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1 April 1945 -- Enroute to Ottmarsbechelt, Germany. (Ra 866543)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division.
At 0800 hours Company "C" moved from area located in Neuss, Germany, to an area located in the vicinity of Titz, Germany, arriving thereat at 1000 hours. At 1830 A hours the Battalion minus Company "A" and 2d Ron Platoon commenced movement from an area of assembly in the vicinity of Titz, Germany to an area located in vicinity of Ottmarsbechelt (Ra 866543), Germany (East of the Rhine River). Company "A" and 2d Ron Platoon continued attached to the 377th Infantry Regiment (CT 7) for operations East of the Rhine River. Further information not available.

2 April 1945 -- 2.5 Miles South of Ottmarsbechelt, Germany. (Ra 866543)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division.
This Battalion minus Company "A" and 2d Ron Platoon continued movement to Ottmarsbechelt, Germany. The head of the column crossed the Rhine River at 0005A hours and the rear of the Battalion crossed the Rhine River at 0050A hours. The crossing of the Rhine River was made at Wessel, Germany ("H" Bridge). The Battalion minus Company "A" and 2d Ron Platoon closed in area 2.5 miles South of Ottmarsbechelt (Ra 866543) Germany at 0840B hours. Company "A" and 2d Ron Platoon continued attached to 377th Infantry Regiment (CT 7) for operations East of the Rhine River. Information regarding the operations not available. Crossing the Rhine River by this Battalion has to date credited this Battalion for participation in operations which included Normandy, Brittany, Luxembourg, Germany (from the Reer to the Rhine River). 1st Lt. Hebert S. Mann, O-1822813, assigned and joined this Battalion per Par 1, SO 15, Hq 113th Cav Ron, Mecz., and 2d Ind Hq XIX Corps to Ltr Hq 113th Cav Ron Sq, Mecz., subject: "Reassignment of Officers", dated 22 March 1945. The following named enlisted personnel of this Command were awarded Bronze Star Medals per Sec III, GO 70, Hq 95th Infantry Division, dated 29 March 1945: First Sgt Thomas W. McCutchan, 20254658, Ron Company; T/Sgt Francis E. Stone, 31069032, Company "C"; T/Sgt Alfred Williams, 20254425, Company "A"; Sgt Claude O. Bushey, 32088403, Company "B"; Sgt Harold W. Murray, 20254677, Company "B"; Tec 4 Charles W. Van Winckle, 32115819, Company "B"; Tec 5 William E. Nipper, 33213924, Company "B".

3 April 1945 -- Beckum, Germany. (Rb 215513)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division.
The Battalion minus Company "A" and 2d Ron Platoon proceeded from assembly area in the vicinity of Ottmarsbechelt, Germany at 1400 hours to assembly area in Verhelm (Rb 145568) Germany. While enroute to this place of assembly orders were changed directing the following: Battalion CP Group, Ron Company minus 2d Ron Platoon, and Headquarters Company to occupy area in Beckum (Rb 215513) Germany. Company "B" with 1st Ron Platoon was designated to support 378th Infantry Regiment and proceed to area of assembly in Ahlen (Rb 105501) Germany. In turn Company "C" was designated

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to support 379th Infantry Regiment and proceed to area of assembly in vicinity of Ebbecke (Rb 189454) Germany. The mission of Company "B" and Company "C" will be to provide Anti-Tank Defense and direct fire support to attacking Infantry. Summary of operations of Company "A" for the period 27 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 when this Company was attached to the 377th Infantry Regiment and the 2d Armored Division for operations East of the Rhine River. The initial crossing of the Rhine River was accomplished at 0737 hours on 28 March 1945. The entire operation consisted mainly of tactical marches which included the occupation of the following towns: Warendorf (F 170725), Mayershof (A 308432), Hiddingsel (A770604), Schl. Holte (B 607672), Langeneicke (B 485379), Stuckenbroch (B 635692). In the course of these operations the Company captured 48 prisoners. During the entire operation the Company expended 36 rounds 90mm HE on strongpoints to force the enemy to fall back in order that our Infantry could advance and occupy. Morale and health of the Command remained at a high standard. 2d Rcn Platoon operations for the period 27 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 when this Platoon was attached to Company "A", this Battalion, for operations West of the Rhine River in support of the 377th Infantry Regiment. On 27 March the Platoon was attached to Company "A" and in turn detached from this Company and attached to the 3rd Battalion, 377th Infantry Regiment. Operations with the 3rd Battalion, 377th Infantry Regiment included the following: The Platoon crossed the Rhine River at 0830 hours on 28 March 1945. On 30 March 1945 the Platoon crossed the Dortmund Ems Canal which at this time was under heavy enemy artillery fire. The crossing was accomplished at 2400 hours. On 31 March 1945 while on a tactical march from Peddenberg to Acheberg the column was strafed by 3 FW 190's. The planes were driven off by anti-aircraft fire preventing casualties and damage. During the entire period of operations Sgt Kowalski, Tec 5 Barry, Pfc Downes and Pfc Graham were credited with the capture of nine (9) prisoners one of which was dressed in civilian clothes. On 2 April 1945 at 1600 hours, the Platoon was detached from the 3rd Battalion, 377th Infantry Regiment and returned to the control of Company "A", this Battalion

