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SUBJECT: Letter of transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division, APO 80, U S Army.
(Attention Division Historian).

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 and Memo #64 Hq 80th Inf Div dated 24 Aug 44, the Unit History of the 319th Infantry Regiment for the month of February 1945 is hereby submitted.

2. Request receipt of acknowledgement hereon.

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UNIT HISTORY

(For month of February)

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- SECTION I - Original Unit.
- a. 319th Infantry Regiment.
 - b. 15 July 1942
 - c. Camp Forrest, Tennessee
 - d. Selective Service

- SECTION II - Changes in Organization.
- a. None.

- SECTION III - Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

Totals as of 31 Jan 45 - 112 Officers and 3029 Enlisted Men
Totals as of 28 Feb 45 - 114 Officers and 2864 Enlisted Men
Gain of 2 Off. Loss of 165 Enlisted Men

- SECTION IV - Stations: Permanent or Temporary.

- a. Lintgen, Luxembourg.
Departed on 4 February 1945 at 0900.
- b. Bettendorf, Luxembourg.
Arrived on 4 February 1945 at 1300
Departed on 17 February 1945 at 0900.
- c. Boestroff, Luxembourg and Wallendorf, Germany.
Forward CP arrived in Wallendorf, Germany, at 0930 on 17
February 1945.
Rear CP arrived in Boestroff, Luxembourg, at 0930 on 17
February 1945.

SECTION IV - Stations: Permanent or Temporary. (contd)

- c. Moestroff, Luxembourg and Wallendorf, Germany.
Departed from Moestroff, Luxembourg, at 1030, on 20 February 1945.
Departed from Wallendorf, Germany, at 0900, on 20 February 1945.
- d. Wallendorf, Germany, and Heidersgegen, Germany.
Reptl Fwd CF arrived in Heidersgegen, Germany, at 1000 on 20 Feb 45.
Reptl Rear CF arrived Wallendorf, Germany, at 1100 on 20 Feb 45.

Reptl Fwd CF departed from Heidersgegen, Germany at 0930 on 23 Feb 45.
Reptl Rear CF departed from Wallendorf, Germany, at 1000 on 23 Feb 45.
- e. Koperich, Germany.
Arrived in Koperich, Germany, at 1100 on 23 February 1945.
Departed from Koperich, Germany, at 1300 on 25 February 1945.
- f. Gutscheid, Germany.
Arrived in Gutscheid, Germany, at 1600 on 25 February 1945.

SECTION V - Marches.

1. Lintgen, Luxembourg, - Bettendorf, Luxembourg.
 - a. Purpose: Departed from 1st area to take up positions along the front lines relieving COI.
 - b. Length: Approximately 27 miles.
 - c. Left Lintgen, Luxembourg at 0900 on 4 February 1945 and arrived at Bettendorf, Luxembourg, at 1300 on 4 February 1945.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape but muddy due to warm weather thawing the frozen grounds.
 - e. Route of motor march: Lintgen, Rollingen, Hersch, Colmer, Ettelbruck, Hierich, Bettendorf.
2. Bettendorf, Luxembourg - Wallendorf, Germany.
 - a. Purpose: To establish a forward CF within communication zone with the attacking battalions and to move rear CF in closer contact with forward CF.
 - b. Length: approximately 6 miles.
 - c. Left Bettendorf, Luxembourg, at 1300 on 17 Feb 45. Fwd CF closed in Wallendorf, Germany at 1400 on 17 February 1945. Rear CF closed in Moestroff, Luxembourg at 1330 on 17 February 1945.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape but torn up by shelling of friendly and enemy artillery.
 - e. Route of motor march: Fwd CF from Bettendorf, to Wallendorf, Germany.
Rear CF from Bettendorf, Luxembourg to Moestroff, Luxembourg.
3. Wallendorf, Germany, - Heidersgegen, Germany.
 - a. Purpose: To establish contact with attacking troops.
 - b. Length: Approximately 13 miles.
 - c. Left Wallendorf, Germany, at 0930 on 20 February 1945 and arrived in Heidersgegen at 1000 on 20 February 1945. Rear CF moved from Moestroff to Wallendorf, on 20 February 1945.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape and not beat up due to enemy's rapid withdrawal.
 - e. Route of motor march: Wallendorf - Heidersgegen.

SECTION V - Marches (contd).

4. Koperich, Germany.

- a. Purpose: To remain in contact with the attacking troops and to reorganize forward and rear Regt. CI.
- b. Length: approximately 13 miles.
- c. Left Wallendorf, Germany and Meidersgegen, Germany at 0930 and arrived in Koperich, Germany at 1100 on 23 February 1945.
- d. Roads were in fair shape but beat up due to heavy armor pushing forward.
- e. Route of motor march: Wallendorf, Meidersgegen, Koperich.

