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SECTION I

KYLL RIVER SECTOR

1 MAN

Date

Initials

On 1 March 1945, the 80th Infantry Division occupied the sector from the ENZ RIVER between the towns of SINSBACH on the north, and METTENDORF on the south, running northeast towards the NIMS RIVER. The Division held the left flank (north) of XII Corps Zone, with the 6th Cavalry Group of VIII Corps on Division's left (north). The sector on the right (south) of the Division was occupied by the 4th Armored Division. On the right of the 4th Armored Division lay the 5th Infantry Division. 6 CM VIII 4th AD 5th AD

1st Bn 317th Infantry completed mopping up the area surrounding the towns of HEIDERWELLER (LO760) and OBERWEILER (LO761), captured the day before. The 2d Bn 317th Infantry, pushing on from the high ground west of the town, captured SCHLEID (L1163), taking twenty prisoners of war. The 3d Bn 317th Infantry, in Regimental Reserve, occupied the towns of WIERSDORF (LO857), BIRS DORF (LO858), and LIESSEM (L1059).

The 318th Infantry remained in Division Reserve in its assembly area in vicinity HUTTINGEN (P9749) and METTENDORF (P9951) and prepared to move to a designated assembly area under control of the 76th Infantry Division. 76th DIV

The 319th Infantry likewise remained in its assembly areas on the west bank of PRUM RIVER in vicinity of ALTSCHIED (LO358).

The 317th Infantry and 319th Infantry continued to occupy and improve their positions, with each of the organizations further utilizing the day for training, and rehabilitating personnel and equipment.

2 MAN

During the early morning of 2 March 1945, the 318th Infantry moved by truck to the 76th Infantry Division area, situated northeast of ECHTERNACH (LO535) and on the west side of the KYLL RIVER. The 1st Bn detrucked in vicinity WELSCHLILLIG (L1640) and was committed with the 417th Infantry of the 76th Infantry Division. The 3d Bn 318th Infantry detrucked at IDESHEIM (L1642) and moved north to occupy defensive positions in vicinity (L170440). The 3d Bn detrucked at ITTEL-KYLL (L1741) and outposted the town and the high ground to the southeast. At 1000, the Commanding General of the 76th Infantry Division relieved the 318th Infantry (except for 1st Bn) from the 76th Division's control. The 1st Bn continued operating with the 417th Infantry. The 318th Infantry (minus 1st Bn) remained in position awaiting orders to return to the 80th Infantry Division's control. 417th INF 318 (-) Rel'd

The 317th Infantry and the 319th Infantry remained in their respective locations, conducting additional training, and rehabilitating personnel and equipment, and made preparation for movement to the east.

3 MAR

The 318th Infantry (minus) prepared to depart from the 76th Infantry Division Zone, during the morning of 3 March 1945, to take up positions in relief of Combat Command "B", 4th Armored Division. The 1st Bn, 318th Infantry was to move later in the day after completing its mission with 417th Infantry. At 1300, the 2d and 3d Bns 318th Infantry began movement to the 80th Infantry Division Zone. The 2d Bn moved to vicinity SEPPERWEICH (L1462). Each Battalion relieved respective elements of Combat Command "B", 4th Armored Division. The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (minus one platoon) was attached to 318th Infantry at 2100, and by midnight had completed relief of other elements of Combat Command "B", engaged in patrolling the sector on the west bank of the KYLL RIVER, between MAIBERGWEICH (L1562) to IRSCH (L1554). 76^m
4^mAD
CC^B
4^mAD
Kyll

At 2100, the 80th Infantry Division issued Field Order Number 32. This detailed current attack plans and objectives for the VIII and XII Corps, 4th Armored Division, 5th Infantry Division, and 80th Infantry Division. Pursuant to Field Order Number 32, the VIII Corps was to continue its attack to the east while the XII Corps had as ultimate objective the seizure of the west bank of the RHINE RIVER between ANDERNACH (P7605) and KOBLENZ (L9095). The 4th Armored Division was to attack through the 5th Infantry Division's bridgehead, and ultimately seize the west bank of the RHINE RIVER in vicinity of ANDERNACH (P7605). The 5th Infantry Division was to follow closely the advance of 4th Armored Division and mop up pockets of resistance by-passed by the armor. The 80th Infantry Division was to protect north (left) flank of the XII Corps and maintain contact initially between VIII Corps (on left) and 4th Armored Division (on right). Following the 4th Armored Division's passage through the 5th Infantry Division, the 80th Infantry Division was to maintain contact on the right with 5th Infantry Division. In implementation of the Divisional mission, the 317th Infantry was directed to maintain its positions and keep in contact with the 318th Infantry, while the 319th Infantry was directed to assemble in its area in Division Reserve. The 318th Infantry (reinforced) and the 80th Reconnaissance Troop (minus one platoon) were directed to clear the area between the NIMS and KYLL RIVERS of enemy, north to the XII - VIII Corps Boundary, to block all roads entering the XII Corps zone from the north between NIMS and KYLL RIVERS, to protect Division's north (left) flank, and to reconnoiter for crossing sites over the KYLL RIVER between KYLLBURG (L1760) and DENSBORN (L1870). FO
43^v
VIII
XII
5^mDN
4^mAD
XII - VIII

The 318th Infantry moved north from the zone of the 76th Infantry Division and relieved Combat Command "B" of the 4th Armored Division between the NIMS and KYLL RIVERS. The 318th Infantry closed into the new area at 0015, 4 March 1945. In the early morning, reconnaissance was instituted to the north to determine enemy disposition, preparatory to reducing the enemy between the NIMS and KYLL RIVERS, north to the VIII and XII Corps Boundary. 76th DIV
4 MAR

The 2d and 3d Bns of the 318th Infantry (reinforced) attacked to the north at 1300 on a sector extending from NEIDENBACH (L1566), southeast toward KYLL RIVER, thence south along the east bank of the river. Enemy resistance centered mainly on roadblocks and as rearguard and delaying actions in towns. At the end of the attack, the town of MALBERG (L1761) and NEIDENBACH (L1566) had been cleared, and the 2d and 3d Bns of the 318th Infantry occupied positions on the high ground west of the KYLL RIVER, between these two towns. Patrols were sent to the east. The 3d Bn pushed strong combat patrols to the north within its sector and seized KYLLBURG (L1860) against light opposition. The 80th Reconnaissance Troop (minus one platoon) established outposts along high ground west of KYLL RIVER between MALBERGWEICH (L1562) and ERDORF (L1656) and maintained contact with the 5th Infantry Division.

The 1st Bn of the 318th Infantry moved to vicinity of SEFFERN (L1264) as Regimental Reserve.

The 314th Field Artillery Bn fired fourteen (14) missions, eight (8) of which were harrassing and three (3) interdictions. The enemy was reported cleared from the west bank of the KYLL RIVER at the end of the period.

4 MAR
Interrogation of deserters of the German Army taken by patrols of the 2d and 3d Bns of the 318th Infantry on the 4 March 1945, disclosed that elements of several units were occupying defensive positions in 318th Infantry's sector.

The 317th Infantry and 319th Infantry remained in assembly areas prepared for movement to the east.

The 318th Infantry, with its 2d and 3d Bns abreast, continued its attack west to the KYLL RIVER. The 2d Bn cleared its sector north to the VIII Corps Boundary and east to the KYLL RIVER, afterwhich it went into assembly area at MALBERG (L1761). Both Battalions encountered comparatively light resistance. The towns of MALBERG (L1761) and NEIDENBACH (L1566) were captured and the high ground on the west bank of the KYLL RIVER was occupied as far north as the Corps VIII

(Division) Boundary. Contact was made with elements of VIII Corps. The 1st Bn remained in Regimental Reserve in SEFFERN (L1264).

"F" Company of the 2d Bn of the 318th Infantry outposted high ground west of NEIDENBACH (L1566). Two platoons of "K" Company outposted an area south of MAIBERG (L1761). The remainder of "K" Company was directed to clean out the peninsula south of MAIBERG (L1566) along the KYLL RIVER. The 5th Infantry Division relieved "K" Company before the mission was completed, and finished clearing the peninsula of the enemy.

5th DIV

5 MAR

At 0730, 5 March 1945, the 4th Armored Division launched an attack east through the 5th Infantry Division's KYLL RIVER bridgehead, pushing back the enemy's front line of resistance. The 318th Infantry was divided to mop-up in wake of the swift advance of the 4th Armored Division. However the 318th Infantry lost contact with the enemy. In the day's operations, thirty-eight prisoners of war were taken.

4th AD
5th DIV

The 314th Field Artillery Bn displaced to positions vicinity SEFFERWEICH (L1362), and gave supporting fire amounting to seven (7) missions, four (4) of which being registrations, observed by Air Observation Posts, while the remaining three (3) missions were harrassing fire.

The 317th Infantry and 319th Infantry remained in assembly areas for technical and tactical training, and prepared for movement to the east.

The 318th Infantry continued its mop-up of the west bank of the KYLL RIVER. It captured the towns of USCH (L1867) and ST THOMAS (L1863). The 2d Bn of the 318th Infantry assembled in NEIDENBACH (L1566), the 3d Bn in MAIBERG (L1761) and KYLLBURG (L1860). The 2d and 3d Bns completed their mission of clearing the enemy from the area between the NIMS and KYLL RIVERS and occupied holding positions. The 1st Bn remained in SEFFERN (L1264). All Battalions outposted their respective assembly areas and contact was maintained with the 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions.