4 April 1945 -- Beckum, Germany (Rb 215513)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division. Company "A" under Battalion Control remained in assembly area in Neubeckum (Rb 205415) Germany. At 1800 hours the Company moved to positions for firing indirect on towns of Soest and Weil, Germany. The Company did not fire but remained in positions. Company "B" and 1st Rcn Platoon in support of the 378th Infantry Regiment in assembly area in vicinity of Hamm (Rb 051437) Germany preparing to cross the Lippe Seitan Canal, the crossing is scheduled to be made under the cover of darkness. Foot reconnaissance was made by the Platoon Leader and during the reconnaissance the Platoon Leader took five (5) prisoners. 2d Platoon remained in assembly area in Bergedick (Rb 105501) Germany. 3rd Platoon crossed the Lippe Seitan Canal at 0500 for operations in support of the 3rd Battalion, 378th Infantry Regiment. The Platoon fired 10 rounds 90mm HE on an enemy strongpoint demolishing it. Company "C" and 3rd Rcn Platoon in support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon located in Lippberg (Rb 205415) Germany on indirect fire mission. The Platoon fired 100 rounds 90mm HE. 2d and 3rd Platoons crossed the Lippe Seitan Canal and are located in Hausen (Rb 185375) and Nateln (Rb 175407) Germany respectively. Rcn Company minus the attached Rcn Platoons remained in assembly area in Beckum (Rb 215513) Germany. For this period operations consisted mainly of close support to the Infantry. Elements of this Battalion with elements of the 95th Infantry Division crossed the Lippe Seitan Canal which is located North of the Ruhr Pocket. Crossings were made

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at 0500 hours and under cover of darkness. One Platoon of Company "B" crossed the canal over a railroad bridge. Reports were received at this headquarters which indicated that enemy troops within this pocket were making preparations for a counterattack.

5 April 1945 -- Beckum, Germany (Rb 215513)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division.

Company "A" with 2d Rcn Platoon in support of the 377th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons located in Lippberg (Rb 205415) Germany. The Company expended 282 rounds 90mm HE on 150 indirect fire missions on towns of Soest (Rb 259305), and Werl (Rb 125285) Germany. Results of this firing unknown. 2nd Rcn Platoon reconnoitered for possible gun positions in vicinity of Lippberg along the Liedepe River. During this period one (1) enlisted man was wounded by enemy counter-battery fire.

Company "B" with 1st Rcn Platoon in support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in Bergedick (Rb 105501) Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Hamm (Rb 052423) Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Kel. Maximilian (Rb 107435) Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Schulze (Rb 123425) Germany. The Platoons did not fire during the period. 1st Rcn Platoon executed road reconnaissance in "B" Company sector during the period.

Company "C" with 3rd Rcn Platoon in support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in Vellinghausen (Rb 188407) Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Nord Dinken (Rb 138391 and B 129388) Germany. 2nd Platoon 1st Section located in vicinity of Welver (Rb 154354) Germany, 2nd Section located in vicinity of Berwicke (Rb 204360) Germany. 3rd Platoon 1st Section located in vicinity of Dortwewer (Rb 149384) Germany and 2nd Section located in vicinity of Lietke (Rb 152355) Germany. The 1st Platoon fired one (1) harassing mission of 12 rounds 90mm HE into the town of Soest, Germany. Results unknown.

The Battalion continued to give close support to assault Infantry in attacks on the Ruhr Pocket and assisted the 379th Infantry Regiment in repulsing an enemy armored attack.

Rcn Company minus the three Rcn Platoons remained in Beckum (Rb 215513) Germany. Captain Edward K. Hertel, O-370452, Battalion S-3, was promoted to the rank of Major per Par 1, SO 91, Hq Ninth U.S. Army dated 1 April 1945 to rank from the date of the order. Morale and health of the Command remained at a high standard.

6 April 1945 -- Beckum, Germany (Rb 215513).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division.

Company "A" with 2nd Rcn Platoon in close support of the 377th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Hultrop (Rb 221393) Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Lukringsen (Rb 261337) Germany. The platoon expended one (1) round of 90mm HE killing 5 Germans. The Germans were fired upon at a range of 1600 yards. Upon investigation it was discovered that each man was armed with a one (1) man bazooka. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Blumeroth (Rb 227353) Germany. The platoon remained in position of readiness. 3rd platoon now located in vicinity of Bergeln (Rb 208337 and Rb 215342) Germany. The platoon reached this position with no opposition and in the course of the advance captured ten (10) prisoners. 2nd Rcn Platoon executed area and zone reconnaissance in the Company "A" Sector. During this reconnaissance the platoon captured twenty-five (25) prisoners on the outskirts of Bergeln. The prisoners were taken after a terrific but short fire fight, the firing continued until Sgt Kowalski and Pvt Honeycutt

outflanked the Germans hemming them in thereby causing them to surrender. While the prisoners were being escorted to the rear to be evacuated enemy mortar fire was directed upon them by the Germans. The mortarr fire caused a few casualties among the prisoners and one (1) enlisted man in charge of escorting the prisoners was wounded.

