford
HAROLD M CRAWFORD
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>General Order</u>	<u>Issued by</u>
1st Lt	Clayton S Sweigart	Bronze Star	Sec V, GO 21 2 Mar 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
Tec 5	Frank Burger	Bronze Star	Sec VI, GO 21 2 Mar 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
1st Lt	Lester R Johnson	3d Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal	Sec IX, GO 21 2 Mar 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
1st Lt	Maurice L Glover	3d Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal	Sec IX, GO 21 2 Mar 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
1st Lt	Harry C Walter	Air Medal	Sec X, GO 21 2 Mar 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div

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UNIT HISTORY NARRATIVE

At the beginning of this period the battalion was under control of XXI Corps in General Support of 70th Infantry Division reinforcing fires of the 882d Field Artillery Battalion, with the Battalion Command Post located at Bousbach, France (Q4261).

The first four days of the month the front lines remained relatively the same. The battalion fired primarily on targets of opportunity reported by our own air and ground observers. Harrassing missions were fired on call as requested by 882d Field Artillery Battalion. By the night of 5 March Forbach had been cleared of the enemy and slight gains made along the entire Division Front, but stiff resistance was being met in Stiring Wendel (Q3754). During the course of the day 1200 Russian Prisoners of War were released from a German PW camp as the enemy withdrew to Stiring Wendel and Sarrebrucken.

On 9 March 1945 a message was received from 12th Armored Division Artillery that battalion was relieved from present mission and placed under control of 12th Armored Division. Battalion to remain in position to reinforce fires of 17th Field Artillery Group along with the 495th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

Battalion displaced by infiltration 1400, 12 March 1945, to occupy new positions in vicinity of Karlsbrun (Q3364). Battalion entered Germany for the first time upon completing this march. The same day Troop E, 92d Reconnaissance Squadron was attached for operations. Battalion was assigned mission of direct support of 17th Armored Infantry Battalion.

On 14 March battalion moved to Forbach, France (Q3857) and resumed support of 70th Infantry Division - reinforcing fires of 70th Infantry Division Artillery.

From 14 to 16 March observers reported that enemy was withdrawing but continued to fight a delaying action. By 1600, 14 March, enemy had withdrawn completely from Schoenenken (Q3958). In the meantime our troops had advanced to the Saar River at several points.

Verbal operations order was received at 0230, 17 March from 12th Armored Division Artillery alerting battalion for immediate move and also reverting this battalion to 12th Armored Division control. 12th Armored Division now assigned to XX Corps, 3d Army. This battalion to be in direct support of Combat Command "B". 12th Armored Division to go into assembly area near Bremich, Germany (U9484). Battalion alerted to displace at 0700 this date.

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New Command Post established at Elzange (U9586) on 17 March after road march of approximately 75 miles. This same evening battalion received orders to move to vicinity of Reinsfeld, Germany, (L3516) and march began at 2330. Reinsfeld was reached at 1400, 18 March, and Combat Command "B" immediately began the march toward the Rhine since the enemy was reported as rapidly falling back. Along our entire route the resistance was slight and totally disorganized. The Corps objective was changed from Worms (M4615) to Mannheim (R5599) on 19 March 1945.

For the first time during our thrust into Germany the battalion went into firing position in vicinity of Mehlingen Neukirchen (R0998) at 1300, 20 March.

At this point Combat Command "B" had encountered unexpectedly stiff resistance immediately south of the town of Enkenbach. Four Medium tanks were knocked out here by antitank fire. Enemy installation here consisted of numerous 20mm, 40mm and 88mm guns mounted for ground defense. Considerable stores of ammunition in the vicinity of these guns were fired on also. Personnel targets were numerous.

The German defenses at this point were evidently designed to block our advance to the Autobahn extending from Kaiserslautern to the Rhine. Ground observation for the battalion was furnished by Captain Lawrence A. Gobeille and Lieutenants Russell W. Hill and Roger G. Bissmeyer, who had succeeded in establishing themselves in a house on the outskirts of Enkenbach. Several houses in the vicinity of this OP were demolished by direct fire from the nearby German AT guns, but in the words of Lt Bissmeyer "they never did guess which house we were in". Both liaison planes also adjusted fire during this action.

The battalion occupied position rapidly and fired 700 rounds over a period of three hours. Effect was exceptionally good. All discovered AT guns were destroyed or neutralized, and exceptionally heavy personnel losses were inflicted on the enemy. Significantly, this was the first typically "armored artillery" action of the battalion.

After the Enkenbach action Combat Command "B" successfully bypassed all defenses of the Autobahn and arrived on the Superhighway by a concealed route about dusk on the 20th of March. Progress was now rapid - no resistance was encountered and elements of the Combat Command reached the Rhine before daylight. This battalion occupied position near Frankenthal, Germany (M4405). The following day the mission of the battalion was changed to direct support 92d Reconnaissance Squadron which was assigned the mission of seizing the Rhine bridge at Speyer.

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On the 22d of March enroute to Mutterstadt (R4593, the battalion column was strafed by four enemy aircraft; suffered one casualty. The following night at 2200 battalion was bombed for first time since entering combat. Three bombs dropped in Battery A position resulting in seven casualties. The battalion mission was changed to direct support of Combat Command "B" as of 1600, 22 March.

During the period 22 - 24 March enemy resistance stiffened with their main effort to fight a delaying action to withdraw their troops from Speyer (R8780) across the Rhine River. In his retreat the enemy blew up his ammunition stores and at 1030, 23 March, observers reported that the bridge at Speyer was blown.

After completing our mission at Speyer, battalion was instructed to proceed to assembly area at Hassloch (R3785). In Hassloch the battalion was billeted in civilian homes to await further orders for next operation.

The battalion was placed on a three hour alert on the 27th of March and instructed to establish liaison with the 714th Tank Battalion immediately.

Battalion marched from Hassloch at 2330, 27 March with mission of crossing the Rhine at Worms and later to proceed to assembly area at Lorsh (R6017) to refuel. As scheduled the battalion crossed the Rhine River at 0430, 28 March and continued toward Division objective (Amorbach, N0818).

For the remainder of the month the battalion continued its march with Combat Command "B", preceded by a tank force from 714th Tank Battalion. Some slight resistance was met enroute to our objective and the march column stopped only long enough to clear the opposition.

At the close of the period the column was halted because our advance elements met stubborn resistance in the town of Euerhausen (N5914) where enemy personnel armed with panzerfaust scored three hits on our tanks. Simultaneously enemy aircraft was active and dropped a bomb approximately 200 yards from the center of our column. No casualties suffered.

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		1		Password: Cossack - Karkoff	S T
		2		S-2 Summary: Enemy showed more signes of activity than in past 48 hours. Railroad in vic of Q43307095 was reported active. Reported enemy laying mines vic Q403684. No enemy air activity was observed. Visibility during most of day was good.	
		3		S-3 Summary: Fired concentration CB9 on Ey in open vic Q419677 for AOP at 0750. Fired on OP and Ey vic Q455690 for 882d FA at 0945. Refired CB9 at 0945 and 1130 for AOP. Excellent results and target hits. Fired A Btry on Inf vic Q445685 at 1145. Fired B Btry on Ey in vic Q41368250 at 1200 for GOP. Fired on Ey on house vic Q428681 at 1215 for AOP. Fired Bn TOT on road junction vic Q403666 for AOP at 1240. 252 rounds expended.	
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		4		Password: Bataan - Tokyo.	S T
		5		CO departed at 1320 for conference with CO 882d FA Bn. Retd at 1645.	

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S-2 Summary:

Ey action was comparatively light during the day. A small counter-attack was reported in the vic Q421672 preceded by a preparation with mortars and artillery, it was repulsed with no gains made ~~km~~ by the enemy. No enemy air activity was reported.

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S-3 Summary:

Fired on railhead vic Q437712 at 0800 for AOP. Good effects on tracks but train moved. Fired on veh vic Q473693 for AOP at 1430. Target hit, veh left burning. Refired concentration CB9 on Inf. Fired three btry TOTs vic Q405-680 at 1905 for 882d FA Bn. 80 rds expended.

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Password: Benedictine - Brandy.

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CO departed at 0600 to proceed to VIII Corps at Trois Veerges P7571 for a period of four (4) days as an observer per Ltr, Hq, XXI Corps, file 300.4, Subject, "Orders", dated 2 Mar 45.

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S-2 Summary:

Ey activity was comparatively light today in the face of limited gains made by our forces in regaining some of the high ground in the vic of Q420665. A number of PWs were taken today. Our AOP reported the bridge at Q384654 was blown due to enemy demolitions. No enemy air activity was reported.

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S-3 Summary:

Fired harrasing fires on Ey mortars vic Q400672 at 0845 for 882d FA unobserved. Fired on mortars vic Q437689 at 1000 for 882d FA, effect good. Fired on mortars vic Q4168 at 1050 for 882d FA, unobserved. Fired smoke concentration at Q414694 at 1115 to 1200 for COP. Fired on rockets vic Q4168 at 1230, reg by GOP. Bn TOT fired vic Q403673 at 1410. Fired 5 harrasing missions vic Q4268 between 1500 and 1700. Reg on BB again. Fired on mortars vic Q418677 between 1855 - 1925 unobserved. Fired 16 harrasing missions during night. 362 rds expended.

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S-2 Summary:

There were very few reports of enemy actions during the day. However, reports were received that our forward elements received heavy mortar and arty fire. E and F Cos of the unit on our left, 276th Inf Regt, received a counter-attack vic Q399671 which was repulsed. At the end of the day most of the enemy had been cleared from Forbach and slight gains were made along the entire div front. One enemy ME 109 made one attack on our liaison plane without success.

S-3 Summary:

En fired 2 harrasing missions vic. 430-678 and 640-712 forLn O unobs. Fired on En. pers. in open at 0910 for GOP. Fired 3 battery TOT's on En activity vic. 415-685 at 0930 for GOP. Fired on Inf in trenches vic Q407670 at 1230, neutralized. Fired 3 harrasing missions on mortars vic Q420685 between 1445 - 1545 for 882d, unobserved. Fired on pers vic Q432680 at 1600 but didn't finish. Fired 6 harrasing missions during the night vic Q430690 for 882d FA. 211 rds expended.

5 March 1945

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Password: Box - Topp.

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S-2 Summary:

At 0900 a report was received that 500 Russian refugees were coming towards our lines on road vic Q420674. Later reports received stated that over 1200 Russian PWs were released from a German PW camp. Rocket positions were reported by observers at vic Q406678. Bridge at Q43066900 was blown by enemy at 0945. Another bridge at Q434694 was blown by the enemy at 1130. Further advances were made by our troops, Forbach was practically cleared but stiff resistance was being met in Stiring Wendel.

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S-3nSummary:

Fired A Btry on Ey in woods vic Q408672 at 1210 for 882d FA. Fired Bn and several Btry concentrations on Ey in houses and streets vic Q42606825 between 1300 and 1415 for AOP excellent results, Ey left laying in streets. Re registered on BP at Q40906926 with all btries between 1345 and 1425. Fired TOT on Ey vic Q41206775 at 1715 for 882d FA. Fired harrasing missions during the hours of darkness. 268 rds expended.

