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5 Dec 44	Bn departed fr Bournemouth, England via motor convoy arriving at marshalling area Chickorell, England. Distance - 35 miles.
6 Dec 44	Bn departed Chickorell, England and arrived at pier Castletown, England and boarded LST's for destination on continent.
9 Dec 44	Bn departed Portland Harbor and arrived at La Havre, France.
10 Dec 44	Debarked at La Havre, France and proceeded to Red Horse Camp via motor convoy.
11 Dec 44	Arrived Red Horse Camp. Distance - 85 miles.
20 Dec 44	Departed Red Horse Camp via motor convoy and arrived at night bivouac Cambrai, France. Distance - 108 miles.
21 Dec 44	Bn departed Cambrai, France via motor convoy and arrived at Tongres, Belgium. Distance - 135 miles.
22 Dec 44	Departed from Tongres, Belgium and arrived at Gressonich, Germany. Distance - 43 miles. Bn atchd to the 83d Inf Div. -
24 Dec 44	Co A atchd to 329th Inf Regt and went into position near Birgel, Germany. Co B atchd to 330th Inf Regt and went into position near Groffhau, Germany. Co C atchd to 331st Inf Regt and went into position near Coy, Germany.
25 Dec 44	All company gun positions subjected to harrassing fire from mortars and light artillery intermittently. Sgt Carl H. Cooke, 37 075 530, Co B, & Pvt George F. Baldt, 37 164 603, Co B, wounded by shell fragments near Groffhau, Germany. Pvt Primitive Gonzales, 35 140 442, Co A, wounded by shrapnel near Birgel, Germany. Bn spent day in improving gun positions and selecting alternate positions.
26 Dec 44	Bn atchd to VII Corps and asgd to First U.S. Army. Bn departed Gressonich, Germany via motor convoy.
27 Dec 44	Bn arrived at Havelange, Belgium. Bn moved from Havelange to Mattine, Belgium. Co A atchd to 331st Inf Regt, 83d Inf Div, and went into position near Sin Sin Grande, Belgium. Co B atchd to 330th Inf Regt, 83d Inf Div, and went into position near Sin Sin Grande, Belgium. Co C atchd to 329th Inf Regt, 83d Inf Div, and went into position near Sin Sin, Belgium.
28 Dec 44	Bn CP and Co positions remained the same. Companies occupied positions in support of infantry attack.
29 Dec 44	Bn CP plus Hq Co moved from Mattine to Haversin, Belgium. Co A and Co C remained in position near Sin Sin Grande, Belgium. Co C, 3d Plt, assisted by Recon elements captured enemy patrol of 10 EM vic of Humain, Belgium.
30 Dec 44	Bn CP and Co positions remained the same. Quiet day.
31 Dec 44	Bn CP plus Hq Co moved from Haversin to Durbuy, Belgium. Firing companies occupied positions in the 83d Inf Div sector. Strength: 31 CM, 2 WO, 666 EM. Loss - 42 EM.
1 Jan 45	Bn reld fr atachment to 83d Inf Div and atchd to 75th Inf Div. Bn CP plus Hq Co moved from Durbuy to Aisne, Belgium. Co A atchd to 259th Inf Regt, 75th Inf Div. Co B part of 290th CT, atchd to 84th Inf Div and occupied positions near MIR. Co B left Ezeze, Belgium and arrived Petite Somme, Belgium. Co C atchd to 291st Inf Regt, 75th Inf Div, and moved from Cpague, Belgium to Kent Bihun, Belgium.

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2 Jan 45	Bn occupied "bazooka" positions in 75th Inf Div sector. Hq Co (1st Ren Plt) captured 1 German prisoner (EM) vic Aarwez, Belgium. 1st Ren Plt established OP's. Co B departed Petite Somme, Belgium and arrived at Soy, Belgium. Co B captured 2 German prisoners in 1st platoon sector. Col William C. Downs, 35 700 851, Co C, died of wounds received by accidental discharge of hand grenade. 3 other EM also wounded in the accident.
3 Jan 45	One half-track, Co A, hit by indirect artillery fire destroying one .50 cal MG and equipment of 10 EM. Sgt Loren L. Egan, 36 036 852, Co B, and Pvt Stanley J. Iyseczars, 20 643 441, Co B, wounded by shrapnel near Soy, Belgium. Pvt Sing Gee, 37 298 578, Co B, injured in action near Soy, Belgium when gun trail = <i>found</i> dropped on foot. (BC)
4 Jan 45	2d Plt, Co A, temporarily atchd to Co C for tactical mission and occupied positions at Grandmenal, Belgium.
5 Jan 45	2d Plt, Co A, reld fr atachment to Co C. Companies A & B reld of responsibility in their sectors and assembled in the position of their respective CPs. 2d Ren Plt atchd to Co B.
6 Jan 45	Command Group plus Hq Co departed Aisne, Belgium by motor convoy at 1230 hrs and arrived at Mont, Belgium at 1530 hrs. Distance - 24 miles. 1st Plt, Co B, moved from Soy to Magoster, Belgium with 1 section of Ren Plt atchd. Pvt Herbert T. Prosser, 36 203 391, Co B, wounded by shrapnel near Soy, Belgium.
7 Jan 45	Bn (-Co B) reld fr VII Corps and atchd to XVIII Corps (A2). Co A departed Briscot, Belgium. Pfc Edward Burtons, 37 113 682, Co B, dislocated shoulder when falling to ground. (BC) 1st Plt, Co B, departed assembly area at Magoster and took up firing positions in Devantave, Belgium under enemy fire of small arms, tanks, and artillery.
8 Jan 45	Co A arrived at Louveigne, Belgium. Co B, with 2d Ren Plt atchd, departed Soy and arrived Baffe, Belgium. 1st Plt, Co B, took up firing positions southwest of Lewate. 2d Plt, Co B, withdrawn fr positions at Ly to assembly area at Baffe. 3d Plt, Co B, withdrawn from positions at Kerpun to assembly area at Baffe.
9 Jan 45	2d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions at Marcourt, Belgium. 3d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions west of Lewate, Belgium. Co C reld fr atachment to 291st Inf Regt and atchd to 623d TD BN, 30th Inf Div, and in support of 424th Inf Regt, 106th Inf Div. Co C departed Bassie-Deemie, Belgium and arrived at Trols Font, Belgium.
10 Jan 45	Command Group plus Hq Co departed Mont, Belgium 0500 hrs by motor convoy and arrived Houssonloge, Belgium at 1030 hrs. Distance - 15 miles. Co A departed Louveigne, Belgium and arrived at Houssonloge, Belgium. Co B, with 2d Ren Plt atchd, departed Baffe, Belgium and arrived at Werbomont, Belgium.
11 Jan 45	Fwd CP established at Corronne, Belgium at 1630 hrs. Bn CP at Houssonloge. Co A departed Houssonloge and arrived at Corronne. Co B reld fr atachment to 290th Inf Regt and atchd to 291st Inf Regt. Co B departed Werbomont and arrived Raharment, Belgium. 1st Plt, Co B, took up firing positions north of Dairmont, Belgium. Tec 5 Marion J. Chandler, 35 728 951, Co B, injured when 1/2 ton truck hit a mine (BC).