Company "B" with 1st Rcn Platoon continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Maximilian (Rb 119438) Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Hamm (Rb 052423). 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Piels-Holz (Rb 075406 and Rb 074395) Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Osthoff (Rb 109385). All platoons remained in positions during the period. The 3rd Platoon captured six (6) prisoners which included one (1) officer. 1st Rcn Platoon remained in assembly area in vicinity of the Company CP.

Company "C" with 3rd Rcn Platoon continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in Vellinghausen (Rb 188407), Germany. 1st Platoon located in the vicinity of Dortweiler (Rb 150375), Germany. The platoon expended 4 rounds 90mm APC and 4 rounds 90mm HE firing direct at a building which was known to be sheltering German troops. The building was hit but the number of casualties could not be determined. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Kirchvelner (Rb 151356) and Recklinghausen (Rb 180360) in positions. 3rd Platoon located in the vicinity of Illingen (Rb 138365) and Sud Dinker (Rb 123380) in positions. The platoon captured five (5) prisoners during the period.

3rd Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Nord Dinker (Rb 137391), Germany. The platoon executed road and zone reconaissance in the "C" Company sector. In the course of this reconaissance the platoon captured five (5) prisoners.

Rcn Company minus the three Rcn Platoons located in the vicinity of Beckum (Rb 215-513), Germany.

Battalion operations during the period consisted of continued close support to Infantry assault troops of the 95th Infantry Division in the attack south towards the Ruhr River. Opposition during this operation varied from light to moderate.

7 April 1945 -- Beckum, Germany (Rb 215513).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, and XIX Corps.

Company "A" continued in close support of the 377th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Meckingsen (Rb 238338), Germany. 1st and 2nd Platoons gave Infantry close support which included providing road blocks with the destroyers, marching with Infantry into Soest, Germany and taking the city. At the close of this operation, the 1st Platoon departed Soest and took up positions in Meckingsen and 2nd Platoon took up positions in Schwefe (Rb 209309) Germany. The 3rd Platoon advanced with a platoon of friendly tanks into the town of Obr. Bergstrasse. Some enemy resistance was encountered and the platoon fired 21 rounds 90mm HE and 10 rounds 90mm APC at foot troops and camouflaged equipment causing the destruction of two (2) machine gun nests and one (1) heavy field piece of which the calibre is unknown.

Company "B" continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in the vicinity of Ostwememar (Rb 091417) Germany. 1st Platoon located in Hamm (Rb 033413) Germany. 2nd Platoon located in Feldmark (Rb 069402) Germany. 3rd Platoon located in Rhynen (Rb 085370) Germany. During this period the Company assisted the Infantry in clearing the western part of the City of Hamm. In the course of the operation the Company assisted Infantry in taking 400 prisoners, capturing 35 prisoners, killing 5 enemy, destroying 1 water tower and 3 machine guns in the City of Hamm.

Company "C" continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in the vicinity of Scheidingen (Rb 132338), Germany, 1st Platoon located

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in vicinity of Zentralgefängis (Rb 125300), Germany. 1st Section of the 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Probsting (Rb 105320), Germany. 2nd Section of the 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Somern (Rb 113312), Germany. 1st Section of the 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Mahlenfeld (Rb 141362), Germany. 2nd Section of the 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Allen (Rb 095347), Germany. The Company expended 16 rounds 90mm HE and 220 rounds .50 calibre destroying an anti-aircraft gun, and anti-tank gun, and killing fifteen (15) enemy.

Rcn Company under Battalion control. 1st Rcn Platoon in support of Company "B", this Bn., 1st Section located in vicinity of Berge (Rb 063394), 2nd Section located in vicinity of Rhynern (Rb 084371). 2nd Rcn Platoon in support of Company "A", this Bn., located in Meckingsen (Rb 235338). 3rd Platoon in support of Company "C", this Bn., 1st Section located in vicinity of Scheidengen (Rb 139337), 2nd Section located in Ehningesen (Rb 172317), Germany. During this period platoons were utilized to contact elements of gun companies to lead them through the streets of Hamm, and for establishing observation posts in the Eastern Sector of the City, and observation posts southwest of Hamm. Rcn Company CP remained in area located in Beckum (Rb 215513), Germany.

The Battalion continued in close support of assault infantry in operations to the Ruhr River. During the period gun companies with Rcn Platoons assisted in taking Soest and aided in clearing the Western Part of Hamm, Germany

8 April 1945 -- Stocklarn, Germany (Rb 218365)

This Battalion attached to the 95th Infantry Division.

Battalion CP Group departed area located in Beckum (Rb 215513), Germany at 0945 hours and closed in new area located in Stocklarn (Rb 218365), Germany at 1025 hours. Travelled approximately 12 miles.

Company "A" attached to 377th Infantry Regiment. This Company is out of contact. Operations for the period unknown.

