

HEADQUARTERS 820<sup>TH</sup> TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A.P.O. 339 U.S. ARMY

AFTER ACTION REPORT  
4 April 1945 to 18 April 1945  
(Inclusive)

**4 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. vic Euskirchen, Germany (F334274). Reconnaissance Company at Stotzheim (F346262). "A" Company at Cuchenheim (F358283). "B" Company at (F361252) and "C" Company at (F335225). Headquarters Company and rear echelon at Kreuzweingarten.

Battalion C.P. Group moved to Oberpleis, Germany (F676346) closing at 1700 hours. Battalion was attached to 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division which was relieving the 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The battalion relieved the 893<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Reconnaissance Company moved to Ittenbach, Germany (F665308) closing at 1700 hours with First and Third platoons. Second platoon was attached to Company "C" at about 1600 hours and reported to Commanding Officer, Company "C" at Putzchen, Germany. At 1930, Third platoon was attached to "A" Company and reported to Commanding Officer, Company "A", at Boserath, Germany at 2015.

"A" Company moved from Cuchenheim, Germany (F358283) to Boserath, Germany closing at 1700. Company was attached to CT 387 of 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to relieve Company "A" of 893<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion. 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon reconnoitered area of 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon of Company "A" 893<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion.

"B" Company moved from Heistebacherrott, Germany (F645332).

"C" Company moved to Putzchen, Germany (F5838) and was attached to CT 303 of 97th Infantry Division.

The rear echelon moved to Nieder Dollendorf, Germany.

**5 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change

Reconnaissance Company Pioneer platoon made a reconnaissance of road net and bridges in 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division sector. The Company C.P. and Pioneer platoon moved to Oberpleis, Germany (F678343) at 1530.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon was attached to Company "B" and reported to Commanding Officer, Company "B", at 0800. Made route reconnaissance to vicinity of Oberscheid (F772331) and Griesenbach (F788336).

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon made route reconnaissance in regimental area and checked for gun positions and O.P.'s.

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### **5 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon moved to vic Hennef (F6741) with 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon of "A" Company.

"A" Company.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> platoons went into indirect fire positions vic Urthweiler (P6637). Fired 67 rounds unobserved indirect fire.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon went into direct fire positions vic Gruelsiefen at 0400 relieving 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, Company "A", 893<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion, placing one section in direct firing positions and one section with one reconnaissance section in mobile reserve, vic Hennef, Germany.

"B" Company.

Attached to 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Company enroute to Mendt, Germany (F767343).

"C" Company.

Reconnoitered area for routes and firing positions, both direct and indirect.

### **6 April 1945**

Battalion and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. no change.

Pioneer platoon continued reconnaissance for road block sites and tank approaches, particularly in "A" Company sector.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to vic Mendt, Germany (F767343) with "B" Company and made reconnaissance of routes, checking on friendly troop locations and gun positions in areas bounded by F7634, F8534, F8534, F8540, and F7640.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon reconnoitered routes and for gun positions and O.P.'s in CT 303 sector.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon remained with 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, "A" Company, and performed local reconnaissance. At 1600 hours second section moved to western edge of Hennef and occupied O.P. to observe for 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, "A" Company.

"A" Company.

C.P. moved to Dambroich, Germany (F6538) at 1415.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon no change.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon at 0400 moved to direct fire positions in vic Hennef and at 2300 pulled back to direct fire positions vic Geistigen (F6741).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon joined 1<sup>st</sup> platoon in indirect fire positions vic Urthweiler.

"B" Company.

C.P. moved to Mendt, Germany (F7636). Gun platoons occupied indirect fire positions in 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry sector.

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### 6 April 1945 (Cont'd)

C" Company.

C.P. no change.

Two platoons occupied indirect fire positions at night and withdrew to vic of C.P. prior to dawn. The other platoon remained in vic of C.P.

