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

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7 April 1945.

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

The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. TO 

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SECTION I

1 March 1945

A. Location of Unit: Weirsdorf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 0857, Battery "A" 0857, Battery "B" 0857, Battery "C" 0857, Battery "D" 0857, Service Battery 0052. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery:

a. Locations of hostile Batteries: None located. Summary of Enemy Artillery activity: A . None.

C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.

D. Losses: None.

E. Operations Summary: At 1330 Battalion left positions at Weirsdorf (0857) and went into rendezvous at Hommerdingen (1575) closed at 1515. Battalion then marched to Idenshein (0641) closed at 1641. Distance 46.5 miles.

2 March 1945

A. Location of Unit: Idenshein, Germany. Headquarters Battery 0641, Battery "A" ( 0641, Battery "B" 0641, Battery "C" 0641, Battery "D" 0641, Service Battery 0641. -FA(314)

B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery:

a. Locations of hostile Batteries: None located. b. Summary of Enemy Artillery activity: None.

C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.

D. Losses: None.

E. Operations Summary: No change.

3 March 1945

A. Location of Unit: Ehlenz, Germany. Headquarters Battery 09586130, Battery "A" 1 1043261327, Battery "B" 1122160933, Battery "C" 1100061216, 0 Battery "D" 1085061434, Service Battery 0757. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: e a. Locations of hostile Batteries: None located. .b. Summary of Enemy Artillery activity: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 19, Time on target 6, Infantry 1, Interdiction 9. D. Losses: None. E. Operations Summary: Battalion left Idenshine with Combat Team, 318th Infantry Regiment at 1100, closed at 1410. Distance 21 miles. Linienz, Cermany: Headquarters Battery 09586130, Battery "A". Dattery "D" 1411463924, Service 79, Battery "C" 1120700 "A". 4 March 1945 A. Location of Unit? B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: a. Locations of hostile Batteries: None located. b. Summary of Enemy Artillery activity: None. MAT 25 328 IL



SECRET 4 March 1945 (Cont'd)-C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 5, Interdiction 2. D. Losses: None. E. Operation Summary: Battery "D" displaced to its present location at 1400. 5 March 1945 Sefferweich, Germany. Headquarters Eattery 13166295, Battery "A" 1316563334, Battery "B" 1354863251, Battery "C" 1344262988, Battery "D" 1411463924, Service Battery 1362. A. Location of Unit: B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 3. D. Losses: None. E. Operation Summary: Battalion (except Battery "D") displaced to present positions at 0940 closed at 1040. Distance 5.7 miles. 6 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Sefferweich, Germany. Headquarters Battery 13166295, Battery "A" 131656334, Battery "B" 1354863251, Battery "C" 1344262988, Battery "D" 1411463924, Service Battery 1362. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operation Summary: No change. 7 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Neidenbach, Germany. Headquarters Battery 153665, Battery "A" 153665, Battery "B" 153665, Battery "C" 153665, Battery "D" 153665, Service Battery 153665. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery Activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operation Summany: 80th Division went into Corps Reserve. Battalion went into Bivouac at town of Neidenbach (153665) at 0900. 8 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Neidenbach, Germany. Headquarters Battery 153665, Battery "A" 153665, Battery "B" 153665, Battery "C" 153665, Battery "D" 153665, Service Battery 153665. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery Activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operation Summary: No change. 9 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Neidenbach, Germany. Headquarters Battery 153665, Battery "A" 153665, Battery "B" 153665, Battery "C" 153665, Battery "D" 153665, Service Battery 153665. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery Activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operation Summary: No change. 10 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Battalion enroute to XX Corps Sector. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery Activity: None D. Losses: None.

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E. Operation Summary: At 0400 Battalion left Bivouac positions in Neidenbach for  $\underline{S \ E \ C \ R \ E \ T}$ 

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journey with Combat Team to XX Corps Sector. (Pursuant to FO # 25, Headquarters, 318th Infantry, 102100 Mar 45)

11 March 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Irsch, Germany. Headquarters Battery 17731225, Battery "A" 19491259, Battery "B" 19861241, Battery "C" 19611280, Battery "D" 20331242, Service Battery 950055.
- B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operation Summary: Battalion marched with Combat Team 318 to XX Corps Sector. Left Bivouac positions in Neidenbach at 110400. Closed at 1215 in Wintrange (Bivouac). Distance 64.6 road miles. At 0200 Battalion left Bivouac positions and marched to firing positions (shown). Closed at 0550.