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To CO fr XXI Corps VCCG (thru 12th AD Arty, tp msg). 494th atchd to 70th Inf Div for operations and rations.

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S-2 Summary:

The enemy continued his heavy shelling of our forward elements throughout the day, however some gains were made against stiff resistance in the factory area in vic Q403-674. House to house fighting continued in Stiring Wendel with the enemy giving ground. No enemy activity in the air.

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S-3 Summary:

Fired preparation 12 concentrations vic Q4168 at 0630 for 882d FA. Fired on Ey pers and machine gun vic Q404674 at 0700 for GOP. Fired on railroad vic Q416685 for AOP at 1430. Fired Bn on factory vic Q404675 for GOP at 1530. Refired concentration several times by Bn and btry at 1550, 1610 and 1700. Area well covered. Fired on Ey pers vic Q404670 at 1645 for GOP. Fired C Btry on factory bldgs mentioned above. Fired Bn TOT vic Q402673 at 1930 for 882d. Fired harrasing missions during the night. 350 rounds expended.

7 Mar 45

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Password: Cigarette - Machine

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22 CO returned from VIII Corps at 1615.

23 S-2 Summary:
 Ey action was light during the last 24 hours. Main enemy activity being mortar and arty fire on our forward elements. Front lines remain the same. No enemy air activity was observed.

24 S-3 Summary:
 Fired Harrasing fire Vic Q410685 between 0200 and 0600. No missions during the day. 150 rds expended.

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25 Password: Star - Cigar.

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26 CO departed at 1400 for conference with CO Div Arty, 12th Armd Div. Returned at 1600.

27 S-2 Summary:
 Enemy front lines unchanged. Light Ey SA and AW fire. Arty and mortar fire decreased with greater part being received in Glashutte, Forbach and Stiring Wendel. No enemy air activity observed.

28 S-3 Summary:
 Fired on Ey Inf vic Q407673 at 1000 for GOP. Fired on Ey mortars vic Q405674 for 882d FA at 1200. Fired on machine gun vic Q4030-6747 at 1215 for GOP. Fired harrasing missions on tunnel, road junction and mortars between 1400 and 1500 for 882d FA. Fired on Ey mortars vic Q413695 at 1530 for GOP. Refired above concentration again at 1645. Fired on mortars vic Q41906915 at 1650 and 1700 for GOP. Fired harrasing missions vic Q410690 between 1930 and 0600. 244 rds expended.

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		9 Mar 45	
		<p>30 Password: Task - Force</p> <p>31 Msg Fr Div Arty to CO. 493 and 495 are reld of present mission they are under 12th AD control in present positions. Div Arty will reinforce fires of 70th Inf Div with 494th and reinforce fires of 17th FA Group with 495. 493d is in direct support of CC R. 495 and 494 be prepared to reinforce fires of 493 on call. 493 establish liaison immediately. Change effective immediately.</p> <p>32 CO departed at 1230 with Exec O from 16th AD Arty (Lt Col Worthington) to visit Bn OP Retd at 1600.</p> <p>33 S-3 Summary: Fired Ck Pt registration vic 44437097 at 0930. Fired on railroad engine vic Q433709 at 1000 for AOP. Caused locomotive to blow up. Adj on in road for harrasing vic Q414685 at 1030. Fired btry TOT on road junction and Ey in mess line vic Q43036916 and Q429690 for 882d FA at 1830. Fired Bn TOT on messline vic Q4296782 at 2030. Both TOT missions were unobserved. Fired on Ey mortar position as harrasing fire vic Q413680 for GOP at 1900 - 2000. Fired 3 harrasing fires for night vic factory Q405875. 168 rds expended.</p> <p>34 S-2 Summary: Enemy showed more activity today. Railroad active vic Q43207095. At 2215 Ey tracked veh were head moving south vic Q4570. No enemy air activity was observed.</p>	<p>ST</p>
		10 Mar 45	
		<p>34 Password: Office - Boss.</p> <p>35 S-2 Summary: 200 men were reported in vic of PW camp at 0930 (probably refugees). Railroad was active again at Q448719. Contd.</p>	<p>ST</p>

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	35	contd	<p>S-2 Summary contd.</p> <p>An estimated company of enemy inf was reported from Q428632 to Q432688. An Ey OP was harrassed at 1730. Ey shelling of our front lines was very light.</p>	
	36		<p>S-3 Summary:</p> <p>Fired on mortars vic Q413681 for 882d FA at 1010. Fired on locomotive vic Q448719 at 1130 for AOP, moved into tunnel. Fired 3 btry TOT on Inf Co vic Q430686 for 882d FA at 1505. Adj 2 of normal barrages vic Q406670 at 1815. Fired 10 harrassing target vic Q406700 and Q425685, between 2000 and 0600, for Div Arty and 882d FA. 234 rds expended.</p> <p>11 March 1945</p>	
	37		<p>Password: Back - Bay.</p>	S T
	38		<p>S-3 Summary:</p> <p>Fired on Veh and Pers in road bend vic Q414655 at 0945 for GOP. Fired on Ey activity vic Q428682 for GOP at 1015. Fired on Ey Btry vic Q411677 as TOT at 1150 for GOP. Fired on AT Gun vic Q415682 at 1217 for AOP. Fired on maching gun in house in vic Q427680 at 1250 for GOP. Fired on Ey Pers and OP vic Q417683 at 1340 for GOP. Fired TOT on Ey mortars vic Q414682 for 882d FA at 1819. Fired on Ey messline vic Q415681 at 2100 for 882d FA. Fired on Co of Inf vic Q425683 (TOT) at 1915 for 882d. Harrassing fire 4 targets vic Q405690. 250 rds expended.</p>	
	39		<p>S-2 Summary:</p> <p>The Ey was on the defensive throughout the day. A Possible assembly area was located vic Q414686. No enemy air activity was reported.</p> <p>12 Mar 45</p>	
	40		<p>Password: Military - Dress.</p>	S T

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- 41 0930 Fr Div Arty to CO (tp msg).
 Send rcn parties and one registering gun
 to Div Arty immediately.
- 42 Bn displaced by infiltration at 1400, to
 Karlsbrun (Q3364). Bn closed at 1515,
 distance traveled 9.5 miles. Bn entered
 Germany for first time upon completing this
 move.
- 43 1645 E Troop of 92d Rcn atchd to Bn for operations
- 44 S-2 Summary:
 Very little enemy activity during the day.
 Ey pers reported at Q432691. No enemy air
 activity was reported.
- 45 S-3 Summary:
 Bn adj on BP at road junction vic Q3623-
 69075 by AOP. 49 rds expended.
- 13 Mar 45.
- 46 Password: Cassino - Roma. S T
- 47 Fr Div Arty to CO (tp msg).
 Bn reinforces 70th Inf Div Arty. 12th
 Div Arty will assign the areas to move to.
 Rcn parties alerted to move at 0800, 14 Mar.
- 48 S-3 Summary:
 Registered Dog Btry on BP at 1045. Reg
 "A" Btry on Ck Pt ~~wich~~ at road junction
 vic Q33147320 at 1500. Fired on 2 maching
 guns at Q350715 at 1515 for AOP. Rds expended,
 105mm 27: 75mm 2.
- 49 S-2 Summary:
 Ey resistance continued light today. A
 white flag reported at Q352676. Ey OP in
 house reported by AOP at Q357676.
- 50 14 Mar 45
 Password: Catt - Milk.

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NUMBER	DATED	ALSO KNOWN AS, OTHERS, ETC	
51		GO alerted Bn to be prepared to displace at 1200.	
52	1530	Fr Div Arty to CO (tp Msg) Bn reld of present mission, displace to reconnoitered positions. E Tp, 92d Rcn reld.	
53		Bn displaced at 1545. Closed in Forbach Q3767 at 1630. Distance traveled 7.1 miles.	
54		S-2 Summary: It became apparent during the day that the Ey was withdrawing. Ey withdrawn from Schoneken. AOP reported a motorcycle and truck on road from Volklingen to Sarrbrucken. One ME 109 reported in area at 1130.	
55		S-3 Summary: Fired on Ey activity vic Q359726 for AOP between 1445 and 1500. Fired C Bty on veh and pers vic Q364726 at 1225 to 1245 with excellent effect for AOP and on veh and pers at Q36057310 at 1430 but veh moved before mission accomplished. Bn moved and reg on BP in new position. Fired Ck rds from flank btries at 1800. 109 rds expended.	
56		15 Mar 45 Password: Solo - Act.	S T
57		S-3 Summary: Fired on veh vic Q389738 at 1025 for AOP Fired on Veh and bldg vic Q365726 at 1230 for AOP. Fired on pers and SA from factory vic Q395724 at 1245 with target hits for AOP. Moved C Btry to new position and reg on BP. at 1530. Fired on veh vic Q380733 at 1630 for GOP, veh demolished.	
58		S-2 Summary: Ey continued to give ground with our troops advancing to the Saar at many points. No enemy air activity reported.	

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59		16 Mar 45 Password; Cognac - Sec.	S T
60	1800	Fr Div Arty to CO (Tp msg). Bn alerted for immediate move.	S T
61		S-3 Summary; Fired on Ey at outpost vic Q402- 7268 at 1230 for GOP, did not finish mission. Fired on Ey in open vic Q40167264 at 1415 with good effect. Fired on veh and pers vic Q338728 at 1516 for AOP. Fired Bn on AA vic Q360746 for AOP at 1545. Fired on AA vic Q369738 at 1555 for AOP. Fired on 3 ey veh vic Q378755 at 1807 with target hits. Fired Bn TOT after adj on Ey Btry vic Q391761 with good results, at 1830 for AOP. Refired Bn TOT 1 volley on same at 1915. 180 rds expended.	
62		S-2 Summary; Enemy activity was light during this period. Ey veh destroyed at Q358728 No ey air activity observed.	
63		17 MARCH 45 Password: Collie - Shepard.	S T
64		At 0230 order was received in effect: 12th AD reverts to control of XX Corps, 3d Army. 494th will be D/S of CC B. 12th AD will go into assembly area near Bremich. 494th will move at approx 0700. Route of march: Forbach, St Avold, Faulquemont, Many, Hiva, S.N. Right on 399 to Courcelles to Grigy to Metz on N-55. N53 to Thionville to vic Sierck les Baines.	
65		Bn departed at approx 0615 - marched 70.1 miles arrived at Elzange U9586 NdG, Verdun - Wissembourg, Sheet 57, 1/200,000	

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		66	1630	Fr CC B to CO. Be prepared to move at 1900.	S T
		67		Bn moved from Elzange at 2315. 18 Mar 45	
		68		Password; Apple - Peach.	S T
		69		Bn proceeded by motor march for 60.2 miles to vic Reinsfeld L3516 - arrived 1315. Map ref - Map of Germany, Birkenfeld XXXVI /10, 1/50,000.	
		70		Bn prepared to move to vic Baumholder L7113.	
		71		Bn displaced 1600, arrived Baumholder at 2400, traveled 43 miles.	
		72		S-2 Summary: During the day the enemy offered no resistance and large groups of prisoners were observed going to the rear. No enemy air activity was observed.	
		73		19 Mar 45 Password; Wolf - Fox.	S T
		74		Bn displaced from Baumholder at 0900 arrived at an assembly area vic Worsbach L9506 at 1700 - Bn prepared at 1800 to move out from Assy area to continue on to Corps objective, Worms, Germany	
		75		20 Mar 45 At 0900 the Corps objective was changed to Mannheim.	
		76		Arrived at assy area Mehlingen Neukirchen at 1115, 29.0 miles. Today Bn went into firing positions for the first time during this present thrust into Germany.	
		77		Bn displaced from Mehlingen at 1645.	