The 2d and 3d Platoons, of the 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, outposted the west bank of the KYLL RIVER while the 1st Platoon conducted road and terrain reconnaissance east of the KYLL RIVER.

The 4th Armored Division continued its attack to the northeast. Its leading elements at MONREAL (L5989) reported capturing fifteen hundred prisoners of war.

4th AD

The 80th Division Artillery fired no missions during this period.

The 317th Infantry remained in its assembly area and training in medical subjects was conducted by all units.

6 MAR
The 319th Infantry was alerted 1230, 6 March 1945, for movement to the 76th Infantry Division area.

The 318th Infantry remained in its Regimental area and the Battalions outposted their respective zones. Contact was maintained by motorized security patrols with adjacent units. During daylight hours a schedule of technical and tactical training was carried on.

The 317th Infantry continued the same training program as on the previous day.

7 MAR
The 319th Infantry, on 7 March 1945, moved east of the PRUM RIVER. Headquarters Command Post moved into KYLBURG (L1860) with "C" Company 305th Medical Bn and one (1) platoon "C" Company 305th Engineer Bn. The 2d Bn closed in FLIESSEM (L1459) at 1845. The 1st Bn remained in the vicinity of PHILIPPSWEILER (L0362) and the 3d Bn remained in the vicinity of AITSCHEID (L0358). Both Battalions continued to conduct technical and tactical training.

The 905th Field Artillery Bn remained at BICKENDORF in assembly area, and this was the first time since the 80th Infantry Division was committed, that the Artillery had no combat mission.

With contact maintained with elements of the VIII Corps, the 4th Armored Division was still advancing to the east. VIII 4 AD

There was no change in the 317th Infantry's position, and classes in medical subjects, map reading and unit tactics were conducted.

Units of the 318th Infantry were notified to continue to place special emphasis on isolation guarding of civilians. The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, attached to the 318th Infantry, maintained contact with elements of the 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions. The 318th Infantry continued to carry out the same planned training program as conducted on the previous day.

The 319th Infantry (reinforced), minus the 2d Bn (attached to the 76th Infantry Division), upon arrival in the Divisional

area, moved from the vicinity KYLLBURG (L1860) by motor, to the 76th Infantry Division's Zone. The 2d Bn remained at FLIESSEM (L1459), and was to be moved on order. The 1st Bn moved to ESSLINGEN (L1346) and the 3d Bn to BEILINGEN (L2351). Both were alerted by the 76th Infantry Division for possible commitment. The 3d Bn was later alerted to move west of the KYLL RIVER and assemble at MECKELS (L1244). The 1st and 3d Bns remained in assembly areas for the night. A message was received from XII Corps through the 80th Infantry Division that the 319th Infantry would not be committed unless so ordered by XII Corps.

MSG

XII

The 905th Field Artillery Bn was attached to the 76th Infantry Division and moved to GILZEN (L1241) to assist and reinforce the 355th Field Artillery Bn of the 76th Infantry Division. The Battalion bivouaced in vicinity of HELENBERG (L14505). (No missions were fired.) It was relieved from attachment to the 76th Infantry Division and reverted to the control of the 319th Infantry.

355 FA
976 DW

9 AM

On 9 March 1945 the 317th and the 318th Infantries continued to mop-up the area between the PRUM and KYLL RIVERS, protecting the north (left) flank of the XII Corps, and establishing and maintaining contact with the VIII Corps. Throughout the day the 317th Infantry conducted various training, maintenance of equipment and rehabilitating of personnel. At 2030, the 318th Infantry was alerted for motor movement the following day.

Prum
Kyll

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was relieved from attachment to the 318th Infantry and moved to an assembly area at BICKENDORF (L1160).

At 1015 the 319th Infantry was relieved from attachment to the 76th Infantry Division and directed to move to the vicinity of KYLLBURG (L1860). The Regiment was then in the vicinity of TRIMFORT (L1646). It began movement from there at 1445, the 1st Bn traveled from ESSLINGEN (L1346) to KYLLBURG (L1860), the 2d Bn remained at FLIESSEM (L1459) and the 3d Bn moved west of the KYLL RIVER to MECKEL (L1244).

"C" Company 811 Tank Destroyer Bn was relieved from attachment with the 319th Infantry and returned to the 80th Infantry Division's sector, occupying positions vicinity of BICKENDORF (L115603).

811 TD

At 1630 the 305th Medical Bn moved from TRIMFORT (L1646) to KYLLBURG (L1860).

355 FA/76^a
The 905th Field Artillery Bn was relieved of its reinforcement mission with the 355th Field Artillery Bn, and moved from GILZEN (L1241) to BICKENDORF (L1160). It was then placed in direct support of the 319th Infantry. Training classes on gunnery, communications, small arms and bazooka firing were conducted.

The 30th Infantry Division Artillery fired two hundred and twenty four (224) missions in the KYLL RIVER sector. Four hundred and seven (407) prisoners of war were captured in this sector.

On 12 March 1945, the 30th Infantry Division Artillery was ordered to move from its assembly area in the vicinity of BICKENDORF (L1160) to the south.

On 13 March 1945, the 30th Infantry Division Artillery moved by order to a forward assembly area, vicinity BICKENDORF. The division was ordered to the assembly area indicated by the order.

There was no change in the 319th Infantry's position during the day and tactical and technical training was conducted.

The 118th Infantry Division was continued to conduct training reorganization and maintenance work and was assigned to the 30th and 90th Infantry Divisions and kept.

From the 6th to the 10th of March 1945, approximately 1000 prisoners of war, all regulars and deserters, were placed in the 118th Infantry. Interrogation of these prisoners of war elicited information on the state of the organization and loss of contact existing in enemy ranks as far west as the KYLL RIVER.

On 11 March 1945, the 118th Infantry (reinforced) was ordered to move by order to the vicinity of BICKENDORF. For the balance of the day, under the influence of the order, the 118th Infantry remained alerted.

The 1st Bn of the 319th Infantry moved from GILZEN (L1241) to BICKENDORF (L1160). The 1st and 2nd Bns did not move but remained in their designated assembly areas.

All the 30th Infantry Division Artillery remained in its assembly area, vicinity BICKENDORF (L1160). The divisional

SECTION II

MOVEMENT TO ATTACK POSITION IN
XX CORPS ZONE

10 MARCH

Field Message Number 2, 1100, 10 March 1945, set forth that the 80th Infantry Division was relieved from control of the XII Corps, and attached to XX Corps. Movement was to be made to the east bank of the SAAR RIVER, opposite SAARBURG (L1412), commencing in the early morning of the 11 March 1945. Each unit, including battalions and separate companies, were to be prepared to send advanced parties to a forward assembly area, not later than 1400, 10 March 1945. The 80th Infantry Division closed into the assembly area in the vicinity of RITTERSDORF (L1156) prepared to move to the south.

80th
XII → XX
FM#2
SAPR

Field Message Number 3, 1830, 10 March 1945, directed that the 80th Infantry Division move by motor on 11 March 1945 to a forward assembly area, vicinity MONDORF. Strip map attached to the message indicated the route.

FO#3

There was no change in the 317th Infantry's position during the day and tactical and technical training were conducted.

The 318th Infantry REG Division too, continued to conduct training; reorganization and maintenance work was also engaged in. Contact with the 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions was kept.

5/90

6-10 MARCH

From the 6th to the 10th of March 1945, approximately twenty five prisoners of war, all stragglers and deserters, were picked up by the 318th Infantry. Interrogation of these prisoners of war elicited information on the state of disorganization and loss of control existing in enemy ranks as far east as the RHINE RIVER.

Field Order Number 25 ordered the 318th Infantry (reinforced) to move by motor to the vicinity of MONDORF. For the balance of the day, after the issuance of the order, the 318th Infantry remained alerted.

FO#25

The 3d Bn of the 319th Infantry moved from HECKEL (L1244) to ST THOMAS (L1263). The 1st and 2d Bns did not move but remained in their designated assembly areas.

All the 80th Infantry Divisional Artillery remained in its assembly area, vicinity MONDORF (P9041). The Divisional

Artillery was alerted to move to an undisclosed destination, but participated in rehabilitation of personnel, care and cleaning of equipment while awaiting the departure time.

The 311th Tank Destroyer Bn was relieved of attachment to the 80th Infantry Division.

811TD
Relieved
from 80th ID

The 305 Engineer Combat Bn maintained road and bridge approaches.

11 MARCH

At 0200, 11 March 1945, the 80th Infantry Division moved by motor to an assembly area in the vicinity of MONDORF, and the Division closed there at 2100.

The 317th Infantry (reinforced) moved from area BIERSDORF, GERMANY (10758) to assembly area vicinity BEYDEN, FRANCE, to fulfil its new mission with the XX Corps.

317th XX

On 11 March 1945, 318th Infantry moved to an assembly area vicinity ELLANGE, LUXEMBOURG. At 0130 an order was received from the 80th Infantry Division to remove unit designation from clothing and vehicles. At 1300 the Regimental Command Post closed at BICKENDORF (11160) and the 318th Infantry began to move to MONDORF. The 1st Bn assembled vicinity WALLENSTEIN (P9903), the 2d Bn assembled in KLEMMACHER (P0034), and the 3d Bn assembled in SCHWEBESINGEN (P0002). This movement released the Division from attachment to the XII Corps and began its attachment to the XX Corps. Field Message Number 30 disclosed that the 318th Infantry was to prepare to move to forward assembly areas initially to attack to the southeast.

