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9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 63d Infantry Division, APO #410, U. S. ARMY.

1. Transmitted herewith is Unit History (After Action Reports) of the 822d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

For the Commanding Officer:

ABEL P. DE WITT  
1st Lt., Inf.  
Adjutant

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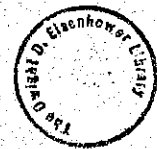
15 September 1944 to 21 March 1945

Hambach, France	- - - - -	5 Feb 45	to	21 Feb 45
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CAMPAIGN "CENTRAL EUROPE"

22 March 1945 to Final Date to be announced

Gehrweiler, Germany	- - - - -	25 Mar 45	to	27 Mar 45
Iorsch, Germany	- - - - -	27 Mar 45	to	30 Mar 45
Grossachsen, Germany	- - - - -	30 Mar 45	to	1 Apr 45
Heidelberg, Germany	- - - - -	1 Apr 45	to	2 Apr 45
Halmstadt, Germany	- - - - -	2 Apr 45	to	4 Apr 45
Rittersbach, Germany	- - - - -	4 Apr 45	to	6 Apr 45
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Woggingen, Germany	- - - - -	24 Apr 45	to	25 Apr 45
Heuchlingen, Germany	- - - - -	25 Apr 45	to	27 Apr 45
Ebersbach, Germany	- - - - -	27 Apr 45	to	28 Apr 45
Munsterhausen, Germany	- - - - -	28 Apr 45	to	30 Apr 45
Goggingen, Germany	- - - - -	30 Apr 45	to	3 May 45
Landsberg, Germany	- - - - -	3 May 45	to	18 May 45



Total miles travelled.....	461
Total days on the line.....	86
Total deaths.....	6
Total Casualties.....	55

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AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1945

1 March 1945 - Battalion CP located Sarreguemines (505-569). Lt. Colonel Mains, Battalion CO, to the 63rd Division CP to discuss plans with Division Chief of Staff and Division G-3. Later visited 253rd Infantry Regiment's CP for talk with Regimental Commander. Lt. Ittner to Company "A" CP at 0900 hours, returned at 1030 hours. Lt. DeWitt, Battalion S-1, to 63rd Division rear echelon at 1000 hours, returned at 1200 hours. Lt. Ittner, Liaison Officer #1, to 776th TD Battalion with overlay of Battalion anti-tank defenses of the 63rd Division sector at 1500 hours, returned at 1700 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to 253rd Infantry Regimental CP and to Company "A" CP at 1345 hours, returned at 1430 hours. Major Armstrong, S-3 of the 16th TD Group visited CP with orders attaching one firing company and one reconnaissance platoon to the 101st Cavalry Group at 1415 hours. Lt. DeWitt to the 5th TD Group for information about the After Action Report at 1430 hours, returned at 1630 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Infantry Division CP at 1535 hours to discuss plans for moving one company to the 101st Cavalry Group with the Commanding General, returned at 1700 hours. Captain Earle, "C" Company CO and 1st Lt. Kane, Company SX, visited Battalion CP to receive details for move to 101st Cavalry Group's sector. Lts. Demeranville and Venable, Reconnaissance officers, received orders for movement of one platoon to the 101st Cavalry Group and planned to coordinate move with "C" Company. Hq Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. These gun positions were hit by mortar fire at 1635 hours. One 1/4 ton truck was hit and Pfc Sullivan was slightly injured. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon - Rest and maintenance. Platoon leader and platoon sergeant reconnoitered 11 bridge in Sarreguemines and south of Sarreguemines to determine their condition and reported same to XXI Corps. Company "A" - CP located at Kleinsblittersdorf (492-621) Continued to improve positions in the 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. 3rd Platoon positions under mortar fire at 1630 hours. No casualties reported. Company "B" continued to occupy & prepared positions in center of the 63rd Division sector. Moved 4 guns to new positions in sector previously occupied by Company "C". Company "C" - CP located at Woelfling (393-542). Company assembled in vicinity of Woelfling. Performed maintenance on vehicles and weapons in preparation for move to 101st Cavalry Group's sector. CO and platoon leaders departed for 101st Cavalry Group sector at 1600 hours. Weather cloudy and cold.

