

"Hq" Company

4 April 45-Co departed Coord F332232 Kreuzveingarten Germany approx instely 1400hrs by motor convoy. rossed the rhine River 1620 hrs and arrived station. billeting area Niederdollendorf Ger. Coord F612335 1700 hrs. Bn was attached to the XVIII Corps (Airborne) and further attached to the 97 th Infantry Division for action in the Battle of the Ruhr pocket. During the period 5 April to 19 April 45 H q. Co. acted as a service company for the battalion during its action in the battles. 19 April 45 - Company departed Niederdollendorf Ger. 0900 hrs. arrived Solingen, Ger. Coord WF 5486 1215 hrs. 22 April 45- Company departed Solingen Ger. 0600 hrs. Arrived Mleningen, Ger. 0430 hrs. This was a rest stop on the way to a new CP Area. 23 April 45-Departed Mleningen Germany 1100 hrs Arrived Hof, Ger. Coord WD 9799 1630 hrs. Remained in Hof until 25 April 45. 25 April 45. Departed Hof Ger. 1500hrs. Arrived Wunsiedel, Ger. Coord WF 0508, 1630 hrs.



"Rcn" Company

The history of this organization is compiled with the other companies. Each gun company had a platoon from Rcn. Co. Atchd to it.



"A" Company

4 April 45 - Company departed Cuchenheim Ger at 1430 hrs by motor convoy; crossed the Rhine approximately 1615 hrs. Arrived at Boseroth Germany at 1700hrs.

5 April 45 - Company attached to 387 Inf Regt. 3rd Plt with attached Rcn Plt went into position at Hennemf an Gruelstefen Ger at 1400 hrs. Remainder of company departed Boseroth Ger. at 1630hrs. Arrived Uthweiler Germany 1645 hrs Mission indirect firing. 6 April 45 - Co less 3rd Plt and Rcn element left Uthweiler 1400 hrs. Arrived at Dambroich Ger 1415 hrs. 3rd Plt remained near Uthweiler and went into indirect fire position at 2350 hrs. 2nd Plt went to direct fire position between Giesbach and Edgaven Germany at 2400hrs. Rcn Plt joined Co at Dambroich Ger at 24 hrs. 8 April 45 Co supported crossing of the Sieg river with direct and indirect fire missions. Crossing was made at 1425 hrs with very little opposition. Weather was clear and warm. 3rd Plt rejoined Co 1230 hrs. 9 April 45 Co less 2nd Plt left Dambroich Ger 1915 hrs. Pioneer Plt of Rcn Co. attached to Co. at 1830 hrs. 2nd Plt attached to 1st Bn. of 387th Inf Regt at 2100 hrs 2nd Plt was in contact with the enemy for the most of the day firing from both direct and indirect fire positions; knocked out several pill boxes and buildings and captured 24 prisoners. No casualties reported. 10 April 45 - 1st Plt and one sec of Rcn Plt attached to 303rd Inf Regt. 3rd Plt and one section of Rcn Plt and Rcn Pioneer Plt attached to 3rd Bn 387th Inf Regt. 1st and 3rd Plt in position of readiness. 2nd Plt in second day of action. No casualties 2 PWs taken 11 April 45 - Co less 1st Plt left Hennemf Ger. at 1630 hrs. Arrived Solingenthal, Ger at 1600 hrs. 1st Plt attached to 2nd Bn of 303rd Inf Regt. 12 April 45 - Co. less 1st Plt and Rcn sec left Solingenthal at 1000 hrs for Braschoss, Ger. This town was used as an assembly area for maintenance, repairs and supplies. Co less 1st Plt and Rcn section departed Braschoss to take up a position of readiness at Halberg Ger. Arrived Halberg Ger. 2210 hrs. 1st Plt reported knocking out eight mm guns, two MG nests and killed several enemy troops. 16 April 45 Co departed Halberg Ger 1700 hrs. arrived Widdert Ger Coord WF 5382 approx 1930 hrs. Co advanced approx 35 miles in the past three days. No loss of men or equipment. Lt Johnston was seriously wounded in action and evac. 18 April 45 - Co departed Widdert Ger 1330 hrs. for operations Wald Ger. Coord WF 5187. Resistance was light. Co ceased operations in Wald 1730 hrs. Over 450 Prisoners captured in last two days. 19 April 45 - Departed Wald Ger. 1735 hrs. Arrived Duisberg Ger Coord RH 3315 Approx. 2020hrs. 1st Plt rejoined Co. Co guarding warehouses factories, etc. 20th April 45 - Co rald from guard asgmt 200 hrs. 21 April 45 - Left Duisberg Ger 1507 Hrs for secret destination. Arrived Wald Ger at 1815 hrs and billeted for the night. 22 April 45 - Left Wald Ger at 0620 hrs for secret destination. 23 April 45 - Arrived at Mieningen Ger WH 9022 at 0230 hrs. Departed Mieningen Ger 1210 hrs. Arrived Winsiedel Ger W P 0568 at 2030 hrs. Co attached to 387 th Inf Regt. at 1300 hrs. 24 April 45 - Left Winsiedel 1400 hrs. Arrived Krondras Ger WP 2970. at 1900 hrs. 25 April 45 - Left Krondras Ger 0840 hrs. Arrived Waldsassen 2200 hrs to take a position of readiness. Left Waldsassen 2300 hrs. Arrived Wies Czechoslovakia 2500hrs. One M-18 destroyed by fire started from its motor. 26 April 45 - All Plt moved into Position. No action as yet. Received heavy shelling at 0400 hrs. 27 April 45 - 3rd Plt fired on Road Blocks from 0730 to 1145 hrs. 2nd Plt received small arms fire for about 2 hrs. No casualties reported 28 April 45 - All Plts all firing in support of Infantry.