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- 12 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Gorrone. En Rear CP - Houssonlogne.  
Cpl Raymond Wagner, 17 049 775, Co A, & Pvt Cecil R. Emery, 37 158 197, Co A, wounded by shrapnel near Gorrone, Belgium. Co B, 2d Plt, took up firing positions northwest of Mont, Belgium. Co C detached fr 823d TD Bn and 30th Inf Div in support of 424th Inf Regt, 106th Inf Div. Co C atchd to 897th FA Bn, 75th Inf Div. Co C left Trois Ponts and arrived Essie Jemie, Belgium. Left Essie Jemie and arrived Arbrefontaine.
- 13 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Gorrone. En Rear CP - Houssonlogne.  
Co A CP vic Gorrone, atchd 289th Inf Regt. Co B atchd 291st Inf Regt. 3d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions southwest of Mont VP 6993 in support of 291st Inf Regt. Co C CP in Arbrefontaine, Belgium. Co C reinforcing fires of 897th FA Bn. Platoons took indirect fire positions.
- 14 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Gorrone. En Rear CP - Houssonlogne.  
Co A CP vic Gorrone, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, captured 1 German En vic of Provédroux, Belgium. Co B atchd 291st Inf Regt. Co B departed Rehamont and arrived Euronmont, Belgium. 1st, 2d, & 3d Plts, Co B, took up firing positions at Petit Halleux, Belgium. 1st Rcn Plt atchd to Co B. Co C CP in Arbrefontaine, atchd 897th FA Bn. Co C fired 8 rounds normal HE M241 and 15 rounds reduced 172A (MERC).
- 15 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Gorrone. En Rear CP - Houssonlogne.  
Co A CP vic Gorrone, atchd 289th Inf Regt. TD's occupying MG positions in 1st En sector 259th Inf Regt. Co B CP vic Petit Halleux. 1st Plt, Co B, plus 1 section of 2d Plt occupied direct fire positions to support advance of 291st Inf Regt. 3d Plt, Co B, vic Mont. Co C CP in Ouzumont, Belgium. Co C reinforcing fires of 897th FA Bn. Co fired 8 missions harassing fire night of 14-15 Jan 45. Co C moved to new positions vic of Gorrone. Fire here adjusted one plt but visibility prevented further adjustment. Three enemy tanks (type unknown) observed by En CP moving behind building at Coord 710894, time 151645.
- 16 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Gorrone. En rear CP departed Houssonlogne 1400 hrs and arrived Bra, Belgium at 1500 hrs. Distance - 10 miles.  
Co A CP vic Gorrone, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st & 2d Plts, Co A, in assembly vic Provédroux. 3d Plt, Co A, remained in firing position vic of Gorrone. 2d Rcn Plt atchd to Co A. Sgt Burton E. Ahlberg, 37 164 743, Co A, killed in action near Bois de Clorreaux, Belgium. Rcn party from 2d Plt, Co A, at Coord 704858 and 708659 drew enemy MG and SA fire from edge of woods at 707857, time 161230. Same Rcn party reported observing booty traps in Salmchateau (697659), and Bech (706866). Co B CP vic Petit Halleux, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st & 3d Plt, Co B, moved to vic Mont. 1st Rcn Plt atchd to Co B. Co C remained in indirect firing positions reinforcing 897th FA Bn. Co C fired 142 rounds MERC on secondary mission indirect fire.
- 17 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Gorrone. En Rear CP - Bra.  
Co A atchd 289th Inf Regt. 2 plts moved across Sala river to assembly area in Salmchateau. Co B atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, took up firing positions at cross roads 1/2 mile east of Petit Thier. 3d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions at Petit Thier. Co C fired interdiction and harassing missions in support of 897th FA Bn; reconnoitered for direct fire positions.

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- 18 Jan 45 En Fwd CP moved to Vielsalm, Belgium. En Rear CP - Bra.  
Co A CP moved to vic Salmchateau, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in Bech. 2d Plt, Co A, southeast of Louville. 3d Plt, Co A, in Conte. Co B atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, engaged in battle at 1600 hrs at cross roads 1/2 miles east of Petit Thier. Pfc Edward Parents, 37 113 682, & Pvt John B. Walker, 37 125 637, Co B, wounded in action. Five 1/2 ton vehicles destroyed by enemy fire. Unit continually under SA & mortar fire during entire day. One Mark IV tank or SP gun destroyed by Sgt Fleigle's 3-inch Gun. One enemy MG also destroyed. Possibly 6 Germans killed, unknown number wounded. 12 Germans driven from house by 3-inch HE shell, captured by supporting infantry. 1st Plt, Co B, position subjected to intense fire by SA, automatic weapons, mortars, artillery, and direct fire from 86mm guns. 3d Plt, Co B, position at Petit Thier subjected to heavy mortar fire. 1st Plt, Co B, withdrawn to assembly area at Petit Halleux. 3rd Plt, Co B, reported that one Japanese soldier (dead) was dressed in a German officer's uniform at Coord 723923; no papers were found on dead soldier.  
Co C held fr atachment to 897th FA Bn and atchd to 290th Inf Regt. Co C moved from positions of secondary mission near Arbrefontaine to primary positions with 290th Inf Regt near Vielsalm, Belgium. 1st Plt, Co C, (Lt. Smith) captured 3 enemy En near Vielsalm. Tec 5 Eli L. Borickovich, 36 361 319, Mad Det, killed in action near Petit Thier, Belgium.
- 19 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Vielsalm. En Rear CP - Bra.  
Co A CP vic of Salmchateau, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Lt ROBERT G. DE DONALD assumes command of Co A (Capt SCITON - NEC). Sgt JULIN G. Jacobson, 37 098 025, Co A, wounded in action near Salmchateau, Belgium. 1st Plt, Co A, in position vic Bech. 2d & 3d Plts, Co A, also in position vic Bech. Co B CP vic of Petit Halleux, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st & 2d Plts, Co B, in position vic Petit Thier. 3d Plt, Co B, in vic of Petit Halleux. Co C CP vic Petit Thier, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1 sec of 1st Plt, Co C, in indirect fire position together with 2d Plt, Co C, in vic of Rencheux. 1 sec of 3d Plt, Co C, in Burtonville and 1 sec in Neuville. Co A at 0900 hrs rptd one armored car vic of Bech.
- 20 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Vielsalm. En Rear CP - Bra.  
Co A CP Salmchateau, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st & 3d Plts, Co A, in pos vic of Bech. 2d Plt, Co A, removed fr position for rest. Co B CP vic Petit Halleux, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 2d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions vic Petit Thier. 3d Plt, Co B, in vic Petit Halleux. Co C CP vic Petit Thier, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1 sec of 1st Plt, Co C, in indirect fire position with 2d Plt, Co C, at Rencheux. 3d Plt, Co C, at Burtonville and Neuville.
- 21 Jan 45 En Fwd CP - Vielsalm. En Rear CP - Bra.  
Co A CP Salmchateau, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in firing pos vic Bech. 2d Plt, Co A, assembled vic Salmchateau. 3d Plt, Co A, assembled vic Conte. Co B Fwd CP vic Salmchateau. Co B rear CP vic Mont, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, assembled vic Petit Halleux. 2d Plt, Co B, in firing position vic Coord 726878. 3d Plt, Co B, assembled in vic Petit Thier. Co C CP vic Petit Thier, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co C, in firing positions vic Petit Thier.

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21 Jan 45 (Contd)	2d Plt, Co C, in firing positions vic Neuville. 3d Plt, Co C, in firing positions vic Burtonville. Both Rcn Plts reld of atachment to Inf Regts and placed under Bn control.
22 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP - Vielsalm. Bn Rear CP - Bra. Co A atchd 269th Inf Regt. Co A departed Coronne and arrived Neuville. Co A in indirect firing positions vic Burtonville. Co B CP vic Salmchateau, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, assembled vic Kont. 2d Plt, Co B, assembled 1 1/2 miles north of Comanster. 3d Plt, Co B, assembled at Salmchateau. Co C CP vic Petit Thier. 1st Plt, Co C, assembled vic Petit Thier. 2d & 3d Plt, Co C, in position vic of Burtonville.
23 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP - Vielsalm. Bn Rear CP - Bra. Co A atchd 269th Inf Regt. Co A in indirect firing positions vic Burtonville. Co B atchd 291st Inf Regt. Co B departed Petit Halleux and arrived Vielsalm. 2d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions north of Waldarge. 3d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions north of Boho. Co C CP vic Petit Thier, atchd 250th Inf Regt. All elements of Co C received strafing from Spitfire plane. No casualties.
24 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP - Vielsalm. Bn Rear CP - Bra. Co A atchd 269th Inf Regt. Co A assembled vic Neuville and Burtonville for reinforcing fire mission. Co B CP vic Salmchateau, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, assembled vic Salmchateau. 2d & 3d Plts, Co B, in firing positions vic Salmchateau. Co C CP Vielsalm. Co C reld fr atachment 290th Inf Regt and atchd to 269th Inf Regt. 1st, 2d, & 3d Plts, Co C, in firing positions vic of Vielsalm.
25 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP - Vielsalm. Bn Rear CP - Bra. Co A reld fr atachment to 269th Inf Regt and placed under Bn control and in Div reserve. Co A CP vic Salmchateau. Co A fired 2 interdiction and 3 TOR fire missions. 78 rounds EE normal expended. Co B CP Vielsalm, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 2d Plt, Co B, in firing position vic Haldingen. Co C atchd 259th Inf Regt. All platoons, Co C, relieved from front line posits at approx 2000 hours and assembled at Vielsalm.
26 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP - Vielsalm. Bn Rear CP - Bra. Co A assembled vic Neuville. Companies B & C assembled vic Vielsalm.
27 Jan 45	Bn Rear CP plus Hq Co departed Bra, Belgium at 1110 hrs enroute to Verdun, France. Cold and icy roads. Bn Fwd CP departed Vielsalm, Belgium at 1300 hrs enroute to Verdun, France. Co A departed Neuville, Belgium at 1400 hrs enroute to Verdun, France. Co B departed Vielsalm, Belgium at 1600 hrs enroute to Verdun, France. Co C departed Vielsalm, Belgium at 1300 hrs enroute to Verdun, France.
28 Jan 45	Hq Co arrived Sampigny, France 0500 hrs. Distance - 165 miles. Co billeted overnight. Co A arrived Sampigny, France 0600 hrs. Distance - 126 miles. Co B arrived Sampigny, France 0730 hrs. Distance - 160 miles. Co C arrived Sampigny, France 0730 hrs. Distance - 160 miles. All companies billeted overnight.
29 Jan 45	Bn departed Sampigny, France 0810 hrs. Command group plus Hq Co arrived Raves, France 1930 hrs. Distance - 100 miles. Co A arrived Ribeauville, France at 1600 hrs. Distance - 123 miles. Co B arrived Raves, France 2130 hrs. Distance - 160 miles. Co C arrived Fraize, France 2030 hrs. Distance - 135 miles.