2 March - Staff Section: Lt. DeWitt to 776th TD Battalion and 63rd Division CP at 0900 hours; returned at 1130 hours. Lt. Ittner to Company "A" at 1300 hour with 16th TD Group Chaplain and Dentist. Lt. Colonel Mains to Company "A" at 0900 hours, returned at 1535 hours. Captain LaBrode, Battalion S-4, contacted Major Sweeney, S-4 of the 101st Cavalry Group and made arrangements for the 101st Cavalry Group to supply Company "C" with emergency ammunition. Colonel Millet and Lt. Colonel Kelkes of the XXI Corps Ordnance visited Battalion CP at 1500 hours. Major Tanous and Captain Gurney visited Battalion S-4 at 1400 hours. Headquarter Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for "A" Company

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gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" joined Company at (489-517) and proceeded with them to 101st Cavalry Group's sector. Company "A" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions in the 255th Infantry Regiment's sector. CO and platoon leaders made reconnaissance for new positions. Company "B" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions in the 254th Infantry Regiment's sector. Company "C", under command of 1st Lt. Kane, cleared assembly position in the vicinity of Woelfling at 0800 hours and closed into the 101st Cavalry Group's sector at 1100 hours. CO and platoon leaders joined Company in assembly position (250-565) at 1400 hours. Weather clear and cold.

3 March - Staff Section - Lt. Ittner to the 776th TD Battalion at 0915 hours returned at 1300 hours. Major Kemp to Company "C" in the 101st Cavalry Group sector at 0830, returned at 1400 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to Company "A" sector at 0830. Observed infantry and tank attack at 1405 hours. Returned at 1730 hours. Captain Thomas visited CP at 1025 hours. Lt. Ittner to Company "A" at 1425 hours, returned at 1610 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to the 253rd Infantry Regiment and Company "A" CP at 1930 hours, returned at 2300 hours. Captain LaBrode to 101st Cavalry Group and Company "C" at 1500 hours, returned at 2100 hours. Hq. Company 1st Rcn. platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" for close in protection of gun positions. Company "A" continued to occupy and improve 9 prepared positions in the 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. 3 guns occupied position of readiness at (510-630), and will move forward under cover of darkness to assist in the organization of the anti-tank defense of the 253rd Infantry Regiment. Increased amounts of artillery and mortar fire hit one section of the 3rd platoon (521-631). Company "B" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiments' sectors. Company "C" located at St. Avold in sector of 101st Cavalry Group, started preparing gun positions. CO and platoon leaders continued reconnaissance for positions. Weather clear and cold.

4 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 253rd Infantry Regiment and Company "A" gun positions at 0900 hours, returned at 1330 hours. Major Kemp to Company "B" gun positions at 0930 hours, returned at 1200 hours. Lt. Junkins to 63rd Division CP at 1500 hours, returned at 1700 hours. Captain Thomas, 16th TD Group visited CP at 1530 hours. Company "A" continued to occupy and improve 9 prepared positions in the 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. Two guns moved forward and closed in new positions at 0500 hours to assist in organization of the anti-tank defense of the 253rd Infantry Regiment. One gun in position of readiness at (510-630). Company "B" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions in the 254th & 255th Infantry Regiments' sectors. Company "C" located at St. Avold in the 101st Cavalry Group's sector. CO and platoon leaders made reconnaissance for gun positions. Hq. Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for "A" Company gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" for close in protection of gun positions. Weather cloudy and cold.

5 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division CP and Company "A" gun positions at 0925 hours, returned at 1345 hours. Captain LaBrode, Battalion S-4, to A and B Companies at 0945 hours, returned at 1230 hours. Lt. DeWitt to Company "B" at 0900 hours, returned at 1300 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to "A" Co. CP at 1930 hours, returned at 2030 hours. Colonel Mains and Captain Copeland observed Company "A" firing. Hq. Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for gun positions of Company "A". 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" for close in protection of gun positions. Company "A" occupying 11 prepared positions in 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. One gun in mobile reserve at (510-630). One gun at (489-633) fired on enemy strong points and MG

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and MG nests at 3000 yards and received credit for the destruction of 7 strong points and 2 MG nests. After firing, infantry patrols captured 48 prisoners in the basements of 2 strong points. This gun moved to new position under cover of darkness. Company "B" continued to occupy and improve prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiment's sectors. Company "C" located at Differter in the 101st Cavalry Group's sector preparing to move to prepared positions to assist in attack. Weather cloudy and cold.

6 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to Company "A" at 0935 hours, returned at 1100 hours. Captain Copeland to Company "A" at 0935 hours, returned at 1100 hours. Lt. Ittner to Company "B" at 1530 hours, returned at 1730 hours. 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" for close in protection of gun positions. Company "A" occupying 11 prepared positions in the 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. One gun in mobile reserve at (510-630) and will occupy position at (501-658) under cover of darkness. Company "B" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiment's sector. Company "C" located at Differter in 101st Cavalry Group's sector. 10 guns ready to occupy prepared positions to assist in attack. 2 guns held in mobile reserve. Weather cloudy and cold.

