

HEADQUARTERS 820TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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AFTER ACTION REPORT
4 April 1945 to 18 April 1945
(Inclusive)

4 April 1945

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

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

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

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

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

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

The rear echelon moved to Nieder Dollendorf, Germany.

5 April 1945

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change

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

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

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

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5 April 1945 (Cont'd)

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

"A" Company.

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

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

"B" Company.

Attached to 386th Infantry. Company enroute to Mendt, Germany (F767343).

"C" Company.

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

6 April 1945

Battalion and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. no change.

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

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

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

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

"A" Company.

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

1st platoon no change.

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

3rd platoon joined 1st platoon in indirect fire positions vic Urthweiler.

"B" Company.

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

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6 April 1945 (Cont'd)

C" Company.

C.P. no change.

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

7 April 1945.

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

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

2nd platoon no change.

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

"A" Company no change.

"B" Company.

C.P. no change

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

"C" Company.

C.P. no change

1st platoon took up indirect fire positions vic (F590375)

2nd platoon moved to direct fire positions vic Haneglar (F6040).

3rd platoon moved to direct fire positions vic Vilich Muldorf.

8 April 1945

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

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

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8 April 1945 (Cont'd)

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

2d platoon no change.

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

"A" Company.

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

"B" Company.

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

"C" Company.

No change in position.

1st platoon fired 46 rounds 76MM HE indirect fire.

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

3rd platoon remained in direct fire position but did no firing.

9 April 1945

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

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

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. no change

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

1st platoon continued area and route reconnaissance for "B" Company.

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

"A" Company

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

1st and 3rd platoon fired 96 rounds unobserved fire on town of Pinzn, Germany.

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9 April 1945 (Cont'd)

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

“B” Company.

C.P. no change.

1st platoon attached 3rd Battalion, 386th Infantry.

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

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

2nd platoon attached 93rd Reconnaissance Squadron.

“C” Company.

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

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

10 April 1945

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

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

3rd platoon moved to Hennef with “A” Company at 2230 and remained there for the night.

“A” Company.

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10 April 1945 (Cont'd)

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

“B” Company.

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

“C” Company.

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

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

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

11 April 1945

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

No change for rear echelon.

Reconnaissance Company.

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

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

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

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

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

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11 April 1945 (Cont'd)

“A” Company.

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

“B” Company.

C.P. joined elements of train of 13th Armored Division.

1st platoon engaged and destroyed 1 MK V tank near Lohmar at 1400 hours. Again engaged enemy at Elsdorf at 1700 hours where an AA emplacement was destroyed. Captured 60 PW's.

“C” Company.

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

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

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

12 April 1945

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

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

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

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

“A” Company.

No Change in C.P.

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12 April 1945 (Cont'd)

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

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

“B” Company

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

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

“C” Company.

C.P and 1st platoon moved to (F611492).

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

3rd platoon saw no action.

13 April 1945

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

Battalion relieved from attachment to 13th Armored Division and again attached to 97th Infantry Division.

Reconnaissance Company.

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

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

1st platoon no change.

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

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

“A” Company.

C.P. at (F623574).

1st platoon no change.

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13 April 1945 (Cont'd)

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

“B” Company.

C.P. at (F540645)

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

1st platoon and C.P. under intermittent enemy artillery fire all day.

“C” Company

C.P. at (F682596).

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

14 April 1945

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

Rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

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

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

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

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

“A” Company.

C.P. vic Schildgen (F542687).

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

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14 April 1945 (Cont'd)

“B” Company.

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

“C” Company.

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

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

15 April 1945

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

Rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

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

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

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

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

“A” Company.

C.P. at Hofen (F539715).

1st platoon moved through Poll, captured MG nest, then advanced to Bucheim screening towns and captured 114 PW's.

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

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15 April 1945 (cont'd)

“B” Company

C.P. at Manfort (F497708).

1st platoon with C.P.

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

“C” Company.

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

16 April 1945

Battalion C.P. and rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company.

C.P. and Pioneer platoon no change.

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

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

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

“A” Company.

C.P. at Widdert

1st platoon moved to Burring, screening the town.

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

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

“B” Company.

C.P. at Manfort (F497708).

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

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16 April (cont'd)

“B” Company (Cont'd)

Second Platoon advanced along Autobahn west of Hilgen (F588790) to Witzhold. Third platoon vic Erkrath had no action.

“C” Company

C.P. (F577731)

1st platoon advanced along Autobahn with 2nd platoon, “B” Company. 2nd and 3rd platoons assaulted Burscheid without infantry support. During the action one M18 destroyer was overturned and badly damaged. Road blocks and heavy small arms fire was encountered. Company commander accepted the surrender of the town by local authorities.

17 April 1945

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

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

Rear echelon no change.

Reconnaissance Company

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

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

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

“A” Company

C.P. at (F516871)

1st platoon moved from Burring screening towns of Rhemdorf, Hitdorf, and Monheim. Moved to Baumberg where they remained for the night.

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

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

“B” Company

C.P. at Benrath (F398852).

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

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“C” Company
C.P. at (F557857).

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

18 April 1945

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

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

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