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HEADQUARTERS 905TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO #80, C/O POSTMASTER, NEW YORK, N. Y.

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy.

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

1. Transmitted herewith is completed After Action Report, in four sections, for the month of May 1945, for this Battalion, in accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as amended by Change 3, and Memorandum Number 64, Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, dated 24 August 1944.

2. Unit and Staff Journals, together with their supporting documents, are attached.

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- #1 - Section I
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- #3 - Section III
- #4 - Section IV
- #5 - Unit & Staff Journals & Supporting Documents



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SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy. (For the Month of May 1945)
Section I - Summary of Daily Operations and Action.

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

1 May - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion was located in Mettenbach, with the Command Post at (33251480), "A" Battery at (3342614671), "B" Battery at (3368415013), "C" Battery at (3309614900), and Cannon Company, 319th Infantry located in Moosburg attached to the 1st Battalion, 319th Infantry. 905th Field Artillery Battalion fired a preparation for the 2d Battalion, 319th Infantry in support of an attack on Nied Aickbach, Germany across the Isar River. The preparation was fired by "B" and "C" Batteries and this preparation was the last ammunition fired in the European War by the 905th Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Battalion, 319th Infantry also crossed the Isar River and took Nied Viehbach, Germany. 905th Field Artillery Battalion furnished the infantry with trucks for a shuttle movement. Upon the return of the trucks, the 905th Field Artillery Battalion moved to Nied Aichbachau with the Command Post located at (378114), "A" Battery at (3741011717), "B" Battery at (3789811786), "C" Battery at (3807411934). The 94th Chemical Mortar Battalion minus Company "A" and "B" was attached to the 905th Field Artillery Battalion at this time. The 315th Field Artillery Battalion reinforced the fires of the 905th Field Artillery Battalion. Both radio and wire communications were used.

2 May - During early morning hours, the Engineers completed a bridge across the Isar River. The 905th Field Artillery Battalion crossed and moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Loizenkirchen, Germany. The Battalion column consisting of the 905th Field Artillery Battalion plus 94th Chemical Mortar Battalion minus Company "A" and "B". The 1st Battalion, 319th Infantry was motorized. Company "C", 94th Chemical Mortar Battalion was attached to 1st Battalion, 319th Infantry. 905th Field Artillery Battalion followed the motorized column. While on the move the column ran into a road block estimated to consist of 150 men. Infantry and tanks were deployed to take care of the road block. Cannon Company, 319th Infantry and Battery "A", 905th Field Artillery Battalion were put into position in case the road block became a serious obstacle. The situation cleared in a short time and the column moved on. 1st Battalion, 319th Infantry went into an assembly area in vicinity of Illbach, Germany, 2d Battalion took up positions about Winhoring, Germany. 905th Field Artillery Battalion took up positions in the vicinity of Aresing, Germany with Command Post located at (61107590), "A" Battery at (6133075300), "B" Battery at (6108975764), "C" Battery at (6208076000).

3 May - The 319th Infantry went into reserve. Mission of the 905th Field Artillery Battalion remained unchanged. The 905th Field Artillery Battalion furnished 6 prime movers to the Infantry for shuttling and 6 prime movers to 80th Infantry Division to transport Prisoners of War. The six prime movers to 319th Infantry returned to the 905th Field Artillery Battalion prior to darkness.

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Section I - Summary of Daily Operations and Actions. (Continued)

4 May - The 315th Field Artillery Battalion was relieved of its reinforcing mission. The 905th Field Artillery Battalion moved as part of the 319th Combat Team to an assembly area in the vicinity of Simbach a Inn, Germany. Upon arriving at the area the Battalion was ordered to proceed to Mauerkirch. The Battalion crossed the Inn River at Braunau, Austria and proceeded to Mauerkirch with the Command Post located at (006697), "A" Battery at (0070068260), "B" Battery at (0050068840), "C" Battery at (0060069636). The move was about 45 miles. Radio only to higher units. Wire was used to batteries and 319th Infantry.

5 May - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion displaced as part of the 319th Combat Team to vicinity of Sierling, Austria near the Steyr River. Prior to the move Cannon Company, 319th Infantry was attached to the 3d Battalion, 319th Infantry, motorized; Company "C", 31st Chemical Mortar Battalion was attached to 2d Battalion, 319th Infantry. The move from Mauerkirch to Sierling was about 80 miles. The 905th Field Artillery Battalion Command Post was located at (893599), "A" Battery at (8913159138), "B" Battery at (8934559406), "C" Battery at (5908159225). As the 905th Field Artillery Battalion was the only American military unit in town it was necessary to take over the military government of the town. Instructions were issued to the Bergermeister and carried out. Up until midnight about 2000 prisoners were collected and placed in the 905th Field Artillery Battalion Prisoners of War inclosure.

