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HEADQUARTERS 318TH INFANTRY
APO 80, U. S. ARMYS-1 After action report

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

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 March | Huttingen, Germany |
| 1 March - 3 March | Idesheim, Germany |
| 3 March - 11 March | Bickendorf, Germany |
| 11 March - 13 March | Ellange, Luxembourg |
| 13 March - 16 March | Irsch, Germany |
| 16 March - 17 March | Ober Zerf, Germany |
| 17 March - 19 March | Weiskirchen, Germany |
| 19 March | Oberthal, Germany |
| 19 March - 21 March | Kaiserlautern, Germany |
| 21 March - 24 March | Bad Durkheim, Germany |
| 24 March - 26 March | Imweiler, Germany |
| 26 March - 28 March | Ober Ingelheim, Germany |
| 28 March - 30 March | Mainz, Germany |
| 30 March | Naurod, Germany |
| 30 March - 31 March | Burkhardstelden, Germany |
| 31 March | Homburg, Germany |

The Regiment received a total of 33 Officers and 759 Enlisted Men reinforcements and returnees during the month of March. Reinforcements were received through the 17th Reinforcement Depot, 48th Reinforcement Bn and the 53rd Reinforcement Bn. One Enlisted Man was received from each of the following Hq XII Corps, ETOUSA, XX Corps and Hq 38th AAA Brigade.

The estimated effective strength for the Regiment by day is shown below:

| DATE | OFFICERS | WARRANT OFFICERS | ENLISTED MEN |
|----------|----------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 March | 118 | L | 2815 |
| 2 March | 117 | L | 2798 |
| 3 March | 116 | L | 2792 |
| 4 March | 116 | L | 2816 |
| 5 March | 116 | L | 2777 |
| 6 March | 119 | L | 2780 |
| 7 March | 120 | L | 2784 |
| 8 March | 120 | L | 2826 |
| 9 March | 120 | L | 2844 |
| 10 March | 123 | L | 2843 |
| 11 March | 123 | L | 2846 |
| 12 March | 123 | L | 2863 |
| 13 March | 127 | L | 2893 |
| 14 March | 125 | L | 2864 |
| 15 March | 122 | L | 2835 |
| 16 March | 120 | L | 2848 |
| 17 March | 115 | - | 2768 |
| 18 March | 117 | - | 2751 |
| 19 March | 118 | L | 2750 |

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED MEN</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 20 March | 120 | 4 | 2802 |
| 21 March | 121 | 4 | 2784 |
| 22 March | 120 | 4 | 2743 |
| 23 March | 121 | 4 | 2819 |
| 24 March | 121 | 4 | 2869 |
| 25 March | 120 | 4 | 2832 |
| 26 March | 120 | 4 | 2834 |
| 27 March | 122 | 4 | 2903 |
| 28 March | 122 | 4 | 2907 |
| 29 March | 122 | 4 | 2903 |
| 30 March | 122 | 4 | 2898 |
| 31 March | 122 | 4 | 2898 |

The maximum number of Officers in the Regiment during the month was 127 while the minimum number was 116. The maximum number of Enlisted Men was 2907 with a minimum of 2743.

On the 1st of March the Battalion Adjutants, Battalion Sgt Majors, and all 1st Sgts were assembled for a discussion of administrative problems. Casualty reporting was the main topic of the meeting. A uniform system of personnel accounting for companies was initiated within this Regiment.

During the afternoon 1 March, the Regiment was moved to a location near Triers where we became attached to the 76th Division. The 1st Bn was attached to the 417th Infantry Regiment while the 2nd and 3rd Battalion occupied defensive sectors. Quartering parties were sent to locations near Arlon, Belgium in contemplation of a rest period. These quartering parties were recalled while the Regiment was returned to 80th Division control. The Command Post was set-up in Bickendorf, Germany. Elements of the 4th Armored Division were assembling in the same area in preparation for a drive eastward to the Rhine River.

All civilians in the town of Bickendorf were assembled into three large houses. Verbal orders were received to evacuate all German males between the ages of 16 and 45, who were not physically disabled. These civilians were evacuated thru normal PW channels. All Displaced Persons were segregated from the Germans. Evacuation of Displaced Persons was made by representatives of the French Government. The order to evacuate German males was rescinded on 9 March.

On 6 March the Regimental Commander, Colonel James S. Luckett was presented the Distinguished Service Cross by Major General Horace L. McBride, the Division Commanding General. Presentation was made at the Regimental Command Post in the presences of the Regimental Staff and Battalion Commanders.

A total of 84 Bronze Star Medals were allotted to this Regiment. This was the first shipment of the medals to be received. These awards were presented to men who were still present for duty and in the sequence they had been on orders.