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30 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP left Raves 1100 hrs and established Fwd CP at St Marie aux Mines, France at 1530 hrs. Distance - 11 miles. Rear CP and Hq Co - Raves, France. Co A - billeted at Ribeauville, France. Co B - departed Raves 1700 hrs and arrived Riedwihr, France 2300 hrs. Distance - 40 miles. Co C - departed Fraize, France 1130 hrs and arrived vic Ribeauville 1330 hrs. Distance - 50 miles.
31 Jan 45	Bn Fwd CP - St Marie aux Mines. Bn Rear CP - Raves. Co A departed Ribeauville and arrived Holtzwihr, France. Distance - 10 mi. Co B CP Riedwihr, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st & 2d Plts, Co B, took up firing positions in Riedwihr, France. 3d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions in Fortschwihr, France. 2d Lt MERVIN E. JOHNSON, O 520 584, wounded in action when hit on nose by shell fragment (5C). Remained on cy. S/Sgt John L. Feasel, 36 037 952, wounded in action when shell fragment penetrated forefinger of right hand. (3C) Remained on cy. Sgt Stanley A. Larsen, 37 298 322, wounded in action when shell fragment penetrated right wrist. (5C) Evacuated. Pfc James D. Cartwright, 35 726 953, wounded in action when shell fragment penetrated chin (5C). Remained on cy. Co C CP Holtzwihr, France, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st, 2d, & 3d Plts, Co C, occupied positions vic Holtzwihr, France. Strength: 32 Cff, 2 W0, 616 EM. Gain - 1 Cff. <b>Loss - 40 EM.</b>
1 Feb 45	Bn Fwd CP departed St Marie aux Mines 0900 hrs. Arrived Holtzwihr 1130 hrs. Distance - 26 miles. Bn Rear CP plus Hq Co left Raves 0900 hrs and arrived St Marie aux Mines, France 1030 hrs. Distance - 11 miles. Co A CP vic Holtzwihr, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in position vic north of Andolsheim. 2d Plt, Co A, in pos vic Hombourg. 3d Plt, Co A, in position vic Andolsheim at 1730 hrs. 3d Plt, Co A, captured 11 German EM vic Andolsheim, France. One half-track of 3d Plt, Co A, damaged by artillery fire. Pfc Irving Keating, 37 035 076, Co A, wounded in action when shell fragments penetrated left shoulder and right arm. Evacuated. 2d section of 1st Rcn Plt atchd to Co A. Co B CP vic Fortschwihr, France, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, moved into assembly area south of Fortschwihr. 2d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions south of Fortschwihr. 3d Plt, Co B, moved into assembly area south of Fortschwihr. 1st section of 1st Rcn plt atchd to Co B. Co C CP at Holtzwihr, 1 platoon atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st & 3d Plts, Co C, in position vic Holtzwihr. 2d Plt, Co B, in position vic of Riedwihr.
2 Feb 45	Bn Fwd CP Holtzwihr. Bn Rear CP - St Marie aux Mines. Co A CP Holtzwihr, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in position vic Appenwihr pending relief by 1st Plt, Co C. 2d Plt, Co A, in position vic Andolsheim. 3d Plt, Co A, in position vic Hexenacker, pending relief by 2d Plt, Co C. S/Sgt Wallace M. Sheridan, 37 164 942, Co A, wounded in action when enemy MG fire hit windshield of 1 ton truck causing glass particles to fly in eyes. Pfc Lax R. Smith, 20 637 379, Co A, wounded in action by shell fragments. Above 2 EM were wounded during enemy counter-attack at Andolsheim. One 3-in gun lost by 3d Plt, Co A, due to enemy artillery fire and one 1 ton truck damaged by MG fire. 1st Plt, Co A, engaged one Royal Tiger tank at a range of 2100 yds. One direct hit, tank withdrew. 3d Plt, Co A, captured 4 German EM in basement of house at Andolsheim.

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cont'd) En Fwd CP Holtzwihr. En Rear CP - St Marie aux Mines. Co A CP moved fr Holtzwihr to Wihren-en-Plaine, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in position southeast of Andolsheim. 2d Plt, Co A, in position in Andolsheim. 3d Plt, Co A, in position northeast of Andolsheim. Capt. DAVID G. PARSONS assumes command of Co A. Pfc WILLIAM A. MUSIAL 36 157 477, Co A, KIA when shell fragments penetrated right shoulder (2 Feb 45). Co B CP Fortschwihr, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, set up road block southwest of Widensoelen. 2d Plt, Co B, took up position of readiness southwest of Widensoelen. 3d Plt, Co B, took up position of readiness southwest of Widensoelen. 1st & 2d Plt positions subjected to intermittent artillery fire. 3d Plt subjected to heavy fire by mortar and artillery. Atchd Rcn party subjected to fire from small arms and automatic weapons southwest of Widensoelen. Co C CP moved from Holtzwihr to Fortschwihr, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co C, in position vic Hittacker. 2d Plt, Co C, in position vic Fortschwihr. 3d Plt, Co C, in position vic Linderkruppe. 1st & 3d Plts, Co C, subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. 2d Plt, Co C, fired 4 rounds Star Shell.

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Pfc Michael V. Pasciolla, M2 Q46 436, Co B, slightly wounded in action (lacerated wound rt shoulder caused by shell fragment), not hospitalized. Pfc Carl J. Swast, 36 340 845, Co B, slightly wounded in action when shell fragments penetrated right shoulder. Not hospitalized. Pfc George F. Zanzi, 36 036 202, Co B, KIA when shell fragment penetrated right leg (Evac). Co C CP moved from Fortschwihr to Widensoelen, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st & 3d Plts, Co C, in position northeast of Appenwihr. 2d Plt, Co C, in position vic Fortschwihr. 1st Plt, Co C, fired 40 rounds HE normal direct fire on Ey OPs. Results - destroyed objective. 1st & 3rd Plts, Co C, subjected to heavy artillery fire.

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En Fwd CP - Holtzwihr. En Rear CP - St Marie aux Mines. S/Sgt Jesse Silva, 30 117 929, M2 Co (2d Rcn Plt), KIA when shell fragments penetrated abdomen (4 Feb 1945). Co A CP Wihren-en-Plaine, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in position southeast of Andolsheim. 2d Plt, Co A, in position in Andolsheim. 3d Plt, Co A, in position vic Colmar. Co BCP Widensoelen, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, took up firing positions vic Wolfgantzen. 2d Plt, Co B, moved into assembly positions northwest of Wolfgantzen. 3d Plt, Co B, took up firing positions northwest of Wolfgantzen. 4th gun crew of 1st Plt, Co B, subjected to small arms and sniper fire. 1st & 3d Plts, Co B, subjected to harrasing mortar fire. 3 German prisoners (EM) taken in 1st Plt sector, Co B, at 2100 hours vic Wolfgantzen. Co C CP Fortschwihr, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co C, moved to position vic Linderkruppe. 2d Plt, Co C, moved to assembly area at Huxenacker. 3d Plt, Co C, moved to southwest of Wolfgantzen. Pfc Russell E. Knights, 20 600 175, Co A, KIA by shell fragments left leg. Co C reported 6 enemy tank with unknown amount of infantry dug in east of Wolfgantzen at 1600 hrs. One PT captured by Co B spoke Slovak. He stated they were on patrol; mission unknown, and as soon as they hit American lines they gave up. He stated the war would be over soon and no use fighting.

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En Fwd CP departed Holtzwihr 1500 hrs and arrived Logelheim, France 1630 hrs. Distance - 11 miles. Rear CP - St Marie aux Mines. Co A CP moved to Hettenschlag, France, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co A, in position near Andolsheim. 2d Plt, Co A, in position near Appenwihr. 3d Plt, Co A, in position east of Appenwihr. 1st Plt, Co A, captured 1 German officer and 5 EM at Hettenschlag 0930 hrs. Cpl Robert G. Greene, 37 298 901, Co A, seriously wounded in action when  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck hit land mine vic Hettenschlag, France. Pfc Donald B. Stambaugh, 35 139 779, Co A, wounded in same accident. Co B CP Widensoelen, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, Co B, in position vic Biesheim. 2d Plt, Co B, in firing position at Wolfgantzen. 3d Plt, Co B, in firing positions northwest of Wolfgantzen. 1st gun, 1st Plt, Co B, atchd to 2d Plt. 1st Plt, Co B, fired 6 rounds HE at enemy OP (church steeple) in Weckolsheim. Results not known. 1st Plt, Co B, captured 3 German EM southwest of Wolfgantzen. Co C CP moved from Fortschwihr to Wolfgantzen. 1st & 3d Plts, Co C, in position vic Weckolsheim. 2d Plt, Co C, assembled at Wolfgantzen. Pfc Glen H. Spoonmore, 37 124 256, Co A, seriously wounded in action when  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck hit land mine vic Hettenschlag, France.