## 12 March 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Irsch, Germany. Headquarters Battery 17731225, Battery "A" 1950412643, Battery "B" 1990012397, Battery "C" 1959412771, Battery "D" 2065011923, Service Battery 112114.
- B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 1,
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operation Summary: At 1100 315th FA En commenced reinforcing our fires. At 1500 282nd FA En commenced reinforcing our fires.

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Α.	Location of Unit:	Irsch, Germany. Headquarters Battery 17731225, Battery "A"
		2155311238, Battery "B" 2136511300, Battery "C" 2161811369, Battery "D" 2065011923, Service Battery 112114.
B.		stile Artillery:
	a.	Locations of hostile Batteries: (26000815) Nebelwerfer.
С.	Summary of our own	Summary of Enemy Artillery activity: None.
		Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 59, Frepared fires 37. Air observation.
	Losses: 1 Officer.	
E.	Operation Summary:	Battalion fired accompanying fires for attack of 80th Division (And XX Corps) from 0300 to 0450.
19.3		During propress of attack many identification missions were
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		at 1630.
	rch 1945	
A.	Location of Unit:	Zerf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 24001140, Battery "A"
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C.	ounnary of our own	Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 23, Time on target
T		1, Infantry 7, Tanks 2, Identification 4, Interdiction 5.
E.	operation Summary:	Battalion displaced to positions shown above at 1620.

315th FA Bn ceased reinforcing our fires at 1630.

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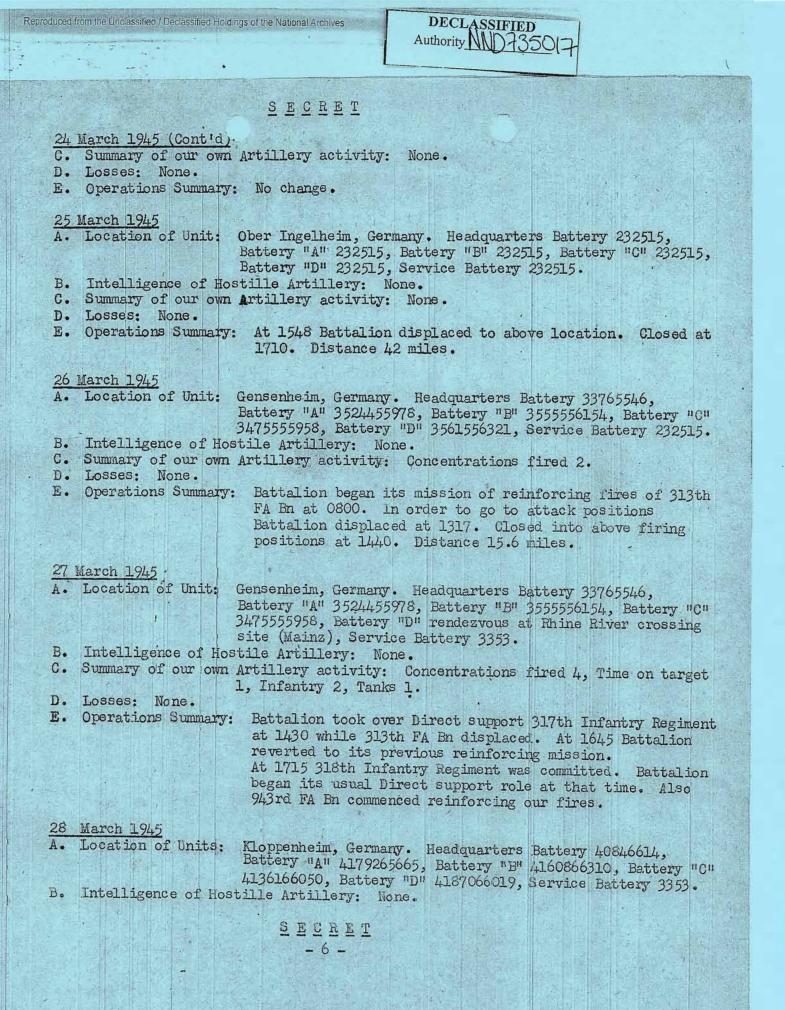
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	<u>S E C R E T</u> Zerf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 24001140, Battery "A" 2380110637, Battery "B" 2401111125, Battery "C" 2401511400,
B. Intelligence of Ho C. Summary of our own	Battery "D" 2655909718, Service Battery 1712. stile Artillery: None. Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 68, Time on target 4, Infantry 24, Machine Gun 4, Mortars 2, Vehicles 13, Tánks
b. Equipme	6, Identification 3, Interdiction 6, Harassing 4. el: 1 Officer, 2 Enlisted Men. nt: 1 610 (SCR) Radio. At 1530 274th FA En commenced reinforcing our fires. At 1700 Battery "D" displaced forward to position indicated above.
	Zerf, Germany. Headquarters Battery 24001140, Battery "A" 2691109691, Battery "B" 2645009930, Battery "C 2708609990, Battery "D" 2656009710, Service Battery 1123.
C. Summary of our own	stile Artillery: None. Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 8, Time on target 1, Infantry 5, Machine Gun 1,
D. Losses: 1 Officer, E. Operation Summary:	2 Enlisted Men. Batteries "A", "B" and "C" displaced to forward positions shown above at 1030. At 1400 282nd FA Bn ceased reinforc- ing our fires.
<u>17 March 1945</u> A. Location of Unit:	Weiskerchen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 33670658, Battery "A" 3390605013, Battery "B" 3361505424, Battery "C"
B. Intelligence of Hor C. Summary of our own D. Losses: None.	3401005266, Battery "D" 3399805525, Service Battery 1123 stile Artillery: None. Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 4.
E. Operations Sumary:	Battalion has dual mission: Direct support of 318th Inf Combat Team now attached 10 Armored Division, General support 10th Armored Division Artillery. Battalion displaced to above positions at 1237. Closed 1315. Distance 9 miles.
18 March 1945	
A. Location of Unit:	Niederkirchen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 64789658, Battery "A" 6574797145, Battery "B" 6594597468, Battery "C" 6583597288, Battery "D" 6577596953, Service Battery 3105.
C. Summary of our own D. Losses: None.	Artillery activity: None.
E. Operations Summary:	Artillery at 0200. Mission, General support of 80th Div Arty. Battalion displaced forward at 1335 going into firing positions vic St. Wendel (589965). Closed at 1425. Distance 42 miles. Battalion displaced at 1630 to present positions.
	Closed at 1740. Distance 6 miles. $\underline{S} \underline{E} \underline{C} \underline{R} \underline{E} \underline{T}$ -4 -