7 March - Staff Section: Major Bishop to Company "C" at 0900 hours, returned at 1650 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to Company "A" at 1040 hours, returned at 1425 hours. Lt. Ittner to "A" and "B" Companies at 1040, returned at 1200 hours. Lt. DeWitt to Reinforcement Center at 1300 hours, returned at 1630 hours. Colonel Wheaton and Captain Knowles of the 16th TD Group visited CP at 1030 hours. Colonel Wheaton accompanied Lt. Colonel Mains to Company "A" gun positions. Hq Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for "C" Company gun positions. Company "A" occupying 11 prepared positions in 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. One gun which was held in mobile reserve was placed in position at (519-648) and opened fire on Fechingen at 071200 hours. This gun, under command of Sgt. Derrick, scored a hit on a house which exploded indicating the presence of a large amount of enemy ammunition or explosives and also destroyed one pillbox. The gun position received heavy enemy fire, wounding two men and forcing the crew away from the gun prime mover temporarily. Sgt. Derrick returned to the gun position under heavy fire and removed the breech block, thereby preventing its use by the enemy in event of capture. For this action he was recommended for the Bronze Star. Company "B" continued to improve 12 prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiment's sector. CO and platoon leaders made reconnaissance for new positions. Company "C" - 10 guns ready to occupy positions in the 101st Cavalry Group Sector to assist in attack. 2 guns in mobile reserve. Weather cloudy and cold.

8 March - Staff Section: Lt. DeWitt and Captain Pollard to Brussels and Reims at 0800 hours. Lt. Ittner to Company "A" at 1040 hours, returned at 1210 hours. Hq Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" providing close in protection of gun positions. Company "A" - Captain Copeland temporarily in command of Company. Gun at (519-648) withdrawn from position due to heavy enemy fire making it impossible to man the gun. Company "B" remained in 12 prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiments sector. Company "C" occupied 7 previously prepared positions between 2000-2400 hours in the 101st Cavalry Group sector. Weather rainy and cold.

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9 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division CP at 0900 hours, returned at 1000 hours. Major Bishop to 776th TD Battalion at 0900 hours, returned at 1610 hours. Major Kemp to Company "B" at 0930 hours, returned at 1300 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains and Major Bishop to 7th Army Armored demonstration at 1400 hours, returned at 1730 hours. Company "A" occupying 11 prepared positions in 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. One gun held in reserve, to be placed in position under cover of darkness. Company "B" occupying 12 prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiment's sectors. Company "C" occupying 7 prepared positions in 101st Cavalry Group sector. 5 guns held in mobile reserve to be placed in position on 101st Cavalry Group's order. Guns of 1st and 3rd platoons fired at pillboxes and strong points in towns of Schaffhausen and Hostenbach scoring hits on both pillboxes and strong points. Results - 2 pillboxes and one strong point credited. Positions received mortar and artillery fire. Weather cloudy and cold.

10 March - Staff Section: Lt. Ittner to 63rd Division rear at 0845, returned at 1200 hours. Major Bishop to "B" Company at 0845 hours. Major Kemp to Company "A" at 1300 hours, returned at 1630 hours. Hq. Company - Lt. Stewart conducting M18 drivers school. 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" providing close in protection for gun positions. Company "A" occupying 11 prepared positions in the 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. One gun moved to new position (497-665) at 1430 hours. Roads being swept clear of mines to allow one gun now being held in mobile reserve to be placed in position under cover of darkness. Company "B" occupying 12 prepared positions in 254th and 255th Infantry Regiment's sectors. Company "C" occupying 7 prepared positions in the 101st Cavalry Group sector. 5 guns held in mobile reserve to be placed in position on 101st Cavalry Group's order. 25 rounds ammunition expended on pillboxes - result undetermined. Weather cloudy and cold.

11 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to Company "A" CP at 0930 hours returned at 1100 hours. Major Kemp to Kleinsblittersdorf at 0845 hours, returned 1200 hours. Major Stiver, 5th TD Group visited CP at 1400 hours. Major Bishop preparing school to train M18 gun crews. Lt. Stewart conducting M18 drivers school. 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "C" gun positions. Company "A" occupying 12 prepared positions in 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. One gun moved from mobile reserve to position at (502-622) under cover of darkness. CO and platoon leaders reconnoitered area for future gun positions. Company "B" occupying 12 prepared positions in the 254th and 255th Infantry Regiment's sectors. Company "C" occupying 3 prepared positions in the 101st Cavalry Group's sector. 9 guns in mobile reserve to be placed in position on 101st Cavalry Group order. Weather cloudy and cold.