Company "B" continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Ostwememar (Rb 091417), Germany. 1st Platoon located in the vicinity of Ostfeld (Rb 012412), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Feldmark (Rb 069402), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Piels-Holz (Rb 071401), Germany. The Platoons continued in close support of assault Infantry in operations in the vicinity of Hamm. During this period the Company expended 40 rounds 90mm HE and 15 rounds 90mm APC on machine gun nests and strong points.

Company "C" continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Zentralgefängis (Rb 125300), Germany and Scheidengen (Rb 135338), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Westhilbeck (Rb 081313), Germany, and vicinity of Budberg (Rb 096299), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Drechen (Rb 065338), Germany. The Company expended 83 rounds 90mm HE and 2 rounds 90mm APC on targets which included woods used for bivouac, farmhouses, enemy observation posts, and a vehicle which was identified as a possible tank. During this operation the Company took 11 prisoners and killed 11 enemy. The Company did not suffer any casualties although enemy fire was encountered. Rcn Company under Battalion control. Company CP and Pioneer Platoon moved from Beckum to new location at Stocklarn (Rb 218365), Germany. 1st Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Ostfeld (Rb 065412-064412). 2nd Rcn Platoon supporting Company "A" operations unknown. 3rd Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Rhynern (Rb 064375), Germany. 1st and 3rd Platoons remained in assembly areas.

The Battalion continued giving close support to assault Infantry in clearing the Ruhr Pocket to the West.

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9 April 1945 -- Rhynern, Germany (Rb 081370).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and Ninth United States Army. Released from attachement to XIX Corps as of 1200 hours per Par 2 Letter of Instructions, Headquarters XIX Corps dated 9 April 1945.

Battalion CP Group departed area located in Stocklarn (Rb 218365), Germany at 1040 hours. Arrived new area located in Rhynern (Rb 081370), Germany at 1125 hours. Travelled approximately 12 miles.

Rcn Company under Battalion control. Company CP and Pioneer Platoon moved to new location at Rhynern (Rb 081370), Germany. 1st Rcn Platoon in support of Company "B" this Battalion and located in Runihe (Rb 946386), Germany. 2nd Rcn Platoon attached to Company "A" this Battalion and located in Ulde (Rb 405244), Germany. 3rd Rcn Platoon in support of Company "C" this Battalion and located in Altenbogge (Rb 006333), Germany. The platoons executed reconnaissance of roads and areas for the companies which they were supporting.

Company "A" attached to the 377th Infantry Regiment. Operations for the period unknown. The last known locations received reported that the Company CP was located in Sichtigvor (Rb 367211), Germany. 1st Platoon located in Hirschberg (Rb 379215). 2nd Platoon in Allagen (Rb 362208) and 3rd Platoon in Ulde (Rb 405244), Germany.

Company "B" continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in Pelkum (Rb 007380), Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Sandbockum (Rb 970395), 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Lerche (Rb 987358 and Rb 967349), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Lerche (Rb 982359), Germany. Operations during this period consisted of tactical marches. During movement one M36 Destroyer received a direct hit from an enemy gun estimated to be 75mm. The round penetrated the turret killing 1 enlisted man (Private Jack Calhoun, ASN 35146895) and wounding one enlisted man.

Company "C" continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in the vicinity of Bonen (Rb 028324). Operations unknown for this period. Company out of contact due to continuous moves. The Company was credited with taking 2 prisoners during this period.

The Battalion continued operations in close support of assault Infantry of the 95th Infantry Division in clearing Ruhr Pocket from the East to the West.

10 April 1945 -- Pelkum, Germany (Rb 005376).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps and Ninth United States Army.

Battalion CP moved from area located in Rhynern (Rb 081370), Germany and opened new Bn. CP in Pelkum (Rb 005376), Germany at 1630 hours.

Rcn Company under Bn. control. Company CP and Pioneer Platoon located in Pelkum (Rb 005376), Germany. 1st Rcn Platoon in support of Company "B", this Battalion and is located in Runthe (Rb 947390), Germany. 2nd Rcn Platoon attached to Company "A" this Battalion and located in Hirschberg (Rb 374147), Germany. 3rd Rcn Platoon in support of Company "C" this Battalion and located in Heering (Rb 982308), Germany. The Company executed area and zone reconnaissance for the companies to which attached or in support. During the period the Company captured 9 prisoners.

Company "A" attached to the 377th Infantry Regiment. Last known locations during the period were as follows: Company CP located in Hirschberg (Rb 374148), Germany. 1st Platoon located East of Highway at coordinates Rb 295165, 2nd Platoon located in Nor Bergheim (Rb 347197). 3rd Platoon located in Warstein Stadt (Rb 425167), Germany. The Company continued on tactical march advancing upon their objectives