"B" Company

No Action from 1 April 1945 to April 5 1945. Co. moved forward at 0800 and went into position in the vicinity of Mandt, Germany. April 7 1945 - The first round after being converted to SP was fired at 1035 hrs. Co. still located at Mandt. The 3 gun plts. jumping off at approx. 2100 hrs. to pick up positions in close support of the Regt. April 8 45-The 3 Plts crossed the Sieg river at approx 0630 hrs. The Co. holds the distinction of being the first TDs to cross this river. The CP & SP departed Mandt at about 1800hrs, proceeded to Heiderotterbach, & set up the CP at about 1930 hrs. April 9 45-the 1st Plt attached to the 3rd Bn; the 2nd Plt to the 1st Bn; the 3rd Plt to the 2nd Bn; all of the 386th Inf Regt. The 2nd Plt destroyed an ammo dump & fired 8 rounds at 88mm gun positions & forced the 88s to withdraw. The 3rd Plt knocked out one 88mm gun & fired at a tank. Pvt Teague-attached from Ron Co. was wounded & evac. The 2nd Plt was given the mission of taking Wilkernofin & "ossel. No resistance was encountered & 50 prisoners were taken. The Co was told of attachment fr the 386th Inf Regt & ordered to assemble in their former position near Mandt. April 10 45-The 2nd Plt attached to the 93rd Recon Sqdn & moved to vicinity of Honnef. Co departed to Heiderotterbach at 0700 hrs & arrived at Mandt at 0800 hrs & awaited further instructions. The 1st & 3rd Plts attached to Combat Command "B", 13th Armored Div, 2nd Plt attached to 93rd Recon Sqdn of the 13th Armored Div. All elements jumped off to move forward to the vicinity of Seiburg, Ger. Co CP & SP remained in Siegburg which was not completely cleared. Sniper fire was coming fr church steeples & high places, and much art fell intermittently throughout the night. The CP & SP moved back fr Siegburg & set up as a rear CP. All Plts were forward. No word of their activity was received at this time. April 11 45-The CP & SP moved forward with train elements of the 13th Arm'd Div. The 1st Plt fired 10 rds of AP & knocked out 1 Mark V tank, near Lehmer, Ger at about 1400hrs. then fired two more rds into an AA position & knocked it out. The 3rd Plt knocked out 1 tank. The enemy was again engaged near Elsdorf, Ger at about 1700 hrs. Cpl Rosenthal & Tec 5 Turner were "Killed In Action" near Schadensstelle, Ger. by MG fire & Pfcos Broczka & Phillips were wounded by MG fire in the same action. Lt Drinkley was hit by MG fire while assisting in the evac of the two wounded men. He too was evac. 60 prisoners were taken at this town. The 1st & 3rd Plts bivouached near Bill. The 2nd Plt was held in Sqdn Reserve near Lehmer, where shell fire fell intermittently throughout the night. The Co CP & SP spent the night North of Lehmer. April 12 45-The 1st & 3rd Plts discovered two 88mm guns early in the day. One was already out & the other in good condition but not manned. This one was rendered useless by Sgt Lynch who placed a charge in the breech & blew it. Sgts Clavier & Kulp, with their TDs moved to Urbach, Ger. & fired 19 rds & flushed out about 400 Germans. The prisoners were turned over to the Inf & marched to the rear. The 1st & 3rd Plts left Bill about 1500 hrs and bivouached. Intermittent mortar & shell fire all day but no casualties. Because of the intense art fire the Co CP & SP moved back across the Aga River. Shelling of the 2nd Plt area near Lehmer cont'd. Co CP & SP joined the Bn. CP & SP in Siegburg, Ger at about 1700 hrs & was billeted for the night. April 13 45 "ord has been received that the Bn was told of attachment fr the 13th Arm'd Div, effective immediately & is again attached to the 97th Inf Div. the Co CP & SP moved with the Regt CP of the 303d Inf Regt at Dollbruck. The Plts were expected to join the CP & SP in this vicinity on 14 April 45. Co CP still at Dollbruck awaiting word to join other elements of Co. Co moved forward & 1st & 3rd Plts near Dummwald Ger. & as they entered town the enemy laid down a 15 minute art barrage. Barrage caught & pinned everyone on the street. No casualties as a result but one destroyer was knocked out by a direct hit on the front between the headlights. The Co CP & SP moved back to Dollbruck & the knocked out destroyer was left in Dummwald. The 2nd Plt moved to Altenroth Ger. & had to ford stream-no life present. The Plt was then told of attachment fr 93rd Recon Sqdn & attached to Co "C", 820th TD Bn. Firing cont'd in all positions near Dumm-

