



**522nd Field Artillery Battalion**



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## **April & May 1945 Journals**

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1 April 1945

As the new period opened the battalion remained in positions in vicinity DOSSENHEIM, GERMANY which was occupied initially on 30 March 1945.

- 0830 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left on reconnaissance.
- 1000 Hours: Field Order Number 78, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 31 March 1945, received. Battalion will displace forward in Division Zone in accordance with oral instructions to Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division Artillery.
- 1200 Hours: Battalion left positions in vicinity DOSSENHEIM, GERMANY to proceed to assembly area in vicinity OBER HITLERSKLINGEN, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, Hq, and Sv). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1345 Hours: Battalion closed in assembly area in vicinity OBER HITLERSKLINGEN, GERMANY. Total distance traveled by motor 30 miles.
- 1500 Hours: Battalion left assembly area in vicinity OBER HITLERSKLINGEN, GERMANY to proceed to rendezvous area in vicinity TAUBER BICHOFSSHEIM, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, Hq, and Sv).
- 1900 Hours: Battalion closed in rendezvous area in vicinity TAUBER BICHOFSSHEIM, GERMANY. Total distance traveled by motor 54 miles.
- 1915 Hours: Battalion left rendezvous area in vicinity TAUBER BICHOFSSHEIM, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity PAIMAR, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, and Hq). Service Battery remained in TAUBER BICHOFSSHEIM, GERMANY.
- 2010 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in vicinity PAIMAR, GERMANY. (NU 4550 - 1755, Sheet 26W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 11). Total distance traveled by motor 8 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Ludwig Himmel, was found to be in good condition.
- 2030 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 73, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 31 March 1945, received. Effective 0200 hours, 2 April 1945, all 4th Infantry Division units will move time ahead to 0300 hours and change from Zone "A" to Zone "B" time. The Zone "B" suffix will be used thereafter until further notice.
- 2100 Hours: During the battalion's attachment to 4th Infantry Division, 2d Platoon of Battery A, 377th AAA Bn will support the unit.

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2 April 1945

- 0900 Hours: Battalion Executive and Capt MOYER D HARRIS left for 4th Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1000 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 74, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 1 April 1945, received.
- 1100 Hours: Battalion Executive and Capt HARRIS returned from 4th Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1300 Hours: Capt CHARLES B FEIBLEMAN left for liaison duties with the CCR of the 12th Armored Division.
- 1500 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity UNTER WITTICHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1700 Hours: The above reconnaissance parties returned from reconnaissance.

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3 April 1945

- 0300 Hours: Capt CHARLES B FEIBLEMAN returned from liaison duties with the CCR of the 12th Armored Division.
- 0800 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 75, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 2 April 1945, received.
- 0830 Hours: Letter received from Commanding General, Seventh Army, stressing looting.
- 0900 Hours: Battalion Executive left for XXI Corps and XXI Corps Artillery Headquarters.
- 0930 Hours: Letter concerning looting brought to the attention of each Battery Commander by the Battalion Commander personally.
- 0940 Hours: S-2 left on reconnaissance of terrain in vicinity KUETZBRUNN, GERMANY.
- 0945 Hours: Battalion Commander left for the firing batteries.
- 1000 Hours: Capt JACK ANDREWS left for 4th Field Artillery Battalion as Liaison Officer.
- 1130 Hours: S-2 returned from reconnaissance.

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- 1145 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from the firing batteries.
- 1430 Hours: Battalion Commander and Com C left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity UNTER WITTIGHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1530 Hours: Battalion Executive returned from XXI Corps and XXI Corps Artillery Headquarters.
- 1800 Hours: Battalion left positions in vicinity PAIMAR, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity UNTER WITTIGHAUSEN, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, and Hq). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1840 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in vicinity UNTER WITTIGHAUSEN, GERMANY. (NU 5170 - 1495, sheet 26W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 12). Total distance traveled by motor 5 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Frau Ida Dertinger, was found to be in good condition.

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4 April 1945

- 0940 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE, Commanding Officer, 4th Infantry Division Artillery, visited Battalion CP.
- 0950 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE left Battalion CP.
- 1120 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery C, coord. 51800 - 14485, on check point, road junction, coord. 4871 - 0642, by 4th Infantry Division Artillery Air OP.
- 1240 Hours: Battalion Commander left for Batteries C and A and 935th and 42d Field Artillery Battalions.
- 1325 Hours: Effective 1400H hours mission of the battalion changed to general support, reinforcing fires of both the 44th and 42d Field Artillery Battalions.
- 1700 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion.

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5 April 1945



- 1120 Hours: COLONELS GUTHRIE and THOMPSON, Division Artillery Commander and XXI Corps Artillery Executive respectively, visited Battalion CP.
- 1150 Hours: COLONELS GUTHRIE and THOMPSON left Battalion CP.
- 1155 Hours: Lt WILLIAMS, CIC, visited Battalion CP.
- 1200 Hours: General Orders Number 49, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, dated 17 March 1945, received, awarding 1st Lt PAUL E ERICKSON the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in ITALY from 26 June to 29 August 1944. (See Appendix III, Commendations and Awards). Copies of orders sent to Lt ERICKSON who is at present with the 687 Ordnance Ammunition Company and formerly with the battalion.
- 1210 Hours: Lt WILLIAMS left Battalion CP.
- 1215 Hours: Lt Col FISHER, Commanding Officer, 377th AAA Battalion, visited Battalion CP.
- 1230 Hours: Lt Col FISHER left Battalion CP.
- 1330 Hours: Battalion now in general support, reinforcing only fires of the 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The Liaison Officer with 44th Field Artillery Battalion will remain for the present.
- 1335 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com G left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion to get information on the situation.
- 1530 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com G returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion CP.
- 1630 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion CP.
- 1730 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion CP with information that two forward observer parties will be furnished by the battalion.
- 1830 Hours: Two forward observer parties led by 2d Lts ROBERT N BUCKLEY and JAMES A CRAIG left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion and then to the 12th Infantry Regiment with whom they will work.

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- 1940 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 77, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 5 April 1945, received. Battery A attached to 116th Cavalry Squadron effective 1800B hours, this date. All artillery except 29th Field Artillery Battalion and Battery A, this battalion, reverted to Division Artillery control.
- 1950 Hours: Operations Instructions Number 23, Headquarters 42d Infantry Division, dated 2 April 1945, received.
- 2000 Hours: Battalion Commander and Capt WILLIAM R DONIGAN, Battery Commander, Battery A, with 1st Lt CHESTER L GIRARD left for 4th Infantry Division Artillery to get information on attachment of Battery A to 116th Cavalry Squadron and then left for 116th Cavalry Squadron. Lt GIRARD remained with the 116th Cavalry Squadron as Liaison Officer.
- 2200 Hours: Battalion Commander and Capt DONIGAN returned from 116th Cavalry Squadron CP.

