

HEADQUARTERS 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO #80 U.S. Army

5 May 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report for period 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945 inclusive. (Section I - Summary of daily operations and action).

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Through Channels).

1. NARRATIVE OF EVENTS:

a. 1 April 1945: Battalion in position at GENSUNGEN (82.6-19.2), mission was reinforcing fires of 905th FA Bn. 1145 hours displaced to ELLENBURG (21.2-88.8), closed in area at 1230 hours. 1200 hours, mission changed to direct support 317th Infantry, 284 FA Bn reinforcing fires of the battalion and Company A, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion attached for fire control. 1445 hours displaced to DEUTE (17.2-88.0) closing at 1600 hours. Mission of CT 317 advance to west of KASSEL and prevent withdrawal of enemy to west or from the west into KASSEL. In contact with the enemy. 4 missions fired.

b. 2 April 1945: No change in mission. 752 FA Bn reinforcing fires of battalion. 0630 hours displaced to KIRCHBAUNA (17.8-95.3) closing at 0715 hours. 1515 hours displaced to NORDSHAUSEN (18.2-99.6) closing at 1630 hours. Forty-six (46) prisoners taken during period. In contact with the enemy. 5 missions fired.

c. 3 April 1945: Mission of CT 317 to advance to north of KASSEL, protect left flank of Division and prevent escape of enemy from KASSEL to the North. 1515 hours displaced to KIRCHDITMOLD (19.9-05.3) closing at 1615 hours. 284th FA Bn relieved from reinforcing mission at 0900 hours. In contact with the enemy. 27 missions fired.

d. 4 April 1945: Mission of battalion, direct support of 317 Infantry. 1150 hours displaced to SANDERSHAUSEN (26.2-04.2) closing at 1315 hours. This displacement took the battalion from the northern outskirts of KASSEL to the eastern outskirts. At 1800 hours CT 317 was relieved of responsibility in this sector by elements of 69th Inf Division. In contact with enemy. 25 missions fired. KASSEL cleared of enemy.

e. 5 April 1945: No change in mission. 1030 hours marched by combat team to OSTER BEHRINGEN (96.0-73.0) closing in forward assembly area at 2300 hours. 752 FA Bn relieved of reinforcing mission at 0600 hours. In contact with enemy and fired 6 missions prior to movement.

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