FM#2
350 P
8
80th Rel'd
from
XII to XX
FM#30

The 319th Infantry (reinforced) moved by motor to an assembly area vicinity PUTTELANGE and made the move without incident. The Regiment started moving at 0730 and closed in at 2100. The Regimental Command Post and supporting units assembled in PUTTELANGE, the 1st Bn at HALLING, 2d Bn at RODEMACK, and the 3d Bn at FIEHM.

The 80th Infantry Divisional Artillery moved into position in the XX Corps' sector, preparing to attack.

XX

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop moved to WALDBREDINUS, Luxembourg. Emphasis was placed on maintenance of weapons and vehicles while awaiting the next mission.

Field Order Number 1 disclosed area changes affecting the temporary boundaries between the 94th and the 80th Infantry

F/O #1

Divisions, and the 26th and 80th Infantry Divisions. These changes were effective as of 2400, 11 March 1945.

12 March

At 0630, 12 March 1945, the 80th Infantry Division began moving to forward assembly areas. Field Message Number 1 disclosed the disposition of troops in the forward assembly areas, instructions as to how units would move, radio transmission orders, and aircraft identification methods.

FM #1

Field Order Number 26 was distributed at 0700 stating that the 318th Infantry was to attack in its zone on 13 March 1945, 0300 hours, through elements of the 94th and 26th Infantry Divisions.

F/O #26

The 318th Infantry (reinforced) began its movement by motor at 0700 to BEURIG (L1512). The Battalions detrucked and proceeded by foot to assigned forward assembly areas. The 1st Bn moved to coordinates (L195125), the 2d Bn assembled at (L190125) and the 3d Bn assembled at (L215118). At 1120 the 318th Infantry's Command Post opened in IRSCH (L172122).

The 80th Infantry Division was flanked on the left (north) by the 94th Infantry Division, and on the right (south) by the 26th Infantry Division.

80
94
26

The 317th Infantry moved by motor and foot march to a forward assembly area north of OBERZERN (L2310).

The 319th Infantry (reinforced) moved by shuttling, to a forward assembly area vicinity IRSCH (L1712). The Regimental Command Post and supporting units closed there at 1755. The 2d Bn closed at BEURIG (L1512) at 1830, the 1st Bn at OCKPEN (L1614) at 1850, and the 3d Bn at NIDERLEUKEN (L1513) at 1945. The move was made in compliance with Division Field Order Number 33.

The Divisional Artillery prepared to support the Division in its pending attack, with the 313th Field Artillery Bn in direct support of the 317th Infantry.

SECTION III

ATTACK FROM SAARBURG BRIDGEHEAD TO PRIMS RIVER

13 MARCH

F/0412

Field Order Number 33, 2200, 11 March 1945 stated that the 80th Infantry Division was to pass through elements of the 94th and 26th Infantry Divisions, attacking 0300, 13 March 1945. The 318th Infantry was to attack and seize objectives number 1, 2, and 8, protect the Division's left (north) flank and maintain contact with the 26th Infantry Division. Attacks were to be continued after those objectives were seized. The 319th Infantry, now in Division Reserve, was to advance to Phase Line Number 1, attack in zone on the Division's objective, protect the Division's right (west) flank) and maintain contact with the 26th Infantry Division on the right. A medium Tank Company of the 702d Tank Bn was to be attached to each Infantry Regiment. A company of the 811th Tank Destroyer Bn was also attached to each Infantry Regiment. 94 + 26 Divs

On the 13th March 1945, at 0300, the 80th Infantry Division, making the main effort of the XX Corps, attacked to the east through the SAARBURG bridgehead, passing through elements of the 94th and 26th Infantry Divisions. The latter two Divisions also attacked to the east in conjunction with the 80th Infantry Division. XX

The 80th Infantry Division started out with two Regiments abreast. The 318th Infantry attacked at 0300 from the vicinity (L235102) to (L253127), to seize high ground east of OBERZERP (L2310). This high ground was covered with dense woods extending the entire width of the 318th Infantry's zone. Prior to daylight hours, little resistance was encountered, but as the attack progressed, increased resistance was met from small arms and mortar fire. The 3d Bn was on the right, the 1st Bn on the left, and the 2d Bn was in reserve. One platoon of "B" Company 702d Tank Bn, and one platoon of "B" Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Bn, were attached to each battalion. The 1st Bn was held up at HILL 521 (Objective 2 (L262101)), with strong resistance. The 3d Bn took Objective 1 (L275107) at 0745. The 2d Bn was sent around the 1st Bn's left flank, attacking Objective 2 from the north and the northeast. This objective was taken at 1945. The 3d Bn, taking advantage of its breakthrough, advanced rapidly to the east, reached the center of the forest and established a road block. This effectively cut off the German retreat route along the one single good road through the forest. 702 / 811

All enemy troops encountered in this action belonged to the 2d Mountain Division and the 136th Infantry Regiment. The enemy had a combined strength of one hundred and ninety five men, dispersed in vicinity of FROMMERBACH (L2511). According to prisoners of war, the 137th Mountain Infantry Regiment with a strength of sixty five men, attempted to counterattack against HILL WILHEIMSKOFF (L253099), but fell back after the capture of twenty one of its men. GERMAN
2d MTN Div
136th INF Regt
137 MTN INF
Regt

At 0200, the 1st and 3d Bns of the 317th Infantry attacked across the ZERF RIVER. They passed through elements of the 26th Infantry Division holding the river-line. The initial objective of the attack was the high ground overlooking ZERF (L2411) from the east and southeast. Both battalions reached their objectives early in the morning and proceeded to mop up the woods covering the high ground. The 3d Bn continued the attack and later that night captured the town of CREIMERATH (L2307). At the end of the day, the 1st and 3d Bns were in the woods north of CREIMERATH (L2307). The 2d Bn followed the attacking Battalions to press toward the east. Heavy enemy nebelwerfer and artillery fire were encountered in the town of ZERF (L2411) and the key road junctions in that vicinity, considerably hampering the attacking operations. Direct fire from M-51 mounts employed by the 633d AAA AW Bn in the ground attack, succeeded in forcing the enemy to move its Observation Posts. 633 AA

During 13 March 1945, the 319th Infantry moved to a forward assembly area on the high ground west of ZERF (L2411) and remained assembled there as the Division Reserve. The 1st Bn of the 319th Infantry moved by foot from OCKFEN (L1614) to the forward assembly area, vicinity (L217105). It cleared OCKFEN at 1030 and closed into the new area at 1215. There the Battalion was alerted to follow Task Force "D" of the 26th Infantry Division when it started to move. The 3d Bn moved by motor to a forward assembly area vicinity (L214115) from NEIDERLEUKEN (L1513) at 1020, and closed there at 1445. The 2d Bn remained at BEURIG (L1512). TASK
FORCE
"D"
26 DIV

The Divisional Artillery was divided in supporting the following units: 313th Field Artillery Bn supported the 317th Infantry, the 314th Field Artillery Bn supported the 318th Infantry, the 905th Field Artillery Bn reinforced the fires of the 313th Field Artillery Bn, and the 315th Field Artillery Bn reinforced the fires of the 314th Field Artillery Bn. One hundred and ninety six (196) missions were fired consisting of harassing and interdiction fire. Sixty three (63) other missions were fired on fixed and determined targets. All missions were observed from air Observation Posts. The 905th Field Artillery Bn was alerted to take men forward and directly support the 319th Infantry when the Regiment was committed.

Two Hundred and ninety seven (297) prisoners of war were taken by the end of the day's operations.

14 MARCH

On 14 March 1945 the 80th Infantry Division (reinforced) mopped up and occupied the high ground and the heavy woods which had been seized in the attack of 13 March 1945, captured five hundred and forty five (545) prisoners of war and much equipment that had been by-passed. Captured enemy equipment included: one (1) 105 MM Howitzer, two (2) 88 MM Guns, two (2) Nebelwerfers and two (2) medium tanks. Pill-boxes in the Division area were destroyed.

The 318th Infantry reorganized its positions and continued its attack east. The 1st Bn cleared the west section of woods (numbers 270 to 280 and 100 to 110) and then moved east to start clearing the main road. Heavy fire from assault guns and moderate fire from small arms and automatic weapons was met. The Battalion took objective 2 (L263102) and consolidated its positions.

At 1127, 2d and 3d Bns moved on Objective 8 (L290090). The 2d Bn continued its attack at 1845 seizing Objective 1 (L300085) and continued to advance, making rapid progress toward WEISKIRCHEN (L3306), where stubborn opposition and house to house resistance were encountered. The enemy infiltrated, cut the main road through the forest at its eastern outlet, and succeeded in isolating the 2d Bn in WEISKIRCHEN (L3306).

The 3d Bn consolidated its positions on the left and center of the Regimental Zone at (L282087) to (L297099) and continued to mop up the forest in the vicinity of (L276085), the position of the road block established the previous day.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, screening the north flank of the Division, captured the town of MANDEN (L3012), and patrolled the north edge of the forest in which the 318th Infantry was advancing.