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6 April 1945

- 0845 Hours: Lt Col SKELLY, Commanding Officer, 977th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP.
- 0915 Hours: Lt Col SKELLY left Battalion CP.
- 1200 Hours: Message from Division Artillery Commander - Enemy supply installations overrun and captured will be secured and guarded by capturing unit. As soon as possible unit will report to C-4 the number of guards needed to secure the place and an estimate of contents of the installations.
- 1345 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, Com O, and Asst S-2 left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity VIICHBAND, GERMANY.
- 1430 Hours: Battery Commanders and parties and Assistant Com O and party left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity VIICHBAND, GERMANY.
- 1500 Hours: Capt GAETANO GIALANELIA, MC, 0494808, 677th Medical Collecting Company, attached to the battalion on TDY. (Auth: VOGG, Seventh Army).

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- 1610 Hours: Forward observer parties left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1800 Hours: Battalion left positions in vicinity UNTER WITTENHAUSEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity VILCHBAND, GERMANY. (Order of march: C, B, Hq, and A). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1820 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in vicinity VILCHBAND, GERMANY. (NU 5098 - 1236, Sheet 6424). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 13). Total distance traveled by motor 2 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1830 Hours: Field Orders Number 79, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 6 April 1945, received. Mission of the battalion direct support of the 101st Cavalry Group.

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7 April 1945

- 0700 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, Assistant S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity BOLZHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1000 Hours: Capt JACK ANDREWS left for 116th Cavalry Squadron CP as Liaison Officer.
- 1030 Hours: Operations Instructions Number 20, 101st Cavalry Group (Mech), dated 6 April 1945, received, placing the battalion under direct support of the 116th Cavalry Squadron.
- 1215 Hours: S-2 returned from reconnaissance.
- 1315 Hours: Battalion left positions in vicinity VILCHBAND, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity BOLZHAUSEN, GERMANY. (Order of march: B, C, Hq, and A). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1400 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in vicinity BOLZHAUSEN, GERMANY. (NU 6520 - 1308, Sheet 26E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 14). Total distance traveled by motor 11 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Valenkin Mark and Hans Jacob, was found to be in good condition.

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- 1440 Hours: Message from Commanding General, IV Corps Artillery - Do not fire any captured enemy materiel until it is checked by ordnance. Captured ammunition is not to be fired as it may be gas.
- 1500 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in position at WOLKSHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1550 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery B, Coord. 65558 - 13291, on check point, road junction, coord. 7212 - 1040, by Battalion Air CP.
- 1900 Hours: Machine gunners of the battalion were occupied as they engaged with several enemy aircraft, believed to be ME 210's, over the battalion area. One of the planes was believed to have been shot down. No casualties were suffered by the battalion.

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8 April 1945

- 0900 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 4th Infantry Division Artillery CP.
- 1030 Hours: S-3 left for Headquarters Seventh Army.
- 1050 Hours: Colonel GUTHRIE, Division Artillery Commander, visited Battalion CP.
- 1100 Hours: Colonel GUTHRIE left Battalion CP.
- 1140 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 4th Infantry Division Artillery CP with information on the present situation.
- 1150 Hours: Capt GOODRICH, 4th Reconnaissance Troop, visited Battalion CP.
- 1205 Hours: Capt GOODRICH left Battalion CP.
- 1200 Hours: Mission of the battalion changed to direct support of the 4th Reconnaissance Troop by VOSO, 4th Infantry Division Artillery.
- 1230 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 78, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 7 April 1945, received. Rules for the engagement of aircraft extracted from Operations Memorandum Number 33, 4th Infantry Division, dated 31 December 1944, quoted for compliance of all units.

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- 1500 Hours: Battalion Commander left for the firing batteries.
- 1505 Hours: 2d Lts ROBERT N BUCKLEY and JAMES A CRAIG were released from forward observer duties with 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1630 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from the firing batteries.

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9 April 1945

- 1300 Hours: General Orders Number 46, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, dated 14 March 1945, received, awarding Tec 4 Kay Ihara, 39677867, Headquarters Battery, the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action near CASTELLINA, ITALY on 7 July 1944. (See Appendix III, Commendations and Awards).
- 1400 Hours: Capt CHARLES B FEIBLEMAN left for 4th Reconnaissance Troop CP as Liaison Officer.
- 1420 Hours: S-3 returned from Headquarters Seventh Army.

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10 April 1945

- 0930 Hours: Assistant S-3 left for 935th Field Artillery Battalion to get information on the present situation.
- 1100 Hours: Assistant S-3 returned from 935th Field Artillery Battalion CP.
- 1130 Hours: Letter, Headquarters ETOUSA, Subject: "Orders", dated 5 April 1945, received. 1st Lt MAURICE C FINLEY, 01183515, as directed by Theater Commander, will proceed by first available surface transportation from his present station in this theater to the United States, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, 6th AAF Base Unit Contract Audit Division, Dayton, Ohio, for duty in connection with contract termination work. (Auth: WD Cable, WAR 62626, 3 April 1945). Lt FINLEY, at present with the 421st Field Artillery Group and formerly with the battalion, was forwarded copies of this letter.
- 1155 Hours: Battalion Executive called Battery Commanders, Batteries A and C, about handling of civilians. All civilians riding on roads to be stopped and identification paper properly inspected.
- 1310 Hours: Battalion Commander left for Battery A.
- 1605 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from Battery A.

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- 1020 Hours: Capt CHARLES B FEIBLEMAN reported from 4th Reconnaissance Troop with information on the situation and to have the battalion furnish a forward observer.
- 1040 Hours: Capt FEIBLEMAN left Battalion CP with 2d Lt JOHN C ECHOLS who will act as forward observer with the 4th Reconnaissance Troop.
- 1300 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 935th Field Artillery Battalion CP in RITTENHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1310 Hours: Letter, Headquarters Seventh Army, Subject: "Orders", dated 9 April 1945, received. 1st Lt VICTOR J GERRIG JR, O1180508, FA, is transferred in grade to 10th Replacement Depot and will proceed without delay to 2d Replacement Depot for transshipment to the 10th Replacement Depot, report upon arrival to the Commanding Officer thereof for movement to an appropriate port of debarkation in the United States under emergency conditions. He will be sent to the Reception Station nearest his home upon arrival and granted not to exceed twenty days furlough. (Auth: Msgform MPOB, Hq ETOUSA, dated 3 April 1945).
- 1430 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 935th Field Artillery Battalion CP.
- 1715 Hours: Lt Col DAVIS, Commanding Officer, 935th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP and gave the battalion a report of the situation and the results of the TOT mission that the battalion fired.
- 1725 Hours: Lt Col DAVIS left Battalion CP.
- 1730 Hours: Message from Division Artillery Commander - Unit to furnish 3 2 1/2-ton trucks to help move Division Rear Echelon installations. Trucks will report to Capt ULMER, 120900B April 1945 at Division Rear in BUCHEN, GERMANY. Trucks to return to unit by dark tomorrow.

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12 April 1945

- 0930 Hours: COLONEL STEINBACH, Division Artillery Executive, visited Battalion CP with a report of the present situation.
- 0955 Hours: COLONEL STEINBACH left Battalion CP.
- 1000 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com O left for 4th Reconnaissance Troop CP.
- 1200 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com O returned from the 4th Reconnaissance Troop CP with more information on the situation.
- 1210 Hours: 1st Lt VICTOR J GERRIG JR left the battalion to proceed on his way back to the United States on an emergency furlough.