7 Feb 45

En Fwd CP moved from Logelheim to Dessenheim, France. En Rear CP - St Marie aux Mines. Co A CP Hettenschlag, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st & 2d Plts, Co A, in position vic Heiteran. 3d Plt, Co A, in position Hettenschlag. Co B CP Weckolsheim, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Plt, minus one gun, took up firing positions in Obermashheim. 2d Plt, Co B, plus 3d gun, 2d section of the 1st

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7 Feb 45 Flt, & 3d Flt, Co B, took up firing positions vic Weckolsheim. Co C CP Wolfgartzen, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st & 2d Flts, Co C, in position vic Weckolsheim. 3d Flt, Co C, in position Obersansheim. 3d Flt fired 6 rounds shell HE M2A1 as harassing fire.

8 Feb 45 Bn Fwd CP - Dessenheim. Bn Rear CP plus Hq Co departed St Marie aux Mines at 0930 hrs and arrived at Mhr-en-Flaine, France at 1100 hours. Distance - 27 miles. Co A CP Hattenschlag, atchd 289th Inf Regt. 1st Flt, Co A, in position vic Gatsmasser. 2d & 3d Flts, Co A, in position vic Biteren. Co B CP Weckolsheim, atchd 291st Inf Regt. 1st Flt, Co B, in position Algoisheim. 2d & 3d Flts, Co B, in position vic Weckolsheim. Co C CP at Wolfgartzen, atchd 290th Inf Regt. 1st Flt withdrew to assembly area at Wolfgartzen. 2d & 3d Flts, Co C, took up indirect firing positions east of Weckolsheim. 1st Flt position subjected to aerial bombardment and harassing artillery fire. 2d & 3d flts, Co C, fired total of 40 rounds 3-in HE at cross roads south of Gundlingen, Germany. Pfc Elmer Thorpe, 37 1st Sqn, Co A, killed in action vic Dessenheim, France.

9 Feb 45 Bn Fwd CP - Dessenheim. Bn Rear CP plus Hq Co departed Mhr-en-Flaine 1220 hrs and arrived Dessenheim 1545 hrs. Distance - 10 miles. Co A assembled in all firing companies placed under Battalion control. Co A assembled in Hattenschlag, Co B assembled in Wolfgartzen. Co C assembled in Weckolsheim.

10 Feb 45 Bn CP - Dessenheim. Co A in Hattenschlag. Co B in Wolfgartzen. Co C in Weckolsheim. Pfc Morris Magier, 33 676 1st, Co A, KIA when shell fragment penetrated right forearm (3pac) 8 Feb 1945.

11 Feb 45 Command Group plus Hq Co departed Dessenheim, France by motor convoy at 1500 hrs enroute to unknown destination. Co A departed Hattenschlag, France by motor convoy at 1815 hrs joining the battalion column at Hattenschlag. Co B departed Wolfgartzen, France by motor convoy at 1815 hrs, joined the battalion column at Andolsheim. Co C departed Weckolsheim, France by motor convoy at 1745 hrs, joined battalion column at Andolsheim.

12 Feb 45 Command Group plus Hq Co arrived Chatel-sur-Looselle, France 0315 hrs and billeted. Distance - 93 miles. Co A arrived Zincoart, France at 0430 hrs and billeted. Distance - 87 miles. Co B arrived Morville, France at 0330 hrs and billeted. Distance - 83 miles. Co C arrived Vaxoncourt, France at 0400 hrs and billeted. Distance - 95 miles.

16 Feb 45 Bn departed Chatel-sur-Looselle, France (IP) 1000 hrs enroute to new station. Distance travelled - 200 miles. Billeted vic Charleville, France.

17 Feb 45 Bn departed Charleville, France 1000 hrs and arrived Combloux, Belgium 1515 hrs. Distance - 71 miles. Bn billeted overnight.

18 Feb 45 Bn departed Combloux, Belgium 0845 hrs and arrived vic Wonck, Belgium 1440 hrs. Distance - 44 miles. Bn billeted overnight.

19 Feb 45 Command Group plus Hq Co departed Wonck, Belgium 1300 hrs and arrived new station Helden, Holland 1540 hrs. Distance 44 miles. Co A & C remained at Wonck, Belgium. Co B departed Wonck and arrived Baexen, Holland.

20 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland, Bn atchd to 75th Div Arty. Co A remained in Wonck, atchd 299th Inf Regt. Co B in position vic of Baexen, Holland. Atchd 291st Inf Regt, reatcd 899th FA Bn. 1st Flt, Co B, plus two guns of 2d Flt took up indirect firing positions east of Heijthuisen, Holland. 3d Flt, Co B, plus 2 guns of 2d Flt took up indirect firing positions east of Heijthuisen. Co C in position vic Maasbroe, Holland, atchd 290th Inf Regt, reatcd to 898th FA Bn. Co C left Wonck, Belgium 0700 via motor convoy and arrived near Maasbroe, Holland 1200 hrs. (60 miles) 3 plts formed into 2 platoons of 6 guns each.

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21 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A left Wonck, Belgium 0645 hrs and arrived vic of Mieuw Californie, Holland 1330 hrs. Distance 72 miles. Co divided into 2 platoons; 6 guns in one and 5 guns in the other, and took up indirect fire positions. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn (289th Inf Regt). Co B atchd 899th FA Bn (291st Inf Regt). Co C atchd 898th FA Bn (290th Inf Regt). Co B in position vic Baexen. Co C atchd 898th FA Bn (290th Inf Regt). Co C in position vic Maasbroe. 1st Flt, Co C, expended 17 rds normal HE in registration. 3d Flt, Co C, expended 11 rds normal HE in registration. 1st Flt fired 3 rds normal HE harassing fire. 3d Flt fired 20 rds normal HE harassing fire.

22 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn (289th Inf Regt). Co A remained in indirect firing positions. Co B atchd 899th FA Bn (291st Inf Regt). Co B in position vic Baexen. Co C atchd 898th FA Bn (290th Inf Regt). Co C in position vic Maasbroe. 1st Flt, Co C, fired 16 rds HE M2A1 on SP gun - results neutralized gun. 3d Flt, Co C, fired 12 rds HE M2A1 on SP gun. Results - unknown. 1st Flt, Co C, fired 98 rds HE M2A1 on prearranged fire table. 3d Flt, Co C, fired 135 rds HE M2A1 on prearranged fire table.

23 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn (289th Inf Regt). Co A remained in indirect firing positions. Co B atchd 899th FA Bn (291st Inf Regt). Co B in position vic Baexen. Co C atchd 898th FA Bn (290th Inf Regt). Co C in position vic Maasbroe. 1st Flt, Co C, fired 37 rounds HE M2A1 at a Self-Propelled Gun. Results - Neutralized gun. 3rd Flt, Co C, fired 3 rds HE M2A1 as base registration, 22 rds HE M2A1 at a SP gun. Results - neutralized gun. 3d Flt, Co C, fired 3 rds Star illuminating shell. 1st & 3d Flts, Co C, fired 44 rounds HE M2A1 per prearranged fire chart.

24 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn (289th Inf Regt). Co A remained in indirect firing positions. Co B atchd 899th FA Bn (291st Inf Regt). Co B in firing pos vic Baexen. Co B fired 12 rds HE for harassing mission. Co C atchd 898th FA Bn (290th Inf Regt). Co C in position vic Maasbroe. 1st Flt, Co C, fired 13 rds HE M2A1. 3d Flt, Co C, fired 21 rds HE M2A1. All firing was at targets of opportunity. 3d Flt, Co C, fired 3 rds Star shell for illumination.

25 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. All Co gun position and attachments remained the same. Co C fired 22 rds HE M2A1 as registration.

26 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. All Co gun position and attachments remained the same. Co A fired 25 rounds HE for registration. Results - unobserved. Co B fired 15 rds HE for registration. Results - unobserved. 3d Flt, Co C, fired 20 rds HE M2A1 on suspected GP. Results - unknown.

27 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. All Co gun position remained the same. Companies held fir attachment to their respective regiments but remain atchd to FA Bns. Co A fired 7 rds Star shell illuminating area containing 2 MG pos, enabling supporting arty to neutralize MGs. Co B fired one registration mission (10 rds HE). Results - unobserved. Co C fired 2 rds Star shell. Co C fired 16 rds HE M2A1 on dug-outs and entrenchments. Results - unknown.