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DECLASSIFIED Authority NND+350 SECRET 19 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: 1 mile North of Kaiserslautern, Germany. Headquarters Battery 00519495, Battery "A" 0079494502, Battery "B" 0135995325, Battery "C" 0138095133, Battery "D" 0169395334, Service Battery 4998. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operations Summary: Battalion continued General support 80th Inf Div Arty. Displaced from Niederkirchen (6596) at 1055. Closed into rendezvous area vicinity Quirnbach (7797) at 1215. Distance 114 miles. Left rendezvous area at 1315 closed in present positions at 1550. Distance traveled 162 miles. 20 March 1945 Bad Durkheim, Germany. Headquarters Battery 316954, Battery A. Location of Unit: "A" 316954, Battery "B" 316954, Battery "C" 316954, Battery "D" 316954, Service Battery 0094. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None. D. Losses: None. Battalion displaced at 1855. Moved forward to present E. Operations Summary: Bivouac positions. Closed at 2210. Distance 25 miles. 21 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Monsheim, Germany. Headquarters Battery 34521415, Battery "A" 3466015220, Battery "B" 3500015333, Battery "C" 3499814980, Battery "D" 3510715172, Service Battery 2294. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. B. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operations Summary: Battalion displaced at 1530. Closed into firing positions at 1730. Distance 16 miles. 22 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Dornbach, Germany. Headquarters Battery 041128, Battery "A" 041128, Battery "B" 041128, Battery "C" 041128, Battery "D" 041128, Service Battery 3012. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None. Losses: None. D. E. Operations Summary: Battalion displaced at 1425. Closed into above positions (Bivouac) at 1800. Distance 26.6 miles. 23 March 1945 Location of Unit: Dornbach, Germany. Headquarters Battery 041128, Battery "A" 041128, Battery "B" 041128, Battery "C" 041128, Battery "D" 041128, Service Battery 041128. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None. C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None. D. Losses: None. E. Operations Summary: No change. 24 March 1945 A. Location of Unit: Dornbach, Germany. Headquarters Battery 041128, Battery "A" 041128, Battery "B" 041128, Battery "C" 041128, Battery "D" 041128, Service Battery 041128. B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None.