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13 April 1945

- 1120 Hours: Mr. WILSON, Field Director, American Red Cross, visited Battalion CP.
- 1140 Hours: Mr. WILSON left Battalion CP.
- 1310 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com O left for Division Artillery CP to get information on the situation.
- 1610 Hours: Lt ECHOLS returned from forward observer duties with the 4th Reconnaissance Troop.
- 1615 Hours: 2d Lt HERBERT BASKIN, O1185165, FA, Liaison Pilot, reported to the battalion on TDY from 17th Field Artillery Group.
- 1715 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com O returned from Division Artillery CP.
- 1800 Hours: Letter commending the battalion received from Commanding General, 63d Infantry Division Artillery. (See Appendix III, Commendations and Awards).

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14 April 1945

- 0845 Hours: Capt CHARLES B FEIBELMAN returned from 4th Reconnaissance Troop CP as Liaison Officer.
- 1000 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-3 left for 4th Infantry Division Artillery CP to get information on the situation.
- 1050 Hours: Field Orders Number 81, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 14 April 1945, received. Mission of the battalion general support, reinforcing the fires of the 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1250 Hours: Message from Commanding Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion -- Send reconnaissance party to FRAUENTAL, GERMANY. Prepare to move battalion after 1330H hours, today.
- 1320 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-3 returned from 4th Infantry Division Artillery CP.
- 1330 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders and parties left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity KLEIN HARBACH, GERMANY.
- 1600 Hours: Message from Battalion Commander -- Lt BACON will mark route as traveled to EQUARHOFEN, GERMANY. Order of march: C, B, Hq, and A). Five minutes between batteries. Take good distance between vehicles, particularly after EQUARHOFEN. Battery direct lines initially. Radio with 42d Field Artillery Battalion. Send 608 radio with Liaison Officer to 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1620 Hours: Battalion left positions in vicinity BOLZHAUSEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity KLEIN HARBACH, GERMANY. (Order of march: C, B, Hq, and A). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1745 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in vicinity KLEIN HARBACH, GERMANY. (NU 7427 - OLI3, Sheet 32). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 15). Total distance traveled by motor 16 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Leon Gaissendoerfer, was found to be in good condition.
- 1830 Hours: Capt MOYER D HARRIS left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion as Liaison Officer.
- 1845 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in position in FRAUENTAL, GERMANY.

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- 1000 Hours: Special Orders Number 63, Headquarters XXI Corps, dated 12 April 1945, received, placing 2d Lt HERBERT BASKIN, OLL85655, Headquarters 17th Field Artillery Group on TDY with the battalion for approximately 10 days.
- 1045 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion with information on the situation.
- 1200 Hours: One platoon of Battery A, 377th AAA Battalion, detached and one platoon of Battery D, 377th AAA Battalion, attached for operations and will render antiaircraft support.
- 1230 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders, Batteries A and B with parties left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity OBER SCHECKENBACH, GERMANY. C Battery Commander will meet Battalion Commander at OBER SCHECKENBACH.
- 1300 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned to his liaison duties with 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1335 Hours: S-3 left with forward FDC to new position in OBER SCHECKENBACH, GERMANY.
- 1345 Hours: Battery A displaced to new position in vicinity OBER SCHECKENBACH, GERMANY.
- 1405 Hours: Battery B displaced to new position in vicinity OBER SCHECKENBACH, GERMANY.
- 1445 Hours: Battery C displaced to new position in vicinity OBER SCHECKENBACH, GERMANY.
- 1535 Hours: Message from Commanding Officer, Service Battery - Send medical officer to Service Battery. T Sgt Masao Mori critically injured.
- 1555 Hours: Message from Capt HARRIS, Liaison Officer with 42d Field Artillery Battalion - Give one battery center line 2,000 mils. Give two batteries center line 3,000 mils.
- 1600 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery A, coord. 78142 - 98634, on check point, road junction, coord. 8139 - 9403, by Division Artillery Air OP.
- 1605 Hours: Message from Capt HARRIS - Request one forward observer with party report to me at 1700H hours today.

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- 1640 Hours: Headquarters Battery displaced from position area in KLEIN HARBACH, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1700 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in OBER SCHECKENBACH, GERMANY. (NU 7850 - 9864, Sheet 32). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 16). Total distance traveled by motor 5 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

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16 April 1945

- 1015 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com O left for 2d Battalion CP of the 12th Infantry Regiment for information on the situation.
- 1040 Hours: Battalion Commander and Assistant Com O returned from 2d Battalion CP, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1130 Hours: Service Battery captured one German prisoner in vicinity FRAUENTAL, GERMANY.
- 1300 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders, Batteries A and B with parties left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity REICHELSHOFEN, GERMANY.
- 1320 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion CP with information on the situation and also information that three German biplanes are being used as liaison planes by American pilots and they are not to be fired at. All batteries and the attached antiaircraft platoon notified about above information.
- 1430 Hours: Capt HARRIS left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion to resume his duties as Liaison Officer.
- 1450 Hours: Battery A displaced to position in vicinity REICHELSHOFEN, GERMANY.
- 1515 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery A, coord. 79225 - 96012, on base point, road junction, coord. 8671 - 8890, by Battalion Air OP.

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- 1525 Hours: <sup>Battalion</sup> Battery Commander and party and Battery Commanders and parties returned from reconnaissance.
- 1650 Hours: One gun of Battery B displaced to position in vicinity STEINSFELD, GERMANY, coord. 802944, for registration.
- 1655 Hours: Miss Iyn Crost, war correspondent of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, guided by 2d Lts JOHN C ECHOLS and SHUICHI SAKAMOTO, visited Battalion CP after visiting the firing batteries.
- 1700 Hours: Field Artillery Periodic Report Number 69, Headquarters XXI Corps Artillery, dated 15 April 1945, received. The following was extracted from this report and disseminated to all batteries. "A marked increase in activity of our artillery over previous period shows the increasing resistance met on the front of the 14th Infantry Division and 12th Armored Division. An inspection of some positions recently occupied by our artillery shows a growing disregard for defilade and camouflage which may prove costly should the enemy be able at anytime to oppose us with well organized artillery. Losses suffered from these faults will be incalculable."
- 1745 Hours: Battery C displaced to position in the vicinity of STEINSFELD, GERMANY.
- 1805 Hours: Battalion Commander took Miss Crost to Battery B to witness its registration.
- 1815 Hours: Headquarters Battery displaced to position in GATTENHOFEN, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1820 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery B, coord. 80027 - 94386, on check point, road and stream junction, coord. 8660 - 8905, by Battalion Air OP.
- 1830 Hours: Battery B displaced to position in vicinity STEINSFELD, GERMANY.
- 1835 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in GATTENHOFEN, GERMANY. (SU 7838 - 9393, Sheet 32). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 17). Total distance traveled by motor 4 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Johann May, was found to be in good condition.
- 1900 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from Battery B with Miss Crost.