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	78		S-3 Summary; Bn went into firing positions near Neunkirchen. Fired on Ammo dump and AT guns vic 122979 for AOP. Fired on Ey pers in assy area vic 125972 with excellent effects. Many dead. Fired on AT gun vic 115978 with excellent results for GOP. Fired on pers and veh vic 127971 with target hits on veh for GOP. Fired zone fire on area around 127971. Fired on ey ven & pers vic 125972 different times with excellent results between 1600 & 1630. Fired on gun emplacement hitting gun vic 11949694 at 1638 for AOP. Refired conc on pers above at 12259224 at 1645 for GOP. Refired on Bn conc on assy area at 1655 for AOP. Fired on AT gun for AOP vic 123972 at 1705. All targets were in small area & observers said "A field day". 700 rds expended.	
	79		S-2 Summary: Since the start of the operation the enemy made his first sign of organized resistance in the vic of Enkenbach where SA &AW, also AT fire was encountered. The enemy suffered heavy casualties due to our artillery fire. No enemy air activity was observed. Prisoners lined the roads leading to the rear.	
	80		21 Mar 45 Bn arrived Frankenthal, Germany at 0345, traveled 28.5 miles. Bn approx 5 miles from Mannheim.	
	81		0700 new mission of Div - is to proceed south along Rhine River and join 7th Army coming up from south. Secure west bank of Rhine. Bn in D/S of 92d Rcn as of 1800.	

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82	During days action Bn lost two men, Pvt Lookaill, KIA and Lt Muller, LWA.	
83	S-3 Summary: Bn in firing positions but did not fire any missions.	
84	S-2 Summary: The Ey continued to give ground. However resistance was met at our objective, Ludwigshafen. Ey air was very active throughout the day, attacking in groups of 7 or 8 and strafing and bombing forward and rear elements. Attached AA with Bn claimed two enemy aircraft. The enemy has blown all bridges across the Rhine. Our GOP reported the enemy digging in on the east bank of the Rhine. At 1600 it was reported the enemy were crossing the river from East to West vic Oppau (4901). AOP made an inspection of the area and could observe no activity.	
	22 Mar 45	
85	Bn moves out at approx 0630 for vic Speyer, route of march Oggersheim, Mutterstadt, Shefferstadt and Speyer.	
86	Bn went into firing positions at Mutterstadt at 0800, traveled 7.4 miles. Column held up by approx 3 German tanks and several German MG squads. Bn column was attacked on this march by four German aircraft. S Sgt Basel was LWA as result of strafing.	
87	Mission of Bn now D/S of CC B as of 1200.	
88	At approx 2210 Bn position was bombed and strafed by Ey aircraft. Bombs landed a short distance forward of Btry A but fragments caused seven casualties.	

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	88 contd		Casualties were: Pfc Nay, LWA Pfc Bradstreet, LWA Cpl Miller, Root, LWA Pfc Moritko, LWA Pvt Turbush, LWA Sgt Parks, SWA Pfc Barr, LWA	
	89		S-3 Summary: Btry C fired at tks and pers between 0830 and 0930. Btries registered on BP at 0930. Fired on smoke mission at 0930 and 1300 regularly for GOP. Fired on tks vic 489899 at 1245 for GOP. Fired on Ey btry and pers vic 46048500 at 1330 for GOP. Fired on ven and pers vic 495942 at 1500 for AOP. Fired to mark targets for air support vic 462892 and 489899 at 1610 to 1630. Fired on Ey OP where a veh was seen to stop at a tower vic 476887 at 1655 for GOP. Fired on OP vic 456883 at 1715 for AOP. Fired on Ey pers vic 464885 at 1845 for FO, pers scattered. Fired smoke mission vic 490897 at 1900 for FO to move forward. Fired on AT gun at 1925 for FO with target hits. Fired harrassing missions during hours of darkness. 315 rds expended.	
	90		S-2 Summary: Stiffened enemy resistance continued with the enemy employing tanks and many AT guns. Much activity was reported in vic of Rheingausheim where heavy SA & AT fire was received. Seven barrage balloons were observed over the town of Speyer protecting the gridge in that city. At 1725 friendly tanks were reported entering Rheingausheim. The railroad in Schifferstadt was active during the morning. This Bn was subjected to a strafing while moving from Frankenthal to Mutterstadt.	

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		91		Bn received orders from CO to march order at 1020 - Bn displaced to vic Schifferstadt - 5.2 miles - arrived at 1200 - Btries went into firing positions. Lt Lewis, Lt R W Hill and Sgt J Peterson wounded in action.	
		92			
		93		S-3 Summary: Fired on boats on river and each side of river vic 52158080 and 51808045 with a direct hit on one boat for AOP. Fired on By pers vic 515823 at 1230 for FO. Fired Smoke vic 520822 at 1310 for GOP. Fired on SP gun vic 438796 at 1615 for AOP. Fired on town vic 444794 at 1630 for AOP. Fired on tank vic 437795 at 1650 getting seven target hits but tank moved away. Fired on ven and pers vic 476789 at 1740 with good effect for AOP. Fired on pers and rd block vic 475800 at 1800 for AOP. Fired at snipers vic 512810 at 1915 for FO. 510 rds expended.	
		94		S-2 Summary: Enemy resistance continued during this period however it was much lighter than the previous day with their main effort being in the vicinity of Speyer. In his retreat the enemy was blowing up his ammo stores. The bridge at Speyer was blown up at 1030. Small amounts of traffic were observed crossing from west to east during the morning. An extremely large explosion observed in Speyer at 1704, cause undetermined. No enemy air activity observed.	
		95		24 Mar 45	
		96		Password; Evening - Night.	S T
				12th AD reverts to 7th Army control at 1200. Bn D/S CC A who is supporting 94th Div.	

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DATE	SERIAL	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, ORDER, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
	97		Bn left Schifferstadt displaced to vic Speyer arrived 1120, traveled 4.0 miles. Mission of Bn changed to D/S CC B at 1600.	
	98		S-3 Summary: Fired prep fire of red smoke vic 515805 at 0700. Fired on pers and ven vic 443777 at 0850 for AOP. Fired on pers vic 447777 at 0910 for AOP. Fired on ven and pers vic 528806 at 1100 for AOP. Fired on Pers at 1115 for AOP. Fired on Ey dug in for AOP from 1115 to 1145. Fired on ven and pers for AOP at 1200. Fired on 88 posn vic 527818 at 1918 TOT for Div Arty. Fired on two 20mm flak guns vic 524815 at 1923 (TOT) for Div Arty. 439 rds expended.	
	99		S-2 Summary: The enemy continued his retreat with some resistance. Enemy troops were generally withdrawing to the vic of 4769 where a bridge and boats were used to transport personnel across the river. The bridge was blown by the enemy at approx 1033 reported by our AOP. An enemy boat transporting troops from west to east was sunk approx 1000 rds north of bridge by artillery fire from the 493d FA adj by our AOP.	
			25 Mar 45	
	100		Password: Fourth - July.	S T
	101		Bn alerted by CO to displace at approx 1300 - Rcn parties to leave at 1230 - Bn displaced at 1300 - arrived at Hassloch - traveled 8.7 miles. Bn closed into assy area for Div.	
	102		Bn released from CC B and under Div Arty control at 1300. Div released from XXI Corps.	

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	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
103	<p>S-3 Summary: Fired at veh around house vic 5283-804 at 8000 with target hit on house and good effect on veh for AOP Fired on 88 gun emplacement vic 540 830 at 0845 for AOP. Fired on pers vic 5378-8269 at 0855 for AOP. 120 rds expended.</p>	
104	<p>26 Mar 45</p> <p>Password: Limousine - Automobile</p> <p>At 1130 Div was placed on 8 hour alert.</p>	S T
106	<p>27 Mar 45</p> <p>Password: Frost - Frigidaire.</p>	S T
107	<p>Bn under control of XV Corps Arty - At 1400 msg fr Div Arty: Have Bn ready to move at 1630. Change to be prepared to move at any time - received 1415.</p>	
108	<p>Msg at 1430 from Div Arty - Bn now on 3 hour alert - Bn will probably not move tonight.</p>	
109	<p>Tp Msg at 2000 - This Bn will probably move out within three or four hours - Establish Ln with 714th Tk Bn - Initial route of Bn will be to proceed to Worms, Ger. cross the river there - proceed due east to super highway. Route of march: Myisdach, Diediausheim, Bad Durkheim, Grundstadt, Monsheim, Worms, Burstadt, Lorsch.</p>	

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	INCIDENTAL, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
110	<p>28 Mar 45</p> <p>Bn left Hassloch at 2330, 27 Mar Crossing the Rhine River at Worms, proceeding on to Lorsch. Assy area changed - Bn moved out and into assy area between Lorsch R6017 and Hutteifeld R6111 to gas veh and eat breakfast - Time arrived 0715, distance 46.1 - Attached to CC B. Bn left assy area at 0930.</p>	
111	<p>S-2 Summary:</p> <p>This battalion crossed the Rhine at Worms at approx 0330 this morning and continued generally east meeting little enemy resistance throughout the day. Our advance elements were delayed for a short while by mortar fire in the vic of 722-114. Snipers were reported active in the town of Morlenbach. No enemy air activity was reported.</p> <p>29 Mar 45</p>	
112	<p>Bn marched 44 miles - arrived at Beerfelden R9808 at 1645. Bury A went into firing position today.</p>	
113 v	<p>The enemy continued to offer slight and scattered resistance during this period. Two 150mm arty pieces were destroyed and the pers dispersed in the vic of 925-098. A bridge was blown by the enemy at 946-008. SA & MG fire was encountered in the town of Kattbach which was cleaned out by our infantry and the town was reported burning. No enemy air activity observed.</p> <p>30 Mar 45</p>	
114	<p>Bn remained on road vic Beerfelden all night - left 0530 on way to Div obj Amorbach.</p>	