28 Feb 45 Bn CP plus Hq Co - Helden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. All Co gun position and attachments remained the same. Co A fired 1 harassing mission - 14 rds HE, fired 1 registration mission - 29 rds HE, and also fired 30 rds HE at targets of opportunity. Co B fired 1 registration mission (10 rds HE). Co C fired 1 registration mission - 16 rds HE.

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28 Feb 45	Strengths 29 Cpl, 2 WO, 639 EM. Loss: 3 Cpl, 12 EM.
1 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Velden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co detachments remained the same. Cos A & C gun positions remained the same. Co B departed Meezen, Holland at 1445 hrs and arrived assembly area southeast of Maastree, Holland at 1600 hrs. Co A fired 1 harassing mission (21 rds HERC). Results - unobserved.
2 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co departed Velden, Holland at 0515 hrs and arrived Echt, Holland 0530 hrs. Distance - 32 miles. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A remained in position vic Sevennum, Holland. Co B departed assembly area southeast of Maastree, Holland at 0415 hrs by motor convoy and arrived assembly area southeast of Echt, Holland at 0830 hrs. Co C departed vicinity of Maastree, Holland via motor convoy 0500 hrs and arrived Gebrack, Holland 0600 hrs.
3 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co departed Echt, Holland 1355 hrs and arrived Velden, Holland 1715 hrs. Distance - 35 miles. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A remained in position vic Sevennum, Holland. Co A reld fr attachment to 897th FA Bn and atchd to RCT 269, and atchd to British 2d Arty. 3d Platoon, Co B, atchd to 2d En 291st Inf and departed assembly area southeast of Echt, Holland via motor convoy to positions southwest of Walbeck, Holland at 0430 hrs. Co B reld fr attachment to 899th FA Bn and atchd to RCT 291. Co B, less 3d plt, departed assembly area se of Echt, Holland 1300 hrs via motor convoy. Arrived assembly area 3 miles north of Venlo, Holland at 1930 hrs. Co C reld fr attachment to 898th FA Bn and atchd to RCT 290. 2d Plt, Co C, atchd to 2d En 290 Inf Regt. 2d plt, Co C, left Cobrook, Holland at 2100 hrs for unknown destination.
4 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Velden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A in position vic Sevennum, Holland. Atchd RCT 289. 3d Plt, Co B, returned to Co assembly area 3 miles north of Venlo, Holland. Co B atchd to RCT 291. 1 sec 3d Plt, Co B, in pos vic Auwel, Germany. Co C left Cobrook, Holland 0005 via motor convoy and arrived near Westerbrook, Germany 0430, billeted. 2d plt, Co C, in position vic Auwel, Germany. Co C atchd to RCT 290.
5 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Velden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A left Mieur Californie, Holland at 1000 hrs and arrived at Alst, Germany. Co A reld fr RCT 289 and reverted to En control at 1409 hrs. Co B reld fr RCT 291 and reverted to En control at 1409 hrs and assembled vic Schandelo, Holland. 2d Plt, Co C, reld fr attachment to 2d En, 290th Inf Regt and rejoined Co at coord 971117. Co C assembled vic Westerbrook. Co C reld fr RCT 290 and reverted to En control at 1409 hrs.
6 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Velden, Holland. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A assembled vic Bracht, Germany. Co B assembled vic Schandelo, Holland. Co C assembled vic Westerbrook, Germany.
7 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co departed Velden, Holland 0730 hrs via motor convoy. Arrived Bruggen, Germany 0900 hrs. Distance - 13 miles. Co A assembled vic Bracht, Germany. Co B departed assembly area vic Schandelo, Holland via motor convoy at 1300 hrs. Arrived 1 1/2 miles sw of Rheinberg, Germany at 2000 hrs. Distance - 50 miles. Co C departed Westerbrook, Germany 0645 hrs via motor convoy. Arrived Bruggen, Germany 0830 hrs.
8 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Bruggen, Germany. Atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A assembled vic Bracht, Germany. 1st Plt, Co B, plus 2 guns of 2d Plt, Co B, took up indirect firing positions 1 1/2 miles southwest of Rheinberg, Germany.

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8 Mar 45	Co B atchd 899th FA Bn, CP coord 203262. 3d Plt, Co B, plus 2 guns of 2d Plt took up indirect firing positions 1 1/2 miles southwest of Rheinberg, Germany. 2 enemy snipers captured in area vic coord 2022c2 on 7 March 1945. Co B during the afternoon and night fired interdiction, harassing, and registration missions, expending 62 rounds HE normal ammunition with results unobserved. Co C assembled vic Bruggen, Germany devoting time to small unit training, care and maintenance of equipment.
9 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Bruggen, Germany. Co A assembled vic Alst, Germany and Co C assembled Bruggen, Germany performing first echelon maintenance on weapons and vehicles. Co B atchd 899th FA Bn, CP vic 2 1/2 miles south-east Rheinberg, Germany. Co remained in indirect fire positions firing 45 rounds HE normal during night with results unobserved. All companies instructed to organize forward observation teams. 2d Recon Platoon was committed and occupied observation posts along Rhine River.
10 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co departed Bruggen, Germany 1015 hours via motor convoy and arrived Lintfort, Germany 1245 hours. Distance - 35 miles. Co A departed Alst, Germany 1130 hours and arrived hrs, Germany 1430 hours. Distance 26 miles. Co B departed area 1 1/2 miles southwest of Rheinberg, Germany 1500 hours via motor convoy, arrived area 1 mile southeast of Rheinberg at 1530 hours. Distance - 3 miles. 1st Plt, Co B, plus 2 guns of 2d Plt and 3rd Plt, Co B, plus 2 guns of 2d Plt, Co B, took up indirect fire positions. Co B fired 10 harassing missions expending 1 round HE normal and 99 rds HERC with results unobserved. Co C assembled Bruggen, Germany devoting time to small unit training, care and maintenance of equipment. 75th Division Anti-tank officer informed battalion that information from XVI Corps is that Battalion will be reorganized to Self-propelled Bn (M-36) within two weeks.
11 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn, CP coord 219179. Co in indirect fire positions. Co fired 1 registration mission, expending 19 rounds HERC. Co B atchd 899th FA Bn. Co B CP coord 220274. Co in indirect fire positions and fired 10 harassing missions and 3 registration missions expending 142 rds HERC. Co C atchd RCT 290, assembled Bruggen, Germany. Companies A & B recomitered for direct fire positions.
12 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn, CP coord 219179. Co in indirect fire positions and fired 1 harassing mission, expending 31 rounds HERC, with results unobserved. Co B atchd 897th FA Bn, CP coord 220274. Co in indirect fire positions and fired 4 interdiction 9 harassing, and registration missions, expending 193 rounds HERC. Co C atchd RCT 290, reinforcing fires of 898th FA Bn. Co C departed Bruggen, Germany 0810 hours via motor convoy. Arrived approximately north of Buck, Germany at 1130 hours. Distance - 42 miles. Three platoons formed into 2 platoons of 6 guns each. Occupied indirect fire positions in vic Buck, Germany.
13 Mar 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn, CP coord 219179. Co in indirect fire positions. Co B atchd 897th FA Bn, CP coord 220274. Co in indirect fire positions. Co C atchd RCT 290, reinforcing fires of 898th FA Bn. Co C in indirect fire positions vic Buck.
14 March 45	En CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A atchd 897th FA Bn, CP coord 219179. Co A in indirect fire positions. Co B atchd 897th FA Bn. Co B moved to assembly pos vic coord 252230. Co C reld fr RCT 290 and atchd 897th FA Bn. Co C displaced to vic Bracht. Cos A & B reld fr 897th and 899th FA Bns and placed under En control.