in close support of the Infantry. During the march the 1st Platoon sighted two (2) enemy cargo vehicles and destroyed one with 4 rounds of 90mm HE which was fired at a range of 1500 yards. The crew was believed to have escaped unharmed. Company "B" continued in close support of assault Infantry of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Schonhausen (Ra 927347). 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Werne (Ra 946392). 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Oberaden (Ra 898343). 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Schonhausen (Ra 922343), Germany. The Company expended 10 rounds 90mm HE and 1 round 90mm APC firing direct on strong points, machine gun nests, and enemy troops. One anti-aircraft gun was destroyed. During a march one M36 Destroyer got stuck in the Lieppe Canal after a bridge it was crossing collapsed. No casualties were caused. Company "C" continued in close support of assault Infantry of the 379th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Derne (Ra 975332) and (Ra 958317). 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Lunern (Rb 012285 and 012298). 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Alte-Herde (Ra 975305 and 989293), Germany. The Company expended 7 rounds 90mm HE and small arms ammunition during the period destroying one (1) 88mm gun, killed 2 enemy and took 4 prisoners. The Battalion continued in close support of assault Infantry in clearing the Ruhr Pocket. The operations consisted mainly of tactical marches, mopping up, and knocking out enemy strong points and gun positions. All advances were made from the East to the West of the Pocket.

11 April 1945 -- Kamen, Germany (Ra 950324).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army. Battalion CP Group departed area located in Pelkum (Rb 005376), Germany at 1215 hours and arrived in new area located in Kamen (Ra 950324), Germany at 1240 hours. Travelled approximately 5 miles. Rcn Company remained under Bn. control. Company CP and Pioneer Platoon located in Kamen (Ra 950324), Germany. 1st Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Oberaden (Ra 897342), Germany continued in support of Company "B" this Battalion. 2nd Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Vollinghausen, Germany continued attached to Company "A", this Battalion. 3rd Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Alte Kolonie (Ra 966-297), Germany. The Platoons executed area and zone reconnaissance during the period and captured 36 prisoners in the vicinity of Alte Kolonie, Germany. Company "A" continued attached to the 377th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Vollinghausen (Rb 323205), Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Breiten-Bruch (Rb 250154), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Breiten-Bruch (Rb 245175), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Neheim (Rb 214188), Germany. During the period the Company expended 4 rounds 90mm HE firing on enemy vehicles destroying at least one. During this period a reconnaissance party composed of the CP Group and a quarter ton with crew from the 2nd Rcn Platoon entered the town of Husten at 0900. Upon arrival into the town the party did not see any enemy troops. The party then proceeded south along a main highway and sighted an enemy on a motorcycle. He was turning around to make a getaway after having seen our troops. The party gave chase and then an enemy vehicle appeared. The leading vehicle opened fire with a machine gun destroying both the enemy vehicle and the motorcycle. When these vehicles were fired upon the occupants tried to make a getaway by running into a patch of woods but were captured by our party. The prisoners included 4 soldiers and 1 officer (a lieutenant). The party continued the reconnaissance and sighted a column of vehicles moving in the general direction of our vehicles. Our vehicles then went forward to a bend in the road to get a better field of fire. At that time foot troops brought rifle fire upon the party.

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The leading vehicle returned the fire killing at least one soldier. The second vehicle swung their machine gun to the woods on the right flank as enemy troops opened fire from that direction. The Rcn vehicle was hit and the Company Commander of Company "A" ordered the Rcn Platoon Leader to completely destroy it. As the Rcn Platoon Leader attempted to get at the incendiary grenade in the vehicle he was hit by enemy rifle fire. The Company Commander carried the Rcn Platoon Leader to the other vehicle and then the party withdrew, under cover of machine gun fire from the one remaining vehicle.

Company "B" continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Schonhausen (Ra 927347), Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Oberaden (Ra 899343), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Weddinhofon (Ra 919339), Germany. The Company expended 10 rounds 90mm HE destroying 3 enemy strong points and 1 machine gun nest. Operations during this period consisted of tactical marches with continued mopping up of strong points.

Company "C" continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Afferde (Ra 944294), Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Methler, 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Lunern, 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Wasserkurl, Germany. The Company is out of contact. Operations for the period are unknown.

This Battalion continued in close support of assault Infantry of the 95th Infantry Division in the drive to the Ruhr River. Operations are in progress from the Western Line of the Ruhr Pocket. Since this Battalion has been committed to this operation, the tank destroyers have been invaluable assistance to the Infantry for support.

12 April 1945 -- Kamen, Germany (Ra 950324).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, attached to XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

Rcn Company remained under Bn. control. Company CP and Pioneer Platoon located in Kamen (Ra 950324), Germany. 1st Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Niederbecker (Ra 843300) continued in support of Company "B", this Battalion. 2nd Rcn Platoon location unknown, continued attached to Company "A" this Battalion. 3rd Rcn Platoon located in vicinity of Brackel (Ra 854255) and Freiberg (Ra 917231), Germany. Operations during this period consisted of area and zone reconnaissance, setting up observation posts at Freiberg, Germany overlooking the town of Solde, Germany. The Company captured 5 enemy in a machine gun nest. The prisoners were turned over to the Infantry. The Company Commander obtained confirmation concerning the patrol activity into the town of Huston and the wound received by 1st Lt Kincaid (2nd Rcn Platoon Leader).

Company "A" continued attached to the 377th Infantry Regiment. Location of the platoon are unknown. Information received at this headquarters stated that the Company expended 34 rounds 90mm HE firing at an observation tower on a castle located south of Herdringen. The tower was damaged considerably.