The 317th Infantry was employed in mopping-up the woods on the high ground surrounding GREIMERATH. Many pockets of enemy had been by-passed and in addition, many enemy troops had infiltrated through the woods during the night. Several pill-boxes were discovered in the woods south of GREIMERATH and had to be reduced. The 317th Infantry sent out combat patrols to the forest in the morning. It prepared to attack in force

in the afternoon, to complete the mopping up operation.

The 1st Bn mopped up woods and high ground north of GREIMERATH (L2407) and at 1500 attacked to the east against stiffening resistance. It advanced about two hundred yards. There it encountered very heavy small arms and mortar fire. The Battalion maneuvered to the north at 1645.

The 2d Bn 317th Infantry had moved from its assembly area at 0245, occupied the high ground east of GREIMERATH (L2407), mopped up enemy resistance coming from pill-boxes and prepared positions. A report was received that there were fifteen unfriendly tanks to the front of the Battalion. Precautionary measures were taken.

The 3d Bn moved north and east of GREIMERATH (L2407) clearing woods of enemy resistance. In the town of GREIMERATH heavy artillery fire was received, leading the 3d Bn to believe that a counterattack was imminent. Elements of the Battalion then moved by truck to SCHNIDEN (L2705).

The 1st Bn 319th Infantry moved out during the afternoon to pass through a Task Force of the 26th Infantry Division southwest of BREIMERATH (L2407) and attacked east toward BERGEN (L2404). This Task Force reported receiving a counter-attack near phase line "1". Therefore, the 1st Bn, at road junction north of Objective 9, prepared to move southeast, on the right of the 317th Infantry and take Objective 10. The Battalion jumped off at 1630. At 1830, "C" Company attacked a pill-box located at (L231063), "A" and "B" Companies continued south to BERGEN (L2404). TASK FORCE

The 2d Bn, at 1830, moved forward to an assembly area and at 2100 closed into the area (L217106).

15 march

The 3d Bn 319th Infantry was prepared to follow the 1st Bn's attack to the south and move on Objective 9. The 3d Bn received orders to cross the line of departure at the north edge of woods at (L170064), at 0600, 15 March 1945, seize the hill at (L171053) and continue south to high ground west of BRITTEN (L2303).

The Divisional Artillery fired one hundred and three (103) missions in support of the attack of which thirty three (33) were interdiction and harassing, twenty six (26) were "Time On TOT

Target and three (3) were counterbattery. The 905th and the 313th Field Artillery Bns fired fifteen minutes preparatory fire in support of the attack carried out by the 317th Infantry.

The 811th Tank Destroyer Bn (Self-propelled) supported the attack with direct fire. "A" Company destroyed two pill-boxes. 811TD

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact between the forward elements of the 94th and the 80th Infantry Divisions. In addition, it protected the left flank of the 80th Infantry Division.

The 305th Engineer Combat Bn maintained roads and removed enemy road blocks and minefields during the period.

The 80th Infantry Division (reinforced) continued to attack to the east and mop up areas by-passed by leading elements of the advancing armor. Enemy resistance, which increased during the morning and early afternoon, had been broken by evening and the attack was being pressed diligently forward. Two hundred and sixty eight (268) prisoners of war were taken making a total of one thousand (1000) for the last three days of operations.

The 1st Bn of the 318th Infantry cleared the main supply route and woods adjacent to it, in the center of the Regimental Zone, and set up road blocks on every road and trail coming out of the woods in this zone. The 1st Bn then consolidated its positions on HILL 659 (L290093). That evening enemy were reported working between the 1st and 3d Bns, this being the first indication that Germans were south of the ZERF-WEISKIRCHEN highway. "B" Company of the 1st Bn, at (L261101), moved to (L282110), then to (L290095) to support "A" Company. "A" Company aided by "C" Company was holding vicinity (L278094).

The 2d Bn 318th Infantry worked with the 1st Bn to mop-up the woods along the ZERF-WEISKIRCHEN highway. At 1850 it moved out to clear WEISKIRCHEN (L2307). The 3d Bn was in support and moved from vicinity (L297094) to vicinity (L296110). The 2d Bn, still heavily engaged during the entire day in WEISKIRCHEN, repulsed one strong enemy counterattack of tanks and infantry, with heavy losses to the enemy. Due to infiltration by the Germans south of the ZERF-WEISKIRCHEN highway, the 2d Bn had its long line of communications attacked and blocked by enemy working out of the woods vicinity MANDERN (L3012). To assist the 2d Bn in its position, emergency supplies were dropped by cub planes. The 2d Bn reported securing control of one half of WEISKIRCHEN, and opened the ZERF-WEISKIRCHEN

highway as far as (L303080).

The 1st Bn of the 317th Infantry moved out at 0230 to mop up the woods north of WALDHOLZBACH (L2906), and seized high ground overlooking the town against determined resistance. The 1st Bn initially reached a position eight hundred yards east of Objective 7, and then moved to vicinity at (L272072). When one of the supporting tanks was knocked out by an enemy self-propelled gun, the 1st Bn changed its position to the vicinity at (L275069), and met opposition of artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Nevertheless it continued to move forward. With the 702d Tank Bn in support, "B" Company moved to a position five hundred yards from WALDHOLZBACH. Elements of the 1st Bn cleared the town of enemy by 2100. Later all of the 1st Bn entered the town.

The 2d Bn of the 317th Infantry, attacked at 1600, with a mission to capture the town of MITLOSHEIM (L3004). At 1830 the 2d Bn's position was at (L257058), and no organized resistance up to this point had been met. The 2d Bn had reached a position at (L265052) prepared to assault MITLOSHEIM when halted by darkness.

The 317th Infantry's 3d Bn at 0400 joined tanks, and were prepared to move out to attack Objective 11. It reached a point at (L269061), meeting only small arms resistance. Enemy tracked vehicles were reported in SCHEIDEN (L2705). Supporting tanks and half tracks were moved up to engage them. When the 3d Bn received a counterattack of undertermined size, coming from front and both flanks, it halted in place. Artillery was called to be placed on the enemy. The 3d Bn resumed the advance slowly after the counterattack. "I" Company advanced on the left with "L" Company on the right flank. At 0850, "I" Company reached the outskirts of SCHEIDEN. From the edge of the woods, "I" Company moved toward the town against light mortar resistance. SCHEIDEN was seized and the ground surrounding it was mopped up.

The 1st Bn of the 319th Infantry jumped off at 0115 for BERGEN (L2404). Its mission was to sweep the woods to the south of the town and to seize HAUSBACH (L2491). At 0320, "B" Company reached the northwest edge of BERGEN meeting light resistance. By 0600, "A" Company had joined "B" Company in BERGEN, mopping up. A patrol was sent south toward HAUSBACH. This patrol drew considerable small arms fire. The 1st Bn was ordered to assemble in BERGEN, reorganize and move to the high ground south of BERGEN and continue on to seize HAUSBACH. The Battalion advanced on HAUSBACH but held up,

enclosing the town, pending the outcome of the 3d Bn's action against BRITTEN (L2303).

The 2d Bn of the 319th Infantry was alerted by the XX Corps for a special mission attached to the 10th Armored Division. Word was received at 0710 that the Bn would not be attached to the 10th Armored Division. At 0825, the 2d Bn (with one platoon of light tanks from the 702d Tank Bn attached) was ordered to move by 0930, to high ground vicinity (L2305), and clear the woods in that vicinity. By 1050, the Battalion had moved troops to (L223077) and continued to advance toward LOSHEIM (L2801). The 2d Bn delayed its advance in order to coordinate armor, artillery and infantry, in a planned attack on LOSHEIM. At 2230 the Bn again advanced against light opposition, and by 2315 it had reached (L259032). There small arms fire was received. 10NAD

The 3d Bn 319th Infantry advanced south against strong resistance, clearing the woods north of BRITTEN (L2303) preparatory to clearing the town itself. By 0705 their leading elements were at (L223070). At 1315 "L" Company attacked enemy dug-in positions located at (L225047) and cleared these pockets by 1340. The advance continued with "K" Company passing through "L" Company. There was hard fighting to gain high ground in the vicinity (L227037). Tanks and tank destroyers continued to support the infantry in the attack. The Divisional Artillery, in support, to the Battalions, fired missions on enemy horse drawn artillery and vehicles that were moving in column.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, (with "D" Company 702d Tank Bn attached) screened the north flank of the Division and after seizing HANDBERN (L3012), at the close of the period was approaching WILDWEILER (L3212).

16 MARCH
On the 16 March 1945, the 2d Bn was still engaged in house to house fighting in WEISKIRCHEN (L3307). But the road to WEISKIRCHEN was opened to the relief of the 2d Bn.

The 3d Bn mopped up south and west of WEISKIRCHEN, and reached the town at 0100. It immediately joined the 2d Bn in the fight for control of the town. Up to this time two thirds of the town was captured. Elements of the elite 6th Mountain SS Division were identified in the vicinity of WEISKIRCHEN.

The 1st Bn of the 318th Infantry was attached at 1400 to Combat Command "A" of the 10th Armored Division. It cleared the woods along the main supply route leading from ZERP to

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WEISKIRCHEN. Shortly thereafter the entire Regiment was attached to Combat Command "A". After the clearing job, elements of the Regiment began moving to RAPPWEILER (L3205). This movement by the 10th Armored Division's Task Force passed through positions of the 318th and 317th Infantry. The 10th Armored Division, in conjunction with the 80th Infantry Division, was pressing the attack east.