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15 Mar 45	Bn CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A CP coord 219179, remained in indirect fire positions. Co B vic coord 250230. Co C atchd 897th FA Bn. Co C in indirect fire pos vic Repelen.
16 Mar 45	Bn CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A CP coord 219179, remained in indirect fire positions. Co B vic coord 250230. Co C atchd 897th FA Bn. Co C in indirect fire pos vic Repelen.
17 Mar 45	Bn CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A CP coord 219179, remained in indirect fire positions. Co B vic coord 250230. Co C atchd 897th FA Bn. Co C in indirect fire pos vic Repelen. During period 12-17 March 45: Plans initiated for defense of Div sector along West bank of Rhine. Co A recd mission to prepare direct fire positions within the 269th Regt sector along west bank of Rhine, to place fire on OPs and other targets East of Rhine. Co B received mission to prepare direct fire positions within 269th Regt sector along West bank of Rhine to fire on river, covering with fire any target which might appear on river. Co C received mission to remain in indirect fire positions vic of REPELEN. Cos A and B engaged in the preparation of Direct fire positions and improvement of same during the period.
18 Mar 45	Bn CP plus Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A moved to assembly pos vic coord 235225. Co B continued with preparations of direct fire positions. Co C in indirect fire pos vic REPELEN, atchd 897th FA Bn.
19-23 Mar 45	Atchd 75th Div Arty. Cos A and B continued improving direct fire positions, awaiting order to occupy direct fire positions along west bank of Rhine.
23 Mar 45	Co C fired 5 registration missions and 1 mission at targets of opportunity, with results unobserved.
23 Mar 45 (night)	Cos A & B moved into previously prepared direct fire positions. Co C remained vic of REPELEN prepared to support any missions of A & B Cos by illuminating critical zones along Rhine, using Star Shell.
Night of 23-24 Mar 1945	Co A fired 2 direct fire preparations, expending 24 rds APC and 269 rds HE normal at targets East of Rhine River. Co B did not fire any mission. Co C fired 23 interdiction and 22 harassing missions, expending 770 rounds of HE normal plus 4 rds of Star Shell. All missions fired during this period were unobserved fires.
24-25 Mar 1945	Cos A & B remained in direct fire positions. Co A fired 1 direct fire mission at building containing MG nest and sniper (vic 273208). Target was believed to be neutralized, as friendly troops reported no further harassing fire from that point. Co B - no mission fired. Co C fired 1 interdiction, 6 harassing missions, and 1 mission at targets of opportunity. All missions were unobserved.
25 Mar 45	0310 - 2d Bn 269th Inf Regt reported that a high velocity weapon was firing at lights from vic Bridge. Alerted Co A. 0315 - Message from Div Arty to turn off lights and put down concentration. Gave mission to Co A and instructed them to pay particular attention to possible tank - lights put out. Requested that one light be pointed at suspected tank location, however this was not approved. 0330 - Preparation on Time - Inf. Mortars started laying smoke. Visibility zero. 0650 - Bridge strafed by KE 262. Co A fired three missions at targets of opportunity. Missions unobserved.

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25 Mar 45	Co B remained in pos with no missions fired. Co C fired 1 interdiction, 6 harassing, and 1 mission at targets of opportunity with results unobserved.
26 Mar 45	Hq Co - Lintfort, Germany, atchd 75th Div Arty. Co A fired 3 missions (direct fire) at enemy MGs and personnel. Missions were not observed. Co B remained in pos with no missions fired. Co C fired 2 interdiction, 2 harassing and 1 illuminating missions. Missions were not observed. Bn withdrew from pos along Rhine River after relief by elements of 307 TD Bn, and assembled as follows: Co A vic coord 250220. Co B vic coord 251230. Co C vic coord 211217. All companies engaged in conversion to SP mounts. All companies remained in previously reported pos engaged in conversion to SP mounts. During afternoon of 28 March Companies A, B, & C conducted familiarization firing (direct) with 90mm guns (M-36) from firing pos as follows: Co A coord 268193. Co B coord 251191. Co C coord 270222.
27-28 Mar 1945	Co A expended 10 rds HE M71 and 8 rds APC. Co B expended 21 rds HE M71 and 4 rds APC. One MG nest was destroyed during this mission vic coord 302199. Co C expended 6 rds HE M71 and 1 rd APC. At 2000, 28 Mar Bn was alerted for movement to forward area.
290900 Mar	Companies given information on move to forward assembly area vic of Virde, Germany (coord 2733).
291530 Mar	Bn, less Hq Co, moves to vic coord 265345. Tentative information received that companies would be attached to RCT's, with one Bn Platoon atchd to each TD Co.
291745 Mar	Bn Fwd CP closes vic coord 265347. Bn Co closed in area vic coord 254344. Cos A, B, & C assembled vic of Vorde (2733).
292330 Mar	Hq Co departed Lintfort, Germany. Arrived assembly area coord 255347 300100.
300145 Mar	Bn alerted for movement to forward area vic coord 405350. Bn initiated movement and closed in area at approximately 0130. All companies under Bn control waiting for orders for attachment to RCT's.
301500 Mar	Bn, less Hq Co, moved forward with the elements of 75th Inf Div to areas as follows: Bn Fwd CP - Coord 469348. Co A - vic Michelien (445346) Co B - vic Dorsten (465395) Co C vic coord 468375. Co A atchd to 237 289. Co B atchd to RCT 291. Co C atchd to RCT 290 (Divisional Reserve).
31 Mar 45	Companies A and B moving forward with RCT's. Co C in Division reserve vic coord 468376. Bn Fwd CP moved to vic coord 589344. Hq Co moves to about 1 mile north of ZWICKEL, GERMANY (coord 479347).
312100 Mar	Co B reported in position as follows: 1st Plt - coord 567438. 2d Plt - coord 562438. 3d Plt - 577427. Co C assembled vic of coord 545405. Co A - on the move. Strengths: 29 Cff, 2 WO, 6 LD EL. Gains: 1 EL.

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- 1 Apr 45 Hq Co moved from ZWICKAU, GERMANY to BREUER WOOD, GERMANY, atchd 75th Div Artillery. Hq Sec, 2d & 3d Plt, of Ren Co moved to BREUER WOOD, GERMANY. Ren Co under Bn control. Pioneer Plt, Ren Co, was called on to make a fill in a canal to enable Co A's destroyers to make crossing. Co A CP moved to BREUER WOOD, GERMANY. Co A atchd to RCT 289. 1st & 2d Plts, Co A, moved to 2 miles east of BREUER WOOD. 3d Plt, Co A, moved to vic of BRASSETT, GERMANY. Co B moved from BREUER, GERMANY and arrived HAID-BISCHOFF, GERMANY. Co B atchd to RCT 291. One destroyer of 2d Plt, Co B, contacted 4 Tiger Tanks. More destroyers were dispatched to aid. Co C moved from vic KARL, GERMANY to 1 mile west of RECKLINGHAUSEN, GERMANY. Co C atchd to RCT 290. All Plts, Co C, advanced in an easterly direction meeting very slight resistance.
- 2 Apr 45 Bn Fwd CP moved from BREUER WOOD to ERKENSCHWICK, GERMANY. Ren Co, less Pioneer & 3d Plt, moved to ERKENSCHWICK, GERMANY. 1st Plt in support of Co A. 5 German PW captured by 1st Plt, Ren Co. Co A platoons reached the Zweig Canal in their zone. Pfc Maximilian A. Dobis, 37 164 478, Co A, wounded by our own artillery fire via RAPPEN, GERMANY when shell fragments penetrated left arm and side. Co B also reached the Zweig Canal. Co C moved CP from RECKLINGHAUSEN to ERKENSCHWICK. 1st Plt, Co C, at ERKENSCHWICK, 2d Plt, Co C, at HAMBURG, 3d Plt, Co C, approximately 1/2 mile northwest of HERRICHENBURG, GERMANY. Platoons received occasional artillery barrages. Co C approaching the final objective in their zone.
- 3 Apr 45 Bn Fwd CP and company positions remained the same. No action or losses reported.
- 4 Apr 45 All companies continued to consolidate their positions preparatory to crossing the Zweig Canal to continue attack to the south. Bn Co, 1st Plt, in support of Co A, 2d Plt in support of Co B. Pioneer Platoon completed fill at Zweig Canal. This enabled two plts of Co A to cross canal, also a number of infantry tanks, 2 tons and other miscellaneous equipment. 1st Plt, Co A, captured 26 German prisoners (3 Cifs, 23 EW). Co B moved CP from HAMBOSSENDORF, GERMANY to DARTTELN, GERMANY. One PW (EW) captured vic of HAMBOSSENDORF. Co C - no action or losses reported.
- 5 Apr 45 Ren Co CP moved from ERKENSCHWICK to ICKERN, GERMANY. Co A CP moved from BREUER WOOD to HERRICHENBURG, GERMANY. 1st Plt, Co A, captured 2 German prisoners (EW). Co B CP moved from DARTTELN to ICKERN. 3d Plt, Co B, engaged and destroyed one pill box. Co C CP moved from ERKENSCHWICK to HERRICHENBURG. All platoons assembled vic CP.
- 6 Apr 45 Bn Fwd CP moved from ERKENSCHWICK to ICKERN. Ren plts held in reserve. Co 2 in division reserve with RCT 289. Hq Section, Co A, captured 1 German PW at Co CP. Co B - One M-36 disabled by enemy bazooka team. Sgt Earl S. Roush, 6 822 321, Co B, killed in action, when hit in head by sniper. 1st Lt RYAL B. MOORE, 01 159 258, Co B, wounded in action when shell fragments penetrated arm. 1st Plt, Co C, lost 3rd & 4th Destroyers from flanking fire by a high velocity gun. Both destroyers burned and ammunition exploded. Platoon lacked infantry support. 1st Lt Smith and Sgt Theroux killed two enemy snipers. 2d Plt, Co C, fired 12 rounds HE and 4 rds T-105 destroying 3 CP's. Fired 5 rds AP at enemy tank, direct fire; results unknown. 3d Plt, Co C, fired 23 rds HE and destroyed 2 CP's. 1st & 3d Plts near south edge of OSTERN, GERMANY. 2d Plt near MARTEN. All plts received heavy small arms fire, mortar fire, and numerous air bursts. Sgt Donald J. Mann, 17 043 793, Co C; Cpl Martin W. Samatzy, 37 021 493; Tec 5 Lloyd G. Gray, 20 613 611; Pfc Donald C. Fisher, 17 043 762; Pfc Clifford A. Flanagan, 36 038 018;

