

Russell Litchfield says he had a good reason to remember the Tweng area. "While we were there, Carl Wilson and I had to return to the Braunau area to see about some needed repairs. We had driven all day and night and were nearly back at the battery position when the jeep bumped the cliff on the right side of the road, veered across the road and bounced over huge boulders to end right side up in the middle of a mountain stream. After recovering our breath, we found we only had a few bruises and the jeep was only slightly damaged. After walking about two miles we had to report to Motor Sergeant Arthur Stewart that we had gone to sleep and ended up in the drink. Later the Sergeant allowed it had been easier and quicker for us to get the jeep into the stream than it was to retrieve it."

The Battalion was released from attachment to the 3rd Cav Group on June 2, and, with the exception of "A" Btry which remained in Tweng until the 8th in support of the 2nd Bn., 317th Inf, returned to Ebensee. It was responsible for guarding a PW camp and maintaining law and order in the area. The PW's were mostly SS troops who were being held pending investigation for atrocities. Most of the Wehrmacht troops, after processing, were discharged and sent home, because 3rd Army had neither the supplies nor the desire to house and feed them.

"While we were in the Ebensee area," Lou Parks (Sv Btry) recalls, "Sv Btry had to furnish a detail of about five men to Military Government for a special assignment. They posted us on various hills and told us to count the number of civilians who were going toward the Russian zone and the number who were coming into our zone. As near as I could see, no one was going toward the Russian zone. Then I found out Military Government was trying to get us permanently assigned to them. I put up a big squawk and they let me go back to the 314th. The others I think got conned or stolen by Military Government. I think Stan Stublewski was one of them."



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314th FA Bn AREA OF OCCUPATION
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