On 11 March the 80th Division was released by the 12th Corps and attached to the 20th Corps. The Regiment moved and reassembled in the vicinity of Ellange, Luxembourg. Preparations were made for commitment in the vicinity of Saarbourg, Germany.

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This Regiment received the mission of attacking and clearing a wooded, mountainous sector. Majority of the casualties suffered during this engagement were caused by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Removal of bodies from this heavily wooded sector was a noteworthy problem. Enemy groups constantly harassed and cut our supply and evacuation routes. The 10th Armored Division passed thru the Regimental sector when our advancement reached open terrain.

All three of the Battalions were attached to elements of the 10th Armored Divisions swift movement was made eastward involving the capture of such cities as St. Wendel, Kaiserslautern and Bad Dürkheim.

The Regiment reverted back to Division control and moved north in preparation to cross the Rhine River. Crossing was made in the vicinity of Mainz, Germany. Shortly later, the Regiment became attached to the 6th Armored Division and moved to Homburg, Germany.

Constant and rapid movement during the month produced a problem of bringing up reinforcements, evacuation of the dead, obtaining and distribution of mail.

During the month 2 Officers and 12 Enlisted Men were returned to the United States for a 30 day temporary duty period of rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery. One Officer and 3 Enlisted Men were sent to an airfield in France for a 10 day period. They were permitted to participate in combat missions, briefings, along with other normal activities. Two Field Officers were sent to London, England for three days rest period. Two Officers attended the Information and Education School at Paris, France.

The Investigating Officer investigated a total of 14 self-inflicted wound cases during the month. A portion of these cases occurred during previous months. There were five General Court cases, four Special Court cases and one Summary Court case during the month.

Comments, Observations and Recommendations

1. During the month of March, this Regiment initiated a uniform system of personnel accounting within the companies. Prior to this time, some 1st Sgts had been required by their Company Commanders to be with the Company during the attack phase. In some instances, the Company Commanders, Company Executive Officers and 1st Sgts had all become casualties. This required new personnel to take command and account for all members of the company who were or were not present in the company at the end of the engagement. The result was an excessive time lag in casualty reporting. At the present time, each 1st Sgt has an assistant. The 1st Sgt remains in the rear during the attack where he works between the Bn Aid Station, Bn Adjutant, Company Supply section and goes forward to the company at certain intervals during the day. While forward, casualty information is obtained from the Company Commander, Platoon leaders and Platoon sergeants. Upon returning to the rear, his information is checked against records at the Bn Aid Station or Collecting Company. Each 1st Sgt has a card file system composed of a live and dead file. All entries made on the morning report pertaining to any individual is also entered on his card. If the man becomes evacuated or killed, the man's card is withdrawn from the live file and placed into the dead file. Each Bn Sgt Major has in his possession an up to date roster of each company within the Battalion.

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2. Attached is a report of all casualties, reinforcements and RTD's within the Regiment by company from the time of entry into combat until the end of March 1945.

Attached hereto are the following tables and reports:


- Table # 1 - Battle Casualty Report by type of casualty.
- Table # 2 - Prisoners of War captured.
- Table # 3 - Replacements received.
- Table # 4 - Awards, Decorations and Battlefield appointments.
- Table # 5 - Casualties, Reinforcements & RTD's for period 1 March to 31 March 1945.

Graves Registration Report ..

Special Service Report

Military Government Report

Special Orders, General Orders and Memorandums, this Headquarters.


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Captain, 318th Infantry
Adjutant

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318th Infantry

TABLE NUMBER 1

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY (Figures taken from company morning reports upto and including 31 March 1945 for the period 1 March to 31 March 1945)

Figures shown in this section indicate that enlisted men were not listed on roster of casualties for period 1 February to 28 February 1945. Information received subsequent to 28 February 1945 revealed the following casualty figures for that period, on dates shown:

| DATE | KIA | DOW | WIA | IIA | MIA | TOTAL | RTDs |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| 10 Feb 45 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| 11 " | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | 4 | - |
| 18 " | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 19 " | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 20 " | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 21 " | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 22 " | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| 23 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| DATE | KIA | DOW | WIA | IIA | MIA | TOTAL | RTDs |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| 1 Mar 45 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 2 " | 3 | - | 10 | - | - | 25 | 12 |
| 3 " | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | 41 | 34 |
| 4 " | 6 | - | 3 | 1 | - | 10 | - |
| 5 " | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | 39 | 35 |
| 6 " | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 7 " | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 |
| 8 " | - | - | - | 1 | - | 28 | 27 |
| 9 " | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 6 |
| 10 " | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 11 " | 1 | - | - | - | - | 10 | 9 |
| 12 " | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| 13 " | 12 | - | 38 | 8 | - | 104 | 46 |
| 14 " | 3 | 1 | 39 | 18 | 3 | 83 | 19 |
| 15 " | 12 | - | 18 | 2 | 6 | 51 | 13 |
| 16 " | 13 | 3 | 33 | 6 | 2 | 64 | 7 |
| 17 " | - | 2 | 25 | 9 | - | 43 | 7 |
| 18 " | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 19 " | - | - | - | - | - | 20 | 20 |
| 20 " | - | - | - | - | 1 | 22 | 21 |
| 21 " | 8 | - | 41 | 1 | 7 | 71 | 14 |
| 22 " | 6 | - | 2 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 10 |
| 23 " | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 21 | 17 |
| 24 " | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 25 " | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| 26 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 27 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY

1 March to 31 March 1945 (Continued):

| DATE | KIA | DOW | WIA | IIA | MIA | TOTAL | RTDs |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| 28 Mar 45 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 " | 1 | - | 4 | - | - | 5 | - |
| 30 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31 " | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Totals | 67 | 8 | 225 | 50 | 24 | 682 | 308 |

TABLE NUMBER 2:

PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

| DATE | NO |
|--------|------|
| 1 Mar | 0 |
| 2 Mar | 0 |
| 3 Mar | 12 |
| 4 Mar | 153 |
| 5 Mar | 38 |
| 6 Mar | 15 |
| 7 Mar | 0 |
| 8 Mar | 7 |
| 9 Mar | 0 |
| 10 Mar | 0 |
| 11 Mar | 0 |
| 12 Mar | 0 |
| 13 Mar | 85 |
| 14 Mar | 356 |
| 15 Mar | 159 |
| 16 Mar | 60 |
| 17 Mar | 103 |
| 18 Mar | 0 |
| 19 Mar | 0 |
| 20 Mar | 0 |
| 21 Mar | 0 |
| 22 Mar | 0 |
| 23 Mar | 0 |
| 24 Mar | 0 |
| 25 Mar | 0 |
| 26 Mar | 0 |
| 27 Mar | 0 |
| 28 Mar | 0 |
| 29 Mar | 1087 |
| 30 Mar | 388 |
| 31 Mar | 11 |
| Total | 2474 |

TABLE NUMBER 4

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (1 March - 31 March 1945)

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>AWARD</u> |
|------------|--|
| 0 | Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) |
| 2 | Distinguished Service Cross |
| 3 | Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) |
| 27 | Silver Star Medal |
| 0 | Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star |
| 6 | Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously) |
| 60 | Bronze Star Medal |
| 6 | Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star |
| 0 | Air Medal |
| 0 | Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal |
| 0 | Soldiers Medal |
| 238 | Purple Heart Awards |
| 50 | (1st) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart |
| 11 | (2nd) Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart |
| 9 | Foreign Awards (French) |

BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

During the period 1-31 March 1945, 6 enlisted men were appointed second lieutenants.