6 May - The mission of the 319th Infantry was again changed and they were relieved by elements of the 71st Infantry Division. The 905th Field Artillery Battalion plus Cannon Company, 319th Infantry moved as part of the 319th Combat Team to the vicinity of Wimsbach, Austria, retracing the route of the previous day by about 35 miles. The Battalion Command Post was located in Wimsbach, Austria at (585589), "A" Battery at Aichut (558577), "B" Battery at (566577), "C" Battery at Fraham (568583) and Cannon Company, 319th Infantry at Berghan (565568). The 6 prime movers that were sent to the 80th Infantry Division on 3 May for the purpose of hauling Prisoners of War, returned. A detail of 30 men and officers were left in Sierling, Austria to maintain guard over 2500 Prisoners of War.

7 - 8 May (inclusive) - The guard detail left in Sierling, Austria was relieved and rejoined 905th Field Artillery Battalion. All hostilities have ceased.

9 - 31 May (inclusive) - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion performed normal occupation duties.



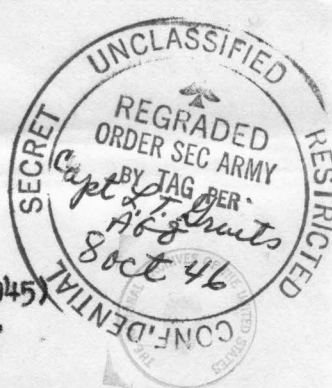
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SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy. (For the Month of May 1945)
Section II - Intelligence Operations, Use of Sections, etc.

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

1 May - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion reinforced by the fires of the 315th Field Artillery Battalion continued in direct support of the 319th Infantry Regiment. Rapid advances during the last days of April had taken the infantry elements to the banks of the Isar River southeast of Essenbach. Enemy units identified in the zone of the 80th Infantry Division were the 36th VG and the 416th Infantry Divisions. No enemy artillery was reported. The last artillery round fired in the European War by the 905th Field Artillery Battalion was in the preparation for the 2d Battalion in their attack across the Isar River toward Niedaichbach, Germany. The town was taken with very slight resistance and at the same time the 1st Battalion took Niedviehbach, Germany. Infantry elements reported the capture of prisoners with back-dated discharge papers.

2 May - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion crossed the Isar River by bridge and supported the motorized infantry column moving to the southeast. A road block supported by an estimated 150 enemy infantry was reduced.

4 May - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion crossed the Inn River at Brannau, Austria.

5 May - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion moved to the vicinity of Sierling, Austria and took over the military government of the town. Approximately two thousand prisoners of war were assembled and placed in the 905th Prisoner of War enclosure. The effect of the disintegration of the German government was shown upon the number of enemy soldiers surrendering on the 80th Infantry Division front.

6 - 31 May (inclusive) - The 905th Field Artillery Battalion moved to Wimsbach, Austria where it remained for the rest of the month. When V-E Day came on 9 May, the 905th Field Artillery Battalion was engaged in moving prisoners of war and displaced personnel to previously designated areas. At the end of the month a prisoner of war camp was established near Lambach, Austria.

Comments and Observations:

1. Now that the war in Europe had ended each officer and man in the 905th Field Artillery Battalion could rightly and proudly say that his was a "good fighting outfit" and that they had "fought the good fight".

2. Often during the fast moving tactical situation where the terrain handicaps communications, a mobile radio relay station must be utilized. With at least two infantry battalion involved (six forward observers and two liaison officers) the problem of moving the relay station (mounted in a 3/4 ton weapons carrier) must be decided by one who is aware of the tactical situation and the progress made by the infantry elements. The Battalion Commander should "educate" certain personnel in what is desirable. An officer or senior non-commissioned and relay station crew from the Command

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Section II - Intelligence Operations, Use of Sections, etc. (Continued)

Comments and Observations: (Continued)

Post or Headquarters Battery must be designated in advance and trained to handle a small situation map at the relay station location. An orientation in infantry-artillery plans of the officer or non-commissioned officer in charge is imperative. Keeping up the map plus an intelligent appraisal of messages with a recording of the same will enable the person in charge to move the radio relay station without delay in the maintenance of radio communications.