12 March - Staff Section: Major Kemp to 776th TD Battalion at 1030 hours, returned 1200 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to Kleinsblittersdorf at 1100 hours, returned at 1530 hours. Major Bishop to 253rd Engineers at 1400 hours, returned at 1720 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 1430 hours, returned at 1630 hours. Captain Thomas, 16th TD Group visited CP at 2000 hours. Major Erkki and Lt. White of 648th TD Battalion visited CP at 2000 hours. Company "A" occupying 12 prepared positions in 253rd Infantry Regiment's sector. Company "B" CO and platoon leaders made reconnaissance for new gun positions within new boundary of Division. Moved 9 guns; 3 guns to be placed in direct fire positions under cover of darkness. 6 guns held in mobile reserve in vicinity of Auersmacher to be placed in indirect fire positions when reconnaissance is complete. CP moved

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From Sarreguemines to Kleinsblittersdorf. Company "C" - 1st platoon moved into indirect fire positions (258-705) at 0500 12 Mar 45. Fired 70 rounds harrassing fire on houses and strongpoints in Hostenbach; extent of damage undetermined but hits were observed on both houses and strongpoints. 2nd platoon occupying direct fire positions in 101st Cavalry Group's sector. 3rd platoon held in mobile reserve to be committed on 101st Cavalry Group's order. Hq. Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "A" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" providing close in protection for gun positions. Weather clear and cool.

13 March - Lt. Colonel Mains and Major Bishop to 63rd Division demonstration at 0900 hours, returned at 1200 hours. Major Kemp to Kleinsblittersdorf at 1000 hours, returned at 1100 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 1300 hours, returned at 1600 hours. Major Bishop to training area to instruct crews on the M18 TD. Hq. Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "B" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "C" providing close in protection for gun positions. Company "A" exchanged 10 gun crews and gun positions with Company "B". Now occupying 6 direct fire positions within newly assigned Division boundary. 6 guns held in mobile reserve to occupy indirect fire positions when reconnaissance for these positions has been completed. Company "B" - 10 guns crews relieved crews of Company "A"'s forward guns. 2 guns remained in previously prepared positions. Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 121 rounds HE harrassing fire into Schaffhausen and Hostenbach. 2nd platoon continued to occupy and improve prepared positions. 3rd platoon held in mobile reserve to be committed on 101st Cavalry Group order. Weather clear and cool.

14 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 0930, returned at 1030 hours. Major Bishop to M18 training area at 0730 hours, returned at 1500 hours. Captain Copeland placed in command of 5 SP guns. Captain Copeland and Lt. Demeranville forward to reconnoiter positions for SP guns. Lt. Colonel Corcoran and Lt. Hunt of 16th TD Group visited CP at 1330 hours. Hq. Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "B" gun positions. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon relieved from attachment to "C" Company - rest and maintenance. Company "A" occupying 6 direct fire positions within new Division boundary and 6 indirect fire positions in vicinity of Hannweiler, Co. "B" occupying 12 prepared positions in 253rd and 254th Infantry Regiment's sector. Company "C" released from 101st Cavalry Group control, reverted to Battalion control, now in position of readiness at (515-588). 5 SP M18's with 2 crews from "A" two from "B" and one from "C" Company, moved from position of readiness (510-661) at 1800 hours. Weather clear and cold.

15 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 255th Infantry Regiment's CP and Company "A" CP at 0135 hours, visited forward towed and SP guns, observed infantry attack, and made plans to set up anti-tank defenses. Returned at 1045 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to forward guns at 1130 hours, returned at 1500 hours. Colonel Wheaton and staff visited CP at 1400 hours with plans to place Battalion in defensive positions. Major Bishop to 16th TD Group with plans for anti-tank defense of 63rd Division left flank at 1800 hours. Hq. Company - 1st Reconnaissance platoon providing close in protection for Company "B"'s guns. 2nd Reconnaissance platoon - 1 section providing close in protection for SP guns, 1 section guarding Battalion CP. Company "A" moved 10 guns to improved direct fire positions on 63rd Division's right flank. Company "B" moved 6 guns to improved positions. CO and platoon leaders made reconnaissance for new positions. Company "C"

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4 guns moved into direct fire positions at (530-650). 8 guns at Company CP(515-588). Weather - clear and cool.

