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HEADQUARTERS
314TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO # 80, U. S. Army

7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: After Action Reports for month of February 1945.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Transmitted herewith are After Action Reports for the month of February 1945, together with organizational journal for the same period.

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Lt. Col., F. A.,
Commanding.

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SUBJECT: Comments of the Commanding Officer on After Action Report for
month of February 1945.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Recommendations and comments concurred in.

2. If the present policy of attaching Tank Destroyers and Tanks to the Direct Support Battalion as reinforcing artillery is to be continued it is strongly recommended that the T/O and T/E of the Direct Support Battalions be changed to include several additional staff officers (Liaison Officers) plus extra communications and survey personnel, and additional radios, wire communication equipment and fire control instruments to handle these attachments. The officers would serve as artillery instructors and supervisors and the added personnel and equipment would be used to tie in and control such attachments. Under present T/O's the Tanks and Tank Destroyers lack the necessary personnel and experience to satisfactorily perform their secondary role. Hence there is a heavy drain on the personnel and facilities of the Direct Support Battalion often at a cost to its efficiency which nullifies the gains of added fire power from Tank Destroyers and Tanks.


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5 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy During Month of February 1945.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

SECTION I1 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9470036367, Service Battery 96903200, Battery "D" 9573737830.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 802 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974th & 512th Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 13 - 133 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: 7
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy with rain.

2 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C", 9470036367, Service Battery 96903200, Battery "D" 9573737830.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 802 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512th Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 5 - 75 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: 2 registrations.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair (thaw in process).

3 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9470036367, Service Battery 96903200, Battery "D" 9573737830.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: Reinforcing 974th & 512th Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 17 - 151 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: 9
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy changing to fair.
 - b. Comments & recommendations: At 1000 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 802 TD Battalion was released of attachment to the battalion for fire control.

4 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9470036367, Service Battery 96903200, Battery "D" 9573737830.

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B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.

C. Missions Fired: - 5 - 83 rounds

D. Remarks:

a. Weather: Cloudy with rain.

b. Comments and recommendations: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion attached for fire control.

5 February 1945

A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9573737830, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.

B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 191 CML Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions. Company "A", 811 TD

C. Missions Fired: 13- 75 rounds. Battalion attached.

D. Remarks:

a. Weather: Rain.

b. Comments and recommendations: Company "A", 811 TD Battalion attached to battalion for fire control. "D" Battery displaced to forward position at 0930, "C" Battery displaced to position "D" Battery vacated.

6 February 1945

A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9573737830, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.

B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974th & 512th Field Artillery Battalions.

C. Missions Fired: 50 - 1298 rounds.

D. Remarks:

a. Weather: Rain and cloudy.

b. Comments & recommendations: Fired preparation from 0220 until 0300 (H Hour) and accompanying fire from 0300 to 0325 for advance of our infantry across Our River.

7 February 1945

A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9573737830, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.

B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.

C. Missions Fired: 35 - 1168 rounds.

D. Remarks:

a. Weather: Rain and cloudy.

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- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9573737830, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 41
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Rain and cloudy.
- b. Comments & recommendations: At 1240 fired 20 minute preparation for attack of 318th Infantry and followed by 10 minute accompanying fire.

9 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9573737830, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 15 - 562 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy.
- b. Comments & recommendations: Battalion & reinforcing battalions fired 10 minute preparation at 1800 for 1st Battalion, 318th Infantry.

10 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: 1/2 mile North of Haller, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95323690, Battery "A" 9507637336, Battery "B" 9537937436, Battery "C" 9573737830, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired-47
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy.
- b. Comments and recommendations: Preparation fired for Red at 0720.
Preparation fired for White at 1205.

11 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Battery "D" 9635740901, Service Battery 947330.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A", 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion, reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 21 - 280 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy with rain.
- b. Comments & recommendations: Battalion displaced to forward position at 1030. Closed at 1200, distance 4200 yards.

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12 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion; Company "B" 702 Tk Battalion; 1 section 558 Field Artillery Battalion. Reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 39 - 875.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy.
 - b. Comments & recommendations: Fired a 15 minute preparation at 1130 for 1st Battalion.

13 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion; Company "A" 811 TD Battalion; Company "B" 702 Tk Battalion; 1 section 558 Field Artillery Battalion. Reinforcing 974 & 512 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 33 - 746 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy to fair
 - b. Comments & recommendations: Company "B" 702 Tk Battalion left our control at 1500.

14 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion; 2 section 558 Field Artillery Battalion. Reinforcing 974th Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 55 - 1567 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair.
 - b. Comments & recommendations: Company "A" 811 TD Battalion left our control at 0930. Fired 12 minute preparation for 3rd Battalion at 1648.