Company "B" continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Heide (Ra 846283), Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Nieder (Ra 845303), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Kol (Ra 826286), Germany. 3rd Platoon moving from the vicinity of Weddinhofon (Ra 919339), Germany. The Company expended 13 rounds 90mm HE and 6 rounds 90mm APC destroying two anti-tank guns (88 mm), and 2 observation posts and one road block.

Company "C" continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in Asseln (Ra 896256), Germany. 1st Platoon on move from Methler. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Solde (Ra 898232 and Ra 900245), Germany.

3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Brackel (Ra 870252) and Kol Grunewald (Ra 852270), Germany. The Company expended 35 rounds 90mm HE and 3 rounds 90mm APC, and considerable amount of .50 calibre ammunition destroying one oil dump, one ammunition dump, 3 houses, one motorcycle, one anti-aircraft gun, one truck, one machine gun, and killed 48 enemy soldiers. The Company lost one (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicle due to enemy fire. One platoon was strafed by friendly planes which were identified to be P'47's causing damage to one M36 and two casualties. The Company has been credited by friendly Infantry with the destruction of two enemy tanks. Confirmation regarding this is forthcoming.

This Battalion continued supporting assault Infantry of the 95th Infantry Division in clearing the Ruhr Pocket to the Ruhr River. Operations continued steadily forward. Resistance has varied from slight to stubborn in many instances in the form of counter-attacks.

13 April 1945 -- Brackel, Germany (Ra 869252).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

Battalion CP Group moved from area located in Kamen (Ra 950324), Germany and opened in new area located in Brackel (Ra 869252), Germany, at 1000 hours.

Rcn Company continued under Battalion control. Company CP and Pioneer Platoon located in Brackel (Ra 864248), Germany. 1st Rcn Platoon continued in support of Company "B", this Battalion, and is located in Brackel (Ra 864248), Germany. 2nd Rcn Platoon continued attached to Company "A", this Battalion and is located in Unna (Ra 973265), Germany. 3rd Rcn Platoon continued in support of Company "C", this Battalion and is located in vicinity of Schwerte (Ra 883160) and Hengsen (Ra 925206), Germany. The Company continued area and zone reconnaissance for units in support and attached. During the course of operations for this period the Company captured 31 prisoners and 3 vehicles. The 3rd Platoon was leading a column of vehicles of Company "C" when during the march a civilian vehicle passed the column. An Infantry Sergeant of the 379th Infantry Regiment halted the vehicle to investigate to determine the status of the occupants. As the Sergeant approached the vehicle one of the occupants fired at the Sergeant killing him instantly. Lt Wood, Platoon Leader of the 3rd Rcn Platoon, who in the meantime was approaching this vehicle immediately opened fire with a machine gun on this civilian vehicle destroying it and killing 4 enemy soldiers and one high ranking officer who was later identified to be a German General. During this period one enlisted man, Private KY W. Andrews was killed.

Company "A" in assembly area located in Unna (Ra 972254), Germany. The Company was relieved of attachment to 377th Infantry Regiment and returned to Battalion control. Prior to moving into assembly area and being relieved of attachment to the 377th Infantry Regiment, the Company expended 34 rounds 90mm HE which was fired at an enemy observation post. The observation post was destroyed.

Company "B" continued in close support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon reverted to Company control and is located in assembly area in vicinity of Gartenstapt (Ra 844229), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Gartenstapt (Ra 852209), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Heide (Ra 833181), Germany. The Company continued in close support of the assault Infantry of the 378th Infantry Regiment.

Company "C" continued in close support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Antebeckermark (Ra 873191), Germany. 1st Platoon located in the vicinity of Schwerte (Ra 882159), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in the vicinity of Geisecke (Ra 917174), Germany and (Ra 923178), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in Reichsmark (Ra 827157) and Schwerte (Ra 882160), Germany. The Company expended 11 rounds 90mm HE and 3 rounds 90mm APC firing on and destroying one (1)

truck and 2 houses. The tanks previously reported as being destroyed were confirmed through the 379th Infantry Regiment and identified as Mark III's.

Brief summary of Operations of this Battalion since its commitment on 3 April 1945 in close support of assault Infantry of the 95th Infantry Division for clearing the Ruhr Pocket. Operations included capture of Soest, Hamm, Merl, Kamen, and Dortmund. The sector was bounded by the Lippe River from the North and the Ruhr River from the South. The drive to clear the Ruhr Pocket commenced from the Eastern End and continued to the South and West to reach the above cities. In the course of these operations the Battalion knocked out 3 Mark III Tanks, 1 Anti-tank Gun, 5 Machine Guns, 2 Anti-aircraft Guns, 2 Observation Posts, 1 Water Tower, 1 Artillery Gun, and captured 232 Prisoners, and assisted the Infantry in capturing approximately 800 other prisoners. The Battalion suffered 1 Tank Destroyer lost, 2 others slightly damaged, 2 1/2 ton vehicles lost, 2 enlisted men killed and 5 enlisted men wounded. The operations were concluded when the 95th Infantry Division with elements of this Battalion linked up with the 75th Infantry Division on the Dortmund Ems Canal just North of Dortmund.