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17 April 1945

- 0855 Hours: Message from Capt MOYER D HARRIS - "Rothenburg has been cleared. Three hospitals were released with approximately 1,000 patients in them. No determination has been made as to whether American soldiers were among the group. Probable CP of 42d Field Artillery Battalion will be in Gattenhofen, Germany and will move sometime this morning."
- 0930 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in position in OBER SCHIECKENBACH, GERMANY.
- 0955 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE, Division Artillery Commander, visited Battalion CP.
- 1015 Hours: Service Battery captured one German prisoner.
- 1020 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE left Battalion CP.
- 1100 Hours: Capt TURNIPSEED, S-2, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP to learn what has been done in regard to the Civil Affairs in Gattenhofen, Germany.
- 1105 Hours: Capt TURNIPSEED left Battalion CP.
- 1110 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR, Commanding Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP and discussed the situation and probable location of their CP.
- 1140 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR left Battalion CP.
- 1610 Hours: Major KELLNER, Executive Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP and coordinated security of the village with the Battalion Executive.
- 1620 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Assistant Com O left on reconnaissance for positions in vicinity of HARFERSHOFEN, GERMANY.
- 1630 Hours: Lt Col DAVIS, Commanding Officer, 935th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP.
- 1645 Hours: Lt Col DAVIS left Battalion CP.
- 1650 Hours: Major KELLNER left Battalion CP.
- 1715 Hours: Battalion Commander and party returned from reconnaissance.

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- 0620 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 79, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 17 April 1945, received. Combat Teams will advance in new zones, as shown in overlay, not later than 180900Z April 1945.
- 1035 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR visited Battalion CP.
- 1045 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR left Battalion CP.
- 1230 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Assistant Com O left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of NEUSITZ, GERMANY.
- 1400 Hours: 2d Lt ROBERT H BUCKLEY, Battery A, left for 12th Infantry Regiment as Forward Observer.
- 1430 Hours: Battalion left positions in vicinity GATTENHOFEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity of NEUSITZ, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- Registered #2 gun, Battery C, coord. 80286 - 88509, on check point, railroad and road junction, coord. 78340 - 79420, by Battalion Air OP.
- 1500 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of NEUSITZ, GERMANY. (SU 8025 - 8890, Sheet 32). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 18). Total distance traveled by motor 6 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1530 Hours: Reconnaissance parties left for BOCKENFELD, GERMANY and vicinity.
- 1615 Hours: Forward FDC and other advance elements left to proceed to new positions.
- 1630 Hours: Capt JACK ANDREWS left for 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, as Liaison Officer.
- Registered #2 gun, Battery A, coord. 79465 - 84298, on base point, road junction, 78340 - 79420, by Battalion Air OP.
- 1700 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in position in GATTENHOFEN, GERMANY.

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1740 Hours: Battalion left positions in the vicinity of NEUSTITZ, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of BOCKENFELD, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.

1800 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in vicinity of BOCKENFELD, GERMANY. (SU 7870 - 8415, Sheet 39W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 19). Distance traveled by motor 4 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

Service Battery captured one enlisted German prisoner.

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19 April 1945

0845 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR, Commanding Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP and discussed the situation with the Battalion Commander.

0855 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR left Battalion CP.

0930 Hours: S-2 left for 4th Infantry Division Artillery CP to obtain more maps of the present area.

1120 Hours: Lt Col SKELLEY, Commanding Officer, 977th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP to get some information about the situation.

1135 Hours: Lt Col SKELLEY left Battalion CP.

1145 Hours: S-2 returned from Division Artillery CP.

1225 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of FRANKENHEIM, GERMANY.

1345 Hours: Battery C displaced to position in the vicinity of SCHAFFHOFF, GERMANY.

1410 Hours: Battery A displaced to position in the vicinity of SCHAFFHOFF, GERMANY.

1450 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery C, coord. 83346 - 80275, on base point, road junction, coord. 81150 - 73060, by Battalion Air CP.

1500 Hours: Battery B displaced to position in the vicinity of SCHAFFHOFF, GERMANY.

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- 1510 Hours: COLONEL STEINBACK, Division Artillery Executive, visited Battalion CP to find about our present installations.
- 1520 Hours: COLONEL STEINBACK left Battalion CP.
- 1525 Hours: Headquarters Battery displaced to position in SCHAFHOF, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1600 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in SCHAFHOF, GERMANY. (SU 8325 - 8000, Sheet 39W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 20). Total distance traveled by motor 10 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1800 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders and parties left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY.
- 1805 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in position in KIRNEBURG, GERMANY.
- 1840 Hours: One section of Battery A displaced to position in the vicinity of OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY.
- 1930 Hours: Battery A displaced to position in the vicinity of OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY.
- 1935 Hours: Lt Col CARDELL, Commanding Officer, 937th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP.
- 1945 Hours: Battery B displaced to position in the vicinity of OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY.
- 1950 Hours: Lt Col CARDELL left Battalion CP.
- 1955 Hours: Battery C displaced to position in the vicinity of OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY.
- 2000 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery B, coord. 81983 - 76428, on check point, road junction, coord. 79710 - 71540, by Battalion Air CP.
- 2010 Hours: Headquarters Battery displaced to position in OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 2035 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY. (SU 8250 - 7680, Sheet 39W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 21). Total distance traveled by motor 3 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

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- 0930 Hours: 2d Lts ROBERT N BUCKLEY and JAMES Y MIZUNO left for 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, as Forward Observers, the latter officer relieving 2d Lt WILLIAM C CLARK.
- 1015 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Com O left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of WILDENHOLZ, GERMANY.
- 1225 Hours: Battery B displaced to position in the vicinity of WILDENHOLZ, GERMANY.
- 1300 Hours: Registered #2 gun, Battery B, coord. 79296 - 71922, on check point, road junction, coord. 7866 - 6565, by Battalion Air OP.
- 1305 Hours: Battery A displaced to position in the vicinity of WILDENHOLZ, GERMANY.
- 1330 Hours: Battery C displaced to position in the vicinity of WILDENHOLZ, GERMANY.
- 1355 Hours: Headquarters Battery left position in OBER WORNITZ, GERMANY to proceed to position in STEINBACH, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1415 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in STEINBACH, GERMANY. (SV 7875 - 7328, Sheet 39W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 22). Total distance traveled by motor 6 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Fritz Rex, was found to be in good condition.
- 1500 Hours: 1st Lt JOSEPH W DEWEES left Battalion CP to report to Capt ANDREWS as Forward Observer with 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1630 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE visited Battalion CP to discuss the situation with the Battalion Commander.
- 1750 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, to find out about the situation.
- 1820 Hours: Message from Commanding Officer, Division Artillery - "tentative plans are made to motorize 12th Infantry Regiment at 0600B tomorrow. If plans become effective, the battalion will furnish 4 2 1/2-ton trucks to report to 12th Infantry at 210000B April at location to be designated later. Final details will be furnished after 2000B hours tonight."

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- 1820 Hours: Message from Division Artillery Commander - "You have one enlisted reinforcement to be picked up at Division Rear".
- 1825 Hours: S-2 left for 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 2030 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 2200 Hours: Message from Division Artillery Commander - "Trucks will report to area, coord. RJ S796723, immediately north of Wildenholtz. Reliable NCO should be placed in charge. Commissioned officer should lead trucks to reporting point."
- 2205 Hours: Letter, Headquarters Seventh Army, Subject: "Attachment Order", dated 18 April 1945, received. The battalion attached to 30th Field Artillery Group for administration and supply effective 0001B hours, 19 April 1945.

