

HEADQUARTERS 317TH INFANTRY
OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER
190 90, UNITED STATES ARMY

5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Regimental History.
Period from 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945 inclusive.

1. Original Unit:
 - a. 317th Infantry Regiment.
 - b. Organized 15 July 1942.
 - c. Organized at Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
 - d. Authority: WD ltr 43 320.2 organized reserve brackets 7/19/43, RE-7-CV SUBJECT. Organized Reserve Divisions ordered into active service during June and July 1943.
 - e. Original cadre transferred from 8th Infantry Division. Balance of enlisted men received through Selective Service, with a small percentage of voluntary enlistments.

2. Principal changes in organization resulted from changes in Table of Organization and the activation of a Cannon Company about the month of November 1942 and reactivation in September 1943.

3. Strengths:	SOI	RECORD	RECORD
a. At beginning of period:	153	153	1113
b. Net increase to 30 June 45:	7	7	254
c. Net decrease to 30 June 45:	3	3	254
d. Strength:	157	157	1113

4. Stations of Units:
 - 1 June 45 through 7 June 45: Spital an Pyhra, Austria, NY 170250
 - 8 June 45 through 11 June 45: Pottenbach, Austria, NY 684453
 - 12 June 45 through 30 June 45: Hohen-Schwangan, Germany, WD 261884Map Reference-Central Europe on all Coordinates.

5. Marches:
 - 8 June 45: Moved from Spital an Pyhra, Austria to Pottenbach, Austria. Weather clear and warm. Roads excellent. Distance traveled 31 miles.
 - 12 June 45: Moved from Pottenbach, Austria to Hohen-Schwangan, Germany. Weather Cloudy, with rain. Roads excellent. Distance traveled 250 miles.

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6. Campaigns:
 1. Battle of Northern France
 - a. From 5 Aug 44 to 14 Sep 44
 - b. To drive the Germans from France.
 - c. Authority ordering was the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.
 2. Battle of the Rhineland
 - a. From 15 Sep 44 to 21 March 45
 - b. To conquer Germany
 - c. Authority ordering was the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.
 3. Battle of the Ardennes
 - a. From 16 Dec 44 to 25 Jan 45
 - b. To conquer Germany
 - c. Authority ordering was the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.
 4. Battle of Central Europe
 - a. From 22 March 45 to 11 May 45
 - b. To conquer Germany
 - c. Authority ordering was the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

Post Combat Procedure:

7. Narrative Accounts of ~~action~~: 8-2 and 8-3
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1-8 June 1945:

During period, Regiment was located vicinity of ST GALLEN (W1622), RICHGERS (V7643), SPITAL (V9517), and LIEZEN (V8806). No organized enemy resistance was reported, patrols continued investigation of reports that enemy SS troops and political agents were hiding in hills. Security patrols were continuous in towns, and road blocks were maintained at critical points. Patrols apprehended and turned over to the CIC numerous individuals listed as "Wanted". Enemy activity during this period consisted of 3 instances of communication wire cutting.

9-13 June 1945:

During this period, Regiment was in assembly area vicinity FETTERBACH (V6848). No enemy information or activity was reported.

13-30 June 1945:

317th Inf Regiment occupied the area of WIEB'S FUSSEN, and the major portion of IRZ'S MARKET OBERDORF. No enemy activity was reported during period. Road blocks were maintained at critical points within the Regimental area and along the International Prohibited Zone, between GERMANY and AUSTRIA. A continuous search by routine patrols conducted in each Bn netted the capture of several political and military officials "Wanted" by CIC.

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1 June 1945:

3rd Bn 317th Inf, was relieved from attachment to 3rd Cavalry Group, and attached to 319th Inf. Routine training conducted throughout the Regiment. Preparations were being made for 80th Division Competitions.

2-5 June 1945:

Routine training and preparation for 80th Division Competitions continued.

6 June 1945:

Reconnaissance to future assembly area in vicinity of PEITENBACH, AUSTRIA, initiated by all units.

7 June 1945:

1st Bn 317th Inf was relieved by the 501st Airborne Pn in the vicinity of LIESEN, AUSTRIA.

