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HEADQUARTERS 318TH INFANTRY  
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During the month of April 1945, the S-1 Command Post Section was located at the following places:

1 April	Homburg, Germany
1 April	Ober Mollerich, Germany
1 April - 3 April	Gudensberg, Germany
3 April - 4 April	Oberzwebern, Germany
4 April - 6 April	Kassel, Germany
6 April - 7 April	Mechterstadt, Germany
7 April - 10 April	Siebleben, Germany
10 April - 11 April	Seebergen, Germany
11 April - 12 April	Walterslieben, Germany
12 April - 13 April	Eufort, Germany
13 April - 14 April	Unnamed Village (721694)
14 April - 16 April	Unnamed Village (382675)
16 April - 19 April	Hartmannsdorf, Germany
19 April - 22 April	Peulendorf, Germany
22 April - 28 April	Nurnberg, Germany
28 April - 29 April	Ober-Isling, Germany
29 April - 30 April	Mengkofen, Germany
30 April	Moosthening, Germany

The Regiment received a total of 27 Officers and 716 Enlisted Men reinforcements and returnees during the month of April. Reinforcements were received through the 53rd Reinforcement Bn, 2nd Reinforcement Depot, 5th Ranger Infantry Bn, Headquarters 34th Evacuation Hospital and the 318th Infantry Regiment.

The estimated effective strength for the Regiment by day is shown below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
1 April	122	4	2876
2 April	122	4	2858
3 April	122	4	2809
4 April	134	4	2785
5 April	129	4	2729
6 April	130	4	2835
7 April	130	4	2834
8 April	130	4	2829
9 April	130	4	3023
10 April	130	4	2969
11 April	127	4	2904
12 April	124	4	2857
13 April	122	4	2818
14 April	122	4	2814
15 April	122	4	2807
16 April	122	4	2823
17 April	122	4	2802
18 April	122	4	2770

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
19 April	122	4	2812
20 April	122	4	2829
21 April	123	4	2848
22 April	123	4	2840
23 April	122	4	2836
24 April	122	4	2931
25 April	123	4	2927
26 April	124	4	2922
27 April	123	4	2918
28 April	123	4	2918
29 April	123	4	2918
30 April	123	4	2915

The maximum number of officers during the month was 134 while the minimum number was 122. The maximum number of Enlisted Men was 3023 with a minimum of 2729.

During the month of April 2 officers and 36 Enlisted Men were returned to the United States for 45 day temporary duty periods of rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery. Three officers and 33 Enlisted Men were sent to the Riviera on seven day furloughs. Four officers and 32 Enlisted Men went to Paris on three day passes. Two Field Officers were sent to London on three day passes. One officer attended the Information and Education School at Paris, France.

The Regimental Investigating Officer investigated a total of 22 self inflicted wounds cases during the month. Several of these cases occurred during previous months. There were 2 General Court cases, 12 Special Court cases and 10 Summary Court cases within the Regiment during April.

The month of April involved constant and rapid movement of the Regiment. This resulted in the capture of the large cities of Kassel and Eufort. Majority of the casualties were caused by small arms fire. At Kassel elements of the Regiment received a serious German tank attack which caused numerous casualties. The number of casualties within the month was for less than immediate preceding months.

On the 8th of April the Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride presented Distinguished Service Crosses to Capt. Raymond G. Roy 01295089, Commanding Officer, Company A and Private Patrick H. Moreschi 31309180, Medical Detachment. Presentations were made in the presence of the Regimental Commander and Staff at the Command Post in Siebleben, Germany.

At Nurnberg, Germany the Regiment was given the mission of guarding the city. It was necessary to comb the city and gather together German stragglers and displaced Persons. There were 14000 Prisoners of War in one camp within the Regimental sector and 5000 displaced Persons in another camp.

Showers, post exchange supplies, movies and USO shows were made available to men of the Regiment at Nurnberg.