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- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- Battalion displaced at 1205 to go into firing positions E. Operations Summary: across Rhine River. Closed at 1445. Distance 104 miles.

### 29 March 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Lindenstruth, Germany. Headquarters Battery 792222, Battery "A" 792222, Battery "B" 792222, Battery "C" 792222, Battery "D" 792222, Service Battery 792222.
- B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None.
- с. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.

D. Losses: None.

Battalion attached Combat Team 318 per FM # 172 Head-E Operations Summary: quarters 80th Div Arty, 292100A March 45. Battalion displaced with Combat Team 318 at 1200 on a Combat Team march to present position. Closed at 1750. Distance 16 miles.

#### 30 March 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Uttershausen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 121771, Battery "A" 1153977141, Battery "B" 1163877141, Battery "C" 1229076642, Battery "D" 1218677514, Service Battery 1470.
- B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None.
  - C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 12, Infantry 7, Assault gun 1, Enemy OP 1.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: Battalion left rendezvous position at 0635. Closed into above firing positions at 1130. Distance 58 miles.

## 31. March 1945

- Dissen, Germany. Headquarters Battery 168895, Battery "A" A. Location of Unit: 1867792014, Battery "B" 1847791800, Battery "C" 1818591606, Battery "D" 1827691899, Service Battery 1374.
- B. Intelligence of Hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 1, Assault gun 1.
- D. Losses: None.

E. Operations Summary: Battalion came under control of 80th Div Arty per FM # 173, Headquarters, 80th Div Arty, 312300A Mar 45. Mission Direct support 318th Infantry Regiment. Battalion displaced topositions shown above at 1937. Closed 2005. Distance 3.7 miles. Battalion displaced at 1015 to positions vicinity Neider Vorschutz (152899). Closed 1120. Distance 9.8 miles.

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#### SECTION II

1 March 1945 - 31 March 1945:

#### 1-2 March 1945

Left Wiersdorf (F 0857) and moved to assembly area and then to Idesheim (P 1642) preparing to reinforce the 76th Infantry Division Artillery.

#### 3-4 March 1945

Left Idesheim and moved to Ehleng (P 0961). Battalion was released from attachment to the 76th Infantry Division Artillery and assigned Direct Support of Combat Team 318.

### 5-6 March 1945

Moved to Seffenwich (P 1362) and then to Neidenbach (P 1566). Combat Team 318 mopped up between Nims and Kyll Rivers and maintained contact with the XIII Corps.

#### 7-10 March 1945

In Corps Reserve performing maintenance. No contact with the enemy.

#### 11 March 1945

Moved to Welfrange (P 9505) and continued in Corps Reserve.

#### 12-13 March 1945

Moved to Irsch (L 1712). Combat Team 318 prepared to attack Hill 521 (L 2610).

## 14-17 March 1945

Battalion moved to Zerf (L 2411), Combat Team 318 mopped up woods along Zerf-Weiskirchen highway seizing Hill 634 (L 2990). Combat Team 318 attached to Tenth Armored and put in Tenth Armored Reserve. 314th Field Artillery Battalion in General Support of Tenth Armored Division Artillery.

#### 18-21 March 1945

314th Field Artillery Battalion in General Support and Direct Support of 318th Infantry Regiment. During that period Battalion moved from Weiskirchen (L 3306) to Primstal then Alsweiler (Q 5197) then to Breiten then to Niederkirchen (Q6496) and then to Quirnbach, 1 mile north of Kaiserslautern (Q 0094).

#### 21 March 1945

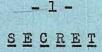
314th Field Artillery Battalion released from General Support of the Tenth Armored and reverted back to 80th Infantry Division Artillery Control.

#### 22-26 March 1945

Moved from Kaiserslautern (Q 0094) to Bad Durkheim (R 3194) then to Monsheim (M 3415) then to Dornbach (M 0412) and later to assembly area Ober Ingelheim (M 2351) preparing to cross the Rhine River.

#### 27-28 March 1945

Moved to Gensenheim (M 3355) in preparation to cross Rhine River.



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## 29 March 1945

314th Field Artiller, Battalion crossed Rhine River a moved to Kloppenheim (M 4066) in Direct support of 318 Combat Team.