8 June 1945:

317th Inf was officially relieved of responsibility for KRUIS HIRSCHDORF. Regimental CP moved to vicinity of PEITENBACH, AUSTRIA. 1st and 3rd Bns, 317th Inf, moved by motor and train to Regimental assembly area vicinity of PEITENBACH, AUSTRIA.

9 June 1945:

Regimental quartering party departed for new assembly area vicinity of HAUPSWURD, GERMANY.

10-11 June 1945:

Plans formulated for movement of Regiment to new area.

12 June 1945:

317th Inf (Reinf) started movement by motor and train to new area, occupying KRUIS FUSSEN and the major portion of KRUIS MARKT GERSDORF.

13 June 1945:

Regiment closed into new area.

14 June 1945:

317th Inf relieved all units in new area of responsibility.

15-30 June 1945:

During this period, the 317th Inf resumed its training program and preparation for Division competitions. Training was basically review, with one-half of each day being devoted to maintenance of equipment and supervised athletics.

APPENDIX

In order to exercise more control over traffic and travel between AUSTRALIA and GERMANY, an International Prohibited Zone was established. The area of this Zone was made to conform with terrain and road networks, because of this, it was impossible to maintain the desired 5 kilometer width as prescribed by Higher Headquarters. In effect, this proved no handicap. Traffic Control Posts were maintained on roads leading South into the Zone, and were also maintained by the 103rd Infantry Division on our South to check all traffic going North into the Zone.

As a result of establishing and maintaining a strict enforcement of this Prohibited Zone, no violation of travel regulations between the two countries have been reported.

At the end of this period, plans for a 3-month training schedule, commencing 2 July, were formulated. Unit training will be progressive, starting with squad problems, and working up to and including a six-day problem for a reinforced battalion. One-half of each day will be devoted to maintenance of equipment, supervised athletics, and the Army Education Program.

8. Commanding Officer of the Regiment from 1 June 45 to 30 June 45 inclusive was Lt Colonel Henry G. Fisher, Infantry.


Exec Off	Lt Col Paul P. Roberts	1 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl
S-1	Capt Emerson R. Jones	1 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl
S-2	Capt Robert M. Walker	1 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl
S-3	Maj James E. Hayes	1 June 45 to 5 June 45	incl
S-3	Capt William J. Clark Jr.	6 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl
S-4	Maj. Archie C. Johnson Jr.	1 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl

The following Battalions of the Regiment were commanded by Officers indicated.

1st Bn	Major Emmett H. McGrary	1 June 45 to 5 June 45	incl
1st Bn	Major James E. Hayes	6 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl
2d Bn	Lt Col Samuel L. Williams	1 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl
3d Bn	Lt Col Robert W. Black	1 June 45 to 30 June 45	incl

9. Former and present members of this organization who have distinguished themselves in action are as indicated ~~by company lettering~~ on the attached copies of General Orders.
10. Former and present members of this organization who have been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action are as indicated ~~by company lettering~~ on the attached copies of General Orders.
11. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events not available up to 30 June 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:


J. T. RADEK
Captain, Infantry
Regimental Historian

- 25 Incls:
Incl 1 Table No 1
Incl 2 Table No 2
Incl 3 Table No 3
Incl 4 Memo TUSA 3 Jun 45 Anniversary of D Day
Incl 5 GO 146 TUSA 21 Jun 45 Award of DSC
Incl 6 GO 150 TUSA 23 Jun 45 Award of DSC
Incl 7 thru 25 GO 80th Division Awards

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HEADQUARTERS 317TH INFANTRY
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL COMMANDER
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

5 July 1945

TABLE NUMBER 1

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPIC CASUALTY

Figures taken from Battle Casualty Report up to and including 30 June 45 for the period 1 June 45 to 30 June 45 inclusive.

DATE	MIA	MIA	DEAD	MIA	MIA	DEAD	TOTAL
1 June							17
2 June							10
3 June							10
4 June							3
5 June							
6 June							1
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J. L. Radch
Captain, Infantry
Personnel Officer

HEADQUARTERS 217th INFANTRY
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT-MAJOR
APO 90, U. S. ARMY

5 July 1945

TABLE NUMBER II

MESSAGES RECEIVED

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