### 7 April 1945.

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon continued route reconnaissance. At 1200 hours the 1<sup>st</sup> section was attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon. "B" Company moved to Eitorf (F800415), and covered the construction of pontoon bridge across Sieg river. This section moved to Munteip (F798372). The second section attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon of "B" Company moved to (F824414) and covered movement of assault boats. At 1800 this section moved to Munteip.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon no change.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon moved to Dambroich (F6538) and helped to dig in positions for 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon.

"A" Company no change.

"B" Company.

C.P. no change

Gun platoons fired 479 rounds 76mm HE indirect fire on targets north of Sieg river in 386 Infantry sector. All platoons moved up toward Sieg river at about 2100 hours.

"C" Company.

C.P. no change

1<sup>st</sup> platoon took up indirect fire positions vic (F590375)

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon moved to direct fire positions vic Haneglar (F6040).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon moved to direct fire positions vic Vilich Muldorf.

### 8 April 1945

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon crossed Sieg river at 0600 at Eitorf (F800420). The first section moved to Halft (F820415), then to (F805489) as liaison with Company "E", 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Did route reconnaissance and acted as PW guards. 2<sup>nd</sup> section moved to Halft (F820415), then to Hoppengartin (F851445), then to Herchen (F843425) as liaison to "B" Company, 386<sup>th</sup>

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **8 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

Infantry. 2<sup>nd</sup> section went on patrol to (F851450) but encountered no action, returning at 1200.

2d platoon no change.

3rd platoon no change until 2130 when platoon went to Nieder to act as security for 2nd platoon, "A" Company.

"A" Company.

No change in positions. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons fired 750 rounds indirect fire supporting the crossing of Sieg river by 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon fired 71 rounds direct fire on Allner, Germany, neutralizing an enemy howitzer set up in a castle.

"B" Company.

C.P. closed Mendt at 1845 hours and opened Nieder Ottersbach (F822435) at 1945 hours. The three gun platoons crossed the Sieg river at Eitorf (F800415) at approximately 0600 and continued in close support of 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry firing 40 rounds 76MM APC and 56 rounds HE direct fire. Two PW's were taken.

"C" Company.

No change in position.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon fired 46 rounds 76MM HE indirect fire.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon fired direct fire mission on tower used by enemy as an O.P. and also used as a MG position, knocking it out at a range of 4100 yards.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon remained in direct fire position but did no firing.

### **9 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change in location.

Battalion less "A" Company and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, Reconnaissance Company, was relieved from attachment to the 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and attached to 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. no change

At 1830 Pioneer platoon was sent to "A" Company.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon continued area and route reconnaissance for "B" Company.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon. At 1400 platoon was alerted to prepare to cross Sieg river with "C" Company. This crossing did not take place due to change in attachment of Battalion. At 1930 platoon was alerted to move and moved with "C" Company to Burlinghoven, arriving there at 2300 hours.

"A" Company

C.P. moved at 1610 to Hennef (F678416).

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon fired 96 rounds unobserved fire on town of Pinnz, Germany.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **9 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry, crossed Sieg river to Shreckenberg, Germany, fired 70 rounds indirect fire on observed targets using Cannon Company observers. Captured 24 PW's and neutralized 2 pill boxes.

"B" Company.

C.P. no change.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon attached 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry, fired 10 rounds HE into an enemy ammunition dump and 8 rounds at an 88MM gun position. The Infantry battalion commander credited the platoon with the capture of 50 PW's. The platoon fired a barrage on the towns of Wilbenerofen and Rassel, Germany, enabling the Infantry to enter these towns without opposition.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry, fired 9 rounds at an 88MM gun position and 3 rounds at a reported tank. The platoon captured 2 PW's. In the afternoon the company was relieved from attachment to the 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry, less 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, and attached to CCB of 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, and ordered to assemble to vic Mendt, Germany (F7636).

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached 93<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron.

"C" Company.

Fired 332 rounds indirect fire in preparation for attack across Sieg river by 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry regiment.