Comments, Observations and Recommendations

1. Beginning with the month of April all personnel Officers are required to

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record and approve the amount of money sent home by money order, war bonds, PTA and Soldiers Deposit of all Enlisted Men and Officers up to and including the rank of Captain. Men within an Infantry Regiment have little opportunity to obtain money illegally. In addition, a heavy administrative burden is placed upon the personnel sections. In those parts of Europe where civilians and soldier monetary transactions are permissible, such a system is probably necessary. In the case of an Infantry Regiment which is constantly moving and engaged with the enemy, administration is difficult enough without this extra burden of checking money order applications by one individual.

2. Attached is a report of all casualties, reinforcements and RTD's within the Regiment by company from the time of entry into combat until the end of April 1945.

Attached hereto are the following tables and reports:

Table #1 - Battle Casualty Report by type of casualty.

Table #2 - Prisoners of War captured.

Table #3 - Replacements received.

Table #4 - Awards, Decorations and Battlefield appointments.

Table #5 - Casualties, Reinforcements & RTD's for period 1 April to 30 April 1945.

Graves Registration Report.

Special Service Report.

Military Government Report.

Special Orders, General Orders and Memorandums, this Headquarters.



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318TH INFANTRY

TABLE NUMBER 1

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY  
(Figures taken from company morning reports  
up to and including 30 April 1945 for the  
period 1 April to 30 April 1945)

Figures shown in this section indicate that enlisted men were not listed on roster of casualties for periods 1 January to 31 January, 1 February to 28 February, and 1 March to 31 March 1945. Information received subsequent to 31 March 1945 revealed the following casualty figures for these periods on dates shown below:

DATE	KIA	DOW	WIA	IIA	MIA	TOTAL	RTDs
13 Jan 45	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
14 Feb	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
17 Mar	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
20 "	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
21 "	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
22 "	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
25 "	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
29 "	-	-	-	1	-	2	1
30 "	-	-	-	-	-	33	33
31 "	5	-	14	-	2	36	15
Totals	5	-	18	2	3	87	59

DATE	KIA	DOW	WIA	IIA	MIA	TOTAL	RTDs
1 Apr 45	2	-	2	-	-	14	10
2 "	26	-	38	3	-	95	28
3 "	10	-	15	1	-	34	8
4 "	5	-	20	1	-	67	41
5 "	1	-	4	-	-	11	6
6 "	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
7 "	-	-	7	-	-	80	73
8 "	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
9 "	1	-	-	-	-	3	2
10 "	19	-	52	2	-	75	2
11 "	15	-	30	1	3	52	3
12 "	1	-	24	1	-	33	6
13 "	1	-	-	3	-	5	1
14 "	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
15 "	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
16 "	-	1	-	-	-	47	46
17 "	-	-	-	-	-	15	15
18 "	1	-	3	-	1	37	32
19 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
21 "	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
22 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 "	-	-	-	-	1	2	1

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY

1 April to 30 April 1945

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>IIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RTDs</u>
24 Apr 45	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
25 "	1	-	-	-	-	3	2
26 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 "	-	-	1	-	-	31	30
28 "	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
29 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 "	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
<u>Totals</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>340</u>

TABLE NUMBER 2

PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO</u>
1 April	153
2 April	278
3 April	349
4 April	1325
5 April	36
6 April	18
7 April	16
8 April	65
9 April	18
10 April	91
11 April	255
12 April	1690
13 April	1160
14 April	1742
15 April	1870
16 April	482
17 April	30
18 April	25
19 April	189
20 April	8
21 April	9
22 April	4
23 April	8
24 April	1
25 April	1
26 April	63
27 April	27
28 April	1
29 April	125
30 April	152
<u>Total</u>	<u>10191</u>

TABLE NUMBER 3:  
Par A

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED  
(Including Hospital Returnees)