16 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains and Major Kemp to 63rd Division at 0900 to discuss plans for movement of A & C Companies to positions along left flank and rear boundary of the Division with the mission of protecting the left and rear boundary of the Division. Returned at 1010 hours. Captain Thomas visited Battalion CP at 1000 hours. Major Armstrong and Lt. Hitt, 16th TD Group visited Bn. CP at 1000 hours. Captain LaBrode to Kleinsblittersdorf at 1030 hours. Major Kemp to Battalion rest center at 1300 hours, returned at 1430 hours. Company "A" occupying 12 prepared positions in 255th Infantry Regiment's sector moved to direct fire positions in support of 255th Infantry Regiment. Company "B" occupying 12 positions in 253rd and 254th Infantry Regiment's sectors. Moved 5 guns to improved positions. Company "C" - 1st and 2nd platoons occupying direct fire positions vic Eschringen until 1430 hours when they were relieved in place by elements 776th TD Battalion. All platoons being held in mobile reserve vic Auersmacher. 5 SP M18 destroyers returned to Battalion area at 1730 hours from direct fire positions vic Fechingen, being relieved by elements of Baker Company. Destroyers reverted to Battalion control for training purposes. Weather clear and cool.

17 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 0830 hours, returned at 1000 hours. Major Bishop to M18 training area to supervise training of M18 crews at 0800. Returned at 1200 hours. Major Armstrong, Major Smith, Captain Thomas, Lt. Perkinson, and Lt. Hitt visited CP at 1100 hours. Colonel Wheaton and Major Lowe visited CP at 1500 hours. Company "A" occupying 12 prepared positions along left flank of Division sector with the mission of protecting the Division's left flank. Company "B" continued to occupy and improve positions in 253rd and 254th Infantry Regiment's sector. Company "C" occupying 8 prepared positions along Division's left and rear boundary. One platoon undergoing training on M18 SP tank destroyers. 1st and 2nd Reconnaissance platoons providing close in protection for "B" Company gun positions. 5 SP destroyers non-operational. Being used in crew training in Battalion area. Weather clear and cool.

18 March - Staff Section - Major Bishop to M18 training of M18 crews. Lt. Junkins to 16th TD Group at 1000 hours. Major Armstrong, Captain Knowles, Captain Sutherland visited Battalion CP at 1615 hours. Major Armstrong brought orders from 16th TD Group placing 2 six gun batteries of Company "A" and 2 four gun batteries from Company "C" in indirect fire positions vic Kleinsblittersdorf and Bubingen respectively. Major Kemp and Lt. Colonel Mains to 413th FA Group CP at 1830 hours to discuss plans for coordinating the fires of the Group. Company "A" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions along left flank of Division sector. Company "B" continued to occupy and improve 12 prepared positions in sector held by 101st and 116th Cavalry. Company "C" occupying 8 prepared positions along Division's left and rear boundary. One platoon undergoing training on M18 destroyers. Weather clear and cool.

19 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to Bubingen and Kleinsblittersdorf at 0630, returned at 1230 hours. Major Bishop to M18 training area at 0800 hours to supervise training of M18 crews. Major Kemp to M18 training area at 1000 hours, returned at 1030 hours. Lt. Colonel Corcoran, Major Smith, Captain Thomas, and Lt. Hitt visited CP at 1100 hours. Company "A" occupying 12 indirect fire positions vic Kleinsblittersdorf. Completed registration at 1800 hours. Company "B" continued to occupy 12 direct fire positions in 101st and 116th Cavalry Group

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Sectors. Company "A" occupying 8 indirect fire positions vic Bubingen. One platoon undergoing training on M18 Destroyers.

20 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to Grosblittersdorf at 0900 hours. Major Bishop to Grosblittersdorf at 1000 hours. Captain Knowles visited CP at 1100 hours. Battalion CP and rear echelon moved from Sarreguemines, closed in Grosblittersdorf at 1500 hours. At 1530 Major Bishop, Battalion S-3, while reconnoitering for an M 18 training area ran over and exploded an enemy mine. Vehicle was destroyed and Major Bishop and driver hospitalized. Company "A" with 12 guns in indirect fire positions vic Kleinsblittersdorf delivered 388 rounds harrassing fire on a total of 7 targets during period. Company "B" continued to occupy 12 direct fire positions in 101st and 116th Cav. Gp's sector. Company "C" with 8 guns in indirect fire positions vic Bubingen delivered 84 rounds harrassing fire on 3 targets designated by 413 FA Gp during period. One platoon undergoing training on M-18 Destroyers.

21 March - Staff Section: Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division CP at 1030 hour returned at 1120 hours. Captain Copeland to M18 training area at 0830 hours, returned at 1200 hours. Captain Pollard, acting S-3, to Division CP at 1030 hours, returned at 1120 hours. Company "A" withdrew 12 guns from indirect fire positions to assembly area at Co. CP vic Kleinsblittersdorf. Closed in assembly area at 130 hours and spent rest of period in care and cleaning of weapons and vehicles. Company "B" withdrew 12 guns from direct fire positions vic Fechingen to assembly area at Company CP vic Kleinsblittersdorf. Closed in Kleinsblittersdorf at 1440 hours. Remainder of period spent in maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Company "C" withdrew 8 guns from indirect fire positions vic Bubingen to assembly area vic Co. CP, closed in assembly area at 1330 and spent remainder of period in care and cleaning of equipment.