15 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9635740901.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion, Section 558 Field Artillery Battalion. Reinforcing 512 & 974 Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 21 - 679 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair.

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- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9687042215.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion, Section 558 Field Artillery Battalion. Reinforcing 974th Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 26 - 869 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Fair.
- b. Comments & recommendations: Three officers of AAF visited battalion in afternoon to see how a light battalion operated.

17 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9687042215.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion, Section 558 Field Artillery Battalion. Reinforcing 974th Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 39 - 788 rounds.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Foggy.
- b. Comments & recommendations: Fired Corps counter-battery preparation starting at 0515 to 0543. Fired preparation for 318th Infantry at 0545 to 1615.

18 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9778944416.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: 1 Platoon, Company "A" 91 CML Battalion, Section 558 Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 87.
- D. Remarks: None.

19 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Beaufort, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 95753935, Battery "A" 9664840304, Battery "B" 9616740125, Battery "C" 9638540206, Service Battery 947330, Battery "D" 9778944416.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 15
- D. Remarks: None.

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- A. Location of Unit: Biesdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 97604398, Battery "A" 9773243806, Battery "B" 9776043474, Battery "C" 9757743691, Service Battery 9539, Battery "D" 9778944416.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 20
- D. Remarks: None.

21 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Biesdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 97604398, Battery "A" 9773243806, Battery "B" 9776043474, Battery "C" 9757743691, Service Battery 9744, Battery "D" 9778944416.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 31.
- D. Remarks: None.

22 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Hommerdingen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 98334652, Battery "A" 9776147033, Battery "B" 9757047167, Battery "C" 9800347067, Battery "D" 9802847448, Service Battery 9744.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 48.
- D. Remarks: None.

23 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Hommerdingen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 98334652, Battery "A" 9776147033, Battery "B" 9757047167, Battery "C" 9800347067, Battery "D" 9802847448, Service Battery 9744.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 24.
- D. Remarks: None.

24 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Huttingen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 96864913, Battery "A" 9776147033, Battery "B" 9757047167, Battery "C" 9800347067, Battery "D" 9717249227, Service Battery 9744.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 11.
- D. Remarks: Battalion CP and Battery "D" displaced to positions shown at 1345.

25 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Feilsdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 04165454, Battery "A" 0465454749, Battery "B" 0450354619, Battery "C" 04420-54781, Battery "D" 0493254818, Service Battery 9744.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 5.
- D. Remarks: Battalion displaced forward to positions now occupied at 1040, closed at 1355, distance 12 miles.

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- A. Location of Unit: Feilsdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 04165454, Battery "A" 0465454749, Battery "B" 0450354619, Battery "C" 04420-54781, Battery "D" 0493254818, Service Battery 9744.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 9
- D. Remarks: None.

27 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Wiersdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 08105719, Battery "A" 0897057837, Battery "B" 0951957940, Battery "C" 09305-57984, Battery "D" 0919958128, Service Battery 0052.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 9.
- D. Remarks: Battalion displaced to present positions starting at 0940, closed at 1110, distance 10 miles. Battalion still in general support of 80th Division Artillery.

28 February 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Wiersdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 08105719, Battery "A" 0897057837, Battery "B" 0951957940, Battery "C" 0828357901, Battery "D" 0919958128, Service Battery 0052.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 25.
- D. Remarks: At 1530 the battalion began reinforcing fires of 313th Field Artillery Battalion.

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This period was outstanding in that the Division breached the Siegfried Line and fought for the first time on German soil. During the first five days of the month activity of this battalion was confined to check registrations, a few observed missions and normal harassing fires. On 6 February the Division pushed off across the Our River after a 40 minute preparation and 25 minutes of accompanying fires.

A Corps Counter-battery phase was fired in addition to the Division Artillery Preparation. The fire plan for the Combat Team included fires from our two reinforcing Artillery Battalions, one a medium, a platoon of 4.2 Chemical mortars, a company of Self-propelled 76mm Tank Destroyers and a platoon of quad 50 caliber Anti-Aircraft machine guns. The preparation was successful in that little resistance was encountered, although the rapid current of the swollen river and the wooded rough terrain were great handicaps.

Daily local preparations were fired to support the advance of the Infantry until the 18th of February when a bridge was finally thrown across the river permitting the commitment of tanks and tank destroyers. On this date a Corps and Division Artillery Preparation was fired for the expansion and joining of the various bridgeheads across the Our River. Rapid progress was made and resistance localized into a series of strong points and rear guard actions.

No further preparation as such was fired during the remainder of the period since the Infantry adopted new tactics of night infiltration and daylight mop-up. Prior to the night jump offs a series of harassing fires on suspected strong points were fired over a period of several hours before the jump off. The Infantry plan was quite successful and much ground was taken with comparatively light losses.