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		115		<p>S-2 Summary:</p> <p>Resistance continued scattered along our route during the day. The enemy in his retreat destroyed the bridge at 0615. Our forces destroyed, 8 tanks, 7 of which were towing AA multiple mounts and one commande car in the vic 063-115. No enemy air activity was observed.</p> <p>31 Mar 45</p>	
		116		<p>Bn closed in assy area vic Hardheim at 0100. Bn left assy area at approx 100000 continue on to obj. Bn halted at 1100 in vic Konigheim. Btry A went into position and fired on several targets adjusted by Ln plane in vic Lauberbischofsheim. Bridge at N 395155 is damaged. Column halted to find new bridge - At 1205 Ln plane took a train under fire at Gurlachsheim - precision adjustment on the steam engine. At 1630 Bn received orders from CC B to halt and await orders. Bn pulled into assy area vic Lauberbischofsheim, miles traveled 12. Orders received at 1700 "C" Btry attached to Fields force and remainder of bn attached to Nortons force. Bn left assy area at 1845 - arrived vic Hottingen at 2400.</p>	
		117		<p>S-2 Summary:</p> <p>Our forces continued their advance during the day. Some slight resistance was met in the town of Lauberbischofsheim which was ceared by our infantry. The enemy tried unsuccessfully to blow the bridge east of the town and our forces continued along their route of advance. Our advance elements met stubborn resistance in the town of Euerhausen where enemy personnel armed with panzerfaust scored two or three hits on our tanks. Arty fire was brought down on the town. Ey aircraft active and dropped a bomb approx 200 yards from our column.</p>	

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SESSION	TIME		TYPE	A/C NO.	REMARKS
	IN	OUT			
<u>1 Mar 45</u>					
1	0900	0710	A	4480147	PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u> Lt Maurice L Glover and Lt Frederick R Edwards; Adj Bn on 3 targets of enemy personnel in open.
2	1250	1110	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Adj on Ey Pers used TOT very successful.
3	1430	1400	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Mowatt (tanker): Rcn for S-2 info for tank attack.
4	1625	1515	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Patrol of Front Lines, no targets observed.
<u>2 Mar 45</u>					
1	0850	0715	C	147	PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u> Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Patrol and S-2 info, located 3 locomotives.
2	1205	1105	C	147	Lt Glover and Capt David A Hill: Rcn and patrol, no Ey activity observed.
3	1630	1505	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Fired one Btry volley on Ey Pers in open.
<u>3 Mar 45</u>					
1	1010	0805	C	147	PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u> Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Surveillance of attack and S-2 Info.
2	1345	1215	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Rcn & patrol.
3	1815	1625	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: BP registration.
<u>5 Mar 45</u>					
1	1135	1035	A	147	PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u> Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Reg Bn on BP also time corrector.
2	1405	1235	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Reg on 30 Krauts killed quite a number of them.
<u>7 Mar 45</u>					
1	1635	1505	C	147	PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u> Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Rcn and S-2 Info.

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<u>9 Mar 45</u>					
					PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1015	0900	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt David T Weston: Ck point Reg, knocked out locomotive.
2	1350	1230	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Weston: Ren.
3	0855	0745	C	4236560	Lt Lester R Johnson and Lt Harry C Walter: Ren.
4	1215	1045	C	560	Lt Johnson and Tec 4 Julian R Fredebaugh: Ren.
<u>10 Mar 45</u>					
					PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1030	0910	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Ren of front lines.
2	1200	1030	A	147	Lt Glover and Major William G Raoul: Adj on locomotive, locomotive moved adj not complete
3	1320	1125	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Marquard C Muller: Ren of front lines.
<u>11 Mar 45</u>					
					PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	0810	0700	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Div Arty patrol.
2	1240	1120	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Div Arty patrol, fired Bn on Ey Pers and Ey AT gun.
3	1655	1545	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Albert B Flanagan: Div Arty patrol and surveillance of fire mission.
<u>12 Mar 45</u>					
					PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1420	1255	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Bn BP Reg and Bn Conc on Ey Pers in woods, Div Arty patrol.
2	1735	1625	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Bn BP Reg also Div Arty Patrol.
<u>13 Mar 45</u>					
					PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>
1	1325	1215	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Clayton S Sweigart: Div Arty Patrol.
2	1530	1440	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Ck Pt Reg also fire on MG and Pers.
3	1910	1810	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Ren for Pers and Div Arty patrol.
4	0930	0820	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Div Arty patrol.
5	1325	1225	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Muller: Orient of Front.
6	1520	1415	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Div Arty patrol, located Ey OP.

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	IN	OUT		
<u>DATE 14 Mar 45</u>				
				<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>
1	1510	1340	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Col Harold M Crawford: Adj on RI, also on school bldg used as A CP.
2	1725	1625	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards: Adj 1 Btry on BP.
3	1830	1800	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter: Adj 2 Btries on BP.
4	1130	1100	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: S-2 Info.
5	1245	1145	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Adj Bn on Ey Veh & Pers, Div Arty patrol.
6	1645	1540	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt H. E. Gerhard: Tanker orientation of front lines.
<u>DATE 15 Mar 45</u>				
				<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>
1	1105	1005	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Roger G Bissmeyer: Front line ren with FO.
2	1310	1200	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Adj Bn on Ey Veh & Pers in warehouse and factory.
3	1115	1005	A 147	Lt Glover and Major Raoul: Adj on Veh as they crossed cross roads.
4	1500	1440	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter: BP adjustments.
5	1850	1745	C 147	Lt Glover and Lt Howard R Gmelch: Ren and S-2 Info.
<u>DATE 16 Mar 45</u>				
				<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>
1	1600	1400	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Ren of 63d Div Front lines, fired on 3 targets (1 MG, 1 AA & 1 Veh)
2	1850	1740	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Div Arty patrol, fired Bn on Ey Arty Posn and on 3 Veh & Pers.
<u>DATE 18 Mar 45</u>				
				<u>PLACE 3d Army Front</u>
1	1300	1200	C 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter: Ren and S-2 Info.
2	1615	1500	C 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter: Ren & Ey location.

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DATE	IN	OUT			PLACE	
<u>19 Mar 45</u>						
1	0900	1700	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Col Crawford:	Rcn of route of CC B.
2	1530	1300	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn & S-2 Info.
3	1900	1730	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn and patrol.
4	1220	0950	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and patrol.
5	1430	1700	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and patrol.
<u>20 Mar 45</u>						
1	0800	0630	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn and location of Fwd elements of CC B.
2	1530	1230	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	BP Adj and Rcn.
3	1900	1730	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn of bridges over Rhine River.
4	1045	0830	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and patrol, locating forward friendly elements.
5	1330	1225	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and patrol.
6	1730	1520	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and patrol, locating forward elements.
7	1920	1815	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and patrol of forward elements.
<u>21 Mar 45</u>						
1	1000	0900	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn & location of tank columns moving forward.
2	1600	1500	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn & S-2 Info.
3	0850	0645	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired Bn on AA gun, Rcn and patrol for S-2.
4	1310	1200	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired on Ey Pers and 4 AT guns.
5	1600	1500	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn & S-2 patrol.

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	IN	OUT			PLACE	
E	<u>22 Mar 45</u>				<u>3d Army Front</u>	
	1130	11030	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Adj on tks and Pers
	1530	1400	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	BP Adj and fired on 5 Ey Vehs.
	1045	0815	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Reg Bn on BP.
	1210	1135	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired Bn on Ey Arty Btry and on tanks.
	1610	1505	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn and Patrol.
	1800	1640	C	560	Lt Johnson and Capt F. B. Drass:	Rcn for Attack
E	<u>23 Mar 45</u>				<u>3d Army Front</u>	
	0930	0700	C	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Rcn & S-2 Info. location of forward elements.
	1445	1215	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	BP Adj, fired Bn on Ey Vehs and Pers.
	1225	1010	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired on boat crossing river. Sank same. Reg on BP.
	1730	1445	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired on Pers and Vehs and on a Royal Tiger Tank.
	1900	1700	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Fired on 3 targets Ey Pers.
E	<u>24 Mar 45</u>				<u>3d Army Front</u>	
	1200	0900	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill:	BP Reg.
	1700	1600	A	147	Lt Glover and Lt Edwards:	Fired 5 targets mostly pers.
	0805	0645	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Rcn of Friendly forward elements for S-2.
	0955	0820	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired on Ey Pers and vehicles, S-2 Info.
	1325	1215	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired on boat crossing river, sank it. S-2 Info.
	1500	1345	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter:	Fired on 2 boats crossing river, sank one. S-2 Info.

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	IN	OUT		
ATE	25 Mar 45			PLACE 7th Army Front
1	0900	0715	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Fired 2 targets, one 88 gun position, other Ey pers.
ATE	27 Mar 45			PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1355	1245	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Rcn for SS troops pocketed in woods.
ATE	28 Mar 45			PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1430	1230	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Rcn and patrol of CC B column.
2	1830	1630	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Rcn and patrol of CC B column.
3	1630	1445	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Rcn and patrol of CC B column.
ATE	29 Mar 45			PLACE 7th Army front
1	0800	0650	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Rcn and patrol of CC B column, s-2 Info.
ATE	30 Mar 45			PLACE 7th Army Front
1	0830	0700	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Rcn and patrol.
2	1850	1630	C 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter: Rcn and patrol.
3	0910	0850	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Rcn and patrol.
ATE	31 Mar 45			PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1300	1000	A 44801	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj on train, knocked out engine also 3 targets of Pers.
2	1830	1600	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj on 2 targets of pers.
3	1600	1400	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill: Adj on Vehs and Pers
4	0645	0910	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter: Rcn and patrol of CC B column.

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BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

RANK	NAME	ASN	DUTY	SPECIAL DUTIES	TRANSFERS
1st Col	Harold M Crawford	021840	Bn Comdr		
Major	Charles R Oliver	0380561	Bn Exec		
Major	Frederick W Carstens	0307381	Bn Exec		From Bn to 493d, 27 Mar
Major	William G Raoul	0452471	Bn S-3	Bn Exec	To Bn fr 493d 27 Mar 45
Capt	Carl C Morgan	0425922	Bn S-3		On S/S fr 16 to 27 Mar.
1st Lt	Howard R Gmelch	01167437	Bn S-2		
Capt	James W Hudson	0405590	Ln O		
1st Lt	David T Weston	01182302	Rcn O	Fwd Obsr	

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Capt	Joseph A Zanetta	01167708	BC	Com O	
1st Lt	Harry C Walter	01182296	Com O	Air Obsr	
1st Lt	Maurice L Glover	01180513	Ln Pilot		
1st Lt	Lester R Johnson	01175183	Ln Pilot		
1st Lt	Roger G Bissmeyer	0513635	FO #1		
1st Lt	Eugene C Lewis	01182172	FO #2		Dropped from rolls
1st Lt	Frank E Massland III	0522811	FO #3		
Lt	Frederick R Edwards	02007171	MO	Air Obsr	
Lt	Erwin R Nelson	01182316	Asst FO		Fr C Btry this Bn 27 Feb 45 D/S CCR, 27 Feb 45.