DATE	No
1 Apr 45	5
2 "	33
3 "	12
4 "	85
5 "	-
6 "	4
7 "	71
8 "	-
9 "	-
10 "	-
12 "	5
13 "	1
14 "	13
15 "	7
16 "	80
17 "	15
18 "	55
19 "	-
20 "	-
21 "	1
22 "	-
23 "	3
24 "	97
25 "	-
26 "	-
27 "	48
28 "	2
29 "	42
30 "	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>580</b>

PAR B	<u>Strength -Commissioned and Enlisted:</u>	O	WO	EM
1.	At beginning of period:	127	4	2862
2.	Net increase during period:	1	-	138
3.	Reinforcements during period:	27	-	716
4.	Net decrease during period:	-	-	-
5.	Total losses during period:	26	-	578
6.	Strength at end of period:	128	4	3000

PAR C Source of reinforcements for period:  
 53rd Reinf Bn                      Hq 34th Evac Hosp (1)  
 5th Ranger Inf Bn (2)          2d Reinf Depot (3)  
 319 Infantry (1)

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TABLE NUMBER 4

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (1 April - 30 April, 1945)

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
0	Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously)
0	Distinguished Service Cross
1	Silver Star Medal (Posthumously)
11	Silver Star Medal
3	Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star
1	Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously)
14	Bronze Star Medal
2	Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star
0	Air Medal
0	Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
0	Soldiers Medal
262	Purple Heart Awards
63	(1st) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart
4	(2nd) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart
1	(3rd) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart

BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

During the period 1-30 April 1945, 2 enlisted men were appointed second lieutenants.

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GRAVES Registration After Action Report for Month of April 1945.

During the month of April 1945, sixty-six (66) Americans and one hundred and three (103) German dead were buried. This organization utilized the United States Military Cemetery located at Stromberg, Germany, for the first three (3) weeks in April and the United States Military Cemetery located at Buchenbukl, Germany, the last week in April.



SPECIAL SERVICE AFTER ACTION REPORT  
FOR MONTH OF APRIL  
1945

The following are the functions of the Special Service Office during the month of April 1945:

During the month of April the functioning of Special Service was somewhat curtailed due to the tactical situation. This section evacuated prisoners and brought up reinforcements.

On April 7th to 11th found us in Siebleben and movies were shown to all three Battalions.

On the 22nd the Regiment was stationed in Nurnberg and at that time the men were given the opportunity to see a USO show. First and Third Battalions were serviced with a Clubmobile.

During the month of April the Exchange was opened twice.

## April Report of Military Government Activities

During the month the MGO operated for the 318th from Kassel, in the north, to Hartsmandorf (by Chemnitz) in the east to the Iser River, south of Regensburg.

We worked in conjunction with the MGOs of the 6th, 4th and 13th Armored Divisions and numerous MGOs of Infantry Divisions as we relieved them or vice versa.

In Hartsmandorf we ran into our first and only organized German resistance movement. The town was taken over by the leading men and was being well handled.

It was interesting to note that most of the homes, even in the towns were well stocked with food, clothes, and various beverages. This was contrary to much of the news about the lack of essential products in Germany. Silk stockings, generally a gage of the standard, were plentiful, most of them coming from Italy.

Many warehouses have been uncovered by the Regiment which contained large store of food and clothing and other things which will be a material aid in taking care of the displaced persons as well as civilians.

On the 12th we went into Erfurt which was the second large city the MGO has had responsibility for during the month. In the first, Kassel, we were relieved by the 69th just after we got things moving. In Kassel practically all of the civilians police were committed as Infantry and captured, but in Erfurt we had the services of almost 400 civil police with officers of a good type, and we were able to use the Oberburgermeister until he was arrested, when he was replaced by the assistant who was a good man. We were kept over in Erfurt, after the Regiment left, to be responsible for the town until relieved by the CO of 241st FA Bn., which took over responsibility for the town.

On the 10th before entering Erfurt we located Bela Fabian, president of the Hungarian Democratic party, who had been in the camp at Ordruf, and had escaped from there. We were fortunate in getting him in touch with three press correspondents as he is well known and had quite a story to tell which received important space in all the New York and other papers in the United States.