The 1st Bn of the 317th Infantry moved rapidly to the east from WALDHOLEBACH (L2906) to capture the towns of SWAL (L3106), RAPPWEILER (L3205), and at the end of the day were occupying THAILEN (L3404).

The 2d Bn 317th Infantry continued the attack to the east capturing NITLOSHEIM (L3004) and WEIRWEILER (L3303).

The 3d Bn 317th Infantry mopped up the area around SCHEIDEN (L2705), and at the close of the period were moving by motor to RAPPWEILER.

The attack on HAUSBACH (L2410) was held up by the 1st Bn of the 319th Infantry, pending the 3d Bn's progress in attacking BRITTEN (L2303). Then at 0629, "A" and "B" Companies moved on HAUSBACH. By 0810 "B" Company had taken and entered HAUSBACH. "A" Company immediately followed "B" Company into town. The 1st Bn mopped up HAUSBACH and killed a great number of the enemy fleeing from BRITTEN as a result of the pressure exerted on that town by the 3d Bn. The 905th Field Artillery Bn placed artillery on BRITTEN and on the fleeing groups of enemy infantry and vehicles. Thereafter, the 1st Bn seized the high ground south of LOSHEIM (L2801) and continued east and captured WAHLEN (Q3099). WAHLEN was occupied at 1945.

The 2d Bn reported two craters at (L255029) that made the road impassible for tanks. "C" Company of the 305th Engineer Combat Bn undertook the mission of removing the craters. Both the 2d and 3d Bns, having coordinated artillery, jumped off for their respective objectives, LOSHEIM (L2801) and BRITTEN (L2303). The 2d Bn met heavy resistance at (L261033) in its attack on LOSHEIM and held up while the 1st Bn continued to send troops against LOSHEIM from the south. By 1200, 2d Bn continued the attack on LOSHEIM with "C" Company of the 1st Bn advancing to the holding high ground (L279005). The town was entered at 1520, and immediately mopping up operations were undertaken.

Word was received that elements of the 10th Armored Division had passed through NEIDERLOSHEIM (L3000) and the

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319th Infantry was ordered to send troops to occupy and hold the town. "G" Company, plus one platoon of "C" Company 702d Tank Bn, was ordered to WEIDERLOSHEIM. At 1745, "G" Company reinforced, was in the outskirts of the town and by 1820 the town was occupied and posted.

The 3d Bn 319th Infantry, by early morning, had captured the town of BRITTEN (L2303) and at the close of the period, was occupying the town, and placed in Regimental Reserve.

The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon (reinforced) ^{I.C.R.} was sent to check the approach to NUNKIRCHEN (Q3598) and re- ^{PIAR}connaitered the town itself.

The Division's attack east was closely supported by the Divisional Artillery.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, (with one platoon ^{80 Rcv} of "D" Company 702d Tank Bn attached) screened the north flank ^{702 Tk} of the Division, clearing woods south of MANDERN (L3012), and captured STEINBERG (L3508).

Field Message Number 1, 2100, 16 March 1945, disclosed that the Division (less 318th Infantry, attached to the 10th Armored Division) was to continue the advance east, without delay. Each Regiment was to advance in two columns, using attached and organic motor vehicles to shuttle the infantry forward. The motor movement was to be covered by armor. The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was to screen the right (south) flank. ^{F/A #1}

17 MARCH

The 318th Infantry remained attached to the Combat Command "A", 10th Armored Division, at the beginning of the 17th March 1945. The 1st Bn completed the conquest of WEISKIRCHEN (L3307) at 0825. On orders of Combat Command "A" the 1st Bn began moving at 1147 to RAPPWEILER (L3204). ^{C. 702}

The 2d Bn outposted WEISKIRCHEN and the 3d Bn prepared for instant movement to the east on order. The Regimental Command Post moved to WEISKIRCHEN, closing in at 1320. ^{810 TD}

The 1st Bn of the 317th Infantry continued the attack to the east at 0830 in column. The 2d Bn cleared LOCKWEILER (L4003) and KRETTNICH (L4203). The 3d Bn mopped up by-passed pockets of resistance.

The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon cleared WADERN (K3804) and DAGSTUHL (L3903) of enemy, and captured ^{I.C.R. PIAR}

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a bridge intact over the PRIMS RIVER at DAGSTUHL. The bridge was defended against enemy by the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon until troops came to their relief.

The 1st Bn 319th Infantry, after reconnoitering the PRIMS RIVER in the Regimental sector, started river crossings at 2315 in the vicinity (L371009). It planned to contact elements of the 90th Reconnaissance Squadron of the 10th Armored Division on the east side of the river and advance to LINDScheid (Q4199).

The 2d Bn, (minus "G" Company), moved from LOSHEIM (L2901) to NUNKIRCHEN (Q3198) to join "G" Company. From there it moved to the PRIMS RIVER for a crossing. The 2d Bn discovered a bridge at (Q379987) blown. Therefore at 1740, "E" Company started to ford the river at (Q379979), in order to advance on LIMBACH (Q3997). By 1930 "E" and "F" Companies had forded the stream but ran into enemy machine gun fire on both flanks, as they advanced approximately five hundred yards from the ford. This machine gun fire combined with rugged terrain made progress slow. "G" Company remained on the west side of the river until the situation cleared with "E" and "F" Companies.

The 3d Bn advanced from BRITTEN to NUNKIRCHEN (Q3598) and then moved south to MICHELBACH (Q3496). There they engaged in a fire fight at a road block, vicinity (Q361961). Due to the terrain features, "K" Company experienced great difficulty in overcoming the road block. The town of MICHELBACH was captured. Later the enemy blew the bridge in that vicinity.

The 3d Bn, reinforced with one platoon of "C" Company 702d Tank Bn and one platoon of light tanks from the Reconnaissance Company of the 810 Tank Destroyer Bn, was alerted to move by motor, across the PRIMS RIVER early in the morning of 18 March 1945.

"C" Company, 305th Engineer Combat Bn made a reconnaissance of the bridge at (Q379978) and estimated that one hundred and twenty eight (128) feet of bridging material was needed to make the bridge usable. The 179th Engineer Combat Bn was detailed to build the bridge at this point.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, (one platoon of "D" Company, 702d Tank Bn attached), screened the south flank of the 80th Infantry Division, maintaining contact with elements of the 26th Infantry Division.

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SECTION IV

PURSUIT FROM PRIMS RIVER TO THE RHINE VALLEY

18 March

In the early morning 18 March 1945 the Division attacked to the east from the PRIMS RIVER, following the 10th Armored Division and mopped up enemy resistance by-passed by the armor. PRIMS

The 318th Infantry (reinforced) less the 1st Bn attached to Combat Command "A", 10th Armored Division, bivouaced in WEISKIRCHEN (L3307). At 0953, 3d Bn was attached to Combat Command "B", 10th Armored Division and moved out. The 2d Bn, plus one platoon of Tank Destroyers and "B" Company 811 Tank Destroyer Bn, at 2128, was placed in the 80th Infantry Division's reserve. The 318th Infantry (reinforced), less three platoons of its supporting Tank Destroyers were returned to Divisional control. CCA/10
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At 1230 the 1st Bn of the 317th Infantry (reinforced) moved by water across the PRIMS RIVER to detrucking points west of NAMBORN (L5602). The Battalion was advancing on Objectives 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and its Command Post opened in MERTNICH (L4504). Elements of the 10th Armored Division reached Objectives 37, 38, and 39. At 2145 the 1st Bn was moving by truck from GUDESWEILER (L5402) to NAMBORN (L5602). At the close of the period, the Battalion was continuing the advance east on foot, mopping up resistance by-passed by the 10th Armored Division. It reached RAMMELBACH (L7804). PRIM

The 2d Bn continued the advance east, jumping off at 0300 as scheduled. By 0745 the 2d Bn took MUIHFELD (L4403) and proceeded on to objective 47, clearing the town there by 1035. It then moved up on Objective 48 and cleared that town. Later the Battalion continued to move forward by motor.

The 3d Bn started at 0830 on foot moving to objective 39. Reaching Objective 36, it continued on to Objective 37. Objective 37 was cleared and movement was started to Objective 38. At 1530 leading elements were at OBERTHAL (L5301), and at 1615 had entered Objective 39. Objective 41 was cleared at 2000. At the close of the day the Battalion occupied NAMBORN (L5602).

The 1st Bn 319th Infantry moved out at 0025 and crossed

the PRIMS RIVER in the vicinity of BURCHFIELD (L3700). Contact was maintained with the 90th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, as the Battalion moved on LIMDSCHIED (Q4199) and closed there at 0455. There, the Battalion was ordered to proceed without delay on foot to OBERTHAL (L5301). The Bn reached Objective 7 and continued on to Objective 8 at 1400. The Battalion then marched through THELEY (Q4800) toward THOLEY (Q4998) and AHEWBILER (Q5197), closing in AHEWBILER at 1505.

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The 2d Bn 319th Infantry established a bridgehead across the PRIMS RIVER in the vicinity of LIMBACH (Q5197), and, supported by the 905th Field Artillery Bn, continued its attack on LIMBACH, and advanced against small arms fire. A house that had been checking the advance was knocked out. With this strong point eliminated, the 2d Bn was able to advance into town and had it cleared by 1730. Close liaison was maintained with the 90th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, which crossed the PRIMS RIVER to the north. The Battalion then moved toward WINTERBACH (Q5497) to prepare to move later against ST WENDEL (Q5996).