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Capt	Lawrence A Gobeille	01167438	BC	Ln O	
1st Lt	Thomas F Walsh	01178381	Exec		
1st Lt	Clayton S Sweigart	01173803	MO	Fwd Obsr	
Lt	Herman G Gerber	02007170	RO	Fwd Obsr	
Lt	Truxton K Clement	02010634	FO		

BATTERY B

Capt	David A Hill	01167469	BC	Ln O & Air Obsr	
Lt	Philip T Boden	01168178	Exec		
Lt	Thomas P Scott	01178326	MO	Fwd Obsr	
Lt	Russell W Hill	01180951	RO	Fwd Obsr	Evac to Gen Hosp 23 Mar

BATTERY C

Capt	James H Moulder	01167549	BC	Fwd Obsr	
Lt	Albert B Flanagan	01180894	Exec		
Lt	Marquard C Muller	01182201	RO	Fwd Obsr	Evac to Gen Hosp 23 Mar
Lt	Orville G Roesler	01180694	FO		

SERVICE BATTERY

pt	John J King	0371005	BC & S-4
pt	Ray Owen	01168403	Bn MO
t Lt	Ethelbert S Allen	01167297	Asst S-4
Lt	Alfred R Tyler	02007169	S-1
t Lt	Russell w Shelhamer	01178334	MO
JG	Harold Anderson	W2119827	Pers Off
JG	Harvey G Gudegast	W2119823	Asst MO

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT

pt	Lester R Gorenstein	0555055	Bn Med Surg
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37669868	Grim,	Raymond		Pfc	FA	LWA		20 Mar		Germany	M.G. Fire
31317484	Heald,	Eldred A.		Pfc	FA	LWA		20 Mar		Germany	M.G. Fire
34595817	Lookabill,	Benjamin		Pfc	FA	KIA		21 Mar		Germany	Crushed by gun barrel
01182201	Muller,	Marquard	1st	Lt	FA	LWA		21 Mar		Germany	Sniper fire
36149986	Basel,	Royal		S-Sgt	FA	LWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial strafing
37314118	Nay,	Floyd N.		Pfc	FA	LWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial bomb
37673633	Bradstreet,	Kenneth		Pfc	FA	LWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial bomb
15364339	Miller,	Robert		Cpl	FA	LWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial bomb
37314895	Moritko,	Henry		Pfc	FA	LWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial bomb
36534292	Barr,	Everette		Pfc	FA	LWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial bomb
16110498	Parks,	John E		Sgt	AAA	SWA		22 Mar		Germany	Aerial bomb
32526928	Turbush,	Carl		Pvt	FA	LIA		22 Mar		Germany	Battle exhaustic
36273668	French,	Robert		Sgt	FA	LIA		22 Mar		Germany	Shock
01180951	Hill,	Russell		1st Lt	FA	SWA		23 Mar		Germany	Sniperfire
01182172	Lewis,	Eugene		1st Lt	FA	LWA		23 Mar		Germany	Sniper fire

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1. **Organization** submitting BCR and date of report.
2. **BCR Control No.** Assigned by organization submitting BCR in accordance with instructions from Army, Air Force, etc.
3. **Army Serial No.** To agree with enlisted service record or officer's qualification card.
4. **Name.** Last name, first name and middle initial must be shown. Where no middle initial exists, (NMI) will be shown.
5. **Grade.** Will agree with that shown on service record, etc.
6. **Arm or Service.** Use proper abbreviations.

7. **Type of Casualty:**

<i>Description</i>	<i>ALPH</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>ALPH</i>
Killed in action	KIA	Captured	CAP
Died of wounds	DOW	Missing in action	MIA
Died of injuries	DOI	Gas illness	SIG
Seriously wounded in action	SWA	Interned by a neutral country	INT
Seriously injured in action	SIA	Returned to duty	RTD
Slightly wounded in action	LWA	Alive and well	ALW
Slightly injured in action	LIA		

8. **Date of Casualty.** The day, month (abbreviated) and year will be shown.

9. **Flying or Jump Status.**

Pilot, Copilot and Command pilot	A	Armorer gunner	I	Navigator bombardier Radar	P
Navigator	B	Parachutist on jump status	J	Power plant specialist gunner	Q
Bombardier	C	Gunner	K	Electric plant specialist gunner	R
Observer	D	All other air force personnel in flying status	L	Radar mechanic gunner	S
Flight Surgeon	E	Bombardier navigator	M	Photo gunner	T
Photographer	F	Flight or aerial engineer	N	All air force personnel not in flying status	Z
Radio operator gunner	G	Central fire control gunner	O		
Engineer gunner	H				

10. **Place.** General location only will be used, i.e., Germany, France, North Sea, English Channel, etc.

11. **Remarks.** Where the casualty status is changing from one type to another, this change will be shown. Date of previous status will be indicated (fr LWA 12 Mar 44 to RTD). Sub-unit, if desired by local headquarters (Co A, 425 Sqdn, etc.).

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDER</u>	<u>HQ</u>
1st Lt	Russell W Hill	2 & 3 Jan 45	Bronze Star	Sec V, GO 28, 1 Apr 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
Cpl	Robert W Drescher	2 to 8 Jan 45	Bronze Star	Sec III, GO 28, 1 Apr 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
Lt Col	Harold M Crawford	14 Jan 45	Air Medal	Sec VII, GO 28, 1 Apr 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
Capt	David A Hill	7 Dec to 10 Jan	1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal	Sec VIII, GO 28, 1 Apr 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
Pfc	Raymond D Grim	15 Dec to 10 Feb	Certificat of Merit	Sec IX, GO 28, 1 Apr 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div
Capt	David A Hill	10 Jan to 15 Feb	2d Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal	Sec XI, GO 28, 1 Apr 45	Hq, 12th Armd Div

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494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. Army

8 May 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division.

In accordance with Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, dated 7 January 1945, the Unit History for the month of April 1945 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred R. Tyler
ALFRED R TYLER
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NARRATIVE

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By 7 NARS, Date 8/16/79

Throughout this period the battalion was attached to Combat Command B, and normally functioned in direct support of the two forces comprising the Combat Command - Force Fields (predominantly 714th Tank Battalion) and Force Norton (predominantly 56th Armored Infantry Battalion). At the beginning of the period Combat Command B was in assembly near Tauberbischofsheim (WN3915) under Corps control. On the night of 31 March this Battalion assumed direct support of Force Norton with mission of establishing a bridgehead across the Main River at Ochsenfurt (WN6821) and to continue on to Kitzengen (N7429) enroute to Schweinfurt (N7637), the Division objective.

On 1 April, the Battalion was on the road proceeding east toward the Division objective. At 1530 the same day the Battalion was alerted for artillery support because of the numerous troops and vehicles that were observed to the immediate front in the vicinity of Randersacker (617312). All that afternoon and night the Battalion fired on the targets that impeded our advance. Air and ground observers reported the effect was exceptionally good. More advances were made by our forces during the latter part of the day, but the enemy succeeded in withdrawing the bulk of his forces across the Main River at Ochsenfurt. At 1650 the air observer reported that the bridge at Ochsenfurt was destroyed.

The following day the Command Post was moved to Tuckelhausen (N6530) to await the building of a bridge. By 0900 the 3d of April, a foot bridge was constructed and elements of the 56th Armored Infantry Battalion had crossed the Main River. The main body of Combat Command B met resistance east and north of the Main River. During the operation, our air observers worked with the 714th Tank Battalion and accounted for four tanks by adjusting artillery fire on them and forcing them to a position that enabled tankers to score direct hits. The observers did an excellent job of giving information as to the disposition of other enemy tanks and also the location of two 88mm guns in the sector which were both destroyed by the 714th Tank Battalion.

Verbal orders were received from Combat Command B on the 5th of May to execute Plan "W" which was to return the tankers from Kitzengen and proceed into Westheim (N6729) to clear out the pocket of German resistance. This Battalion, with attached 937th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm howitzer), was assigned mission of direct support of 714th Tank Battalion during the attack.

The same day the attached Anti-Aircraft Platoon from Battery "D", 572 AAAW Battalion, shot down two ME 109s while protecting the bridge at Ochsenfurt.

From the 6th to 8th of April, our forces extended their bridgehead east of the Main River from Kitzengen, taking the town of Sickershausen (N7627). The Battalion occupied positions in vicinity of Michelfeld (N7625). During this period enemy aircraft were active, bombing and strafing the friendly elements to our immediate rear.

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At Michelfeld the Battalion enjoyed a short rest period while Combat Command B remained in assembly at Mainbernheim (N8026). On 9 April the Battalion received orders to support an enveloping movement of the Combat Command designed to clear enemy forces from the area north, east and south of Mainbernheim. Rather than follow the fighting elements, it was decided to place the Battalion in a central position from which the attack could be supported at practically all points of the sweep, without displacing. Battalion displaced at 1800 to vicinity Einersheim (N8424) and registered to the north, east and south. Throughout the day and night the Battalion fired missions requested by both air and ground observers in towns of Hellmitzheim (WN8622), Tauerbach (WN8524), Castell (WN8926), Schonau (WN8621) and Stadt Schwargach (WN8620). Emergency barrages were prepared for "C" Battery's sector east and southwest of Castell. During this period 625 rounds were expended which included the 50,000th round fired since this Battalion entered combat. From this position the Battalion fired at ranges of from 1300 yards to 12,600 yards, and from due north to due south.

For the next six days the battalion continued its march in direct support of Combat Command B. Because of our rapid advance Troop "A", 92d Reconnaissance Squadron, was attached on several occasions for perimeter defense. On the night of 15 April an enemy patrol of six men tried to infiltrate our battalion position and were spotted by outposts of Troop "A" and fired upon with machine guns. The result was that two of the men were killed. It was later learned that the patrol's mission was to disrupt communications behind our lines. The dead had in their possession all types of demolitions and were armed with automatic weapons equipped with silencers.

At 1700, 17 April, "C" Battery of this battalion received counterbattery fire wounding one officer and three enlisted men.

The Battalion left Schwaighausen (WT2192) on 18 April and upon getting in position at Heilsbrunn (WT2187) three Royal Tiger Tanks opened up with direct fire from a range of 2400 yards east of town. "B" Battery was shifted and fired 13 rounds at the tanks with an air observer adjusting. No direct hits were observed but the tanks withdrew. Resistance was scattered throughout the remainder of the day and the Battalion continued its march to the outskirts of Ansbach (WT9883). In the meantime the remainder of the force occupied Ansbach against little opposition. In the process four 20mm guns and four 88mm guns were captured intact. The 88mm guns had opened fire on our tanks as they approached Ansbach, but had been spotted by our air observer and promptly taken under fire. It was learned from PWs that the crews were driven away by this fire.

The period of 20-21 April was devoted to cleaning vehicles and maintenance work because the Combat Command objective had been taken and they had no further mission. The Battalion remained in position however to cover the area south and west of Ansbach.