22 March - Staff Section - Lt. Colonel Mains to new CP location at Limbach at 1400. Captain Copeland forward to new CP to look for billets for Battalion (-) personnel. Company "A" attached to combat team Red moved from assembly area vic Kleinsblittersdorf at 1400 hours, closed in assembly area at Bruckweierhof at 1800 hours. Company "B" attached to combat team White moved from assembly area vic Kleinsblittersdorf at 1430 hours. Closed in assembly area vic Bierbach at 1730 hours. Battalion (-) attached to combat team Blue moved from assembly area vic Kleinsblittersdorf at 1500 hours, closed in Limbach at 1800 hours.

23 March - Staff Section: Lt. Junkins to 63rd Division at 1000 hours, returned at 1300 hours. Company "A" attached to Combat Team Red in assembly area at Bruckwierhof. Performed maintenance on vehicles and weapons. Company "B" attached to Combat Team White in assembly area at Bierbach. Period spent in care and cleaning of weapons and vehicles. Battalion (-) attached to Combat Team Blue in assembly area at Limbach. Performed maintenance on vehicles and weapons during period.

24 March - Lt. Junkins to 63rd Division at 0930 hours, returned at 1130 hours. Hq. Company - 1st and 2nd Reconnaissance platoons guarding CP. Performed maintenance on weapons and vehicles. Company "A" attached to Combat Team Red in assembly area at (620-805). One platoon undergoing training on M-18 tank destroyers (SP). Performed maintenance. Company "B" attached to Combat Team White in assembly area at (672-739). Performed maintenance on weapons and vehicles. Co. "C" attached to Combat Team blue in assembly area at (665-797). Performed maintenance on weapons and vehicles. CO made reconnaissance for defensive positions vic Homburg.

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25 March - Captain Copeland, Lt. Myers and Lt. DeWitt to Winnweiler to Billef the Battalion Headquarters Company and CP. Group moved with combat team Blue from (665-797) at 1645 hours to Gehrweiler (025-097). Closed at 2245 hours. Co. "A" moved with combat team Red from (620-805). Closed at 1400 hours. Company "B" moved with combat team White from (672-739) at 1200 hours to Waschbacherhof (107-087) closed 1500 hours. Company "C" moved with combat team Blue from (665-797) at 1645 hours to Gehrweiler (025-097) closed 2245 hours.

26 March - Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 0900 hours returned 1100 hours. Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 2000 hours; returned 2105 hours. Major Kern to 63rd Division at 2000 hours; returned 2105 hours. Headquarters Company, 1st and 2nd Rcn Platoons guarding Battalion CP performed vehicle and weapons maintenance. Company "A" attached to combat team Red. Period spent in vehicle and weapons maintenance. Company "B" attached to combat team White. Period spent in vehicle and weapons maintenance. Battalion (-) attached to combat team Blue. Period spent in vehicle and weapons maintenance.

27 March - Headquarters Company spent time cleaning vehicles and weapons. Company "A" attached to combat team Red. Period spent in maintenance of vehicles and weapons and small unit training. Company "B" attached to combat team White. Period spent in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Battalion (-) attached to combat team Blue. Period spent in maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

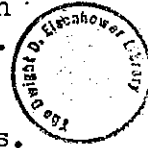
28 March - Headquarters Company and Battalion CP moved from Gehrweiler (025-097) at 1800 hours. Closed in Bivouac across the Rhine River at (588-148) at 0130 hours. Company "A" attached to combat team Red moved from Munchweiler (108-058). Across the Rhine River at 1600 hours. Closed in bivouac area at (589-028) at 0300 hours. Company "B" attached to combat team White moved from Waschbacherhof at 1700 hours across the Rhine River. Closed in bivouac area at (583-093) at 0300 hours. 29 March 1945. Company "C" attached to combat team White moved from Gehrweiler (025-097) at 1800 hours. Closed in bivouac area (584-637) at 0230 hours.