We made use of the public address system in Erfurt, and later in Nurnberg, to inform the civilians of the desires of Military Government. This is an effective way, and practically the only way, in a destroyed town to let the people know what they can and can not do. At first, at least, practically all of the people are anxious to comply. The most serious problem is the looting of German army stocks by civilians and displaced persons.

We found it very effective in Erfurt to secure a leader for each displaced persons camp or large group and to have them meet with responsible city officials and thus secure cooperation with police etc., and to have them fed by the Germans.

Was given a "US Military Government" rubber stamp which is used for stamping armband and necessary passes so that those who check them can know from where they originate.

Uncovered a large group of French officers at Herrenhaide, just southeast of Hartsmandorf. Arranged for them to get shoes (400 pair) and an allotment of Red Cross packages which were stored nearby. Regiment furnished transportation, as is

April Report of Military Government Activities.

the custom, and Sgt Dujardin, high commissioner of DPs took care of the details.

In Nurnberg, we had 14,000 PW in a camp in our sector as well as a second camp where we collected more than 5,000 DPs as men of the 318th combed the city picking up all German stragglers and all DPs on the streets. This method proved very effective. We had each Battalion set up collecting points in their area and then had them truck the persons collected to the north camp. This method avoided the normal amount of looting and trouble, which results when the DPs are liberated and start drinking freely and sometimes shooting.

Left Nurnberg on 28th and proceeded south with Regiment, which crossed Isar river on 30th April. Problems other than in the larger cities was the normal ones of posting proclamations and helping evacuate and control civilians in Regimental area.

CASUALTIES AS OF 2400 30 APRIL 1945

OFFICERS

ENLISTED MEN

	KIA	MIA	SWA	LWA	SIA	LIA	DOW	NEC	TOT- AL	KIA	MIA	SWA	LWA	SIA	LIA	DOW	NEC	TOT- AL	GRAND TOT
Hq Co	3	4	2	2				10	21	3	6	6	15		4		30	64	85
AT										14	3	6	20				30	73	73
SERV				1				1	2	1		1	2				19	23	25
CANNON	1	1	1						3	2	2	1	4	1		1	11	22	25
MD		1	1	2				3	7	29	12	35	58	3	14	2	129	282	289
Hq Co 1st Br	2		2	2				4	10	5		13	11	4	7	2	33	75	85
A	3	1	3	7			1	1	16	108	18	119	212	5	38	8	195	703	719
B	4		8	13				4	29	110	72	100	209	7	48	8	277	831	860
C	2		6	9			1	7	25	98	14	111	252		51	3	267	796	821
D			1	6		1		6	14	21	4	49	73	2	14	4	105	272	286
Hq Co 2nd Br	1		2				1	4	8	5		14	10	1	1	1	38	70	78
E	3	1	3	6		1		4	18	98	30	133	171	6	46	17	207	708	726
F	2	1	2	9		1	1	10	26	103	23	164	172	7	62	10	284	825	851
G	4		2	5	1		3	7	22	82	19	124	193	7	74	12	263	774	796
H	1	1	6	2				4	14	34	14	40	58	2	33	4	157	342	356
Hq Co 3rd Br	2		1	1	1			2	7	8	14	15	13	1	4	3	59	117	124
I	2		5	5				15	27	79	7	84	135	2	43	6	293	649	676
K	5		6	3	1	2	1	9	27	95	29	109	147	4	36	11	266	697	724
L	6	3	5	13			2	5	34	103	131	110	225	5	61	11	305	951	985
M	3		3	7		1		6	20	23	18	41	65	3	19	3	142	314	334
	44	13	59	93	3	6	10	102	330	1021	416	1275	2045	60	555	106	3110	8588	8918

Reinforcements - Enlisted Men = 6048

Officers = 197

- Enlisted Men = 8057

Officers = 190