The Battalion moved to Deidenhofen (T0606) on the morning of the 22d. Very slight resistance was met during the day and two forces advanced to the Danube River. Enroute to the destination 600 Polish prisoners of war, who had been liberated, were seen going to the rear. During the march the battalion captured 157 prisoners in the town of Morslingen (WT0210).

Several enemy aircraft were fired on by the Battalion between 0630 - 0730 on the morning of 23 April. At one time three low flying ME 109s flew directly over Headquarters Battery and one plane was knocked down by the battery's 50 caliber machine gun and attached anti-aircraft fire.

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The following day the Battalion crossed the Danube River at 1430 and closed into position at Aislingen (Y0193). Approximately 1830, six Stukas, JU 87s, Flew low over our position areas and dropped one bomb. No casualties or damage to materiel resulted.

The Battalion fired twenty five missions on 25 April, ten of which were in towns to the north and west of our positions in Burgau (X9785). Namely Offingen N9490), Rettenbach (X9378), Limbach (X9284) and also in the woods south of the Autobahn at (X9084). Offingen was the most outstanding of the series because it offered Force Tield the most resistance. It was taken under fire by this Battalion and later reported by the S-3 of Combat Command B, that as a result of our fires, 150 German personnel were found dead in the streets.

The Battalion received fire from rifle grenade from 0700 to 0900 on 26 April. A suspected observation post in the northeast edge of Burgau was neutralized by time fire and later a tank from the 714th Tank Battalion fired direct at the houses where enemy personnel were observed seeking shelter. All morning Headquarters and "A" Batteries were harassed by small arms fire. The snipers accounted for six casualties - one man was killed before the snipers were silenced.

Combat Command B was relieved of its present assignment in this sector on 28 April and instructed to move south to an assembly area in vicinity of Langeringen (Y2454). The next two days were spend in firing at scattered targets reported by the forward observers. Enemy resistance was very slight and as the period terminated the Battalion was in position at the foot hills of the Bavarian Alps at Zell (WY6805).

Harold M. Crawford
HAROLD M. CRAWFORD
Lt Col, FA
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MISSION	TIME	TYPE	A/C NO.	REMARKS
DATE	IN	OUT		PLACE
<u>1 Apr 45</u>				
1	1015	0900	C 4480147	Lt Mauric L Glover and Capt David A Hill, Rcn of Bridges.
2	1200	1045	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn of bridges
3	1530	1400	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, BP Adj.
4	0830	0700	C 4236560	Lt Lester R Johnson and Lt Harry C Walter, Rcn of column and bridge for condition.
5	0920	0830	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Col Harold M Crawford, Fired on Ey Pers and Veh.
6	1620	1545	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Btry on BP.
<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>				
<u>2 Apr 45</u>				
1	0800	0645	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn patrol of bridges
2	1815	1645	A 560v	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on CP and Rcn of bridges for condition.
<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>				
<u>3 Apr 45</u>				
1	1315	1200	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on Pers and Tks.
2	1700	1530	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on BP and Pers.
3	0935	0800	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on Pers & Veh.
4	2005	1725	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP and Pers.
<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>				
<u>4 Apr 45</u>				
1	1015	0745	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on 6 targets including tanks and Pers.
2	1300	1030	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Adj on 7 targets. Knocked out tank, killed quite a few Krauts.
3	1630	1300	A 147	Lt Glover and Lt Walter, Adj on 10 targets mostly tanks and Pers.
4	2015	1925	A 560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill, Adj on tks and Pers.
<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>				
<u>5 Apr 45</u>				
1	1115	0845	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, BP Adj, also adj on three towns.
2	1715	1500	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, BP Adj on obsv of tks.
3	0815	0645	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj on Veh and Pers in town.
4	1335	1145	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Btry on BP.
<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>				
<u>6 Apr 45</u>				
1	1145	1045	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn and patrol.
2	1445	1330	C 147	Lt Glover and Col Bromley, Rcn of route and towns.
3	1745	1645	A 147	Lt Glover and Major William G Raoul, BP Reg and Rcn.
4	0950	0745	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on 2 towns & Btry on BP.
<u>PLACE 7th Army Front</u>				
<u>9 Apr 45</u>				
1	2010	1800	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP and on Tanks and guns.

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DATE	IN	OUT	TYPE	A/C NO.	PLACE	REMARKS
<u>10 Apr 45</u>						
1	1200	0930	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on 6 targets.	
2	1705	1430	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on 5 targets, Rcn & S-2 Info.	
3	1930	1730	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Fired on 2 targets.	
4	0920	0700	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Btry on BP & on Ey Inf and Veh.	
5	1420	1215	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Fired Bn on Ey Pers and on MG.	
<u>11 Apr 45</u>						
1	1200	0930	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on Two gun emplacements and fired 2 targets.	
2	1400	1300	A	147	Lt Glover and Col Crawford, Fired one gun on 3 targets of Krauts in foxholes, good effect.	
3	1650	1530	C	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn and patrol.	
4	0900	0650	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj on Ey Pers in town.	
5	1340	1115	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on Ey Veh, OP and Pers.	
6	1515	1350	A	560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill, Adj Fire on 3 tanks and Ey Pers.	
<u>12 Apr 45</u>						
1	0940	0730	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP	
2	1415	1230	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Btry on BP, adj Bn on town.	
3	1955	1740	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP & 2 CPs.	
<u>13 Apr 45</u>						
1	1730	1530	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, BP & CP Reg.	
2	1515	1305	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Rcn & Patrol for CCB.	
3	1755	1545	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP & 2 CPs.	
<u>14 Apr 45</u>						
1	1030	0930	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Rcn for Bn position.	
2	1405	1225	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP.	
3	1755	1545	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj on 8 Targets, Inf, Veh, mortars and arty.	
<u>15 Apr 45</u>						
1	1300	1130	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP and on 2 tanks, also Pers.	
2	1845	1705	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP and on Pers in woods.	
3	1045	0800	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn and fired 4 targets.	
4	1635	1400	A	147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Adj on 4 targets of Pers and tanks.	

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IN	OUT			
DATE <u>16 Apr 45</u> PLACE <u>7th Army Front.</u>				
1	0745 0845	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Ren and Patrol of CCB column.
2	1105 0900	A	560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill, BP Reg and patrol of CC B column.
3	1740 1540	A	560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill, Adj Bn on 7 targets Inf in woods and towns.
4	1230 1415	C	4236450	Lt R. E. Haines and Lt Walter, Ren and patrol of CC B column.
5	1800 2015	A	450	Lt Haines and Lt Walter, Reg 2 bttries, Ren and patrol of CC B column.
DATE <u>17 Apr 45</u> PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>				
1	1215 1005	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP. Fired Bn on Inf in woods and town.
2	1735 1530	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP. Fired on 5 targets of Arty, Inf and Veh.
3	0730 1005	A	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Fired on Pers & bridge.
4	1330 1545	A	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Adj on 3 targets of opportunity.
5	1730 1910	A	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Fired on two veh and Pers.
DATE <u>18 Apr 45</u> PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>				
1	0940 0730	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, BP Reg and fired on 3 tanks that were firing on Bn.
2	1320 1130	A	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, BP Reg and patrol of CC B column.
3	1645 1500	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Ren and patrol of CC B column.
4	1000 1110	A	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Ren and patrol of CC B
5	1320 1545	A	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Fired on two AA guns.
DATE <u>19 Apr 45</u> PLACE <u>7th Army Front.</u>				
1	1120 1230	C	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Ren & patrol of CC B
2	1025 0920	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Ren & patrol of CC B
3	1640 1530	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Ren and Patrol of CCB column.
4	2005 1810	C	560	Lt Johnson and Capt Hill, Ren & patrol of CC B.
DATE <u>20 Apr 45</u> PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>				
1	0935 1158	A	450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Fired on Pers and patrolled CC B column.
DATE <u>21 Apr 45</u> PLACE <u>7th Army Front</u>				
1	0845 0730	C	560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Ren of front lines.

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MISSION	TIME	TYPE	A/C NO.	REMARKS
DATE	IN	OUT		
DATE 23 Apr 45				PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1820	0715	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Alfred R Tyler, Rcn & patrol of front lines and CC B column.
2	1210	1045	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Tyler, Rcn & patrol of CC B.
3	1455	1345	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Tyler, Rcn & patrol of CC B. Searched for mortar, no luck.
4	1645	1525	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Tyler, Rcn & patrol of CC B.
DATE 24 Apr 45				PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1400	1535	C 450	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Rcn & patrol of CC B.
2	1750	1850	C 560	Lt Haines and Capt Hill, Rcn & patrol of CC B.
3	0910	0800	C 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Tyler, Rcn & patrol of CC B.
4	1625	1435	A 560	Lt Johnson and Major Loomis, BP Reg of 155mm
5	1840	1640	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Bn BP Reg, fired 5 concentrations on Ey Pers and Arty.
DATE 25 Apr 45				PLACE 7th Army Front
1	0935	1745	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on 5 groups of Ey Infantry.
2	2130	0950	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Adj Bn on BP. Fired on Ey Arty Btry.
3	1730	1530	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, Fired 155mm How on Ey town.
4	1430	1200	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Fired on 4 targets of Ey Pers.
DATE 26 Apr 45				PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1000	0800	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Fired on 4 targets Pers less than 1000 yds from Bn.
2	1530	1300	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, BP Reg and fired on 5 enemy targets.
3	1335	1120	A 560	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Fired 100 cer-btry target, 4 on enemy Pers.
4	1840	1645	A 560	Lt Johnson and Lt Walter, BP Reg. Fired on 6 targets. One enemy rocket gun.
DATE 29 Apr 45				PLACE 7th Army Front
1	1420	1300	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn and patrol of CC B
DATE 30 Apr 45				PLACE 7th Army Front
1	0840	0730	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn and patrol.
2	1115	1000	C 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Rcn and patrol.
3	1600	1400	A 147	Lt Glover and Capt Hill, Fired 4 targets, 2 on arty and 2 on Pers.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Lt Col	Harold M Crawford	021840	Bn Comdr		
Major	Frederick W Carstens	0307381	Bn Exec		
Major	William G Raoul	0452471	Bn S-3		
Capt	Carl C Morgan *	0425922	Bn S-3		
1st Lt	Howard R Gmelch	01167437	Bn S-2		
Capt	James W Hudson	0405590	Ln O		
1st Lt	David T Weston	01182302	Ren O	Fwd Obsr	

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Capt	Joseph A Zanetta	01167708	BC	Com O	
1st Lt	Harry C Walter	01182296	Com O	Air Obsr	
1st Lt	Maurice L Glover	01180513	Ln Pilot		
1st Lt	Lester R Johnson	01175183	Ln Pilot		
1st Lt	Roger G Bismeyer	0513635	FO #1		
1st Lt	Frank E Massland, III	0522811	FO #3		

Killed in action.