#### 30-31 March 1945

Combat Team 318 attached to Sixth Armored and moved to Lindenstruth and then to Uttershausen (H 1277). Combat Team 318 in Six Armored Reserve.

During the period covered by this report liaison was maintained with Combat Team 318, one Liaison Officer with each Battalion and one with Regiment. Each Company of 318th Infantry Regiment had a Forward Observer. Liaison was also established with the Tenth Armored when in General Support. During the period that 314th Field Artillery Battalion was in General Support of the Tenth Armored and Sixth Armored liaison was kept with 80th Infantry Division Artillery for Intelligence and future control purposes.

A total of one hundred and fifty (150) prisoners were captured by members of 314th Field Artillery Battalion during the period all without resistance

The Forward Observers and the Infantry had difficulty in determining their location while passing through heavy woods so a system was adapted whereby high air bursts would be fired over previously determined check points on call. This method has proved helpful many times.

Air observation was continuous during the period weather permitting.

Maps were issued in large enough quantities but usually arrived after the operation had begun making it very difficult to get them into the hands of the Forward Observers.

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### SECTION III

#### 1st March 1945 to 31 March 1945:

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All supply functions during the month were satisfactory. Reports are rendered by respective classifications.

## CLASS I

Rations have been issued satisfactorily although the condiment issues are insufficient and lack variety.

#### CLASS II

Clothing issues have been satisfactory with the exception of field jackets, cotton underwear, and various size shoes. Difficulty is had providing replacements for worn shoes bearing odd sizes and of EE width. There is great need of fire direction material such as acetate, scotch tape, and china pencils.

#### CLASS III

Requirements have been met very satisfactorily.

### CLASS V

Ammunition resupply has been very satisfactory.

#### MOTOR NOTES

The critical requirement of hot patches for tire repairs and the shortage of tubes and tires for 1/4 ton and 2-1/2 ton vehicles still exists.

Recommendations:

That condiment issues be increased and that fresh fruits and vegetables be issued more often.

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

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## 1 March 1945 - 31 March 1945:

Administrative matters handled during the month thru message center amounted to approximately 420 items.

Schedules were maintained during the month on all administrative matters despite frequent moves amounting to 505 miles.

Receipt of mail during the period amounted to 2500 letters and 175 packages. Personnel of the Battalion purchased approximately \$5,500.00 worth of money orders and \$280.00 worth of air mail stamps and envelopes thru the Battalion Mail Clerk.

> BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY (Figures taken from S-1 Reports and Morning Reports up to and including 31 March 1945 for the period 1 March-45 to 31 March 45.) ENLISTED MEN

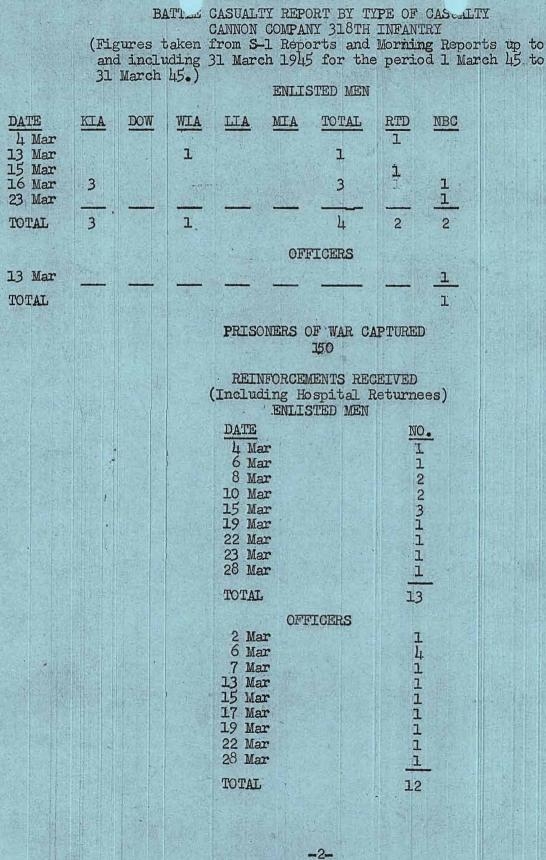
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS Decorations awarded from 1 March 45 to 31 March 45 incl.

NO.			
3	Silver	Star	Medals
3	Bronze	Star	Medals

J. F. ROARK Major, 314th FA Bn, S-1

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