On the 25th of February the 4th Armored Division was committed and advanced rapidly to the Northeast. This battalion was given a general support mission reinforcing the fires of the 313th Field Artillery Battalion until the end of the period.

Remarks and Comments

The permanent defenses of the Siegfried Line in our sector consisted chiefly of bunkers and pill boxes which were used primarily as troop shelter. In no instance was firing from these bunkers reported, all resistance coming from outside dug-in positions. Many covered firing pits were encountered in the Infantry advance through the forest at the site of the river crossing.

Lack of good maps and photos made accurate locations of Infantry front lines difficult during the initial phase of the operation resulting in poor close-in support of the Infantry. Many identification rounds were fired for orientation purposes. Later in the period when night infiltrations were made high-burst identification rounds marked objectives and gave direction to patrols.

Quite a few precision adjustments were made on point targets such as dugouts, tanks, and observation posts, with best results obtained by using the highest possible powder charge with its lower probable error. Direct hits were made without excessive ammunition expenditure. Two tanks were set on fire in this manner. Excellent results were obtained using White Phosphorus shell as an incendiary for building destruction. High Explosive was used for adjustment changing to White Phosphorus for effect after applying necessary corrections for the difference in weight of projectiles.

Our many and varied attachments during this period were more of a hindrance than help most of the time. One light and one medium Field Artillery Battalion are more than enough reinforcing Artillery for a direct support battalion during

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any operation. The 4.2 Chemical mortars, although doing excellent work on several smoke and high explosive missions, are difficult to keep in firing positions where they can be utilized to best advantage. The rocket mounted tanks with their terrific fire power can not be used for close in support and because of their short range are also difficult to keep in firing position. Better use of them could be made if supervised by the advance Infantry battalions. Tanks and Tank Destroyers when used in their secondary roll as Artillery are good harassing weapons but are a burden on a direct support battalion. The 155 SP gun is an excellent weapon but can not be efficiently controlled by a direct support battalion when used in its primary roll. When all the above are given to a battalion at one time it is physically impossible to utilize each effectively and efficiently resulting in a great loss of available fire power.

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Major, FA,
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SECRETSECTION II

1 February 1945 - 28 February 1945:

During the period of 1 February 1945 to 7 February 1945, 314th Field Artillery Battalion was in direct support of the 318th Infantry Regiment which had the mission of defending along the Our River from 975420 to 985396 (Sheet 1 1). "A" Company, 811 Tank Destroyer Battalion, First Platoon, 558 Field Artillery Battalion, "B" Company, 702 Tank Battalion and one Platoon 91 Chemical Mortars were attached to this Battalion and the 974 Field Artillery Battalion were reinforcing our fires. All were surveyed in so as to coordinate their fires. Five ground Observation Posts were established and manned twenty-four hours a day. The manning of these Observation Posts was shared between 314th Field Artillery Battalion and the 974th Field Artillery Battalion. From 8 February 1945 to 22 February 1945 the Combat Team 318 had a mission of crossing the Our River and attacking and destroying the Seigfried line. The 974th Field Artillery Battalion, one Platoon 91 Chemical Mortars, one Platoon of "B" Company 702 Tank Battalion equipped with rockets and one Platoon of 558th Field Artillery Battalion were attached to 314th Field Artillery Battalion. The self-propelled guns of the 558th Field Artillery Battalion were used for direct laying on pill boxes or fortified houses that were holding up the advance of Combat Team 318. From 23 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 the Combat Team 318 was given the mission of defending the bridgehead across the Our River while the Fourth Armored Division passed through. This was an aggressive defense, pushing forward without interfering with the movement of the Fourth Armored Division.

Air Observation was coordinated during the period with the reinforcing Field Artillery Battalion in such a way that air observation was continuous, weather permitting.

Each Infantry Company of 318th Infantry Regiment had a Forward Observer with it at all times during the period. The first part of the period the Observers had to work in thickly wooded areas and were unable to accurately locate enemy targets. As a result it was necessary to cover large areas with artillery fire in order to help the advance of the Infantry Unit. During the actual crossing of the Our River Observation Posts were manned on the high ground above the river. Observers adjusted smoke in front of pill boxes that were able to observe the actual crossing. This hindered the enemy's adjustment of fire upon the crossing site and helped our Infantry in crossing. These Observation Posts were kept in operation until the Infantry had advanced beyond observation.

In order for Forward Observers to report their location while in wooded areas when their Infantry Units were advancing at a steady pace, they had to stop and set up their radios and then report. In this kind of a situation they had to be given good protection by the Infantry for when they dropped behind to set up radios they were harrassed by enemy snipers.