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- 6 Apr 45 (contd.) all killed in action 1000 yards southwest of OSTERN. 1st Lt RAYH C. SMITH, 01 825 378, Co C, wounded in action when shell fragment (HE) injured right eye. Pfc Andy J. Spolar, 37 115 577, Co C, slightly injured in action, suffering 1st & 2d degree burns on face. Pfc Herbert E. Stage, 37 022 959, slightly injured in action suffering 1st degree burns on face.
- 7 Apr 45 Co A operating in close support of RCT 289 as it advanced. No action or losses reported. Sgt Arthur W. Dumas, 36 005 733, slightly wounded in action when hit in the hand by small arms (rifle) fire. Cpl Charles W. Hinos, 37 146 278, Co B, slightly wounded in action when shell fragments (HE) penetrated foot and legs. Tec 5 William C. Tends, 37 164 511, Co B, slightly injured in action suffering 1st & 2d degree burns. Pfc Gen W. Seeg, 37 144 446, Co B, seriously wounded in action when shell fragments (HE) penetrated buttocks and foot. Pfc Arthur J. Meyer, 37 164 362, Co B, slightly wounded in action when hit in thigh by small arms fire. Pfc Elmer G. Kots, 20 611 262, slightly wounded in action when shell fragments lacerated forehead. S/Sgt John H. Sholly, 6 535 396, Co B, seriously wounded in action when shell fragments penetrated abdomen. Sgt Edward D. Costello, 35 058 101; Sgt Gasparino J. Maratea, 36 009 035; Pfc Dorcy A. Shifflett, 33 629 166; Pfc Harlo L. Wozan, 20 037 546; all slightly wounded in action and remained on duty. 2d Lt ALAN L. SCHENSEN, 01 825 379, Co B, and Sgt John Turesak, 36 117 640, Co B, both killed in action via ICKERN, GERMANY. Sgt Floyd J. Irwin, 37 294 995, slightly wounded in action when shell fragments (HE) penetrated legs and thigh. Co C - all three platoons advanced with RCT 291. Two German prisoners (EW) captured near RAPPEN, GERMANY. Bn Fwd CP moved from ICKERN to OSTERN, GERMANY. Hq Co moved from BREUER WOOD to HERRICHENBURG, GERMANY. Ren Co - Hq Sec, Pioneer, and 1st Plt moved to HANSELMANN, GERMANY. 2d Plt in support of Co B. 3rd Plt in support of Co C. Tec 5 John L. Tarchini, 31 261 363, Ren Co, slightly wounded in action. Co A destroyed one enemy pill box and one machine gun and one enemy AT gun. Pfc Walter B. Duhn, Jr., 35 553 270, Co A, killed in action. S/Sgt Frank S. Foley, 20 613 668, Co A, killed in action in BUNNENBURG, GERMANY by concussion from 88mm shell. Pfc Jack R. Sweeney, 20 611 368, Co A, slightly wounded in action when hit by shrapnel, remained on duty. Co B - no losses or action reported. Co C CP moved from HERRICHENBURG to HERRICHENBURG. 3d Plt, Co C, fired 10 rds HE T-105 fuzo, at machine gun nests. Sgt Chester L. Kozlowski, 20 611 593, slightly wounded in action when shell fragments penetrated lumbar. 3d Plt, Co C, captured 5 German prisoners (EW), two of which were SS troops. Pfc Kozlowski killed one civilian who attempted to knife him.
- 9 Apr 45 Co B reported no action or operation. Co A CP moved from HERRICHENBURG to RECHLINDE, GERMANY. Co A in close support of RCT 289 as it advanced. One platoon atchd to each infantry battalion. Co B CP moved from ICKERN to BUNNENBURG, GERMANY. Co B operating in defense of RCT 291 sector. No action reported. Each platoon of the company is atchd to a light tank platoon. Co C operating in close support of RCT 290 as it advances. One TD platoon atchd to each infantry battalion. 2d Plt, Co C, fired 10 rds HE, 6 rds T-105 fuzo, 3 rds AP C, destroying 12 houses containing snipers and machine guns, one large steel shed housing troops and one cargo truck. Also fired on foot troops. All rounds expended in vic MARTEN, GERMANY.



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10 Apr 45	1st & 2d Plts, Ren Co, with Co A. 3d Plt with Co C, Pionners at Co CP. One German EM captured by 2d Plt, Ren Co. One German EM surrendered at Ren Co CP. Co A captured 2 German EM via WERNER, GERMANY. Pfc Primitive Gonzalez, 35 140 482, Co A, slightly wounded in action when wounded in thigh by small arms. 1st Sgt George M. Ratterman, 35 867 787, received battlefield commission in IUS and asgd to Co B. 1st Plt, Co C, fired 20 rds HE to repulse counter attack in zone. 2d Plt, Co C, fired 8 rds HE to repulse counter attack at MALEY, GERMANY. 3d Plt, Co C, fired 1 rd T-105 fuse, and 2 rds HE on IG nest, neutralizing it. Co C captured 8 German EM via KIRCHHOLZ, GERMANY.
11 Apr 45	Bn Fwd CP moved from GSRICH to KLINGLINDE. Ren Co CP moved from HANSEBANS to SOBORN. 1st Plt with Co A 2d Plt with Co B. Co A moved from RICH-ILINE to SOBORN. Co A destroyed 2 enemy AT guns and 1 enemy pill-box and captured 3 German EM. Co B CP moved from BARNHOFF to KLINGLINDE.
12 Apr 45	1st & 2d Plts, Ren Co, with Co A. 3d Plt, Ren Co, with Co C. Pioneer Platoon with Co CP. Co A operating with RCT 289, continuing defense west bank of Ruhr River. Co A destroyed one enemy OP, one enemy gun position and captured 3 German EM. Co B operating with RCT 291 in its attack. Enemy resistance stiffened as attack progressed but Co suffered no damage to personnel or equipment. Co C CP moved from KINGSDE to WITZEN. 1st Plt, Co C, expended 20 rds HE in destruction of houses containing snipers. Co operating in close support of RCT 290 against heavy enemy resistance.
13 Apr 45	1st Plt, Ren Co, with Co A; 2d Plt, Ren Co, with Co B; 3d Plt, Ren Co, with Co C; Pioneer Plt, Ren Co, at Co CP. Co A operating with RCT 289 continuing defense and improvement of defensive positions in sector. No action reported, no losses incurred. Co B operating in close support of RCT 291 against heavy to light resistance. One plt, Co B, atchd to each infantry battalion and were improving defensive positions in sector. Co neutralized one CP and captured 21 German EM. Co C operating in close support of RCT 290 against heavy to light resistance. 1st Plt, Co C, fired 3 rds HE neutralizing IG nest and captured 14 German PWs (M) near WITZEN. 3d Plt, Co C, relieved from front line duty and assembled near WITZEN. Sgt Edward J. Hillman, 37 115 568, Co C, slightly wounded in action when shell fragment (mortar) penetrated hand. Cpl Palmer L. Pinta, 37 115 653, Co C, slightly wounded in action when shell fragment (HE) penetrated chest.
14 Apr 45	Ren Co assembled via SOBORN. All plts, Co A, relieved and assembled in vic CP (SOBORN). All plts, Co B, assembled via Co CP (KLINGLINDE). Co B captured 16 German prisoners (EM). Co C assembled via WITZEN.
15 Apr 45	Bn Fwd CP moved from KLINGLINDE to BRAUBAUER, GERMANY. Ren Co moved from SOBORN to BRAUBAUER. Co A moved from SOBORN to BRAUBAUER. Co B moved from KLINGLINDE to BRAUBAUER. Co C moved from WITZEN to BRAUBAUER.
16 Apr 45	Bn assembled in BRAUBAUER and plans for future operation being initiated. Bn assembled in BRAUBAUER and engaged in first echelon maintenance of vehicles and equipment.
17 - 21 Apr 45	Bn CP, Hqs Co, & Co A departed BRAUBAUER, GERMANY 0950 hrs and arrived WERSELG, GERMANY 1730 hours. Distance - 95 miles. Ren Co departed BRAUBAUER 0930 hrs and arrived WIESEN, GERMANY 1530 hrs. Distance - 94 miles. Co B departed BRAUBAUER 1000 hrs and arrived BERGENTALICH, GERMANY 1630 hrs. Distance - 101 miles. Co C departed BRAUBAUER 1010 and arrived BOMBERG, GERMANY 1730 hrs. Distance - 90 miles.