Company was relieved from attachment to 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry and attached to CCA, 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. Company moved to Burlinghoven.

### **10 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved with "B" Company to Mendt (F7636). 1<sup>st</sup> section moved with 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, "B" Company, to (F625475) and 2<sup>nd</sup> section moved with 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, "B" company, to (F625474). 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon moved with "C" Company to vic Hennef (F6741) at 0600. 1<sup>st</sup> section joined Task Force Delnore and 2<sup>nd</sup> section joined Task Force Satt, both of CCA, 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. 1<sup>st</sup> section moved with Task Force Delnore and bivouacked for the night on Autobahn near Siegburg. 2<sup>nd</sup> section moved with Task Force Satt to vic Schreck (F679475). Reconnoitered for gun positions from which 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, "C" Company, could fire on towns of Deesem (F674511) and Breict (F588675).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon moved to Hennef with "A" Company at 2230 and remained there for the night.

"A" Company.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **10 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon with pioneer platoon of Reconnaissance Company and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance platoon moved to a position of readiness at Hennef, Germany. (F678416), closing at 2345.

“B” Company.

Left Nieder Ottersbach (F822435) and arrived Mendt (F7636) at 0800. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons moved forward with CCB, 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon with 93<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron. Company Headquarters and C.P. moved to Sieburg, Germany (F6344).

“C” Company.

C.P. and 1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to (F6248) and was with reserve of CCA, 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached to Task Force Delnore. The platoon assisted in the assault on the towns of Hagen and Breid, destroying three 88MM guns and also one 20MM which was located in an observation tower.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon attached to Task Force Satt, moved to (F640454) and remained there overnight.

### **11 April 1945**

Battalion and C.P. at Oberpleis closed 1110 and opened Hennef (F681418) at 1145. Closed C.P. at Hennef at 1615 and opened in Siegburg (F630442).

No change for rear echelon.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. left Oberpleis with Battalion C.P. moving to Hennef. Moved from Hennef with Battalion C.P. and arrived Siegburg (F628444). Several documents found in a former German C.P. were turned over to C.I.C for disposition.

Pioneer platoon released from “A” Company and joined Company C.P. at Hennef and moved with C.P. to Siegburg.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section crossed Agger river at 1600, moving to (F538522). Knocked out enemy MG at (F539551) with .50 Cal. MG mounted on M8. Spent night vic (F5455). 2<sup>nd</sup> section crossed Agger river, knocked out MG nest and snipers in Elsdorf (F540528) and took three PW's. Bivouaced for night vic (F5455).

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section was advance security for 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, “C” Company, on move to Lohmar (F628492). Town was under shell and mortar fire. 2<sup>nd</sup> section performed mission of reconnoitering all towns in route of advance of Task Force Delnore. Captured five PW's, ten 20MM guns and ammunition, fired on enemy MG positions with 37MM, killing ten enemy soldiers.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon at 0630 crossed Sieg river in advance of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons, Company “A”, and contacted Company “F”, 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Seligenthal.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **11 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

“A” Company.

C.P. moved to Seligenthal, Germany. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons crossed Sieg river and arrived at Seligenthal at 0900. 1<sup>st</sup> platoon attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry; 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon attached to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry; 1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to Kaldauen, Germany at 2300.

“B” Company.

C.P. joined elements of train of 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon engaged and destroyed 1 MK V tank near Lohmar at 1400 hours.

Again engaged enemy at Elsdorf at 1700 hours where an AA emplacement was destroyed. Captured 60 PW's.

“C” Company.