When the Infantry got into open country it was found that the gulleys were covered by artillery fire. If the Observer stayed with the Company Commander he was pinned down most of the time and was of little use to the Infantry. When he was given protection and went to high ground he was able to give his Infantry all the artillery support needed and also kept his own organization informed of the progress of the troops.

Maps of 1/50000 and 1/25000 meter grid were issued to us in large enough quantities to satisfy the needs of the Battalion but the attached units were not issued them by

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their parent organizatio and we had to supply them. Wh we have many Units attached as we had during this period the normal issue of maps is entirely inadequate.

Michael F. Heneghan
MICHAEL F. HENEGHAN
Captain, F. A.
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S E C R E TSECTION III

1st February 1945 to 28 February 1945:

Supply functions throughout the period were satisfactory. Reports are rendered by respective classifications.

CLASS I

Rations have been issued satisfactorily with the exception of condiments.

CLASS II

Clothing issues have been satisfactory with the exception of field jackets and various size shoes. Equipment issues have improved but shortages still exist in such items as scotch tape, acetate and other expendable items required for use in battalion fire direction. Due to the number of forward observation teams employed there is considerable use of BA 40 batteries for our radios and the issues have been inadequate.

CLASS III

Requirements have been met satisfactorily.

CLASS V

Ammunition resupply has been very satisfactory. A number of primers on the 25 pounder ammunition have been found defective.

MOTOR NOTES

There is a critical shortage of hot patches for tire repair and shortages still exist in tires and tubes for 1/4 ton and 2-1/2 ton vehicles. Replacements for worn tire chains have been requisitioned but these have been only partially replaced.

MEDICAL NOTES

Medical supply and evacuation has been very satisfactory.

Recommendations:

1. That the issue of green vegetables be increased and that condiments be issued more often and in larger quantities.
2. That the allowance of BA 40 radio batteries be increased to Field Artillery Battalions.
3. That expendables such as acetate and scotch tape be issued more often and in larger quantities.
4. That tire chains be made available.

William H. Hassert
WILLIAM H. HASSERT
Capt., 314th FA Bn.
Supply Officer.

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Administrative matter handled thru message center during the month amounted to approximately 750 items.

All schedules on administrative reports were maintained during the period thru normal message center channels despite adverse weather and poor road conditions.

Monthly receipt of mail amounted to approximately 3000 letters and 200 packages. Personnel of the Battalion purchased approximately \$7,500.00 worth of money orders and \$375.00 worth of air mail stamps and envelopes through the Battalion Mail Clerk.

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY
(Figures taken from S-1 Reports and Morning Reports up to and including 28 February 1945 for the period 1 Feb-45 to 28 Feb-45.)

ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>LIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RTD's</u>	<u>NBC</u>
1 Feb								1
8 Feb			3			3		
9 Feb			3			3	2	
10 Feb			1			1		
11 Feb								1
12 Feb				1		1		
13 Feb			1			1		
15 Feb			2			2	1	
16 Feb			2			2	1	
17 Feb								2
19 Feb	2					2		
21 Feb								1
22 Feb								1
23 Feb							1	
24 Feb								1
25 Feb								1
26 Feb								1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

OFFICERS

10 Feb	1		1			2		
17 Feb			1			1		
19 Feb	1					1		
23 Feb				1		1		
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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CANNON COMPANY 318TH INFANTRY(Figures taken from S-1 Reports and Morning Reports up to
and including 28 February 1945 for the period 1 Feb-45
to 28 Feb-45.)

ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>LIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RTD's</u>	<u>NBC</u>
5 Feb	2		2			4		
15 Feb			1			1		
16 Feb			1			1		
25 Feb								1
26 Feb								1
TOTAL	2		4			6		2

OFFICERS

16 Feb			1			1		
TOTAL			1			1		

PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

None

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED
(Including Hospital Returnees)
ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
4 Feb	1
5 Feb	1
6 Feb	2
9 Feb	3
10 Feb	1
11 Feb	2
13 Feb	1
14 Feb	5
15 Feb	2
16 Feb	2
17 Feb	4
18 Feb	4
22 Feb	3
23 Feb	1
26 Feb	2
28 Feb	1
TOTAL	35

OFFICERS

10 Feb	1
28 Feb	1
TOTAL	2

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(Including Hospital Returnees)
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ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
6 Feb	<u>1</u>
14 Feb	<u>1</u>
26 Feb	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	3

OFFICERS

2 Feb	<u>1</u>
28 Feb	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	2

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Decorations awarded from 1 Feb-45 to 28 Feb-45 incl.

NO.

10 Bronze Star Medals
 1 Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal
 2 Silver Star Medals
 4 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Decorations awarded from 1 Feb-45 to 28 Feb-45 incl.

CANNON COMPANY 318TH INFANTRY

NO.

4 Bronze Star Medals

J. F. Roark
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 Major, 314th FA Bn,
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