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- 0015 Hours: Field Orders Number 82, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 20 April 1945, received. The battalion attached to Rodwell Task Force commanded by BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES S. RODWELL, and will assemble in vicinity SCHNELLDORF (S 7869) on Division order. Advance rapidly in Division Zone and seize the area vicinity AALEN (S 7329) and WASSERALFINGEN (S 7332).
- 0700 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion CP to discuss the situation.
- 0725 Hours: Field Orders Number 1, Headquarters Rodwell Task Force, dated 20 April 1945, received. The battalion in direct support group with 42d Field Artillery Battalion and a part of the Rodwell Task Force commanded by BRIGADIER GENERAL RODWELL.
- 0830 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion CP.
- 0845 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting was held at the Battalion CP for the purpose of orienting each battery on probable move.
- 0910 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting was adjourned.

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- 1210 Hours: Battalion left positions in the vicinity of STEINBACH, GERMANY to proceed to assembly area in the vicinity of RANSBACH, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, Hq, and Sv). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1245 Hours: Battalion closed in assembly area in the vicinity of RANSBACH, GERMANY. (SV 7930 - 6795). Total distance traveled by motor 7 miles.
- 1900 Hours: Battalion left assembly area in the vicinity of RANSBACH, GERMANY to proceed to assembly area in the vicinity of STIMPFACH, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, Hq, and Sv).
- 2350 Hours: Battalion closed in assembly area in the vicinity of STIMPFACH, GERMANY. (SV 7275 - 5501). Total distance traveled by motor 16 miles.

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22 April 1945

- 1600 Hours: Two enlisted German prisoners were captured by Battery B and evacuated to the rear.
- 1900 Hours: Battalion left assembly area in the vicinity of STIMPFACH, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of WASSERALFINGEN, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, B, C, Hq, and Sv). Heavy traffic and inclement weather made it impossible for the battalion to move up to positions until this time.
- 2300 Hours: Headquarters Battery captured three prisoners and evacuated them to the rear.
- 2400 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of WASSERALFINGEN, GERMANY. (SV 7385 - 3208, Sheet 7126). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 23). Distance traveled by motor 24 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Herr Weinschenk, was found to be in good condition.

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23 April 1945

- 1125 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE, Division Artillery Commander, visited Battalion CP and gave the battalion a full picture of the situation.
- 1310 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE left Battalion CP.
- 1350 Hours: 2d Lt ROBERT A BACON, Battery A, left to relieve 2d Lt ROBERT N BUCKLEY as Forward Observer with 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1430 Hours: 2d Lt ROBERT A BACON, who was acting as Forward Observer with 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, was wounded in action by enemy mortar fire in the vicinity of AALEN, GERMANY. (See Appendix II, Casualty Report).
- 1500 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 42d Field Artillery Battalion and received information that the mission of the battalion is now direct support of the 1st and 3d Battalions, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1530 Hours: 2d Lt BUCKLEY reported to Battalion CP after having been relieved by 2d Lt BACON.
- 1600 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1630 Hours: 1st Lt RAYMOND K STRAW JR left Battalion CP to relieve 2d Lt BACON who was wounded in action and evacuated.
- 1925 Hours: Operations Memorandum Number 40, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 23 April 1945, received. Task Force Rodwell advances without delay in Division Zone to objective.
- 1955 Hours: Commanding Officer, Service Battery, reported to Battalion CP on call by Battalion Commander to coordinate the dispatching of 12 trucks to carry troops of the 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 2300 Hours: Lts KURATA, BLACKBURN, COOK, HIRANO, and CRAIG went to 1st and 3d Battalions, 12th Infantry Regiment, as Forward Observers.
- 2310 Hours: Battalion Air Section attached to 42d Field Artillery Battalion, effective immediately.
- 2400 Hours: Message from Commanding Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion - "12th Infantry Regiment, less 2d Battalion, will remain in present locations. Have Liaison Officer at 12th Infantry Regimental CP by 0830B hours tomorrow. Cannon Company, 12th Infantry Regiment, attached to the battalion for any firing and

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will operate their own FDC. 12th Infantry Regiment will notify battalion about movement, which will probably be tomorrow afternoon or later. 42d Field Artillery Battalion service elements will march with the battalion".

Five enlisted German prisoners were captured, three by Headquarters Battery and two by Battery B.

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24 April 1945

- 0100 Hours: S-4 dispatched 12 2½-ton trucks to the 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, to be used in hauling infantry with Task Force Rodwell.
- 0800 Hours: Capt FEIBLEMAN left as Liaison Officer with 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 0805 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion with information on the situation.
- 0830 Hours: 2d Lt MIZUNO returned from 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, as Forward Observer.
- 0900 Hours: 1st Lt DEWEES returned from 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, as Forward Observer, being relieved by a forward observer of the 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 0915 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned to 42d Field Artillery Battalion to resume his duties as Liaison Officer.
- 0930 Hours: Lt Col DAVIS and his reconnaissance party visited Battalion CP.
- 1000 Hours: The above party left Battalion CP.
- 1415 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1500 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1600 Hours: Capt FEIBLEMAN returned from 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1845 Hours: Twelve more trucks left the battalion to carry troops of the 12th Infantry Regiment.

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25 April 1945

- 0900 Hours: One German prisoner was captured by Battery B and evacuated to the rear.
- 1645 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned from 42d Field Artillery Battalion with the 24 trucks which had been used in hauling the 2d and 3d Battalions, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1830 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting held at Battalion CP. The purpose of the meeting was to orient them on a move to be made tomorrow morning.
- 1845 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting was adjourned.
- 1900 Hours: Capt HARRIS left for 4th Infantry Division Artillery to get information on the situation.
- 2000 Hours: Capt HARRIS returned from 4th Infantry Division Artillery CP.

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26 April 1945

- 0530 Hours: Advance parties left positions in WASSERALFINGEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in WEISINGEN, GERMANY.
- 0700 Hours: Battalion left positions in WASSERALFINGEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in WEISINGEN, GERMANY. Building occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 0945 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in WEISINGEN, GERMANY. (Y 0515 - 9400, Sheet 60W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 24). Total distance traveled by motor 48 miles. The battalion crossed the DANUBE River between 0900B and 0930B hours. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1055 Hours: Capt FRIBLEMAN left for liaison duties with 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1115 Hours: Battalion Executive and S-2 left to inspect the battery positions.
- 1135 Hours: Battalion Executive and S-2 returned from the firing batteries.
- 1200 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left for Battery B to get information on the firefight going on a few hundred yards in front of their position.

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- 1140 Hours: Capt KILGORE, 20th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP.
- 1150 Hours: Capt KILGORE left Battalion CP.
- 1240 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR, Commanding Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP to see the Battalion Commander about new position areas.
- 1250 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR left Battalion CP.
- 1310 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from Battery B.
- 1440 Hours: Mission of the battalion now general support, reinforcing fires of 42d Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1630 Hours: Lt Col DONIGAN, Commanding Officer, 534th AAA Battalion, visited Battalion CP to meet his brother, Capt DONIGAN, Commanding Officer of Battery A.
- 1915 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 12th Infantry Regimental CP to obtain information on the situation.
- 1930 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1935 Hours: Lt Col DONIGAN left Battalion CP.
- 1940 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left for 2d Battalion CP, 12th Infantry Regiment, in ELLERBACH, GERMANY.
- 2000 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from 2d Battalion CP, 12th Infantry Regiment.