C.P. and 1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to (F6248) southwest of Lohmar on west side of Agger river.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon assaulted the town of Deesem and then captured the town of Krah Winkel. Ninety rounds 76MM HE, thirty rounds 76MM APC, fourteen rounds 37MM and 1000 rounds .50 Cal. ammunition were fired with the following results: three 88 MM guns destroyed, one 105MM gun destroyed, ten 20MM guns destroyed, one radar and searchlight station destroyed, eighteen enemy soldiers killed and forty wounded. Platoon then moved to (F613476) and bivouacked for the night.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon went into direct fire position near Lohmar, fired four rounds 76MM into suspected gun positions, then moved to indirect fire positions. The platoon moved into Lohmar at 2030 hours, then to bivouac area southwest of town at (F608489). During this move, fire was received from enemy 20MM guns but no damage resulted and no casualties were suffered.

### **12 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section moved to Dunnwald (F515673) losing two one-quarter ton trucks enroute due to enemy MG fire. 2<sup>nd</sup> section also moved to Dunnwald. Encountered sniper and MG fire at (F537557). Fire was returned and the action ceased.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section moved as an advance security for Task Force Satt from (F610489) to (F613514) vic Altenrath. 2<sup>nd</sup> section assisted in liberation of PW Camp (Stalag 6G) and bivouacked vic Rath (F441581).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section moved to Siegburg at 0015 and reconnoitered positions for 1<sup>st</sup> platoon of “A” Company to fire on enemy strong point in factory. 2<sup>nd</sup> section moved to Braschob at 1100 and to Halberg at 1830.

“A” Company.

No Change in C.P.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **12 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

1<sup>st</sup> platoon attached 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry regiment at 0015. arrived in Sieburg at 0630 where 100 rounds of 76MM was fired into a factory which was enemy strong point.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons returned to company control and moved to Braschob, Germany. Left Braschob for Halberg, Germany, at 1830 hours to remain in regimental reserve.

“B” Company

C.P. moved across Agger river but because of intense enemy shelling moved back and joined battalion C.P. at Sieburg at 1700 hours.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon discovered two 88MM guns, one of which had been destroyed. Platoon destroyed the other. One section fired 19 rounds HE into Urbach where 400 prisoners were taken. Then moved to Dunnwald where intermittent flak and mortar fire was received all day.

“C” Company.

C.P and 1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to (F611492).

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon aided in the capture of a German PW Camp (Stalag 6G) which resulted in the liberation of 700-800 Allied prisoners of whom approximately 200 were American. Camp located (F588548).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon saw no action.

### **13 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change in location.

Battalion relieved from attachment to 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division and again attached to 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change in location.

Pioneer platoon with Company Commander captured 13 German soldiers who were sabotaging installations behind the lines in Sieburg and turned them over to 97<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon no change.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon ordered to rally with “C” Company vic (F613495). 2<sup>nd</sup> section attacked and destroyed a radar station and captured one prisoner. Escorted 153 PW's from (F549633) to Rath (F541581). Platoon reached rally point at 1800.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon reconnoitered route for crossing Agger. Spent remainder of day in Sieburg. 2<sup>nd</sup> section left Halberg at 0800, crossed Agger and moved to vic Balbruck.

“A” Company.

C.P. at (F623574).

1<sup>st</sup> platoon no change.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **13 April 1945 (Cont'd)**

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon supported advance of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry, across Agger river at Lohmar then through Altenrath, Hack, Rath, Bruck, into Bellbruck, against no opposition.

“B” Company.

C.P. at (F540645)

Company less 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached Company “C” in 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry sector.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon and C.P. under intermittent enemy artillery fire all day.

“C” Company

C.P. at (F682596).

Company and 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, “B” Company, attached to 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. Entire company and 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, “B” Company, assembled at (F613495) at 2100 hours.

### **14 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. moved to Rosrath (F612556) arriving at 0930.

Rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon moved from Siegburg and arrived Rosrath (F609559) at 0930.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section made route reconnaissance to (F509689) and established contact with Company “F”, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Moved to Kunstfeld (F509681). 2<sup>nd</sup> section made route reconnaissance to Mulheim (F488645) and Stammheim (F478653).

