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HEADQUARTERS 318TH INFANTRY  
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

S-1 After Action Report

During the month of February 1945, the S-1 Command Post Section was located at the following places:

- 1 Feb - 18 Feb Ferme Pletschette, Luxembourg
- 18 Feb - 20 Feb Pill box Two miles SE Cruchten, Germany
- 20 Feb - 22 Feb Cruchten, Germany
- 22 Feb - 28 Feb Huttingen, Germany

The Regiment received a total of 26 officers and 1157 Enlisted Men reinforcements and returnees during the month of February. The reinforcements came to the Regiment through the 17th Reinforcement Depot, 53rd Reinforcement Bn, 38th Reinforcement Bn, 81st Reinforcement Bn and the 48th Reinforcement Bn. A large portion of the reinforcements received were reconverts from other branches of the service. This month we received men who had been transferred from the Air Corp, given six-weeks Infantry training in the United States, then shipped overseas as riflemen reinforcements. A noteworthy number of high ranking non-commissioned officers from other branches were received.

The estimated effective strength by day is shown below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
1 Feb	119	4	2852
2 Feb	119	4	2873
3 Feb	120	4	2874
4 Feb	120	4	2874
5 Feb	118	4	2950
6 Feb	120	4	2976
7 Feb	120	4	2912
8 Feb	121	4	2930
9 Feb	120	4	2881
10 Feb	118	4	2906
11 Feb	117	4	2793
12 Feb	115	4	2742
13 Feb	111	4	2699
14 Feb	111	4	2626
15 Feb	111	4	2692
16 Feb	110	4	2654
17 Feb	110	4	2611
18 Feb	114	4	2553
19 Feb	115	4	2437
20 Feb	112	4	2416
21 Feb	110	4	2398
22 Feb	109	4	2382
23 Feb	110	4	2517
24 Feb	109	4	2493
25 Feb	108	4	2506
26 Feb	113	4	2751
27 Feb	115	4	2745
28 Feb	118	4	2313

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The maximum number of Officers within the Regiment during the month was 120 while the minimum was 108. The maximum number of Enlisted Men was 2976 with a minimum of 2382.

The melting of the snow during the period 1st to 3rd February revealed numerous dead Germans, cattle, pigs and horses scattered through-out the Regimental sector. This Regiment had previously relieved the 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division when the ground was heavily covered with snow. All dead livestock were pulled from the towns to designated points where civilians or Engineer bull-dozers were used to prepare holes and cover the carcasses.

Quartermaster showers had been made available the last few days of January. It was necessary to use the first five days of February to complete bathes within the Regiment. Due to the fact 2nd and 3rd Battalions were on line, troops were withdrawn a few men at a time and shuttled back to the showers, located at Fels, Luxembourg.

Until the 7th of February, the Regiment occupied a defensive sector. A Regimental dental clinic was made available to the men at the rear train location. Emphasis was placed on the repair of teeth during this period.

On 2nd February the Distinguished Service Cross was presented to Pfc Joseph F. Collenson 39342947, Company I, by Major General Horace L. McBride, the Division Commanding General. Presentation was made at the Regimental Command Post in the presence of the Regimental Commander and Staff.

This Regiment returned a total of eight Enlisted Men to the United States for a thirty day temporary duty period of rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery. The men were sent to reception centers nearest their homes, from there, they received their furloughs.

On 7 February, this Regiment launched an attack across the Gauer river into the fortifications of the German Siegfried Line. Heavy casualties were suffered during the operation. The swift current of the river made bridge construction, ferrying, evacuation of wounded, etc., a pertinent problem. On 12 February a bridge was at last constructed, the Regimental Graves Registration detail obtained crossing and immediately began evacuating the dead. Many men had been killed due to enemy mine fields. Members of the Regimental Anti-mine platoon were temporarily attached to the Graves Registration Service section for clearance of paths into these fields. At various times, German prisoners were used to aid in the evacuation of the dead. Throughout the entire month, burial of allied and enemy dead was made at the cemeteries located in the vicinity of Hamm, Luxembourg.

Upon entering Germany, the Military Government Officer was given six men from this organization to be used as guards. In all towns entered, the German people were quickly and efficiently, put into one section of the town where they could not bother our military operation. The six guards are used to patrol the civilian section as well as protect them on food gathering and livestock feeding missions outside

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of the civilian section. The system has proven very successful so far.