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To: 5 May 45

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23 Apr 45	2d Lt GEORGE M. RATTERMAN, 02012116, Co B, awarded the Purple Heart per Sec VI, GO 99, Hq 75th Inf Div, dtd 20 Apr 45. Bn surveyed assigned area for proper occupation. 2 German soldiers in civilian clothes turned themselves in to the 1st Plt, Ren Co.
24 Apr 45	Bn engaged in rehabilitation of personnel and equipment. Initiated reconnaissance of new area via BIELEBERG, GERMANY.
25 Apr 45	Bn CP & Hq Co departed WARSBERG, GERMANY 0845 hrs and arrived HERSCHIED, GERMANY 1500 hrs. Distance - 97 miles. Ren Co departed WIESEN, GERMANY 0815 hrs and arrived PLETZENBERG, GERMANY. Distance - 96 miles. Co A departed WARSBERG, GERMANY 0900 hrs and arrived VALBERG, GERMANY at 1600 hrs. Distance - 101 miles. Co B departed BERGENTALICH, GERMANY at 0800 hrs and arrived WEISSE AHE, GERMANY at 1530 hrs. Distance - 106 miles. Co C departed BOMBERG, GERMANY, 1000 hrs and arrived BIEBERWAGEL, GERMANY at 1630 hrs. Distance - 100 miles. Bn placed under control of 259th Infantry Regiment.
26 Apr 45	Hqs Co captured 2 enemy soldiers (1 Cpl & 1 WO) via HERSCHIED, GERMANY. Bn assumed control of new area.
27 Apr 45	Bn continued Mil Govt and security in its area of occupation including screening of suspicious personnel, segregation of DP's by nationality and returning DP's to camp.
28 Apr 45	Bn continued occupation of assigned area exercising mil gov't and security measures.
29 Apr 45	Co A sent a patrol out to search a house and found 4 German officers, in uniform and armed, taken to PT Camp.
30 Apr 45	Survey of assigned occupation area (Co C) shows approximately 1050 Displaced Russians, 165 French, 65 Poles, 170 Italians, and 35 Hollanders. All in encampments in WEINERZAGEN. Occasional outbreaks took place between displaced Russians and German civilians. Bn continued patrols of outposts, general survey of area for vehicles, arms, and ammunition. Strengths: 30 Cpl, 1 WO, 616 EM. Net Increase - 1 Cpl. Net Decrease - 1 WO, 25 EM.
1 May 45	Bn cont'd Military government and security in its assigned area. 19 PW's processed.
2 May 45	Bn CP dep Hirschaid Germany and arr Kierspe Germany. Hq Co dep Hirschaid and arr Kierspe-Bahnhof Germany. Ren Co dep Pletzenberg and arr Kierspe-Bahnhof Germany. No PW's processed.
3 May 45	IG and security cont'd. 61 PW's processed.
4 May 45	IG and security in area of occupation cont'd.
5 May 45	Ren Co maintaining road-blocks. Had numerous riots with Russian DP's. Division turned about 1100 DP's over to us. 3 PW's processed.
6 May 45	Ren Co - road blocks have been removed, 1st 2d and 3rd platoons are used as roving patrols. All guards at Russian Camps. 1 PW processed.
7 May 45	Ren Co had numerous riot calls, Russians looting.
8 May 45	Bn CP dep Kierspe Germany at 0830 and arr Gevelsberg Germany at 0945. Distance 22 miles. Hq Co dep Kierspe Bahnhof Germany at 1240 and arr Gevelsberg Germany at 1350. Distance 23 miles. Co A dep Valbert Germany, 1215 hrs arr Schweln Germany. Distance 32 miles.

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8 May 45 Co B dep Harscheid Germany at 1100, arr Hattingen Germany at 1600. Distance 65 miles. 1st Platoon in Sprockhovel, 2d in Hattingen and 3rd in Altendorf. Co C dep Mainerzhagen Germany at 0715, arr Wergern Germany 0930. Distance 45 miles. Preliminary survey of area; approximately 1500 DP's. Co set up security area. Ren Co dep Kierspe Germany at 1245 and arr Hilspe Germany at 1400. Distance 24 miles. Guards were placed on all installations requiring them. Patrols were sent out to place DP's back in camps. Battalion atchd to 290th Inf Regt, 75th Div. Co B, 290th Inf Regt under Bn control, CP at Verde Germany.

9 May 45 IG and security in new area of occupation, was established.  
10 May 45 Bn relieved of IG Duties. 33 PW's processed.  
11 May 45 Bn established and took over control of 22 DP and XFN Camps in area of occupation.

12 May 45 Bn cont'd occupation and security of assigned area and preservation of public order. 9 PW's processed.

13 & 14 May 45 Occupation and security cont'd. 21 PW's processed. 118 male civilians were screened.

15 May 45 280 German males were screened. Occupation and security continued.  
16 May 45 Bn places guards on ten Intelligence Targets, 8 Factories and 2 Nazi headquarters. 1907 German males screened. 3 PW's captured.  
17 May 45 1791 German males screened.  
18 May 45 1400 German males screened. 34 suspects were registered and 21 PW's were turned in.  
19 May 45 414 male civilians screened in Schweln and Hilspe. 28 suspects were found in Schweln. Investigation of Intelligence Targets was started in Schweln.

20 May 45 812 male civilians screened at Hattingen. 32 suspects listed. No PW's taken. Occupation and security of assigned area and preservation of public order cont'd.

21 May 45 59 male civilians screened at Linderhausen. 2 suspects were recorded. Schweln completed screening.

22 May 45 256 male civilians screened. 2 suspects recorded. 42 PW's turned in.  
23 May 45 1255 male civilians screened. 62 suspects recorded. 54 PW's turned in. 16 Nazi party leaders were apprehended in Schweln, Germany.

24 May 45 1511 male civilians screened. 150 suspects recorded. 8 PW's turned in.  
25 May 45 500 male civilians screened in Brackerfeld, Germany. No suspects.  
26 May 45 611 male civilians screened at Cevelsberg. 43 suspects, 3 paroled PW's. 50 male civilians screened at Hattingen.

27 May 45 320 male civilians screened at Wergern. 23 suspects.  
29 May 45 23 PW's turned in and 7 automatic arrests.  
31 May 45 25 PW's turned in and 5 automatic arrests.  
Strength: 32 Off, 2 XO, 635 EL. Net Increase: 2 Off, 1 XO, 19 EL.

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1-3 Jun 45 Bn prepared for movement to FRIEDRICHSDORF, GERMANY.  
4 Jun 45 Advance Detachment departed CEVELSBERG for FRIEDRICHSDORF.  
4 Jun 45 Bn held fir atchms to 75th Inf Div per TCM from CG, Ninth U.S. Army dtd 1 Jun 45.

5-10 Jun 45 Bn followed abbreviated training schedule and prepared for movement.  
6 Jun 45 Orders received from CG, Ninth U.S. Army stating that Bn was to be redeployed indirectly.

11 Jun 45 Bn CP & Hq Co departed CEVELSBERG, GERMANY 0700 hrs and arrived WIESLOCK, GERMANY 2030 hrs. Distance - 223 miles.  
Ren Co departed HILSPPE, GERMANY 0700 hrs and arrived WIESLOCK, GERMANY 1915 hrs. Distance - 220 miles.  
Co A departed SCHWELM, GERMANY 0845 hrs and arrived WIESLOCK, GERMANY 2000 hrs. Distance - 229 miles.  
Co B departed HATTINGEN, GERMANY 0600 hrs and arrived WIESLOCK, GERMANY 2000 hrs. Distance 253 miles.  
Co C departed WERGERN, GERMANY at 0600 hrs and arrived WIESLOCK, GERMANY 2000 hrs. Distance - 230 miles.

11 Jun 45 Bn held fir atachment to XVI Corps and Ninth U.S. Army and attached to VI Corps and Seventh U.S. Army.  
12 Jun 45 Bn recd alert Warning Order for movement to Camp New Orleans, France, from Assembly Area command.

13 Jun 45 Bn turned in 36 M-36 destroyers to 9th Army Ordnance.  
14-18 Jun 45 Bn turned in excess clothing, equipment, and vehicles in preparation for movement. Show-down inspection of individual clothing and equipment was held.

17 Jun 45 Advance party departed WIESLOCK, GERMANY for Camp New Orleans, France.  
18 Jun 45 Movement orders received from Seventh US Army.  
19 Jun 45 5 Off and 184 EL departed via rail for Camp New Orleans, France.  
20 Jun 45 Balance of Bn departed via motor convoy for Camp New Orleans, France. Departed 0700 hrs. Arrived at Transit Camp, Nancy, France, 1730 hours and bivouaced. Distance - 168 miles.  
Train arrived at Camp Miami, France about 2330 hours.

21 Jun 45 Balance of Bn departed Transit Camp, Nancy, France at 0815 hours via motor convoy. Arrived Camp Miami, Assembly Area app 2 miles west of Trouan le Petit, France, at 1615 hrs. Distance - 184 miles.