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SUPPLY OFFICE
05th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 80, United States Army

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy
Section III Logistics, Supply Procedure, Problems

TO : The Adjutant General
Washington, D.C.

1. In accordance with Paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as amended by Change 3, the following report is submitted for the calendar month of May 1 1945:

a. Class I Supplies: No problems.

b. Class II Supplies:

(1) Clothing and Equipment:

(a) Jacket, field, OD, M1943, size 34-R not obtainable.

(b) Boot, combat, service (or shoe service)-sizes from 5-D to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -E inclusive, all sizes EE width not available.

(c) Can, meat, not available.

(d) Can, corrugated, nesting, 24-gal. and 32-gal. not available.

c. Class III Supplies: No problems.

d. Class IV Supplies: None authorized.

e. Class V Supplies: No problems.

2. Medical Supplies and Evacuation: No problems.

3. Comments, Observations, Recommendations:

Since the end of hostilities on 8 May 1945, no Class A clothing has been received and Class B stocks have been limited. Now that there is time to inspect clothing and equipment, shortages are coming to light which were undiscovered heretofore. However our requisitions are not being filled.

All major items, particularly Ordnance items, are frozen.

We are still unable to obtain the cans corrugated required to replace like items worn out and required for washing of mess gear. We have requisitions for this item dating back to January.



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1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy.
Section IV, Personnel and Allied Administration for Month of May 1945.

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

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended by Change 3, the following report is submitted for calendar month of May 1945:

TABLE NUMBER 1.

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY
(Figures taken from Battle Casualty Reports up to and
(Source of Information)
including 31 May 45 for period 1 May 45 to 31 May 45.
(Date) (Dates)

| DATE | KIA | DOW | WIA | LIA | MIA | TOTAL | RTD'S |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|

No Battle Casualties for the Month of May 1945.

TABLE NUMBER 2.

PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PW'S</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2 May | 27 |
| 3 May | 31 |
| 4 May | 10 |
| 5 May | <u>2000</u> |
| TOTAL | 2068 |



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TABLE NUMBER 3.

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED
(Including Hospital Returnees)

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NO.</u> |
|--------------|------------|
| 1 May | 6 |
| 6 May | 2 |
| 7 May | 4 |
| 9 May | 1 |
| 11 May | 1 |
| 12 May | 1 |
| 15 May | 4 |
| 16 May | 1 |
| 17 May | 1 |
| 23 May | 3 |
| 24 May | 2 |
| 25 May | 1 |
| TOTAL | 27 |



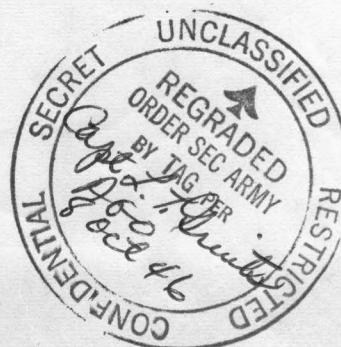
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Decorations awarded from 1 May 45 to 31 May 45 inclusive:
(Date) (Date)

No.

- 12 Bronze Star Medal
- 1 Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star
- 1 Air Medal
- 3 Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medal.



2. Graves Registrations - None

3. Battlefield Appointments - None

4. Special Service -

- a. During the first week of this month, very little special service activity occurred. After V-E Day, the program was hampered by the lack of athletic equipment and entertainment facilities. However, in the third week, the special service program had started and progressed satisfactorily. The use of civilian entertainment facilities, and the procurement of athletic equipment through special service channels and from duffle bags brought from the rear, enabled us to start the special service program in motion.
- b. The most important special service project for the month of May was the establishment of an Enlisted Men Recreation Center and a small Officer's Club at Gmunden See. The Enlisted Men recreational center has overnight accommodations for twenty men. Meals are served and there are various types of games, boats, and music. The Officer's Club primarily affords sleeping accommodations and meals.
- c. Movies are one of the most desired elements in the program. Difficulties have been faced in procuring movies because of the shortage of movie projectors. Those projectors that were available from higher echelons are now with Corps Special Service for repairs. Having our own 35mm projector, our desire is to procure film, but it is not issued.
- d. Recreational games such as softball have been difficult to arrange due to the extensive guard duty to which the Battalion has been subjected, and also the lack of equipment. However, many games have been played.
- e. We have employed the Division Band on several occasions in presenting concerts.

5. Comments, observations, and recommendations:

All administrative and personnel work of the Battalion was satisfactorily accomplished by the Personnel Section in the Division Rear Echelon.



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