Reinforced with tank destroyers and tanks, the 3d Bn, at 0800, moved out motorized, and passed through LIMBACH, moving toward OBERTHAL (L5301). The leading elements were held up at THELEY (L4200), and detrucked outside of the town. From this point the Battalion moved out on foot to attack BLISSEN (Q5499) in conjunction with the 10th Armored Division. When word was received that the armor had cleared the town and passed on to the east, the 3d Bn moved into town and closed there at 1805.

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10 AD

The 319th Infantry held its positions for the night and prepared to continue the advance the following morning.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, (one platoon of "D" Company, 702d Tank Bn attached) continued to screen the southern flank of the Division and maintained contact with elements of the 26th Infantry Division.

80 Recn
702 TC
26th ID

The 318th Infantry (reinforced), less three battalions and three platoons of its supporting tank destroyers, arrived at OBERTHAL (L5301) at 2015.

The 1st Bn attached to Combat Command "A", 10th Armored Division, participated in the capture of ST WENDEL (Q5996) and advanced its men ten miles further to the east.

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10th AD

The 3d Bn, attached to Combat Command "B", 10th Armored Division, participated in the capture of KUSEL (L7604).

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10 AD

The 2d Bn 318th Infantry placed in Divisional Reserve at OBERTHAL (I5301), received orders to take over the mission of the 3d Bn.

Field Message Number 1 disclosed the objective to be taken by the 317th Infantry.

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The 1st Bn 317th Infantry (reinforced) shoved off at 0400 and reached objective 43. By 0515 it was at objective 48. It was moving with little or no resistance from the enemy. At 0600 its leading elements were at objective 61. By 1600 the Battalion was at objective 62 planning to close into objective 79. It was also planning to move the 317th Infantry's Command Post to objective 79. The plan was changed and the 1st Bn at 2100 was passing through objective 80. By 2140 the Battalion was still moving by motor to RAMMELSBACH (L7904), and closed there at 2230.

At 2345, the 2d Bn 317th Infantry (reinforced) was at NAMBORN (I5602), and moved on to objective 41 arriving there at 0400. In mopping up enemy resistance by-passed by the 10th Armored Division, the Battalion had leading elements at objective 48, advancing on to objectives 61, 63, and 70. At 1000 the Battalion had reached objective 61, and was advancing rapidly. At 1305 it had reached DIEDELKOPF (L7505), objective 80. Elements of the 2d Bn then moved to objective 81, KUSEL (L7504). The Battalion was directed to advance and hold up there, so that the men could rest and clean up.

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The 3d Bn was at objective 41, NAMBORN (I5602) at 0400. It followed the 2d Bn to objectives 61, 63, and 70. On reaching objective 70 the 3d Bn passed through the 2d Bn. From objective 80 DIEDELKOPF (L7505), and leading elements of the 3d Bn were moving by foot to objective 44 at 1950. At 2215 these leading elements were at FOCKENBERG (I8203).

A move east on trucks was started by the 1st Bn, 319th Infantry from ALSWEILER (Q5197) at 1100. At 1830 the Bn had closed in at STEINBACH (Q7495), mopping up enemy resistance in the zone.

At 0630 the 2d Bn 319th Infantry continued the advance to the east from WINTERBACH (Q5497), and crossed the BLIES RIVER at OBERLINKWEILER (Q5794). In passing through OBERLINKWEILER a few prisoners of war were taken. The 2d Bn

held up the advance until the armor had moved forward. When elements of the 10th Armored Division had passed through ST WENDEL, the Command Post of the 319th Infantry moved into the city at 1030. The 2d Bn then swung south of ST WENDEL, and passed through WERSCHWEILER (Q6394), SAAL (Q6497) and held up at KROTTEIBACH (Q7096) for the night.

Advancing from BLIESSEN (Q5599) the 3d Bn 319th Infantry moved to ST WENDEL (Q5996) and outposted the town.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop continued to screen the advance and reconnoitered the Division's south flank.

The 318th Infantry (reinforced) less its supporting elements of tank destroyers, moved to KAISERSLAUTERN (R0294), closing in at 1930. The 1st and 3d Bns attached to the 10th Armored Division, participated in a ten mile advance which by-passed KAISERSLAUTERN and reached a position seven miles west of LUGWIGSHAFEN (R5000). The 2d Bn still in Divisional Reserve was assigned the mission of mopping up in the wake of the armor in the sector of the 319th Infantry. This Battalion also maintained law and order in ST WENDEL (Q5996). During the night it moved by motor to KAISERSLAUTERN to occupy the city.

The 1st Bn 317th Infantry (reinforced) moved by motor and by foot from RAMMELSBACH (L7904) to ST WENDEL (Q5996) and leading elements were at KAISERSLAUTERN at 1530. The Command Post of the Battalion moved into the city.

The 2d Bn 317th Infantry moved by motor and foot marches from KUSSEL (L7504) to ENKENBACH (R1198), closing in at 1030.

19 MAR
Leading elements of the 3d Bn 317th Infantry were at a position one thousand yards east ROTHSEIBERG (R8905) at 2327, 19 March 1945. Elements were also at objective SAMBACH (R9897). On the 20 March the leading elements advanced on WEILERBACH (R9298). From WEILERBACH the 3d Bn moved to NEUKIRCHEN (R0999).

The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of the 317th Infantry entered KAISERSLAUTERN from the north and captured the garrison commander, and occupied the city.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop moved south of KAISERSLAUTERN and blocked the southern approaches to the city.

"B" Company 319th Infantry (motorized) advanced on

KAISERSLAUTERN. The remainder of the 1st Bn moved out on foot. The Bn's advance group entered the city at 1230, from the west and took over guarding KAISERSLAUTERN within the Regimental Zone. The original plan to hold up just short of KAISERSLAUTERN was changed as the situation permitted entering the city. An advance Regimental Command Group entered the city. An advance Regimental Command Group entered the superhighway just south and east of RAMSTEIN (R8694) and sped toward KAISERSLAUTERN. When it reached (R008952) ~~it discovered the bridge had been blown.~~ A by-pass was found and the advance party was able to enter the city at approximately 1300.

The 2d Bn (motorized) 319th Infantry moved from ST WENDEL (Q5996) at 0630, having been relieved from the responsibility of guarding the town by the 2d Bn 318th Infantry. It followed a northern route in the Regimental Zone of advance to the east.

A radio message was sent to the 2d and 3d Bns 319th Infantry to move without delay via superhighway and assemble in HOCHSPEYER (R1294). The two Battalions pushed on east and closed at HOCHSPEYER (R1294) at 2005. The 2d Bn moved to HOCHSPEYER on tanks and the 3d Bn moved on foot to the city.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop continued to screen the southern flank of the Division and attack enemy convoys.

At the end of the days' operation it was reported that leading elements of the Division were ten miles east of KAISERSLAUTERN.

large quantities of enemy supplies and equipment were captured or destroyed, and one thousand one hundred and twenty three (1123) prisoners of war were taken.

21 MAR

The 318th Infantry (reinforced), less certain supporting elements, moved to BADDURKHEIM (R3196). On the 21 March 1945 the 1st and 3d Bns 318th Infantry were attached to Combat Command "A", 10th Armored Division. The 1st Bn advanced to within three and a half miles of the RHINE RIVER at LUDWIGSHAFEN (R5096). The 3d Bn moved around the south flank of the Division's Zone and advanced thirty thousand meters. 10 AD

The 2d Bn 318th Infantry as the Divisional Reserve, moved to KAISERSLAUTERN to relieve the 1st Bn of the 319th Infantry, of its mission of outposting and patrolling the city.

The 319th Infantry (reinforced) continued the advance to the east by motor and foot movement. When the 1st Bn, 319th Infantry was relieved by the 2d Bn of the 318th Infantry, it moved by motor from KAISERSLAUTERN to an assembly area vicinity of MAXDORF (R4098) at 2250.

The 2d Bn 319th Infantry was motorized to follow the armor. The Battalion cleared HOCHSPEYER (R1294) prior to 1040 and moved to MAXDORF without incident. Movement was slow due to the extremely heavy traffic and the fact that the road net work was cluttered with debris of wrecked enemy equipment. Then the Battalion was alerted for possible movement to MUTTERSTADT (R4594) to support the armor engaged in a fire fight in that vicinity.

Movement was made from HOCHSPEYER (R1294) by the 3d Bn to PUPSGONHEIM (R4095) at 1900. "L" Company was directed to outpost SCHAUBENHEIM (R4193).

During the morning, the 317th Infantry (reinforced) moved by motor and foot marches to an assembly area in the vicinity of HOCHSPEYER (R1294). Later in the afternoon the 317th Infantry (reinforced) began to move by motor from HOCHSPEYER to an assembly area vicinity of DEIDESHEIM (R3390) prepared to continue the advance to the south east. At 2300 the 2d Bn detrucked at WACHENHEIM (R3293) and was marching at the close of the period to occupy NIEDERKIRCHEN (R3490).

The Division in four days, from 18 to 21 March 1945, inclusive, covered by motor and foot marches approximately one hundred and fifteen miles (115) forward. Five thousand and eighty four (5084) prisoners of war were taken.

SECTION V

MOVEMENT FROM BADDURKHEIM

TO MAINZ

22 MARCH

Early in the morning of the 22 March 1945 the 80th Infantry Division was relieved of the mission of attacking east and was ordered to assembly areas preparatory for movement to a new Divisional Zone of Advance.