5. Outscheid, Germany.

- a. Purpose: To remain in contact with the forward battalions and reorganize the regiment while in defensive position.
- b. Length: approximately 6 miles.
- c. Left Koperich, Germany, at 1300 on 25 February 1945 and arrived in Outscheid, Germany at 1500 on 25 February 1945.
- d. Roads were in fair shape and weather was cloudy and dull.
- e. Route of motor march: Koperich, Obersgegen, Geichlingen, Meidersgeckler, Sinspelt, Weiberraden, Outscheid.

SECTION VI - Campaigns.

- a. Northern France.
- b. Germany.

SECTION VII - Battles.

1. Lintgen, Luxembourg, on 1 February 1945.

2. Narrative account of friendly action:

Co C 305 Med Bn attached to 319 CP. Regtl CP in Lintgen, 1st Bn in Kellen, 2nd Bn in Kollingen and 3rd Bn in Heisdorf and Steinsel. Co C 305 Med Bn in Lorentz-Weltzer. 319th Inf (reinforced) occupied rest area to rehabilitate and re-equip personnel and attached to 4th Armd Div for operation purposes only on a one-hour alert status. An officer representative from each Bn reported to the Regtl S-3 and received instructions and directions of routes concerning counterattack plan of 4th Armd Div. The officers made a reconnaissance of these routes. Major leaves, Regtl S-3, made a reconnaissance of routes to and from Luxembourg and the route and terrain east of Luxembourg. Bns made reconnaissance for possible range sites. Fire communications to all units.

1. Bettendorf, Luxembourg, on 4 February 1945.

2. Narrative account of action:

On 3 Feb 45 VOCS to move 319th Inf (Reinf) to area held by CCB, 4th Armd Div and relieve the 10th and 5rd Armd Inf Bns. The 51st Armd Inf Bn remain in present position and will be attached to 319th Inf. On 4 February 1945 Co C 702 Tk Bn, Co C 811 TD Bn, Co C 305 Engr Bn attached. In support 905 FA Bn and Co C 305 Med Bn. Regtl CP, 3rd Bn CP, Co C 702 Tk Bn and Co C 305 Med Bn in vicinity Bettendorf; 2nd Bn vicinity Koestroff; 1st Bn Kleinreisdorf; 905 FA Bn, Co C 305 Engr Bn vicinity Gilsdorf; Co C 811 TD Bn vicinity Bettendorf. 319th Inf marches by motor to Bettendorf, Koestroff, Kleinreisdorf area and relieves CCB (less one Armd Inf Bn) in left sector 50th Inf Div Zone starting 040800 Feb 45. 3rd Bn moved out at 040000 Feb and followed route Heisdorf, Cruchten, Ettelbruck, Diekirch, Bettendorf, closing at 041000 Feb 45. 2nd Bn started moving at 0930 and followed same route as 3d Bn continued to Koestroff and crossed Bailey bridge at Koestroff and entered the part of town on west side of Sauer River closing at 1235. 1st Bn and Co C 305 Med Bn moved out at 1125 and 1st Bn closed in Kleinsdorf at 1330, Co C 305 Med Bn closed in Bettendorf at 1300. Co C 305 Engr Bn closed in Gilsdorf at 1300. Regtl CP closed in Bettendorf at 1300. 905 FA remained in present position with the CP located in Gilsdorf. 3rd Bn 319th Inf began relief of 10th Armd Inf at darkness. Co E 319 Inf relieved C Troop of 10th Armd Inf and was on position at 1835. Co I completed relief of A Troop at 1830. Co L completed relief at 2135 and occupied the town of Koestroff. 10th Armd Inf cleared the area at 2200. Co C 811 TD Bn atchd to 319th Inf at 1630 but did not report until 5 Feb 45. Co C 702 Tk Bn atchd 319th Inf at 1635 and prepared to move company to Bettendorf. 3rd Bn consolidated positions for the night. 2nd Bn posted a Bridge guard at bridge in Koestroff and posted one squad of men at RJ P890416 and one squad at RJ P889423 relieving elements of Cavalry atchd to CCB. 905 FA and 313 FA Bn fired the following missions:

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1. Bettendorf, Luxembourg, on 5 and 6 February 1945.

2. Narrative account of friendly action:

Mission of 319 CP to make preparations for crossing of the Our River early 7 Feb 45. 1st and 2nd Bns, the two assault Bns, practiced river crossing vicinity Koestroff with assault boats. The foot bridge that was to be constructed by 150th Engrs for practice crossing was not completed. 150 men from 1st and 2nd Bns carried the assault boats from the trucks to their respective crossing sites. 150th Engrs brought assault boats up for crossing. Co C 305 Engr made up pile and satchel charges for demolition of pillboxes. The Engrs that were in charge of the