14 April 1945 -- Brackel, Germany (Ra 869252)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

Rein Company located in assembly area in Brackel (Ra 868251), Germany. All Platoons reverted to Company control. Period spent in maintenance and rehabilitation.

Company "A" located in assembly area in Unna (Ra 972254), Germany. All Platoons reverted to Company control. Period spent in maintenance and rehabilitation.

Company "B" continued in support of the 378th Infantry Regiment. Company CP is located in Gartenstapt (Ra 843228), Germany. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Wicklang (Ra 835189), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Horde (Ra 852-209), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Wicklang (Ra 835189), Germany. The Company did not fire or engage the enemy during the period.

Company "C" continued in direct support of the 379th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in the vicinity of Anterbeckermark (Ra 873191), Germany. 1st Platoon located in the vicinity of Schwerte (Ra 865160), Germany. 2nd Platoon located in the vicinity of Ostherrge (Ra 890195), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in the vicinity of Holzen (Ra 870160), Germany.

The Battalion spent the period mainly in reorganizing, maintenance, and rehabilitation

15 April 1945 -- Brackel, Germany (Ra 869252).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

Rein Company, Company "A", and Company "B" remained in same location in assembly areas, and continued with reorganizing, maintenance of equipment, and personal hygiene.

Company "B" was alerted for movement to destination as yet unknown.

Company "C" under Battalion control. Company CP, 1st Platoon, and 2nd Platoon located in vicinity of Solde (Ra 896225), Germany. 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Hei Steinhausen (Ra 862156), Germany. Prior to arrival at these areas the Company expended 4 rounds 90mm HE destroying one 150mm Artillery Piece. The Company is assembled in present locations and is undergoing reorganization, maintenance of equipment, and personal hygiene.

16 April 1945 -- Brackel, Germany (Ra 839252).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

All Companies remained in same locations. This Battalion is alerted for movement to new area. As of 1600 hours this date this Battalion has been designated to take over duties of Military Government in areas bounded by : Northwest Corner (Ra 965-570), Northeast Corner (Rb 135519), Southwest Corner (Ra 920400), Southeast Corner (Rb 170440)- which includes the towns of Ahlen, Werne, Bockun, Heesen, and Dolberg, Germany.

The Battalion Commander has been designated Area Commander, per AOCG, 95th Infantry Division. The Battalion Commander appointed Major Vertel as S-5. Captain Wagner has been appointed Town Commandant of Ahlen, Germany. 1st Lt Mooney has been appointed Town Commandant of Werbern, Germany. Captain Warda has been appointed Town Commandant of Werne, Germany. Captain Kessler has been appointed Town Commandant of Heesen, Germany. Captain Doyle has been appointed Town Commandant of Hovel, Germany. The Battalion Commander held a meeting with all Staff Officers and Company Commanders to discuss and organize this Military Government

17 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

The entire Battalion moved to new areas to take over duties of Military Government. Movement commenced at 1300 hours this date. Battalion Headquarters, and Headquarters Company was established in Ahlen (Rb 106518), Germany. Recon Company CP was established in Werbern (Ra 947492), Germany. Company "A" CP was established in Werne (Ra 934405), Germany. Company "B" CP was established in Heesen (Rb 068452), Germany. Company "C" CP was established in Hovel (Rb 018447), Germany. All Companies prepared plans for occupation, administration, and control.

18 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

All Company CP's remained in same locations. The Battalion continued with Military Government duties which included setting up posts at POW enclosures, and DP enclosures, inspecting camps, segregating Prisoners of War from Displaced Persons. During this period a few riots were reported which were quelled by our troops.

19 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

All Companies remained in same locations. The Battalion continued with Military Government duties in area which included towns and cities of Ahlen, Werbern, Werne, Heesen, and Hovel, Germany. During this period numerous Prisoners of War were taken. Many of these prisoners were dressed in civilian clothes. Numerous cases of looting by Russian Displaced Person were reported. Personnel in this Battalion were organized into small groups to patrol areas and guard against further disturbances.

20 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

All companies remained in same locations. The Battalion continued with Military Government duties in area which included towns of Ahlen, Herbern, Nerne, Heesen, and Hovel, Germany. A number of Prisoners were taken during the period. Camps for displaced persons which include Russians, Poles, Italians, and French were visited by officers and inspected for sanitary conditions and living conditions. A few instances of looting by Displaced Persons were reported during the period. Staff Sergeant Howard B. Paulsen, 37153054, Headquarters Company and Staff Sergeant Paul A. Bronzolas, 20254633, Recon Company departed Battalion this date for return to the United States on rotation plan.

21 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

The Battalion continued with Military Government duties in area which includes towns and cities of Ahlen, Herbern, Nerne, Heesen, and Hovel, Germany. Since arrival in this area to assume duties of Military Government the following has been accomplished: Segregation of Displaced Persons from Prisoners of War in Camps; Hospitals inspected; Camps inspected for sanitation; certain factories reopened for operations; Banks inspected by bank examiners; Burgomeister, City Police, and other officials were appointed; coal mines were put in operation; farming was restored; civilians and prisoners of war were screened; officials holding administrative jobs were screened; camps for displaced persons were improved to make them livable.