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon moved with “C” Company to 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Steinmen Bruck (F642603). 1<sup>st</sup> section moved to Voiswinkle (F5769). Met strong resistance at (F573692). 2<sup>nd</sup> section met resistance at (F623723) where they captured 3 PW's. Received enemy MG fire while searching the PW's.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section attached 97<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Troop, joining it at 0600 hours. Moved to and took Kriegsdork without opposition. Captured 4 PW's in Uchendorf and a Gestapo agent in Niederkassel. At Porg found the telephone office ready to be blown. Spent the night guarding it. 2<sup>nd</sup> section did route reconnaissance for “A” Company vic Schildgen (F542687).

“A” Company.

C.P. vic Schildgen (F542687).

1<sup>st</sup> platoon attached 97<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Troops. Moved from Siegburg at 0600. Assisted in clearing towns of Stockem, Uckendox, Nieder-Kassel, Zundorf, and spent the night in Porz. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons supported 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry. 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon fired 120 rounds direct fire on town of Nittum against enemy strong points. Company was under heavy sniper and artillery fire. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon bivouacked at Selscheid for the night. Rest of company with attached Reconnaissance section stayed in Schildgen.

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### 14 April 1945 (Cont'd)

“B” Company.

C.P. and 1<sup>st</sup> platoon was at Dunnwald. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon joined C.P. and 1<sup>st</sup> platoon at 0800 there. This group was subjected to a 15 minute artillery barrage during which one destroyer M18 was put out of action by a direct hit. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons joined the 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. C.P. Group withdrew to Dellbruck (F540644). 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon attached “C” Company working with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry, knocked out one enemy SP gun, one Half-Track, and one motorcycle. Killed 12 enemy soldiers and captured 189 PW's in vic Immekeppel (F653627).

“C” Company.

At 0705 entire company moved to Overath (F682595) and reported to 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons were attached to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry. 1<sup>st</sup> platoon was attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon while moving near Bechen (F616726) lost one M18 destroyer which was hit by 88 MM fire.

### 15 April 1945

Battalion C.P. moved from Rosrath (F612556) to Berg Gladbach (F577662). Closing in new location at 1400

Rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer Platoon moved with Battalion C.P. from Rosrath to Berg Gladbach.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section made route reconnaissance to (F495707) and established contact with Company “F” of 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. 2<sup>nd</sup> section no change.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section did route reconnaissance for 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry, from Odenthal (F565706) to Altenberg (F576731). Released from 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Bivouaced vic Holz (F566732). 2<sup>nd</sup> section reconnoitered route to Danbringhausen (F619773). Acted as advance security for 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, “B” Company, and for “C” Company to Limmeringhausen (F601761).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section moved from Porz to Poll then to Kalk where 18 PW's were captured. 2<sup>nd</sup> section did route reconnaissance for “A” Company.

“A” Company.

C.P. at Hofen (F539715).

1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved through Poll, captured MG nest, then advanced to Buchheim screening towns and captured 114 PW's.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons continued in support of 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry in vic Fettehenne firing direct fire at targets of opportunity. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon destroyed one enemy O.P. located in Lutzenkirchen. Received heavy artillery and mortar fire during the night.

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### **15 April 1945 (cont'd)**

“B” Company

C.P. at Manfort (F497708).

1<sup>st</sup> platoon with C.P.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon in Kunstfeld. No action in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon areas. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon moved with 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, Company “C”, to Limmeringhausen (F602762).

“C” Company.

C.P. moved to Bechen (F616726) and then to Altenberg (F578732). 1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to Limmeringhausen (F502762). 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon fired on two O.P.'s located in houses in Burscheid (F564765). 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon moved to vic Blecher where it received enemy shell fire.

### **16 April 1945**

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section no change. 2<sup>nd</sup> section. Route and area reconnaissance to (F483718) and then to (F425855).