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Dannwald. The 1st Plt atchd to the 3rd Bn 303rd Inf Regt; 2d Plt atchd to the 2d Bn 386th Inf regt. April 14 45-The 3rd Plt jd the 1st Plt in Dunwasl. Enemy fire was still on the town. The Plts jd their Bns & the CP Cp returned to Dellbruck. The 2d Plt jd the 2d Bn 386th Inf Regt near Imkekeppel, Ger. Sgt Snider knocked out a German SP gun, Sgt Haley knocked out a halftrack, & a Jerry motorcycle was destroyed by M fire. 12 Germans were killed & 189 taken Prisoner. April 15 45 The Cp still located in Dollbruck awaiting orders to move forward. The Regt Cp located nearby in this town. The 1st Plt located in vicinity of Mandort, Ger, the 2d Plt in Bechen, Ger, & the 3rd Plt in Kunstfeld, Ger. The CP departed Dellbruck at 1800hrs & arrived at Manfort at approx 2000hrs & billeted for the night. Reports received today indicate that everything is quiet in the 1st & 3rd Plt sectors, & the 2d Plt moving toward Lindengausen Ger. 3rd Plt in Manfort awaiting orders to move forward. No action reported fr 1st & 3rd Plts for past 24 hrs. Last report of 2d Plt was their arrival at Lindengausen. April 16 45 A German patrol had been reported in our area & tec 5 Donnelly was wounded, during the night by Pfc Darga, who was on guard. At about 0200hrs Donnelly walded fr behind an M-20 in the yard, just outside the Co P. Pfc Darga fired two shots hitting Donnelly in the arm & the thigh region of the leg. Donnelly was given first aid in the CP & was evac at about 0300 hrs. Co CP still located at Manfort & making preparations to move to Hilden, Ger. April 17 45-Co Cp arrived at Hilden at 0950 hrs. Left Hilden Ger 1130 hrs Arrived Benrath Coord WF 3985 1800hrs. April 18 45-Co reld fr atchd to 303rd Regt. Left Benrath 1730 Arrived Grossenbaum Ger 2000 hrs. April 21 45-Departed Grossenbaum Ger at 1500 hrs enroute to secret destination Arrived at Solingen Ger. at 200 hrs & billeted for the night. April 22 45-Departed Solingen Ger at 0600hrs still enroute to secret destination. Arrived at Meiningen Ger. at 0300 hrs 23 April 45. April 24 45- Departed Meiningen Ger at 1000 hrs & arrived at Wunsiedel Ger, -destination-at 2130 hrs. Weather cold throughtout the entire trip. 25 April 45-Co atchd to 386th Inf Regt. 97th Inf Div. The 3rd Plt atchd to the 2d Bn reports very little activity in their sector. Some small arms but no heavy resistance East of Lebsteln Ger. 88rds fired at the enemy in the open, in trees & houses. The 1st sec, atchd to Co "A" of the 1st Bn, moved into Prant Lazne Ger. at 2030 hrs & the 2d sec, atchd to Co "B" of the 1st Bn, moved into Hazlau Ger at 1930 hrs. 100PWS were taken at these 2 towns. The 1st Plt was held in Regt Cp reserve. No other changes at the present time. 26 April 45-Co CP Cp & 1st Plt left Wunsiedel Ger at 0900 hrs & arrived at Arzberg Ger at 1015 hrs. 27 April 45-Co CP and 1st Plt Departed Arzberg Ger 0800hrs. Arrived Selb Ger Coord WF 8514 0900hrs and billeted. 29 April 45 Left Selb Ger. 0630 Arrived Vehonstrauss Ger WP 3224 at 1600 hrs. 2d & 3rd Plts joined respective Bns of the 386 Regt 1599hrs. No action Reported.