The 317th Infantry closed into an assembly area vicinity of DEIDESHEIM (R3390) in the early morning of the 22 March 1945. At 1800 the 317th Infantry moved to a new assembly area in compliance with Field Order Number 34, issued at 1500. The 1st Bn assembled at WESTHOFEN (R3622), the 2d Bn in GUNDER-SHEIM (R3321), the 3d Bn in ABENHEIM (R3919). F/034

The 1st and 3d Bns of the 318th Infantry were relieved from attachment to the 10th Armored Division at 0800, 22 March 1945, and closed in vicinity NEUSTADT (R2963), prepared for movement to the north to the new Divisional Zone.

The 2d Bn 318th Infantry remained in KAISERSTAUTERN (R0294) prepared for movement to the Divisional Zone. The Regimental Command Post remained at BADDURKHEIM (R3196).

The 319th Infantry (reinforced) remained in the vicinity of MAXDORF (R4098) and at 2130 leading elements of the Regiment began movement from their assembly areas to the new Divisional Zone. There was enemy air activity during this movement but no casualties were suffered by the Regiment. The Regimental Command Post, Headquarters Company, and the 3d Bn of the 319th Infantry moved to PFEDERSHEIM (M3815). The 1st Bn moved to LAISSELHEIM (M4115) and the 2d Bn to PFIFFELGHEIM (M4215).

All attached units were prepared for movement to the new Divisional Zone.

23 MARCH

The movement of the 80th Infantry Division (reinforced) to the new zone was halted during the early morning of the 23 March 1945. A new assembly area in the vicinity of ROCKENHAUSEN (M0614) was designated for the Division.

The 317th Infantry finished closing into assembly area in the vicinity MONSHEIM (M3415) and remained there prepared

for further movement.

Combat Team 318 (reinforced) was formed with normal attachments, and in addition, "B" Company 702d Tank Bn, "B" Company 811 Tank Destroyer Bn. Movement was made by motor from vicinity NEUSTADT (R3084) to assembly areas vicinities of GUNDERSWEILER (M0410) and IMSWEILER (R0411). "C" Company, 318th Infantry outposted the town of BADDURKHEIM (R3195), and protected the Divisional Command Post.

B/8/11TD

The movement of the 319th Infantry (reinforced) to the assembly area west of WORMS (M4514) was to relieve elements of the 11th Armored Division in WORMS. The Regiment completed its motor march at 0505. However orders were received not to relieve the 11th Armored Division. Observation Posts were established in WORMS to observe the RHINE RIVER and activity on the east bank of the RHINE RIVER. Reconnoitering for possible crossing sites was engaged in. The Regiment remained assembled west of WORMS, prepared for movement to a new Divisional area.

11 AD

Field Message Number 3 issued at 1400 disclosed the new Divisional area and instructions as to the movement.

F/A #3

24 March

On the 24 March 1945 the 80th Infantry Division (reinforced) continued to move by motor to assembly area vicinity ROCKENHAUSEN (M0614).

Field Message Number 2 issued at 1630, directed the posting of security guards on designated railroad bridges, tunnels, and bridges on main highways in the Divisional Zone. In addition, Unit Commanders were ordered to take necessary action to control the civilians within the bivouac areas.

F/A #2

The 317th Infantry (reinforced) moved to the vicinity ST ALBAN (M0920) at 2200, with its units located as follows: 1st Bn at GERBACH (M0919), 2d Bn at OBERNDORF (M0523), 3d Bn at GAUGERWEILER (M0923).

Combat Team 318 closed in assembly area in the vicinity IMSWEILER (M0511), with the arrival of the 2d Bn, Service Company and "C" Company at 1000. The remainder of the day was devoted to cleaning of billets, care and cleaning of equipment, and the establishment of guards on railroad bridges, tunnels, and bridges over the main highways in the Combat Team's Zone.

At 2320 the 319th Infantry (reinforced) minus the 3d

Bn, moved by motor to an assembly area north of KAISERSLAUTERN in the vicinity MANNWEILER (M0421). The 3d Bn remained at PFEDDERSHEIM ready to move in the early morning of the 24 March 1945. The Regimental Command Post and Headquarters Company moved in MANNWEILER. The 1st Bn moved to STAHLBERG (M0318) and the 2d Bn to BAYERFELD (M0419).

All units, on reaching their respective areas, conducted rehabilitation of personnel and equipment.

25 MAR

During the 25 March 1945, the 317th Infantry remained in the newly assigned area and conducted rehabilitation of personnel and the performance of maintenance on vehicles and equipment.

The 318th Infantry devoted the day to training, including range firing and rehabilitation. It maintained guards at railroad tunnels and bridges, and bridges over the main highways in its area.

The 3d Bn moved from PFEDDERSHEIM (M3915) by motor to WURZWEILER (M0917), closing in at 1315. The Regiment spent the time rehabilitating and equipping personnel. The Regiment made preparations for its reinforcements to fire weapons on the range.

26 MAR

At 1230 on the 26 March 1945, an order was issued for the 80th Infantry Division to concentrate in areas vicinity MAINZ (M3856), prepared to effect a crossing of the RHINE RIVER. The Division started motor movement to the new assembly area vicinity SCHWABENHEIM (M2648).

The 317th Infantry moved by motor to assembly area vicinity NIEDER SAULHEIM (M2941). Last elements of the column were passing the Divisional initial point of departure at the close of the period.

The 318th Infantry moved by motor march from the vicinity of INSWEILER (M0411) to the vicinity of OBER INGELHEIM (M2351), a distance of forty miles. It closed at 1930.

26-27 MAR

The 319th Infantry was alerted for possible movement to an assembly area just southeast of MAINZ (M3856). The move of Combat Team 319th scheduled for the 26 March 1945 was cancelled by the Divisional Field Order 35. The Combat Team was directed to cross the RHINE RIVER to an assembly area vicinity BISCHOPSHHEIM (M4454) on the 27 March 1945 prepared to force a crossing of the MAIN RIVER and establish a

bridgehead vicinity HOCHHEIM (M4457), sufficiently protected, so that a bridge could be built.

Field Messages Number 1 and 2, issued on the 26 March 1945 set forth routes to be traveled by units, orders of marches, assigned bivouac areas, and missions for protection against hostile attack. Pursuant to these Field Messages movement was immediately initiated, and during the 27 March 1945, the 80th Infantry Division closed into the designated assembly areas, and the assault units moved up, to jump off positions for the assault crossing of the RHINE and MAIN RIVERS. Field Order Number 35, issued at 1500 set out the approaches to be taken in the attacks, and objectives to be captured. FM #1c2
F/635

The 317th Infantry moved by motor to assembly areas in vicinity of MAINZ (M3854), preparing to cross the RHINE RIVER in accordance with Field Order Number 35. At the close of the period, advance guards was moving to forward assembly areas.

The 318th Infantry remained in assembly area vicinity OBER INGELHEIM (M2351) in the Division's reserve. The day was devoted to care and cleaning of equipment in preparation for crossing the RHINE RIVER in compliance with Field Order Number 35.

~~23 March~~
In order to go into positions for the assault crossing of the MAIN RIVER, the 319th Infantry crossed the RHINE RIVER on the XII Corps bridge in the vicinity of OPPENHEIM (M4439). The movement to the new assembly area east of the RHINE RIVER started at 0710. XII

The 1st Bn, leading the Regiment (reinforced), closed in forward assembly area east of the RHINE RIVER at 1800. The Regimental Command Post, the 2d Bn and supporting units arrived in BISCHOPSHHEIM (M4454), while 1st Bn was in position at GINSHEIM (M4352).

The 3d Bn 319th Infantry moved to GUSTAUSBURG (M4854), and then moved on to RUSSELHEIM (M4854), prepared to make assault boat crossings of the MAIN RIVER in that vicinity.

Several units were assigned in support of the crossings. "C" Company, 702d Tank Bn and "C" Company 811 Tank Bn had a platoon of each respectively attached to the 2d and 3d Bns. "C" Company 305th Engineer Combat Battalion was to reconnoiter the MAIN RIVER, and check the road net work. The 179th and the 206th Engineer Combat Bns were detailed to construct and operate ferries in the vicinity of BISCHOPSHHEIM. The 478th 702TK
811TK
179+206
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478TK Bn
(AMAHb)

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SECTION VI

CROSSING OF THE RHINE AND MAIN RIVERS

28 mnn

At 0100 on the 28th March 1945, the 80th Infantry Division (reinforced) jumped off to force crossing of the RHINE and MAIN RIVERS, and seize bridgeheads for the passage of troops of the XX Corps. This would enable the general attack to the north and the northeast to continue. XX

The 2d Bn 317th Infantry (reinforced), crossed the RHINE RIVER in assault boats from MAINZ (M3854) and reached the far shore in the vicinity of KASTEL (M3957) and KOSTHEIM (M4156). ✓strong resistance met the assaulting troops when they reached the far shore. This resistance was mostly from small arms fire and from high velocity anti-aircraft weapons fired directly, and was reduced during the morning. KASTEL and KOSTHEIM were captured. "C" Company repulsed two ✓enemy counterattacks, consisting of an undetermined number of infantry and tanks, in the vicinity of KASTEL. After the towns of KASTEL and KOSTHEIM were taken, the 2d Bn moved to BIERBRICH (M3660). ✓

The 1st Bn followed the 2d Bn and crossed the RHINE RIVER at 0700 and immediately attacked to seize BIERBRICH. Having cleared BIERBRICH, the Battalion continued the attack to the northeast and captured WIESBRADEN (M3564).