CASUALTIES, REINFORCEMENTS & RTD'S
AS OF 31 MAR 45

OFFICERS

ENLISTED MEN

| | KIA | MIA | SWA | LWA | SIA | LIA | DOW | NBC | TOTAL | KIA | MIA | SWA | LWA | SIA | LIA | DOW | NBC | TOTAL | GRAND TOTAL | |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-------|-------------|------|
| HQ CO | : | 3: | 4: | 2: | 2: | : | : | : | 9: | 20: | 3: | 6: | 6: | 15: | : | 4: | : | 28: | 62: | 82 |
| AT | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | 12: | 2: | 6: | 20: | : | : | : | 28: | 68: | 68 |
| CN | : | 1: | 1: | 1: | : | : | : | : | : | 3: | 2: | 2: | 1: | 4: | 1: | : | 1: | 11: | 22: | 25 |
| SERV | : | : | : | : | 1: | : | : | : | 1: | 2: | 1: | : | 1: | 2: | : | : | : | 18: | 22: | 24 |
| MED | : | : | 1: | 1: | 2: | : | : | : | 3: | 7: | 27: | 12: | 35: | 58: | 3: | 14: | 2: | 119: | 270: | 277 |
| HQ 1ST | : | 2: | : | 2: | 2: | : | : | : | 3: | 9: | 4: | : | 12: | 10: | 4: | 6: | 2: | 29: | 67: | 76 |
| A | : | 3: | 1: | 3: | 6: | : | : | 1: | : | 14: | 91: | 21: | 116: | 194: | 5: | 38: | 8: | 171: | 644: | 658 |
| B | : | 3: | : | 8: | 11: | : | : | : | 4: | 26: | 100: | 77: | 95: | 194: | 7: | 48: | 8: | 256: | 785: | 811 |
| C | : | 2: | : | 4: | 8: | : | : | 1: | 6: | 21: | 86: | 14: | 109: | 218: | : | 48: | 3: | 243: | 721: | 742 |
| D | : | : | : | 1: | 5: | : | 1: | : | 6: | 13: | 20: | 4: | 49: | 66: | 2: | 14: | 4: | 90: | 249: | 262 |
| HQ 2ND | : | 1: | : | 2: | : | : | : | : | 4: | 7: | 4: | : | 14: | 9: | 1: | 1: | 1: | 31: | 61: | 68 |
| E | : | 3: | 1: | 3: | 6: | : | 1: | : | 4: | 18: | 95: | 30: | 132: | 159: | 6: | 46: | 16: | 194: | 678: | 696 |
| F | : | 2: | 1: | 2: | 9: | : | 1: | 1: | 10: | 26: | 101: | 23: | 164: | 167: | 7: | 62: | 10: | 270: | 804: | 830 |
| G | : | 4: | : | 2: | 5: | 1: | : | 3: | 4: | 19: | 69: | 19: | 118: | 164: | 7: | 77: | 12: | 244: | 710: | 729 |
| H | : | 1: | 1: | 6: | 1: | : | : | : | 4: | 13: | 33: | 15: | 40: | 57: | 2: | 33: | 3: | 142: | 325: | 338 |
| HQ 3RD | : | 2: | : | 1: | : | 1: | : | : | 1: | 5: | 8: | 15: | 14: | 13: | 1: | 4: | 3: | 53: | 111: | 116 |
| I | : | 2: | : | 5: | 3: | : | : | : | 14: | 24: | 70: | 6: | 73: | 126: | 2: | 43: | 5: | 260: | 885: | 609 |
| K | : | 5: | : | 6: | 2: | 1: | 1: | 1: | 9: | 25: | 90: | 33: | 106: | 134: | 3: | 32: | 10: | 248: | 656: | 681 |
| L | : | 6: | 3: | 5: | 13: | : | : | 2: | 5: | 34: | 98: | 131: | 105: | 204: | 5: | 59: | 10: | 287: | 899: | 933 |
| M | : | 3: | : | 3: | 7: | : | 1: | : | 6: | 20: | 22: | 17: | 40: | 57: | 3: | 19: | 3: | 132: | 293: | 313 |
| TOTAL | : | 43: | 13: | 57: | 83: | 3: | 5: | 9: | 93: | 306: | 936: | 427: | 1236: | 1871: | 59: | 548: | 101: | 2854: | 8032: | 8338 |

REINFORCEMENTS

RTD'S

Officers
Enlisted Men

194
5758

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1606

TABLE NUMBER 3:

Par A

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED (Including Hospital Returnees)

| DATE | No |
|----------|-----|
| 1 Mar 45 | 1 |
| 2 " | 18 |
| 3 " | 40 |
| 4 " | - |
| 5 " | 46 |
| 6 " | - |
| 7 " | - |
| 8 " | 31 |
| 9 " | 7 |
| 10 " | 1 |
| 11 " | 42 |
| 12 " | - |
| 13 " | 64 |
| 14 " | 66 |
| 15 " | 12 |
| 16 " | 41 |
| 17 " | 8 |
| 18 " | 5 |
| 19 " | 54 |
| 20 " | 182 |
| 21 " | 25 |
| 22 " | 49 |
| 23 " | 47 |
| 24 " | - |
| 25 " | 1 |
| 26 " | 1 |
| 27 " | - |
| 28 " | - |
| 29 " | - |
| 30 " | - |
| 31 " | - |
| Total | 741 |

Par B - Strength - Commissioned and Enlisted:

| | O | WO | EM |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|------|
| 1. At beginning of period | 121 | 4 | 2804 |
| 2. Net increase during period | 6 | - | 68 |
| 3. Reinforcements during period | 33 | - | 759 |
| 4. Net decrease during period | - | - | - |
| 5. Total losses during period | 27 | - | 691 |
| 6. Strength at end of period | 127 | 4 | 2872 |

Par C - Source of reinforcements for period:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 17 Reinforcement Depot | 48 Reinforcement Bn |
| Hq XII Corps (1 EM) | 53 Reinforcement Bn |
| ETOUS (1 EM) | Hq 38 AAA Brigade (1 EM) |
| XX Corps (1 EM) | |

Graves Registration After Action Report for Month of March 1945.

During the month of March 1945 seventy-eight (78) American and Eighty-five (85) German dead were buried in the United States Military Cemetery located at Hamm, Luxembourg.