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section sent patrol into Burscheid (F564765) to prepare to guide 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, “C” Company out of town after it stormed the town. Withdrew to reconnoiter routes around Burscheid to Kuchenberg (F543766). 2<sup>nd</sup> section reconnoitered route and moved to bivouac at Witzhelden (F563798).

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon. 1<sup>st</sup> section moved to Burrig screening town under light artillery fire during the night. 2<sup>nd</sup> section flushed out towns of Lutzenkirchen and Dierath and reconnoitered for position to fire into Pottscheid.

“A” Company.

C.P. at Widdert

1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved to Burrig, screening the town.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon with Reconnaissance section and AT platoon operated as task force to mop up towns by-passed by infantry; captured 421 prisoners including a General officer and his staff and a hospital two miles north of Pottscheid. Rescued two enlisted men of 82<sup>nd</sup> Division (AB); crossed Wupper river at 1610 and spent night in Ohlig. Route of advance was Steinbuckel, Kamp, Lutzenkirchen, Dierath, and Pottscheid.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon with one cannon company platoon and one AT platoon acted as a task force to mop up towns of Ophoven, Bruckhausen, Lutzenkirchen, Imbach, and Huscheid. Spent night in Brend.

“B” Company.

C.P. at Manfort (F497708).

First platoon fired 28 rounds 76MMHE into a factory at Hilden flushing out 25 Germans.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **16 April (cont'd)**

“B” Company (Cont’d)

Second Platoon advanced along Autobahn west of Hilgen (F588790) to Witzhold.

Third platoon vic Erkrath had no action.

“C” Company

C.P. (F577731)

1<sup>st</sup> platoon advanced along Autobahn with 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, “B” Company.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons assaulted Burscheid without infantry support. During the action one M18 destroyer was overturned and badly damaged. Road blocks and heavy small arms fire was encountered. Company commander accepted the surrender of the town by local authorities.

### **17 April 1945**

A group of approximately 40 men from the Battalion C.P. Group and Reconnaissance Pioneer platoon under command of Battalion S-2 was sent to Mulheim to restore order after a wave of looting broke out among the displaced persons in the area.

Battalion C.P. moved from Berg Gladbach to Solingen (F544859).

Rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company

C.P. and Pioneer platoon moved from Berg Gladbach to Hilden (F436865).

Seventeen men from Pioneer platoon under command of Battalion S-2 went to Mulheim to restore order among displaced persons there.

All Reconnaissance Company platoons were relieved from attachment to gun companies and reverted to Company control. Company was attached to 97<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Troop and assembled at Hilden.

“A” Company

C.P. at (F516871)

1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved from Burrig screening towns of Rhemdorf, Hitdorf, and Monheim. Moved to Baumberg where they remained for the night.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon shuttled troops of the 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry to Division “stop line” and went into direct fire positions near village of Erkrath.

3<sup>rd</sup> platoon moved from Ohlig to Haan where they bivouacked overnight. Late in the afternoon the company was relieved from attachment to 387<sup>th</sup> Infantry and reverted to Battalion control.

“B” Company

C.P. at Benrath (F398852).

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons moved into Dusseldorf. 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon relieved from attachment to “C” Company and reported to Company C.P. at 1800 hours. Company relieved from attachment to 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry and returned to Battalion control.

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT (CONT'D)**

### **17 April 1945 (cont'd)**

“C” Company

C.P. at (F557857).

Checked road nets and mopped up areas in regimental sector that had been bypassed by Infantry. Company relieved from attachment 386<sup>th</sup> Infantry and returned to Battalion Control.

### **18 April 1945**

Battalion assigned mission of occupying area vic Duisburg. All units moved to that area. Battalion C.P. established at Wedau (K341109), “A” Company at Duisburg, “B” Company at Am Grossen Graben (K304088), “C” Company at Grossenbaum (K339082).

Security sections of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> platoons with platoon leader of 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, Company “C”, under command of Battalion S-2 went to Mulheim to put down a disturbance among displaced persons there.

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