22 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518)

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

The Battalion continued with Military Government duties in area which includes towns and cities of Ahlen, Herbern, Nerne, and Hovel, Germany. Segregation of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons continued. Patrols and road blocks continued intercepting civilians of which 96 proved to be Nazi Soldiers. Troops were afforded opportunity to attend religious services.

23 April 1945 -- Ahlen, Germany (Rb 106518).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

At 1400 hours this date this Battalion relieved by the 962nd AAA Battalion of duties of Military Government in area which includes towns and cities of Ahlen, Nerne, Herbern, Heesen, and Hovel, Germany. This Battalion is preparing for movement to new area assigned by the 95th Infantry Division. During the period a total of 54 Prisoners of War were taken through screening of suspects picked up by our troops.

24 April 1945 -- Madfeld, Germany (Rb 683152).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

The Battalion moved from areas located in towns and cities of Ohlen, Verbern, Kerne, Heesen, and Hovel, Germany at 0300. Battalion CP Group lead the column. Battalion CP Group and Headquarters Company closed in new area located in Madfeld (Rb 683152) at 1415 hours. Company "A" closed in new area located in Bredelar (Rb 728145) at 1445 hours. Company "B" closed in new area located in Hoppecke (Rb 830091) at 1400 hours. Company "C" closed in new area located in Nieder-Marsberg (Rb 780186) at 1400 hours. Recon Company closed in new area located in Furstenberg (Rb 699249) at 1415 hours. All Companies travelled approximately an average of 72 miles. The Battalion will assume duties as of this date in the present area. The area is bounded by the following coordinates: NW Rb 555277, N Rb 575301, E Rb 848141, SW Rb 605000.

25 April 1945 -- Madfeld, Germany (Rb 683152).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

The Battalion continued with Military Government duties in area which includes the towns and cities of Madfeld, Bredelar, Hoppecke, Nieder-Marsberg, Furstenberg, Recon Company CP moved from Furstenberg to new area located in Luren (Rb 573288), Germany. During the period 30 Prisoners of War were taken through interrogation and patrol action. Road blocks were established. Military Government Orders were posted.

26 April 1945 -- Nieder-Marsberg, Germany (Rb 778188).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.

Battalion CP Group moved from area located in Madfeld, Germany (Rb 683152), at 1400. Arrived in new area located in Nieder-Marsberg (Rb 778188), Germany at 1430 hours. The Battalion continued with Military Government duties. During the period patrols of this Battalion took 36 German Prisoners.

This Battalion has received a quota of one officer and sixteen enlisted men for leave and furlough to the Riviera commencing on or about 6 May 1945.

At an impressive ceremony on this date in the vicinity of the Battalion Command Post located in Nieder-Marsberg (Rb 778188), Germany, Staff Sergeant James J. Coniglio, 20254371, Company "A", this Battalion, received his battlefield commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Branch (TD) of the Army of the United States. Lt Colonel John H. Montgomery, Jr., the Battalion Commander made the presentation before a select group of Officers and Enlisted Men who represented all Companies in this Battalion. 2d Lt Coniglio was cited for his leadership and bravery during Field Marshal von Rundstedts' offensive in the Echternach area in Luxembourg in December, 1944 and also during a surprise attack by a group of Nazi Paratroops on his platoon near St Malo, France during the month of August 1944.

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27 April 1945 -- Nieder-Marsberg, Germany (Rb 778188).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.
The Battalion continued with Military Government duties in area which includes towns and cities of Nieder-Marsberg, Bredelar, Hoppecke, and Buren, Germany. The Companies continued patrol duties and maintenance of road blocks. During the period 23 prisoners were taken through patrol and interrogation.

28 April 1945 -- Nieder-Marsberg, Germany (Rb 778188).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.
All Companies remained in same location and continued Military Government duties. Separation of Displaced Persons and Prisoners of War continued. All Camps are continually inspected for sanitation. In many cases the Camps have been improved and made habitable. During the period 4 prisoners were taken through interrogation and patrol action. Morale and health of members of this command remained at a high standard.

29 April 1945 -- Nieder-Marsberg, Germany (Rb 778188).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.
All Companies remained in same locations and continued with Military Government duties. Troops continued with patrol, road block and rear area security. Morale and health of members of this command remained at a high standard.

30 April 1945 -- Nieder-Marsberg, Germany (Rb 778188).

This Battalion attached to 95th Infantry Division, XVI Corps, and assigned to Ninth United States Army.
All Companies remained in the same locations and continued with Military Government duties in their respective areas. Continued progress is being made in correcting sanitation conditions in Displaced Persons Camps, Hospitals, and Prisoner of War Camps. Road blocks are established and continually manned with personnel from this Battalion. Camps and Hospitals are likewise guarded by our personnel. The morale and health of this command is at a high standard. Personnel have been given an opportunity to visit Ninth United States Army Rest Centers, the Riviera, and Brussels.