<u>BATTERY A</u>					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Capt	Lawrence A Gobeille	01167438	BC	Ln O	
1st Lt	Thomas F Walsh	01178381	Exec		
1st Lt	Clayton S Sweigart	01173803	MO	Fwd Obsr	
2d Lt	Herman G Gerber	02007170	RO	Fwd Obsr	
2d Lt	Truxton K Clement	02010634	FO		

<u>BATTERY B</u>					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Capt	David A Hill	01167469	BC	Ln O & Air Obsr	
1st Lt	Philip T Boden	01168178	Exec		
1st Lt	Thomas P Scott	01178326	MO	Fwd Obsr	

<u>BATTERY C</u>					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Capt	James H Moulder	01167549	BC	Fwd Obsr	
1st Lt	Albert B Flanagan	01180894	Exec		
2d Lt	Orville G Roesler	01180694	FO		

<u>SERVICE BATTERY</u>					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Capt	John J King	0371005	BC & S-4		
Capt	Ray Owen	01168403	Bn MO		
1st Lt	Ethelbert S Allen	01167297	Asst S-4		
2d Lt	Alfred R Tyler	02007169	S-1		
1st Lt	Russell W. Shelhamer	01178334	MO	Special Service Officer	
WOJG	Harold Andersson	W2119827	Pers Off		
WOJG	Harvey G Guddegast	W2119823	Asst MO		

<u>MEDICAL DETACHMENT</u>					
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
Capt	Lester R Gorenstein	0555055	Bn Med Surg		

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38283576	Norman, Weldon E	Cpl	FA	LMA		11 April	-	Germany Aerial strafing	
31089142	Stankunas, Joseph	Cpl	FA	LMA		11 April	-	Germany Aerial strafing	
36678054	Hart, Matthew P, Jr.	Pfc	FA	KIA		11 April	-	Germany Aerial strafing	
34192293	Raines, William H	Tec 4	FA	LMA		11 April	-	Germany Aerial strafing	
37389594	Burns, Edwin	Cpl	FA	LMA		11 April	-	Germany Aerial strafing	
34202330	Dozier, William P	Tec 5	FA	LMA		11 April	-	Germany Aerial strafing	
0513635	Bissmeyer, Roger C	1st Lt	FA	KIA		16 April	-	Germany Sniper fire	
32253437	Mellako, Stephen J	Tec 4	FA	LMA		17 April	-	Germany Artillery fire	
33396939	Pinchetti, Joseph A	Pfc	FA	LMA		17 April	-	Germany Artillery fire	
18162283	Turner, Freddie W	Pfc	FA	LIA		19 April	-	Germany Crushed by gun barrel	
37361191	Wilks, Homer D	Pvt	FA	KIA		26 April	-	Germany Sniper fire	
13154561	Heffner, William H	Pfc	FA	LMA		26 April	-	Germany Sniper fire	
34455500	Woodard, Leamon B	Cpl	FA	LMA		26 April	-	Germany Sniper fire	
35586210	Smith, Lester R	Sgt	FA	LMA		26 April	-	Germany Sniper fire	

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1st Lt	Roger G. Blumeyer	25 Dec 44 to 22 Mar 45	Silver Star	Sec I, GO 42 9 May 45	Hq, 12th AD
1st Lt	Eugene C. Lewis	23 March 1945	Silver Star	Sec III, GO 42 9 May 45	Hq, 12th AD
2d Lt	Frederick R. Edwards	18 Feb to 20 Mar 45	Air Medal	Sec XI, GO 42 9 May 45	Hq, 12th AD
Cpl	Robert Miller	23 March 1945	Bronze Star	Sec XI, GO 42 9 May 1945	Hq, 12th AD
1st Lt	Frank E. Masland, III	1 Jan to 22 Mar 45	Bronze Star	Sec VII, GO 42 9 May 1945	Hq, 12th AD
S Sgt	Hyman Weiner	25 Dec 44 to 25 Mar 45	Bronze Star	Sec VII, GO 42 9 May 45	Hq, 12th AD

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1st Lt	Russell W Hill	24 Mar 45	1st Cluster to Bronze Star	Sec II, GO 46 14 May 45	Hq, 12th AD
Opl	Richard E Wilkes	22 Mar 45	Bronze Star	Sec XXIV, GO 45 12 May 45	Hq, 12th AD
Pvt	Lewis Channell	10 Apr 45	Silver Star	Sec XVI, GO 45 12 May 45	Hq, 12th AD
Capt	James H Moulder	1 Apr 45	Bronze Star	Sec XXV, GO 45 12 May 45	Hq, 12th AD

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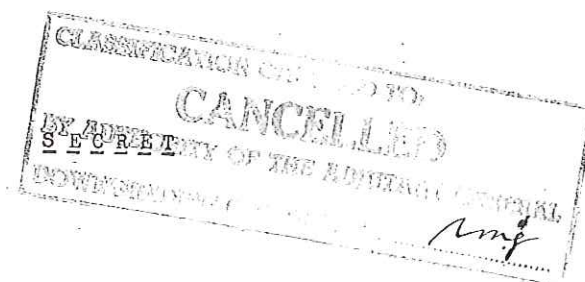
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HEADQUARTERS
494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. Army

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division.

In accordance with Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, dated 7 Jan 1945 and Memorandum, Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, subject, "Unit Histories", dated 15 May 1945, the Unit History for the period 1 to 10 May 1945 is hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Alfred R. Tyler
ALFRED R TYLER
2d Lt, FA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. Army

10 May 1945

NARRATIVE

During the period 1 May to 10 May 1945, except for the first three days, the battalion was in the general vicinity of Burgau (WX9785) - Gunzburg (WX8787) with the mission of occupying surrounding territory and acting as Security Police. On the 1st of May the battalion was in position at Zell, Germany (XY6905) under control of Combat Command "B" with no definite mission other than waiting orders in the present position. There was no evidence of enemy action for the first three days, however the battalion fired its last round of 105mm howitzer ammunition, which consisted of two rounds of smoke fired in adjustment of defensive fires by 1st Lt David T. Weston and 1st Lt Hugh Robinson. The total number of rounds fired by this battalion since it entered combat is 57,594. Period covered from 5 December 1944 to 2 May 1945. The following day a message was received that the battalion was to be attached to the 2d French Armored Division. A few hours later the orders were changed and the battalion moved 7.1 miles to vicinity of Benediktbeuern (WX7507). Upon completion of the march this battalion reverted to 12th Armored Division Artillery control. In the absence of any definite enemy action the enemy front lines could not be determined.

The battalion moved 101.3 miles on 5 May to Burgau, sight of a previous battle on 26 April 1945 and batteries took up the following positions: Headquarters Battery -- Burgau, A Battery -- Offingen (WX9490), B Battery -- Unter Knorringen (WX9685), C Battery -- Jettingen (WX0080) and Service Battery -- Schoppach (WX0482). The mission of the battalion at this point was to occupy and patrol all the roads surrounding the battalion area. The boundaries to the north included all the towns up to the Danube River between Offingen and Dillingen. The border on the south extended from Thannhausen to the Mindel River on the east.

The eventful day of 7 May 1945, the battalion received a message at 0746 from Division Artillery which read as follows: "A representative of the German High Command signed the unconditional surrender of all German Land, Sea and Air Forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Forces and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command at 0140 hours Central European Time, 7 May 1945, under which all forces will cease active operations at 0001B hours, 9 May 1945. Effective immediately all offensive operations by Allied Expeditionary Forces will cease and troops will remain in present positions".

Battalion remained in position during the remainder of the period, patrolling the new area for reconnaissance assigned by 12th Armored Division Headquarters. Attached "B" Battery, 572d Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion relieved from attachment to this battalion on 9 May 1945 to return to parent unit.

Harold M. Crawford
HAROLD M. CRAWFORD
Lt Colonel, Field Artillery
Commanding

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49TH ARMD FA BN JOURNAL
(Organization)

From 0001 1 May 1945
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To
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TIME IN	CUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
		1		Bn remained in present position at Zell, Germany (WY6805)	
				S-2 SUMMARY: There were no major enemy actions during this period. Both Task Force Fields and Norton crossed the Laesach River and occupied Bichl and Benediktbeuern, against no opposition. Some prisoners were taken by this battalion again to day. They walked into the Bn area and gave themselves up.	
		2		2 May 1945 Bn fired last round in combat today - total number of rounds fired, 57,594 from 5 Dec 1944 to 1st May. Received Msg from Div Arty at 1341 - Bn is now attached to CGV of 2d French Armored Division, awaiting orders from that headquarters. Btry B captured 26 Germany Pz and one officer at approx 2000. S-2 SUMMARY: No enemy action was observed during the day. Both Task Forces remained in present positions and operated patrols.	
		3		3 May 1945 Bn displaced from vic Zell at 0630, arrived Benediktbeuern (WY7507) at 1000, traveled 7.1 miles.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATE	EVENTS
		3 Contd		S-2 SUMMARY: In the absence of any aggressive action no enemy front line could be determined. PWs at the Div cage all gave the impression that the war was over, no enemy air activity was observed.
		4		4 May 1945 Bn remained in same position. S-2 SUMMARY: The bn remained in assy area vic Benediktbeuren. At approx 2110 an officer and RM from the 36th Div reported that a PW they had captured stated that approx 125 SS troops were going to destroy the power plant vic 708990. They were taken to CCB and a platoon of light tanks and a platoon of infantry were sent to reinforce a small group there. No enemy aircraft were observed.
		5		5 May 1945 Bn displaced from Benediktbeuren at 0745, arrived Burgau (WX9785) at 1800, traveled 101.3 miles. Bn now under Div Arty control. Btry locations: Hq - Burgau WX 9785 A - Offingen WX9490 B - Unter Knoringen WX9685 C - Jettingen WY0080 Sv - Scheppach WY 0082 Bn mission is to occupy the area surrounding Bn position - patrol roads etc.
		6		6 May 1945 Bn remained in position.
		7		7 May 1945 Bn assigned areas for reconnaissance by Div. Msg from Div Arty: A representative of the German High Command signed the unconditional surrender of all German Land, Sea and Air Forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Forces and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command at 0140 hours Central European time seven May 1945, under which all forces will cease active operations at 0001B hours 7 May 1945 Stop Effective immediately all offensive operations by AEF will cease and troops will remain in present positions Stop

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TIME		SERIAL No.	TIME Order	INCIDENTS, ADVERSITIES, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		8		8 May 1945 Bn remained in position and reconnoitered the arens which Bn will patrol. B Btry moved to Haldenwang (WY0085) at 1400.	
		9		9 May 1945 Bn relieved 576 AAA Bn from patrols and stationary posts	
		10		10 May 1945 Bn received operations instructions #46, Hq 12th Armd Div, assigning new area for reconnaissance. Bn will move on Div order. Half of Div area will be taken over by 100th Inf Div.	

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TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
		1		Bn will remain in present position and occupy the area - Offingen WXP490 East along Danube River to WY0200, south along river valley Dinkelscherger. WY1176 and then west to Thannhausen WY0268 north through Burgau WX9785 to Offingen. A Btry assigned northern sector, Hq and B the center and C the southern sector.	
		2		12, 13 & 14 May 1945. Bn occupying assigned area.	
		3		15 May 1945 Operations Instruction #47, Hq, 12th Armd Div, 14 May 45 received this headquarters - changing present boundaries to German Landkreis boundary.	
		4		16, 17, 18 and 19 May 45. No change.	
		5		20 May 1945. Captain Bloom is now the Division Military Government officer acting as Liaison Officer to this battalion.	
		6		21 to 31 May 45. No change.	