29 March - Lt. Colonel Mains to 255 Inf. Reg. and 63rd Infantry Division at 0930 returned 1100 hours. Captain Pollard (acting S-3) to Company "A" at 1030; returned 1145. Headquarters Company, 1st Rcn Platoon, one section attached to Company "A" continued route and bridge reconnaissance; one section guarding CP. Second Rcn, one section attached to Company "B" continued route and bridge reconnaissance; one section made bridge reconnaissance. Company "A", Lt Farrell, Company CO in absence of Captain Pollard made reconnaissance for gun positions. Weapons and vehicle maintenance performed. Company "B", platoon leaders and CO, reconnoitered for gun positions. Second platoon moved to defensive positions. First and third platoons in assembly area at (583-093). Company "C" CO and platoon leaders reconnoitered for defensive positions. Four SF, M18 Tank Destroyers under command of Lt DeDecker moved to positions near Grossachsen ready to attack at 3005 March 1945.

30 March - Lt. Colonel Mains to 63rd Division at 0800, returned 1030 hours. Captain Copeland to Grofssachsen to secure billets for the Battalion CP and Headquarters Company. CP and Headquarters Company moved from (588-146) to Grofssachsen at 0800 hours closed 1000 hours. First Rcn platoon, 1st section attached to Company "A" for reconnaissance purposes. One section guarding CP. Second Rcn platoon, one section attached to Company "B" for reconnaissance purposes. One section made bridge reconnaissance. Company "A", 1st and 3rd platoon in support of 253rd Infantry Regiment, crossed the Nechar River to strengthen

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the Anti Tank defense of the Regiment. At approximately 1700 hours the 1st and 3rd platoons followed infantry back across the river. Company "B" moved from (583-093) to Feubenheim (561-988) at 0900 hours. Third platoon crossed the Neckar River in support of the 255th Infantry Regiment at approximately 1500 hours and took up defensive positions near Mannheim. First and 2nd platoons remained in vic Company CP. Company "C" CP moved from Schriesheim at 1100 hours to Neuenheim. The 2nd and 3rd platoons went into defensive positions north of the Neckar River. Company had ten (10) men wounded by artillery and mortar fire. Company captured ten (10) prisoners.

31 March - F Battalion CP located at Grofssachsen. Company "A" in support of the 253rd Infantry Regiment followed infantry in attack to the east from Heidelberg. Second platoon fired 156 rounds at MG nests and strong points and took fourteen (14) prisoners during period. Company "B" continued to occupy and improve defensive positions in 254th Infantry Regiments sector. Company "C" with one platoon self-propelled destroyers attached in direct support of 255th Infantry. Three (3) towed guns in Anti-Tank defensive positions. One platoon leader and gun commander injured and evacuated. First Rcn platoon, one section attached to Company "A" providing route and bridge reconnaissance. One section guarding Battalion CP. Second Rcn platoon, one section attached to Company "B" continued route and bridge reconnaissance. One section guarding Battalion CP. T/Sgt Mc Nutt, operations Sgt, commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and placed in command of Transportation Platoon.

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BATTLE CASUALTY REGISTER  
MONTH OF MARCH 1945

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Type of Casualty</u>	<u>Date</u>
Olen H. Addison	Sgt	38 385 768	"A"	MIA-Slt-BC, Pen W Lt. Leg. Mortar Frag.	19 Feb 45
Fred A. Sullivan	Pfc	38 266 452	Hq.	Lacerated wound on nose from mortar shell.	1 Mar 45
Burl W. Harper	Tec 5	35 431 045	"C"	LD Shell fragment rt leg	6 Mar 45
Hubert G. Murphrey	Pvt	38 425 324	"A"	LD Bridge of nose (shell fragment)	7 Mar 45
James M. Phillips	Pvt	38 425 008	"A"	W Lt Abdomen, Funct W, back of Lt thigh from shell fragment.	7 Mar 45
Anthony Valore	Pfc	35 305 719	"A"	BC Bomb w(mine) MW Pen W leg, rt Fe 4th finger rt hand, Pen W rt. forearm, Pen W rt chest.	14 Mar 45
Donald O. Raber	Sgt	39 389 517	"C"	BC Bomb w(mine) MW Lac Wrt & Lt thigh	14 Mar 45
Arthur A. Latoske	Pfc	37 270 501	"C"	BC (mine) Run over in jeep, LD upper lip, Positive Fracture Lt Ankle.	14 Mar 45
Krastus Lawrence	Cpl	38 306 356	"B"	GSW(mortar MW Perf. WRT W Rt upper thigh and buttocks, Pen W, Ft lower chest, sucking, Pen W Rt shoulder Pen W Rt wrist.	19 Mar 45
Pierce D. Bishop	Major	0 265 609 INF Hq.		Concussion	20 Mar 45