The 3d Bn, initially in the Regimental reserve, crossed the RHINE RIVER, attacked to the north and seized ERBENHEIM (M4062) and advanced toward BIERSTADT (M3965).

✓ During the day's operations the 317th Infantry captured
✓one airplane factory, a landing field, six enemy aircraft,
✓an ordnance repair depot, numerous enemy field pieces and
✓20 MM Anti-Aircraft guns, a champagne factory with four
✓thousand cases of champagne, and a German military hospital.

The 318th Infantry (reinforced) initially remained in the Division's reserve. ✓During the late morning the Regiment crossed the RHINE RIVER in ICVP and ICVM boats into the bridgehead established by the 317th Infantry. The Regiment attacked north and northeast to enlarge the Division's bridgehead, and advanced six to eight miles. RHINE RIVER

The 2d Bn on the left flank of the 3d Bn attacked to

the north through the established bridgehead and captured BIERSTADT (M3965). At the close of the period the 2d Bn was continuing its advance.

The 3d Bn on the right of the 2d Bn attacked to the north through the bridgehead, seizing the towns of IGSTADT (M4265) and AURINGEN (M4269), and at the close of the period was also continuing the advance.

The 1st Bn, in the Regimental Reserve, likewise advanced north, following the 3d Bn and protecting the right flank of the Regiment.

The 319th Infantry seized the initial bridgehead across the MAIN RIVER. At 0100 the 2d Bn forced a crossing of the MAIN RIVER in assault boats, in the vicinity BISCHOPSHHEIM (M5444) and cleared HOCHHEIM (M4457), and moved north to seize DECKENHEIM (M4461).

The 179th and 206th Engineer Combat Bns supported the crossing of the 2d and 3d Bns by constructing and operating three ferries and building a floating treadway bridge across the MAIN RIVER. Light opposition was encountered during the crossing, consisting chiefly of small arms fire. 179.206 CG

The 3d Bn, reinforced with one platoon of "C" Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Bn, one squad of the Infantry Mine Platoon, attacked and forced a crossing at RUSSELSHEIM (M4855). The crossing was made in thirty five minutes. The Bn seized WICKER (M4859), continued the attack northwest clearing MASSENHEIM (M4660), and southeast seizing FLORSHEIM (M4957). The amphibious tanks crossed on a ferry because the banks were too soft for the tanks to reach the river.

The 1st Bn, in reserve for the 319th Infantry, advanced across the MAIN RIVER and occupied and assembled in HOCHHEIM (M4457).

The Regimental and the supporting units command posts moved to HOCHHEIM. There were many underground factories discovered, the most interesting one possessing facilities to manufacture airplane parts and assemble planes.

The 30th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop crossed the RHINE RIVER and moved to the north and established contact with elements of the 9th Armored Division of the First US Army at (M422716). In addition, two platoons cleared the town of MEDENBACH (M4367). 9*AD FUSN

29 MAR

Field Message Number 3, issued on the 29th March 1945, disclosed that the XX Corps was composed of the 80th, 65th, and the 5th Infantry Divisions and the 6th Armored Division. The Corps continued the advance northeast. As part of the XX Corps the 80th Infantry Division (reinforced) continued to cross the RHINE RIVER, mopping up areas previously by-passed, toward the northeast.

FMA 3
XX Corps
5th Div
80th Div
6th AD

The 319th Infantry (reinforced) was ordered at 1130 to secure a line running from KOENIGSTEIN (M5276) to BAD SODEN (M5572) with its movement scheduled for 1330. Pursuant to the order, the 1st Bn (reinforced with one platoon "C" Company, 702d Tank Bn and one Platoon of "C", 811 Tank Destroyer Bn) moved to secure KOENIGSTEIN (M5276). The town was cleared and the Battalion prepared to continue the advance to the northeast. The Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the route in front of the 1st Bn.

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop reconnoitered the route of the 2d Bn, as the Battalion moved out on foot to occupy KELKHEIM (M5171). The towns cleared by the Battalion for the day's operation were DIEDENBERGEN (M4962), MARXHEIM (M5064), HOPHEIM (M5165), MUNSTER (M5270), and KELKHEIM (M5171).

The 3d Bn 319th Infantry advanced rapidly on foot to the northeast against scattered resistance, securing the towns of KRIFTTEL (M5265), OBERLIEDERBACH (M5469), and BAD SODEN (M5572) and was prepared to continue further.

30 MAR - 31 MAR

By 1930 the mission of the 319th Infantry (reinforced) had been completed and the Regiment was alerted to continue the advance to the northeast 0700, 30 March 1945.

The 317th Infantry (reinforced) mopped up the bridge head as far west as the XX Corps' Boundary, after which moved into assembly areas. The 1st Bn assembled in WEISBADEN (M3564), the 2d Bn in BIERSTADT (M3660) and the 3d Bn in BIERBACH (M3964).

XX

The 318th Infantry (reinforced) mopped up in its zone of advance and went into an assembly area in the vicinity of NAUROD (M4070), prepared to be motorized to follow the advance of the 6th Armored Division as a combat team.

6th AD

The 16th Cavalry Group crossed the RHINE RIVER and was attached to the 80th Infantry Division. The 19th Squadron of the 16th Cavalry Group carried out the group's mission of screening the left flank of the Division.

16th CG
19th SQ
16th CG

The 80th Infantry Division, (minus Combat Team 318, attached to the 6th Armored Division) continued the advance to the northeast and at the close of the period, had prepared plans to go still farther. LAD

The 317th Infantry (reinforced) remained in the assembly area in the vicinity of BIEBRICH (M3964).

The 16th Cavalry Group relieved Combat Team 318 in its position and assumed the additional mission of screening the 80th Infantry Division's left (north) flank, and rear. It established and maintained contact with elements of the VIII Corps on the Division's and the XX Corps' left (north) flank. 16th Cav Gr
318th Inf

The 319th Infantry (reinforced) received initially the mission of screening BAD NAUHEIM (M7197). The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon moved out in advance of the Regiment, assembled in OBERHOCHSTAHL (M5776) and reported no enemy resistance. The 1st and 2d Bns, motorized, moved out toward the fixed objectives to the vicinity of GROSSEN BUSECK (G7424). The Battalions advanced to the AUTOBAHN and moved to the second objective, BAD NAUHEIM (M7197), without meeting any enemy resistance. The 2d Bn assembled in REISKIRCHEN (G7722). The 3d Bn, using organic transportation, reached ROGEN (G7123).

The 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop reconnoitered to the left flank of the Division's zone of advance. Its 1st Platoon captured over twenty five hundred (2500) prisoners of war for the day.

> The 80th Infantry Division (minus Combat Team 318) continued to advance rapidly to the north towards the key city of KASSEL. It followed and mopped up in the zone of advance of the 6th Armored Division. LAD

The 317th Infantry moved by motor to forward assembly area in vicinity LEIMSFEID (G0861), where the Regimental Command Post was located. The 1st Bn was located in GEBERSDORF (G0863) and the 2d Bn in FRIBLENDORF (G1165).

In keeping up with the 6th Armored Division, which was attempting to catch up with the retreating enemy, Combat Team 318 moved by motor, fifty one miles to the vicinity of HOMBERG (H1771), arriving there at 1000. The Combat Team assembled as the 6th Armored Division's reserve. LAD
C7318

The 3d Bn Combat Team 318 went six miles to the north to clear, hold, and expand the bridgehead of the 6th Armored Division at OBR MOLLBRICH (G1082) and NDR MOLLBRICH (H1461). By 2100 the towns were cleared against strong resistance. At OBERBEISHEIM (H2372) evidence was uncovered that civilians were harboring enemy soldiers.

Combat efficiency during the entire month of March 1945 was rated as excellent. The Division was faced with important tasks during the month, and in no instance was there a failure to seize an objective assigned to it.

The Divisional Artillery fired during the entire month, eight hundred and thirty nine missions, which consisted of Time On Target, preparations, harrassing, interdiction and smoke.

A total of seventeen thousand six hundred and sixty five (17665) prisoners of war were taken and processed by the Division for the month.

Signal communications were maintained throughout the entire period, and six hundred and twenty seven miles of wire were laid. AG 320.2 (10-13-42) G-1 32-2 dated 31 October 1942, and General Order Number 10, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 8 November 1942.

The 405th Quartermaster Battalion, 80th Infantry Division, was redesignated and activated at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as the 80th Quartermaster Company, 80th Infantry Division, under E/O 10-17, Authority: War Department Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, AG 320.2 (10-23-42) G-1-42-2, dated 31 October 1942, and General Order Number 11, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 13 November 1942.

The 80th Infantry Division was reorganized 12 August 1943 in accordance with E/O Number 7 and allied tables, 15 July 1942, with authorized strength of 737 Officers, 44 Warrant Officers, and 13,472 Enlisted Men.

In accordance with E/O Number 7-3, Headquarters Special Troops, 80th Infantry Division, was activated 12 August 1943, with assigned and attached to Special Troops are as follows: Headquarters Special Troops, Headquarters Company, KP Platoon, 780th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 80th Quartermaster Company, 80th Signal Company, Attached Medical, Attached Chaplains, Attached Band.