Pvt Roy M Suzuki, 39913908, Battery C, was wounded in action by enemy machine gun fire in HOLZHEIM, GERMANY early this afternoon. (See Appendix II, Casualty Report).

One enlisted German prisoner captured by Battery B.

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- 0630 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for new positions in ALTENMUENSTER, GERMANY.
- 0815 Hours: Battalion left positions in the vicinity of WEISINGEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in ALTENMUENSTER, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 0845 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in ALTENMUENSTER, GERMANY.

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- 1140 Hours: Capt KILGORE, 20th Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP.
- 1150 Hours: Capt KILGORE left Battalion CP.
- 1240 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR, Commanding Officer, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, visited Battalion CP to see the Battalion Commander about new position area.
- 1250 Hours: Lt Col EDGAR left Battalion CP.
- 1310 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from Battery B.
- 1440 Hours: Mission of the battalion now direct support of the 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1630 Hours: Lt Col DONIGAN, Commanding Officer, 534th AAA Battalion, visited Battalion CP to meet his brother, Capt DONIGAN, Commanding Officer of Battery A.
- 1915 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 12th Infantry Regimental CP to obtain information on the situation.
- 1930 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1935 Hours: Lt Col DONIGAN left Battalion CP.
- 1940 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left for 2d Battalion CP, 12th Infantry Regiment, in ELLERBACH, GERMANY.
- 2000 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from 2d Battalion CP, 12th Infantry Regiment.

Pvt Roy M Suzuki, 39913908, Battery C, was wounded in action by enemy machine gun fire in HOLZHEIM, GERMANY early this afternoon. (See Appendix II, Casualty Report).

One enlisted German prisoner captured by Battery B.

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27 April 1945

- 0630 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for new positions in AITENMUNSTER, GERMANY.
- 0815 Hours: Battalion left positions in the vicinity of WEISINGEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in AITENMUNSTER, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 0845 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in AITENMUNSTER, GERMANY.

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(Y 1090 - 8890, Sheets 60E and 68E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 25). Total distance traveled by motor 7 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

- 0945 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of HORG AU, GERMANY.
- 0955 Hours: 1st Lt BLACKBURN returned from forward observer duties.
- 1230 Hours: Battalion left positions in ALTENMUENSTER, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of HORG AU, GERMANY. Building which was occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1330 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of HORG AU, GERMANY. (Y 1775 - 8110, Sheet 68E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 26). Total distance traveled by motor 12 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1600 Hours: The forward observers returned from 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1645 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left on initial reconnaissance.
- 1700 Hours: One of the forward observers of the battalion left for 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1710 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2 and Com O left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of ROMELSRIED, GERMANY.
- 1845 Hours: Battery Commanders and parties and advance elements left for positions in the vicinity of ROMELSRIED, GERMANY.
- 1915 Hours: Forward FDC left for new Battalion CP.
- 2045 Hours: Battalion left positions in the vicinity of HORG AU, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of ROMELSRIED, GERMANY.
- 2115 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of ROMELSRIED, GERMANY. (Y 2035 - 7860, Sheet 68E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 27). Total distance traveled by motor 5 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 2200 Hours: Battery B captured 5 enlisted German prisoners.

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28 April 1945

- 0815 Hours: 2d Lt SUSUMU ITO reported to Battalion CP before going out as Forward Observer with 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 0900 Hours: S-2 took a German civilian who was recently discharged from the army to the PW cage to be processed.
- 0930 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE visited Battalion CP and outlined the disposition of troops and information on the situation.
- 0950 Hours: COLONEL GUTHRIE left Battalion CP.
- 1015 Hours: S-2 returned from the PW cage.
- 1040 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of ANHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1115 Hours: Battery C displaced to position in the vicinity of ANHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1145 Hours: Battery A displaced to position in the vicinity of ANHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1250 Hours: Headquarters Battery displaced from position in ROMEISRIED, GERMANY to proceed to position in ANHAUSEN, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1320 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in ANHAUSEN, GERMANY. (Y 2520 - 7565, Sheet 68E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 28). Total distance traveled by motor 5 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1445 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of BERGHEIM, GERMANY.
- 1630 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of ANHAUSEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of BERGHEIM, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1650 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of BERGHEIM, GERMANY. (Y 2820 - 7285, Sheet 68E). Total distance traveled by motor 4 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

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- 1800 Hours: Battalion left positions in the vicinity of BERGHEIM, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of BOBINGEN, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1820 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of BOBINGEN, GERMANY. (Y 2995 - 6865, Sheets W-5 and X-5). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 29). Total distance traveled by motor 4 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

Five enlisted German prisoners captured by Battery B.

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29 April 1945

- 0730 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of SCHEURING, GERMANY, across the LECH River.
- 0800 Hours: Field Orders Number 146, Headquarters Combat Team 12, dated 28 April 1945, received. CT 12 crosses LECH River behind CT 22 and attacks in right (South) sector. The battalion will move to firing position East of LECH River behind 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 0900 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in BOBINGEN, GERMANY.
- 0910 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of BOBINGEN, GERMANY. (Order of march: B, C, A, and Hq). Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 0945 Hours: Battalion halted at LAGER-LECHFEID, GERMANY (Y 3157). Total distance traveled by motor 9 miles.
- 1000 Hours: 2d Lt WILLIAM C CLARK left for 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, as Liaison Officer.
- 1055 Hours: Battalion left LAGER-LECHFEID, GERMANY to proceed to SCHEURING, GERMANY.
- 1245 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of SCHEURING, GERMANY, crossing LECH River at 1230 hours. (Y 3495 - 5695). (Sheet 76W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 30). Total distance traveled by motor 4 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

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- 1425 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of WALLIESHAUSEN, GERMANY.
- 1430 Hours: Cannon Company, 12th Infantry Regiment detached from operation control of the battalion and attached to Company E, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1600 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of SCHEURING, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of WALLIESHAUSEN, GERMANY. Building left by Battalion CP in good condition.
- 1620 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of WALLIESHAUSEN, GERMANY. (Y 4095 - 5530, Sheet 76W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 31). Total distance traveled by motor 5 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1645 Hours: Machine gunners of the battalion engaged with enemy aircraft together with guns of the 377th AAA Battalion. Three out of six enemy planes were believed to have been shot down.
- 1800 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in vicinity WALLIESHAUSEN, GERMANY to proceed to positions in vicinity of GELTENDORF, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1815 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of GELTENDORF, GERMANY. (Y 4480 - 5245, Sheet 76W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 32). Total distance traveled by motor 5 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 2000 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of GELTENDORF, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of TURKENFELD, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 2100 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of TURKENFELD, GERMANY. (Y 4925 - 5105, Sheet 76E). (See Position Area Overlay No. 33). Total distance traveled by motor 4 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

There was a slight snowfall this evening.

- 1930 Hours: Service Battery moved and closed in SCHEURING, GERMANY.

Eight enlisted German prisoners captured by Headquarters Battery.

