

On Mar. 1, the 314th's mission changed from general support of the Division to direct support of the 318th Inf when CT 318 was attached to the 76th Infantry Division. The Battalion displaced from Wiersdorf to an assembly area in the vicinity of Hommerdingen, and later moved to Idesheim. The next day the 318th was on the line with the 76th Division, and the 314th fired a few missions.

On Mar. 3, CT 318 was relieved from attachment to the 76th Div. and returned to 80th control, at which time the 314th moved some 21 miles north to Ehlenz. From there on Mar. 5, it displaced to Sefferweich, then to Neidenbach on the 7th where it remained until Mar. 11.

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Bracketing the Palatinate, Luxembourg to the Rhine

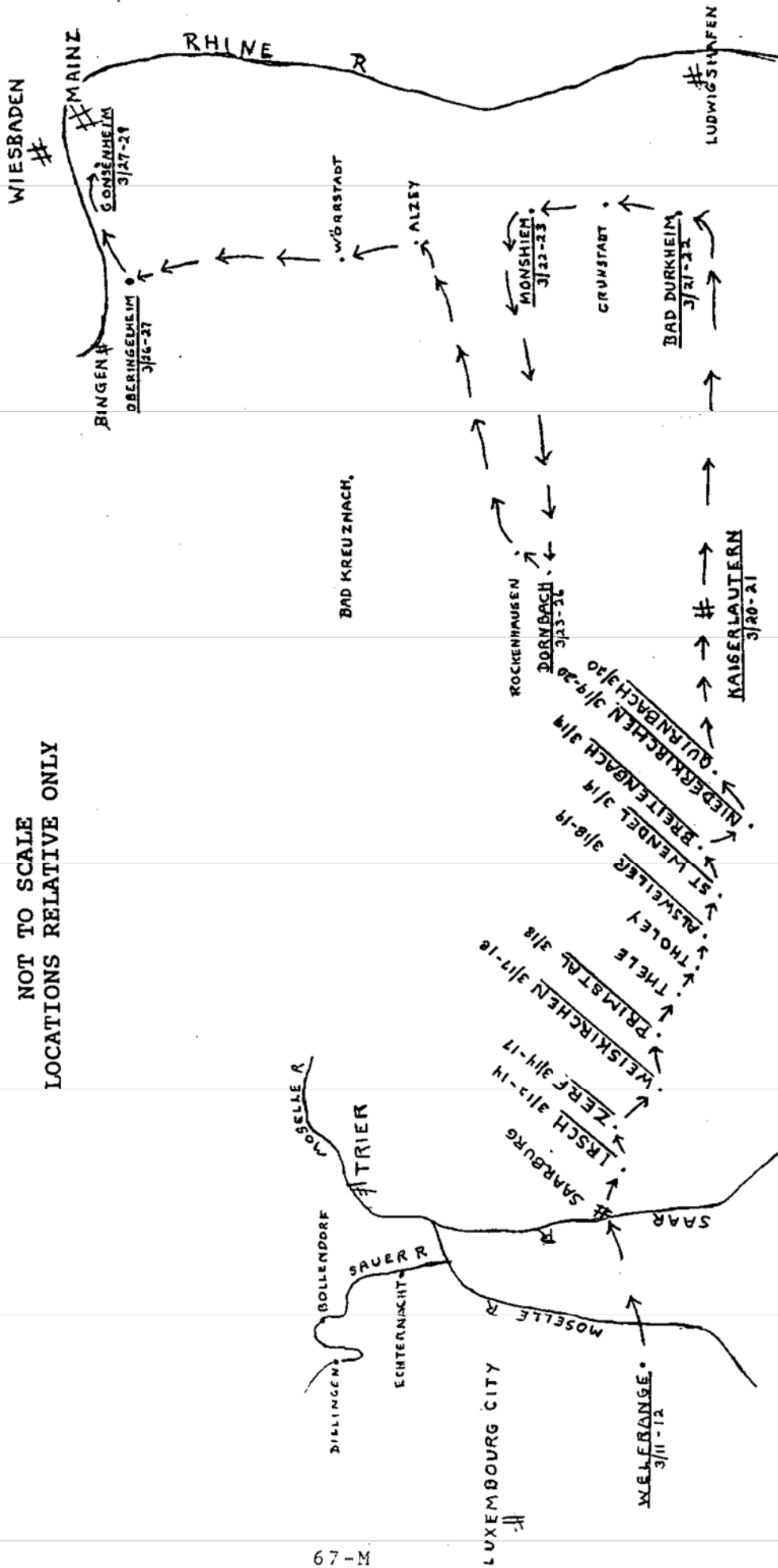
On Mar. 10, the Division was released from the XII Corps and attached to XX Corps. Movement in a southerly direction to the east bank of the Saar River opposite Saarburg was completed the next day and on Mar. 12 assault units moved up to their jump off positions.

With the transfer of the Division to XX Corps, the 314th left Neidenbach on Mar. 11 and proceeded some 65 miles to an assembly area at Welfrange, Luxembourg, and on Mar. 12, crossed the Saar River back into Germany. The 314th took up firing positions at Irsch, to support the 318th's attack on the Stats Forest and the Zefer Forest southeast of Irsch.

Making the major effort of the XX Corps, the 80th attacked to the east out of the Saarburg bridgehead at 0300 on Mar. 13. In support of the advance the 314th displaced some five miles from Irsch to Zerf on the 14th. On Mar. 15, when the 2nd Bn 318th reached Weiskirchen it was cut off by the enemy. Once

Path of the 314th FA Bn
March 12 - 29, 1945

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"Here we also found a lot of electric wire and a large generator on a four wheel trailer. Lt. Edward Bar and his men in the Motor Section fixed it up and hauled it along with their truck. After that "Sv" Btry always had electric lights."

Early on the morning of Mar. 22, the 30th was relieved of the mission of attacking to the east (original plan was for the 80th to cross the Rhine at Ludwigshafen) and was ordered to move into assembly areas and prepare for further movement. After several changes of assembly areas the Division, on Mar. 26, was ordered to move to the vicinity of Mainz and be prepared to effect a crossing of the Rhine River on the 29th.

During this period the 314th left Bad Durkheim on Mar. 22 and travelled northward 16 miles to Monshiem. It moved to Dornbach on the 23, then to Ober Ingelheim on the 26th, and finally to firing positions at Gonsenheim (west of Mainz) on Mar. 27 to reinforce the fires of the 313th during the attack across the Rhine by the 317th.



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