The Investigating Officer investigated a total of 34 self-inflicted wound cases during the month. A portion of these cases occurred during previous months. In accordance with a letter dated 16 February 1945, Hq 3rd United States Army, self-inflicted wound cases will be tried by courts-martial. This organization has not had any cases since receipt of said letter. There were eleven General court cases, one Special court case and three Summary Court cases within the Regiment during the month.

Comments, Observations and Recommendations:

1. The Regiment received a large number of high ranking non-commissioned officers during the month. The majority of this group were men from other branches of the service than the Infantry. The men who were sent to line companies were used as under-studies in squads, platoons, or to Company First Sergeants. This method permits these men an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the task of leadership for which their rank designates within a line company. Later, these men will take control of squads and platoons.

2. All Regiments who have been in combat for a considerable period of time receives an enormous amount of mail that must be redirected by the company mail clerks and sent back. It is my opinion that this could very easily be redirected at a higher echelon than the Infantry Regiment. An example of this is easily shown by one company of this organization. This company has had a total of 853 casualties to date. Added to this figure the number of men who are in the company at the present, men who will enter the company in the future, the company mail clerk and his assistant will be required to have a large staff. Transportation which is required to carry this extra mail to the forward echelon is always needed for necessary missions.

3. Attached is a report of all casualties, reinforcements and Rtd's within the Regiment by company from the time of entry in to combat until the end of February.

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 of 8 Aug 44 to 28 Feb 45.

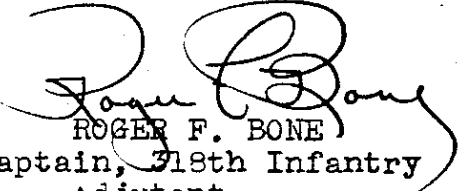
Graves Registration Report

Social Service Report

Military Government Report

Special Orders, General Orders and Memorandums, this Headquarters.

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Adjutant

R E S T R I C T E D

318th Infantry

TABLE NUMBER 1

**BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY**  
 (Figures taken from company morning reports up to  
 and including 28 February 1945 for the period  
 1 February to 28 February 1945)

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

DATE	KIA	DOW	WIA	IIA	MIA	TOTAL	RTDs
5 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
21 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
25 "	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
26 "	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
27 "	2	-	1	-	-	3	1
28 Dec	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
29 "	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

DATE	KIA	DOW	WIA	IIA	MIA	TOTAL	RTDs
1 Feb	-	-	2	2	1	5	4
2 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
3 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
4 "	-	-	1	-	-	1	4
5 "	5	-	6	-	-	11	12
6 "	-	-	3	2	-	5	33
7 "	6	-	16	2	2	26	1
8 "	15	-	19	7	3	44	10
9 "	5	1	39	9	6	60	39
10 "	14	1	106	8	2	131	20
11 "	24	2	60	17	16	119	2
12 "	5	-	25	1	1	32	6
13 "	-	-	19	4	1	24	-
14 "	3	1	12	5	5	26	25
15 "	3	-	21	6	1	31	4
16 "	16	1	16	3	-	36	27
17 "	1	-	29	3	-	33	1
18 "	21	-	39	5	1	66	1
19 "	14	2	33	1	6	56	25
20 "	4	-	17	-	-	21	-
21 "	4	1	8	1	2	16	1
22 "	10	-	20	1	5	36	21
23 "	1	-	23	1	12	37	50
24 "	-	1	3	1	-	5	-
25 "	-	-	1	1	-	2	10
26 "	-	-	-	1	-	1	5
27 "	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
28 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	23

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY (Cont'd)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>LIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>RTDs</u>
Totals	151	11	518	81	64	825	347

TABLE NUMBER "2"

PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO</u>
1 Feb	0
2 Feb	0
3 Feb	0
4 Feb	0
5 Feb	0
6 Feb	0
7 Feb	0
8 Feb	0
9 Feb	14
10 Feb	26
11 Feb	17
12 Feb	266
13 Feb	138
14 Feb	48
15 Feb	13
16 Feb	12
17 Feb	29
18 Feb	24
19 Feb	157
20 Feb	31
21 Feb	106
22 Feb	108
23 Feb	47
24 Feb	11
25 Feb	15
26 Feb	58
27 Feb	0
28 Feb	0
Total	<u>1120</u>

TABLE NUMBER "3"