"C" Company

4 April 45-Left Kirsponich Ger 1345 hrs. Crossed the Rhine approximately 1520 hrs. Arrived Putschen, Ger. 1745 Hrs. 5 April 45 - Atchd to 303rd Regt. 97th Inf Div. 6 April 45 1st & 3rd Plt went into direct fire positions. 7 April 45 All plts in position. No enemy action reported. 8 April 45-2nd Plt. received indirect fire mission on enemy machine gun nest. Mission accomplished. 9 April 45-Co. relieved of atchd to 303rd Regt and atchd to 13th Armored Div. 10 April 45 - 1st Plt knocked out 3,88mms and 1, 20mm gun approx 1800hrs. all Plts expended 49 rounds IInd and 3 rounds APC ammunition. 11 April 45-2nd plt contacted the enemy fr 1300 to 1730 hrs. Knocked out 4- 88mm, 8-20mm and killed approx 18 and wounded approx 40 Germans. 3rd Plt reported no action. 12 April 45-1st plt. in reserve. 2nd Plt assisted in taking German PW camp at Coord WF 5854. 3rd Plt reported no action. 13 April 45 Relieved of atchd to 13th Armored Div. and atchd again to 303rd Regt. No action was reported by all Plts. 14 April 45 - 1st Plt and one section of 3rd Plt reported heavy enemy artillery fire on their convoy as it moved north-east from Overath WF 6859 to Bechen WF 6317. 2nd & 3rd Plts with remaining 3rd Plt elements moved NS to coord WF 5767. Heavy enemy action reported. One EM slightly wounded in action, evacuated. 15 April 45 Enemy action was reported very light. One EM slightly wounded in action, evacuated. 17 April 45 Division reached objective. Company rel'd of atchd to 303rd Regt. 18 April 45- No action reported. 19 April 45- Ten PWs taken when details were sent out to process the towns in this area. PWs turned over to MPs at 17 Airbourne PW cage. 20 April 45 - Thirty-six PWs taken and turned over to the 17th Airbourne MPs. 21 April 45- Company departed Grossenbaum Ger RA 3308 for secret destination. 22 April 45 Still on move to secret destination. 23 April 45-Arrived destination. Rehu Ger. WF 0692. Co atchd to 303rd Regt. 97th Inf Div. 24 April 45-2nd Plt atchd to 3rd in 303rd Regt. moved to Asch Czechoslovakia. 25 April 45 1st Plt went into position, Coord WF 3152, 3rd Plt went into position, coord WF 1165. 26 April 45 - All Plts report no action. 27 April 45- All Platoons report No action. 28 April 45 1st Plt fired 80 rounds indirect fire. 2 PWs taken by 3rd Plt. 29 April 45 No action reported. 30 April 45- No action reported. Part of atchd 3rd Plt on Reconnaissance came on road block. The lead vehicle hit a mine going around block. One EM killed. One EM slightly wounded; evacuated.