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

		<u>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS</u>			<u>TRANSFERS</u>
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTIES</u>	
Lt Col	Harold M Crawford	021840	Bn Comdr		
Major	Frederick W Carstens	0307381	Bn Exec		
Major	William G Raoul	0452471	Bn S-3		
Capt	Howard R Gmelch	01167437	Bn S-2		Fr US, US, to dropped fr r611s 21 May 1945
Capt	Lawrence A Cobeille	01167438	Bn S-2	Btry CO & Ln O	Trfd fr A Btry, this Bn.
Capt	James W Hudson	0405590	Ln O		
1st Lt	David T Weston	01182302	Ren O		
<u>HEADQUARTERS BATTERY</u>					
Capt	Joseph A Zanetta	01167708	BC	Com O	
1st Lt	Harry C Walter	01182296	Com O	Air Obsr	
1st Lt	Maurice L Glover	01180513	Ln Pilot		
1st Lt	Lester R Johnson	01175183	Ln Pilot		
1st Lt	Frank E Masland, III	0522811	FO #3		
2d Lt	Frederick R Edwards	02007171	MO	Asst S-3	
<u>BATTERY A</u>					
Capt	Thomas E Brassell	01167332	BC		TRFD to this Bn, 14 May 45.
1st Lt	Thomas F Walsh	01178381	Exec		
1st Lt	Clayton S Sweigart	01173803	MO	Fwd Obsr	
2d Lt	Herman G Gerber	02007170	RO	Fwd Obsr	
2d Lt	Truxton K Clement	02010634	FO		
<u>BATTERY B</u>					
Capt	David A Hill	01167469	BC	Ln O & Air Obsr	
1st Lt	Philip T Boden	01168178	Exec		
1st Lt	Thomas P Scott	01178326	MO	Fwd Obsr	
2d Lt	Harry S Anspach	02015013	Asst Exec		Battlefield Appointment 9 May 1945
2d Lt	George P O'Brien	02015014	RO		Battlefield Appointment 9 May 1945
<u>BATTERY C</u>					
Capt	James H Moulder	01167549	BC	Fwd Obsr	
1st Lt	Albert B Flanagan	01180894	Exec		
1st Lt	Hugh Robinson	01168436	RO		Trfd to this Bn, 28 Feb 45
2d Lt	Orville G Roesler	01180694	FO		
<u>SERVICE BATTERY</u>					
Capt	John J King	0371005	BC & S-4		
Capt	Ray Owen	01168403	Bn MO		
1st Lt	Ethelbert S Allen	01167297	Asst S-4		
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<u>MEDICAL DETACHMENT</u>					
Capt	Lester R Gorenstein	0555055	Bn Med Surg		

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494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. Army

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division.

In accordance with Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, dated 7 January 1945 and Memorandum, Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, subject, "Unit Histories", dated 15 May 1945, the Unit History for the period 11 May to 31 May 1945 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred R. Tyler

ALFRED R. TYLER
2d Lt, FA
Adjutant

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494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. ARMY

8 June 1945

NARRATIVE

During the period 11 May to 31 May 1945 the battalion was billeted in the general vicinity of Burgau (WA 8737) with the mission of patrolling the surrounding territory and acting as Security Police. The batteries were also assigned the task of shipping Displaced Persons to areas more suitable for housing, and also to Ulm (WA 8781) for rail transportation to their respective countries. This group consisted of Germans, Russians, Polish, Czechoslovaks, French and Yugoslavians.

Operations Instruction Number 47 received from Headquarters, 15th Armored Division on 15 May changed present boundaries to include all of the German Landkreise. 304th Battery occupied billets in Seppheim (WA 8236) to facilitate patrolling the new area, and Service Battery moved to Halderwang (WA 8035).

The training for the latter part of the month consisted of information and education lectures, organized athletics, and discussions on anti-subotage.

On May 15 a formal review was held for the presentation of awards to individuals who earned same since the battalion entered combat.

Memorial Day Services were conducted by Chaplain Allen G. Dillon 30 May in commemoration of the men killed in action of the three artillery battalions.

For the Commanding Officer:

Alfred R. Tyler
ALFRED R. TYLER
1st Lt., FA
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Major	William G Raoul	0452471	Bn S-3
Capt	Lawrence A Gobeille	01167433	Bn S-2
Capt	James W Hudson	0403590	Ln O
Capt	John J King	0371005	Ln O
1st Lt	David T Weston	01182302	Rcn O

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Capt	Joseph A Zanetta	01167708	BC
1st Lt	Harry C Walter	01182296	Com O
1st Lt	Maurice L Glover	01180513	Ln Pilot
1st Lt	Lester R Johnson	01175133	Ln Pilot
1st Lt	Frank E Masland, III	0522811	FO #3
2d Lt	Frederick R Edwards	02007171	MO

BATTERY A

Capt	Thomas E Brassell	01167332	BC
1st Lt	Thomas F Walsh	01173331	Exec
1st Lt	Clayton S Sweigart	01173803	MO
2d Lt	Herman G Gerber	02007170	RO
2d Lt	Truxton K Clement	02010634	FO

BATTERY B

Capt	David A Hill, Jr	01167439	BC
1st Lt	Phillip T Boden	01168173	Exec
1st Lt	Thomas P Scott	01178326	MO
2d Lt	Harry S Anspach	02015013	Asst Exec
2d Lt	George P O'Brien	02015014	RO

BATTERY C

Capt	James H Moulder	01167549	BC
1st Lt	Albert B Flanagan	01180894	Exec
1st Lt	Hugh Robinson	01168436	RO
2d Lt	Orville G Roesler	01180694	FO

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>SPECIAL DUTY</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>
1st Lt	Ethelbert S Allen	01167297	BC & S-4		
Capt	Ray Owen	01168403	Bn MO		
2d Lt	Edwin R Nelson	01182316	Asst S-4		
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					12AD, trfd fr Hq
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					26 May 45.
2d Lt	Alfred R Tyler	02007169	S-1		
1st Lt	Russell W Shelhamer	01178334	MO	Spec Serv Off	
WOJG	Harold Anderson	W2119827	Pers Off		
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MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Capt	Lester R Gorenstein	0555055	Bn Med Surg
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HEADQUARTERS
494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262 - U.S. ARMY

14 Sep 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division.

In accordance with Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters 12th Armored Division, dated 7 January 1945 and Memorandum, Headquarters 12th Armored Division, subject, "Unit Histories", dated 15 May 1945, the Unit History for the period 1 August to 31 August 1945 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice L. Glover
MAURICE L. GLOVER
1st Lt., FA
Acting Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
494TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 262, U. S. ARMY

14 Sep 1945


NARRATIVE

During the period 1 August to 8 August 1945, the battalion was billeted in the vicinity of Steinheim, Germany (WS 7112) with Headquarters and Service Batteries in Steinheim; Able and Baker Batteries in Gerstetten, Germany (WS 6905); and Charlie Battery as a provisional trucking company in Aalen, Germany (WS 7329). Battalion duties consisted mainly of local security and roving patrol throughout the area.

On 9 August 1945 the Battalion displaced from vicinity of Steinheim to the vicinity of Neiderstotzingen, Germany (WS 8496) with Headquarters, Able and Service Batteries located in Neiderstotzingen; Baker and Charlie Batteries were located in Oberstotzingen, Germany (WS 8396). Duties continued local security and patrol as the battalion underwent a system of redeployment.

During the month transfers affecting all personnel of the battalion, present for duty, were made involving transfers to the 1st Armored Division, 3d Reinforcement Depot, to and from the 3d Armored Division and to the 7th Armored Division. Remaining assigned personnel were transferred to Battalion Headquarters. Effective as of 2400, 29 August 1945, Headquarters, Able, Baker Charlie and Service Batteries and the Medical Detachment had no personnel assigned, attached unassigned, or attached from other organizations. The Battalion with 12 enlisted men attached from other organizations and 7 EM and 5 Officers assigned moved to the Division Artillery Area in Heidenheim, Germany (WS 7911) on 29 August 1945. Duties for the remainder of the month consisted mainly of local security and turning in of equipment.

Training for the month of August consisted of Information and Education Lectures, organized athletics and discussions of anti-sabotage.


WILLIAM G. RAOUL
Major, Field Artillery
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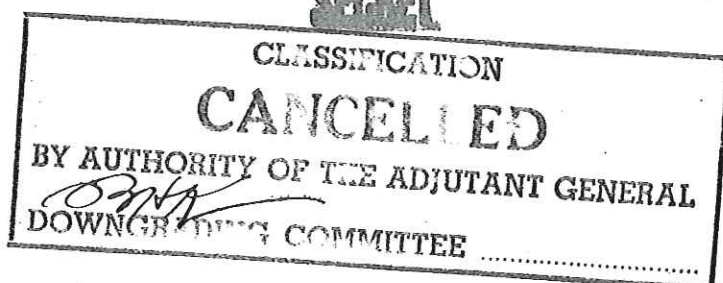
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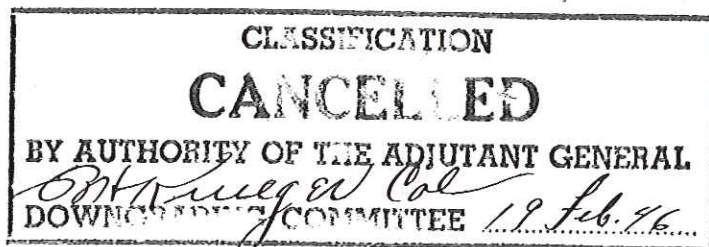
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SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, U.S. Army

In accordance with Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters 12th Armored Division, dated 7 January 1945 and Memorandum, Headquarters 12th Armored Division, subject, "Unit Histories", dated 15 May 1945, the Unit History for the period 1 September 1945 to 29 September 1945 is hereby submitted.

WILLIAM G. RAOUL
Major, Field Artillery
Commanding (Period indicated)



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NARRATIVE

During the period 1 September 1945 to 29 September 1945 all remaining personnel, officers and enlisted men were transferred from the organization and effective 2400 29 September 1945 no men were left assigned, attached unassigned or attached from other organizations.

WILLIAM G. RAOUL
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OFFICERS ROSTER

<u>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS</u>				
<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major	William G. Raoul	0452471	Bn Comdr	Trfd to Div Arty 26 Sep 45
1st Lt	Maurice L. Glover	01180513	Ln Pilot	Trfd to Div Arty 26 Sep 45
2d Lt	Frank J. Czeiner	02006403		Trfd to 2d Arm'd Div 29 Sep 45
2d Lt	Melroy B. Farrand	02016382		Trfd to 493d APA Bn 26 Sep 45

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