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- 1030 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of WESSLING, GERMANY.
- 1215 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of TURKENFELD, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of WESSLING, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1320 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of WESSLING, GERMANY. (Y 6155 - 4760, Sheet 76E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 34). Total distance traveled by motor 16 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1445 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of STARNBERG, GERMANY.
- 1750 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of WESSLING, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of STARNBERG, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP was left in good condition.
- 1820 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of STARNBERG, GERMANY. (Y 6925 - 4002, Sheet 76W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 35). Total distance traveled by motor 8 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1830 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of MOERLBACH, GERMANY.
- 2000 Hours: The battalion captured town of MOERLBACH, GERMANY and liberated French prisoners. Approximately 50 German prisoners were taken in this town.
- 2030 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of STARNBERG, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of MOERLBACH, GERMANY. Building which had been occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 2125 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of MOERLBACH, GERMANY. (Y 7392 - 3607, sheet 76E). Total distance traveled by motor 6 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

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1 May 1945



0725 Hours: Service Battery left position in GELTENDORF, GERMANY.

0905 Hours: Service Battery closed in new position in OBER BRUNN, GERMANY.

1145 Hours: 2d Lt ROBERT N BUCKLEY reported for forward observer duty to 42d Field Artillery Battalion, and was sent to the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.

1330 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Battery Commanders left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of ASCHOLDING, GERMANY.

1600 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of MOERLBACH, GERMANY to proceed to positions in the vicinity of ASCHOLDING, GERMANY. (Order of march: A, C, B, and Hq). Building occupied by Battalion CP was left in good condition.

1655 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of ASCHOLDING, GERMANY. (Y 8165-2790, Sheet 83W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 37). Total distance traveled by motor 12 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

Heavy snowfall during the day and most of the evening.

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2 May 1945

0655 Hours: Service Battery left position in OBER BRUNN, GERMANY.

0800 Hours: Ten trucks from the battalion reported back from hauling infantry of the 12th Infantry Regiment.

0810 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders and parties left for reconnaissance of positions in the vicinity of UNTER-LEITEN, GERMANY.

0845 Hours: 2d Lt EVERETT L BOOE JR reported back from forward observer duty with 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment (PERETSHOFEN, GERMANY) to find out about situation and then returned to the 3d Battalion.

0855 Hours: Service Battery closed in new position in NEUFAHRN, GERMANY.

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- 0930 Hours: Battery B displaced to new position in the vicinity of UNTERLEITEN, GERMANY.
- 1130 Hours: Battery C displaced to new position in the vicinity of UNTERLEITEN, GERMANY.
- 1205 Hours: Headquarters Battery displaced from position in the vicinity of ASCHOLDING, GERMANY to proceed to position in the vicinity of UNTERLEITEN, GERMANY. Building which was occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1315 Hours: Headquarters Battery occupied position in the vicinity of UNTERLEITEN, GERMANY. (Y 8480-2063, Sheet 83W). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 38). Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.
- 1600 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and Com O left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of WAAKIRCHEN, GERMANY.
- 1745 Hours: Battalion completed displacement from positions in the vicinity of UNTERLEITEN, GERMANY to positions in the vicinity of WAAKIRCHEN, GERMANY. Building which was occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1835 Hours: Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of WAAKIRCHEN, GERMANY. (Y 9475-1585, Sheets 83E & 91E). (See Appendix I, Position Area Overlay No. 39). Building occupied by Battalion CP, owner unknown, was found to be in good condition.

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3 May 1945

- 0945 Hours: Message from Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division - "The ration situation is critical in the Zone of Interior as well as in this theater. In addition to Allied Army personnel, provisions must be made for repatriated Allied PW and enemy PW. The present advance has restricted the movement of rations into the Army area. Utilization of captured enemy stocks will be made to the fullest extent. Units will not use these stocks to supplement US rations. Unit Commanders will give particular attention to the immediate placing of guards on all captured ration stocks and such stocks will be immediately reported to G-4, 4th Infantry Division."
- 0950 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting was held to advise them of the change of attachment of the battalion and of new mission.

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- 1000 Hours: Message from Commanding Officer, 4th Division Artillery - "Battalion detached from 4th Infantry Division and attached to 101st Airborne Division effective 1000B hours today. 101st Airborne Division CP located in WOLFRATSHAUSEN (7530)."
- 1030 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting was adjourned.
- 1045 Hours: 2d Lt PAUL D COOK returned and reported to Battalion CP from forward observer duty with Company E, 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1100 Hours: 2d Lt ROBERT N BUCKLEY reported back from forward observer duty with the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.
- 1245 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-3, S-2, and Assistant Com C left for 101st Airborne Division.
- 1300 Hours: Battalion sent 25 trucks with 1st Lt RAYMOND K STRAW JR and 2d Lt WILLIAM C CLARK in charge, to the Commanding Officer, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment in MIESBACH, GERMANY.
- 1330 Hours: A German General, Major General STEINMAYER, was captured and brought to Battalion CP.
- 1350 Hours: Capt PHILLIPS of the Military Government Section, 12th Infantry Regiment, visited Battalion CP.
- 1400 Hours: Capt PHILLIPS left Battalion CP.
- 1645 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-3, S-2, and Assistant Com C returned from 101st Airborne Division. Battalion will remain in present position immobilized while trucks are being used to transport elements of the 101st Airborne Division.
- 1730 Hours: Assistant S-3 left for 101st Airborne Division Artillery as liaison officer.

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- 0800 Hours: Battalion Commander left for 101st Airborne Division CP.
- 0810 Hours: Operations Instructions Number 10, Headquarters 101st Airborne Division, dated 3 May 1945, received. Division CP closes at WOLFRATSHAUSEN at 041200B May 1945 and opens same time at MIESBACH.
- 0840 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from 101st Airborne Division CP with information on present mission of the battalion.
- 1000 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders and parties left on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of SCHAFTLACH, GERMANY.

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- 1005 Hours: Message from Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division Artillery - "Have representative report to 101st Airborne Division Artillery, location 076175, town of MIESBACH, at 1200B hours today."
- 1220 Hours: Battalion Commander and party and Battery Commanders returned from reconnaissance.
- 1315 Hours: Battalion displaced from positions in the vicinity of WAAKIRCHEN, GERMANY to proceed to assembly area in SCHAFLACH, GERMANY. Building which was occupied by Battalion CP left in good condition.
- 1330 Hours: Battalion closed in assembly area in the vicinity of SCHAFLACH, GERMANY. (Y 9585-1787, Sheets 83E & 91E). (See Appendix I, Assembly Area Overlay No. 2). Total distance traveled by motor 2 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by SS Lt Gen ROTTENHUBER, was found to be in excellent condition and no evidence of previous looting.
- 1500 Hours: 2d Lt ARATA KIMURA left the Battalion to proceed to the United States to receive Liaison Pilot's training at Sheppard Field, Texas.
- 1800 Hours: General Orders Number 167, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 28 April 1945, received, awarding S Sgt George S Abe, Battery B, the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action on 30 October 1944 near BELMONT, FRANCE. (See Appendix II, Commendations and Awards).

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5 May 1945

- 0900 Hours: 1st Lt ALBERT E BINOTTI attached to Battalion Air Section as aerial observer, replacing 2d Lt ARATA KIMURA.
- 0905 Hours: Assistant S-3 returned from 101st Airborne Division Artillery.
- 1000 Hours: Memorandum, this headquarters, dated 5 May 1945, concerning security of the battalion, organization, equipment, weapons, and helmets, and also the transfer of 2d Lt JAMES A CRAIG from Battery C to Headquarters Battery as Battalion Security Officer, issued to each Battery Commander and Commanding Officer, Medical Detachment. (See Appendix III, Memoranda).