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED  
(Including Hospital Returnees)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO</u>
1 Feb	9
2 Feb	21
3 Feb	7
4 Feb	6
5 Feb	84
6 Feb	43
7 Feb	5
8 Feb	13
9 Feb	74
10 Feb	19
11 Feb	7
12 Feb	6
13 Feb	1

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT B. TYPE OF CASUALTY (Cont'd)

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED  
(Including Hospital Returnees)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO</u>
14 Feb	<del>30</del>
15 Feb	136
16 Feb	30
17 Feb	4
18 Feb	6
19 Feb	26
20 Feb	2
21 Feb	0
22 Feb	31
23 Feb	220
24 Feb	0
25 Feb	15
26 Feb	242
27 Feb	23
28 Feb	97
<u>Total</u>	<u>1157</u>

TABLE NUMBER 4

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (1 Feb - 28 Feb 45)

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
0	Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously)
2	Distinguished Service Cross
3	Silver Star Medal (Posthumously)
18	Silver Star Medal
0	Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
2	Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously)
30	Bronze Star Medal
1	Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star
0	Air Medal
0	Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
0	Soldier's Medal
494	Purple Heart Awards
105	(1st) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart
7	(2nd) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart

BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

During the period 1-28 February 1945, two enlisted men were appointed second Lieutenants, Inf AUS.



Graves Registration After Action Report for Month of February 1945.

During the month of February 1945 one hundred sixty-five (165) American and one hundred sixty-eight (168) German dead were buried in the United States Military Cemetery located at Hamm, Luxembourg.

CASUALTIES, REINFORCEMENTS & RTD'S  
AS OF 28 FEB 45

	OFFICERS								ENLISTED MEN								GRAND TOTAL			
	KIA.	MIA.	SWA.	LWA.	SIA.	LIA.	DOW.	NBC.	TOTAL:	KIA.	MIA.	SWA.	LWA.	SIA.	LIA.	DOW.		NBC.	TOTAL:-	
HQ CO:	3:	3:	2:	2:	:	:	:	9:	19:	2:	6:	5:	14:	:	4:	:	24:	55:	74	
AT :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	22:	60:	60
CN :	1:	1:	1:	:	:	:	:	:	3:	2:	2:	1:	4:	1:	:	1:	11:	22:	25	
SERV :	:	:	:	1:	:	:	:	1:	2:	1:	:	1:	1:	:	:	:	16:	19:	21	
MED :	:	1:	1:	2:	:	:	:	2:	6:	25:	10:	35:	54:	3:	12:	1:	103:	243:	249	
HQ 1ST :	2:	:	2:	2:	:	:	:	2:	8:	4:	1:	12:	10:	4:	6:	2:	25:	64:	72	
A :	2:	1:	3:	5:	:	:	:	:	11:	80:	12:	108:	178:	5:	35:	6:	139:	563:	574	
B :	3:	:	7:	10:	:	:	:	2:	22:	92:	77:	88:	158:	7:	45:	8:	234:	709:	731	
C :	2:	:	4:	8:	:	:	1:	5:	20:	83:	15:	108:	216:	:	43:	3:	210:	678:	698	
D :	:	:	1:	5:	:	1:	:	6:	13:	17:	6:	48:	59:	2:	13:	4:	68:	217:	230	
HQ 2ND :	1:	:	2:	:	:	:	:	4:	7:	4:	:	14:	8:	1:	1:	1:	24:	53:	60	
E :	3:	1:	2:	6:	:	1:	:	4:	17:	84:	31:	125:	142:	6:	46:	15:	167:	616:	633	
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H :	1:	1:	6:	1:	:	:	:	4:	13:	26:	15:	39:	53:	2:	31:	3:	131:	300:	313	
HQ 3RD :	1:	:	1:	:	1:	:	:	1:	4:	8:	14:	14:	12:	1:	3:	3:	44:	99:	103	
I :	2:	:	5:	3:	:	:	:	13:	23:	65:	8:	72:	118:	2:	41:	4:	232:	542:	565	
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M :	3:	:	3:	7:	:	1:	:	5:	19:	21:	17:	40:	52:	3:	17:	3:	117:	270:	289	
TOTAL:	40:	12:	55:	73:	3:	5:	7:	85:	280:	859:	421:	1199:	1676:	59:	525:	93:	2519:	7351:	7631	

	REINFORCEMENTS	RTD'S
Officer's	185	55
Enlisted Men	5,368	1,280