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Type of Casualty</u>	<u>Date</u>
Louis H. Dautreuil	Pfc	38 266 351	Hq.	Abrasions rt hip & buttocks & concussion.	20 Mar 45
Harry S. Hager	Pfc	35 431 123	"C"	WIA, SF, LW, Chin, SV, Pen W Chest Rt Mod Sv. Died from wounds.	22 Mar 45
William W. VonRoeder	Pvt	39 556 448	"C"	WIA, SF, Pen W, back of head SV; 2d degree burns, face Mid. SV	22 Mar 45
Willard L. Parks	Pfc	38 377 547	"B"	WIA, S. Frag (Arty) Pen W Lt Chest, Pen W lateral aspect Lt knee.	30 Mar 45
Joseph Nicholson	Tec 5	33 379 590	"A"	WIA - SF, Pen W, Lt Chest Lower third, Sv. Died from wound.	30 Mar 45
Clyde D. Nigh	Pvt	33 379 530	"C"	WIA, S. Frag (Arty) Pen W Lt shoulder, SLT	30 Mar 45
Floyd A. Kamsayer	Opl	35 478 639	"C"	WIA, Lac W., shell frag cheek lt.	30 Mar 45
Minor W. Brantley	Pfc	38 386 148	"C"	WIA, Pen W back Sv Due to S. Frag. Died from wound.	30 Mar 45
John R. Harkin	Pvt	39 113 803	"C"	WIA LW neck due to S. Frag.	30 Mar 45
Fred H. Meyning	S Sgt	35 478 660	"C"	WIA Pen W. Lt thigh Sv due to shell frag.	30 Mar 45
Abreliano Visarraga	Pfc	38 349 316	"C"	BC, LWA, Foreign body, eyes, SF.	30 Mar 45
Isidore Jaramillo	Pvt	38 349 622	"C"	BC, LWA, Lac W, face	30 Mar 45
Dewey Hacker	Sgt	35 478 639	"C"	BC, WIA, Lac W, lt cheek.	30 Mar 45

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**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS  
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>General Order Number</u>
Harry E. Gilman	Tec 5	39 174 095	Purple Heart	GO #23, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 2
Frederick W. Laine	Pfc	39 119 821	Purple Heart	GO #29, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 7
Burl W. Harper	Tec 5	35 431 045	Purple Heart	GO #43, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 16
James M. Phillips Jr.	Pvt	38 425 008	Purple Heart	GO #44, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 17
Arthur A. Latzke	Pfc	37 270 501	Purple Heart	GO #53, Hq. 23d Gen Hosp. 22
Edwin E. Glenn	1st Lt.	01 824 851 INF	Bronze Star	GO #53, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 22
Howard W. Pollard	Captain	0 386 194 FA	Bronze Star	GO #55, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 23
Lawrence Erastus	Cpl	38 306 356	Purple Heart	GO #20, 9th Evac Hosp. 26
Anthony Cimeo	Pvt	39 314 939	Bronze Star	GO #60, 63d Inf Div. 28
Gabriel H. Ghiz	Tec 5	15 114 424	Bronze Star	GO #60, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 28
Hubert G. Murphrey	Pvt	38 425 324	Bronze Star	GO #60, Hq. 63d Inf. Div. 29
James M. Phillips Jr.	Pvt	38 425 008	Bronze Star	GO #60, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 28
Jose P. Quintana	Pvt	38 349 413	Bronze Star	GO #60, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 28
Hubert E. Wiley	Pvt	38 266 443	Bronze Star	GO #60, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 28
Claude R. Williams	Pvt	37 637 666	Bronze Star	GO #60, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 28
Joseph P. Terese	Cpl	38 377 306	Bronze Star	GO #69, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 30
Ralph Derrick	Sgt	38 377 426	Bronze Star	GO #70, Hq. 63d Inf Div. 31



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**ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL**  
**Month of March 1945**

Mains, Jr., Seward L.	1st Col	011 723	Battalion Commander
Kemp, Arthur D.	Major	0 368 716	Bn Executive Officer
Bishop, Pierce D.	Major	0 265 609	S-3
Copeland, Alfred	Captain	01 287 308	S-2
DeWitt, Abel F.	1st Lt.	01 287 318	S-1
LaBrode, Melvin F.	Captain	0 407 817	S-4
Cummings, Dason W.	Captain	01 700 679	Battalion Surgeon
Demeranville, Marshall I.	1st Lt.	01 287 316	Reconnaissance Officer
Kirby, John W.	Captain	0 401 652	CO, Hq. Co.
Pollard Howard W.	Captain	0 386 196	CO, "A" Co.
Frantz, Robert S.	Captain	0 449 207	CO, "B" Co.
Earle, Samuel M.	Captain	01 287 326	CO, "C" Co.



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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS  
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SECOND LIEUTENANT TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

Michael Krall

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