Memorandum, this headquarters, dated 5 May 1945, issued to all batteries and medical detachment. The fine work and splendid attitude demonstrated by the forty-nine enlisted men who joined the battalion during the period 5-13 April 1945 commended by the Battalion Commander. (See Appendix II, Commendations and Awards).

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- 1100 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 left for meeting at 101st Airborne Division CP. The battalion was given a security mission and assigned a sector.
- 1130 Hours: Assistant S-3 returned to his liaison duties with 101st Airborne Division Artillery.
- 1230 Hours: Battalion Commander and S-2 returned from meeting at 101st Airborne Division CP with information that the battalion is now attached to 327th Glider Infantry Regiment.
- 1315 Hours: Memorandum, this headquarters, dated 5 May 1945, issued to all batteries on present mission of the battalion. (See Appendix III, Memoranda).
- 1330 Hours: Memorandum, this headquarters, dated 5 May 1945, on instructions received from Division Commander on Property of Non-Military Origin, sent to all batteries. (See Appendix III, Memoranda).
- 1400 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting was held at Battalion CP. Information obtained by Battalion Commander at this morning's meeting at Division Headquarters was disseminated to the Battery Commanders and Staff Officers.
- 1445 Hours: Battery Commanders' meeting adjourned.
- 1600 Hours: Overlay showing Zones of Security for each battery distributed to all batteries. (See Appendix I, Security Sector Overlay No. 1).
- 1700 Hours: Eight trucks returned from detail with 327th Glider Infantry Regiment.

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- 0955 Hours: Radio message from LIEUTENANT GENERAL ALEXANDER M. PATCH, Commanding General, U. S. Seventh Army - "All enemy troops will surrender at 1200 hours today and all units will remain intact until further notice."
- 1000 Hours: Message from Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division - "German Army Group G on front of XXI Corps and 101st Airborne Division has surrendered. Halt all troops in place. No further advance except on orders, this Headquarters. Further details and orders will follow. Necessary measures will be taken, however, troops will fire only if fired upon. Effective 1200 today."

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- 1005 Hours: Battalion Commander left for Battalion Commanders' Meeting at 327th Glider Infantry Regimental CP.
- 1200 Hours: Battalion Commander returned from Battalion Commanders' Meeting.
- 1245 Hours: COLONEL VINCENT, G-1, XXI Corps, and Major LAVROW, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, attached to G-1, XXI Corps, visited Battalion CP with information that Allied PW's will be transported to Camp No. 4, ULM, GERMANY.
- 1400 Hours: Memorandum, 101st Airborne Division, dated 6 May 1945, received. PW's transported to the rear area cages permitted to retain personal items.
- 1925 Hours: Memorandum, this headquarters, dated 6 May 1945, issued to all batteries. Instructions obtained by Battalion Commander at the meeting today are noted in this memorandum. (See Appendix III, Memoranda).

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7 May 1945

- 0800 Hours: Battalion CP moved from building owned by SS Lieutenant General ROTTENHUBER to the post office building in the same town (SCHAFTLACH, GERMANY).
- 1030 Hours: Message by phone from XXI Corps Artillery Section - "Send an agent to XXI Corps today reporting to Artillery Section to receive instructions in reference to battalion's move to rear area."
- 1200 Hours: Battalion Security Platoon was organized with 2d Lt JAMES A CRAIG as officer in charge. The Platoon is made up of one noncommissioned officer and eighteen enlisted men.
- 1400 Hours: Message from XXI Corps - "Move battalion to vicinity of AUGSBURG, GERMANY, reporting on arrival to Commanding Officer, 30th Field Artillery Group. Pass IP (Schaftlach) 090800 May. Send advance party on 8 May to report to Commanding Officer, 30th Field Artillery Group at STADTBERGEN (Y 3079). Your convoy number is C-60. Agent has marked map with route."

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- 0900 Hours: Battalion Commander, S-2, and S-3 left as advance party for 30th Field Artillery Group Headquarters at STADTBERGEN, GERMANY.
- 1000 Hours: News - The surrender was made at 0241 Greenwich Time yesterday in a schoolhouse at REIMS, FRANCE, GENERAL EISENHOWER'S Headquarters. The surrender was signed for Germany by Colonel General GUSTAV JOEL, the new Chief of Staff. LIEUTENANT GENERAL BEDELL SMITH signed for GENERAL EISENHOWER.
- 1300 Hours: News - The Official Surrender and Victory in Europe was broadcast by Mr. Churchill.
- 1700 Hours: Its STRAW and CLARK returned with trucks from detail with 101st Airborne Division.
- 1800 Hours: News - All firing will cease at one minute after midnight tomorrow.
- 1900 Hours: News - The King of England spoke to the world. The King sent his congratulations to GENERAL EISENHOWER.

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9 May 1945

- 0815 Hours: Battalion displaced from assembly area in the vicinity of SCHAFTLACH, GERMANY to proceed to assembly area in the vicinity of AUGSBURG, GERMANY. (Order of march: C, SV, Hq, A, and B). Building occupied by Battalion CP was left in good condition.
- 1200 Hours: Battalion occupied assembly area in the vicinity of STEPPACH, GERMANY. (Y 288802, Sheet W-5). (See Appendix I, Assembly Area Overlay No. 3). Total distance traveled by motor 77 miles. Building occupied by Battalion CP, owned by Frau Emma Kirschenfer, was found to be in good condition. Premises requisitioned through Accommodations Section, Seventh Army.
- 1300 Hours: 1st Lt JOSEPH W DEWES and 2d Lt JOHN C ECHOIS with thirty enlisted men left battalion to proceed to DIJON, FRANCE on TDY with XXI Corps Rest Center. Approximate length of TDY 5 days.
- 1600 Hours: General Orders Number 169, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 30 April 1945, received, awarding Capt IVAN C JOHNSON, 0417507, Commanding Officer, Battery B, Capt BILLY T TAYLOR, 0339685, Battalion S-2, Cpl James M Kono, 30102628, Service Battery, and Tec 5 Oscar K Sakamoto, 30104292, Battery A, the Bronze Star Medals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in ITALY, FRANCE and GERMANY. (See Appendix II, Commendations and Awards).

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- 0900 Hours: Message from 30th Field Artillery Group - "One enlisted man report to 30th Field Artillery Group Air OP on TDY this morning."
- 1000 Hours: Assistant S-4 and 2d Lt EVERETT L BOOE JR left for IPPLING, FRANCE for the purpose of obtaining duffle bags that were in storage.
- 1005 Hours: Message from 30th Field Artillery Group - "Lt BLACKBURN and Lt COOK will report to XXI Corps Artillery on TDY at 1000B hours, 11 May 1945."
- 1030 Hours: Chaplain TUCKER, 30th Field Artillery Group, visited Battalion CP to inform the Battalion Commander of a battalion church service at 1000B hours, 13 May 1945 at a place to be designated later.
- 1100 Hours: Chaplain TUCKER left Battalion CP.
- 1405 Hours: Battalion Executive and Personnel Officer left for Seventh Army Headquarters.
- 1600 Hours: Battalion Executive and Personnel Officer returned from Seventh Army Headquarters.

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