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HEADQUARTERS
314TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO # 80, U. S. Army

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy During Month of May 1945.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

SECTION I (A)

1 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery 671897, Battery "A", "B", "C" and "D" enroute to proposed position area vicinity 7485. Service Battery 6104.
- B. Intelligence of hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: Battalion displaced to rendezvous south Isar River, (Greisbach 566115) at 0615. Closed 0745. Distance 8.7 miles. Left rendezvous area at 0900. Arrived Warth (581089). Left at 1150. Arrived at Firing positions (620042) at 1255. Left at 1600. Arrived rendezvous area Thann at 1835. Left at 2150. Arrived at above position at 2215. Distance 8 miles.

2 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Irking, Germany. Headquarters Battery 893782, Battery "A" 8989077670, Battery "B" 8964777864, Battery "C" 8940278116, Battery "D" 9079077324, Service Battery 7778.
- B. Intelligence of hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: Concentrations fired 1.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: Battalion arrived at rendezvous area (vicinity 7485) at 1030. Distance 9 miles. Battalion arrived at above firing positions at 1320. Distance 19 miles. Left rendezvous area 1215. Mission: attached 318th Combat Team. At 0900 752d F. A. Bn. ceased reinforcing our fires.

3 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery, Battery "A", "B", "C", "D" and Service Battery 978759.
- B. Intelligence of hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: At 0900 313th F. A. Bn. ceased reinforcing our fires.

4 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery, Battery "A", "B", "C", "D" and Service Battery 978759.
- B. Intelligence of hostile Artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own Artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: No change.

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5 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery, Battery "A", "B", "C", "D" and Service Battery 976759.
- B. Intelligence of hostile artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: At 1200 689th FA Bn. ceased reinforcing our fires.

6 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery 487589, Battery "A" 482602, Battery "B" 484595, Battery "C" 473594, Battery "D" 481589, Service Battery 484590.
- B. Intelligence of hostile artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: Personnel: 1 EM.
Equipment: None.
- E. Operations Summary: At 0800 Battalion left bivouac area vicinity St. Peter (976759). Closed into above bivouac positions at 1200. Distance 56.8 miles.

7 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery 487589, Battery "A" 482602, Battery "B" 484595, Battery "C" 473594, Battery "D" 481589, Service Battery 484590.
- B. Intelligence of hostile artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: Personnel: 1 EM.
Equipment: None.
- E. Operations Summary: At 0700 Company "A", 94th Cml Bn. ceased being under our control.

8 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery 487589, Battery "A" 482602, Battery "B" 484595, Battery "C" 473594, Battery "D" 481589, Service Battery 484590.
- B. Intelligence of hostile artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: No change.

9 May 1945

- A. Location of Unit: Headquarters Battery 487589, Battery "A" 482602, Battery "B" 484595, Battery "C" 473594, Battery "D" 481589, Service Battery 484590.
- B. Intelligence of hostile artillery: None.
- C. Summary of our own artillery activity: None.
- D. Losses: None.
- E. Operations Summary: No change.

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SECTION I (B)

10 May to 31 May 1945

A program of vehicle and equipment maintenance was instigated and carried out upon the cessation of hostilities. The goal was to get all motors and equipment in first-class condition. Rehabilitation of personnel was given much attention. Opportunities for showers, laundry, and athletics and recreation were made available to all. Toward the latter part of the month formal command inspections were held on all equipment and materiel to determine their cleanliness, serviceability, and shortages. Several battalion retreat ceremonies were held for the presentation of awards. Instruction in military courtesy and guard duties were held daily. A daily period of close order drill or calisthenics was conducted by each battery. On 20 May this battalion was attached to the 3rd Cavalry Group with the mission of direct support of the group. A march toward the Mur River Valley was made on 21 May but not completed. Orders were received to go into rendezvous near Tweng, Austria and await further instructions. On 31 May the battalion was still in rendezvous in the vicinity of Tweng awaiting orders.

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SECTION II

1 May 1945 - 31 May 1945:

At the start of the period the 314th Field Artillery Battalion was in direct support of the 318th Combat Team and located at Moosthening, Germany (WU 5018). During the period of 1 May 1945 to 6 May 1945, the 314th Field Artillery Battalion moved from Moosthening, Germany (WU 5018) to Reisbach, Germany (WU 6008), then to Irking, Germany (WZ 8978) and then to St. Peter, Austria (WZ 9775), and at no time did the battalion have contact with the enemy.

On the 7th of May, the 314th Field Artillery Battalion left St. Peter, Austria (WZ 9775) and moved to Nieder Holzham, Austria (XU 4758) and was in bivouac there when hostilities ceased.

During the period 9 May 1945 to 20 May 1945, the 314th Field Artillery Battalion established road blocks and ran motorized patrols within its area. Civilians and PWs were checked for proper credentials. Civilians without proper credentials were evacuated to the CIC and PWs evacuated to the Division PW cage.

On 21 May 1945, the 314th Field Artillery Battalion was attached to Task Force Polk and marched to Tweng, Austria (XA 4460), where the battalion went into bivouac. Again road blocks were established with the instructions to check both civilians and PWs and to guide them to the British PW Camp of the 5th Battalion of the Northampton Regiment.

The only difficulty encountered by the guards during this period was that of displaced persons who knew nothing about passes and had to be taken to the British C.P. for proper identification. Displaced persons seemed not to be properly instructed in what they were to do. This lack of knowledge with the proper procedure for displaced persons and the language difference were the only problems at that time.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR MAY 1945

Supply functions during the month were generally satisfactory. Reports are rendered by respective classifications.

CLASS I

Rations issued during the last half of the period were unsatisfactory in that we did not receive full rations. The menu for three days consisted of corned beef and beans for each meal and there were no vegetables included therein. This was mainly due to our separation from division supply channels.

Recommendations:

Condiments are not issued sufficiently and in order to aid limited menus they should be issued more often and in larger amounts. Flour, baking powder, and preserves for baking are greatly desired, as well as flavoring extracts and other spices.

CLASS II

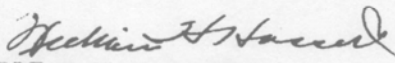
Clothing issues were unsatisfactory. There is great need of replacements for salvageable trousers and shirts, wool, O.D., cotton underwear, field jackets, helmet liners, and various size shoes. There is considerable need of replacements of equipment such as rifle belts.

CLASS III

Requirements have been met very satisfactorily.

MOTOR NOTES

The shortage of tires and tubes for 1/4-tons and 2-1/2-ton vehicles still exists, and there is critical need of hot patches for tire repairs.


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Supply Officer.

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SECTION IV

1 May 1945 - 31 May 1945:

Operational and Administrative items handled during the month thru Message Center amounted to approximately 600 items.

Money orders destined for the U.S.A. purchased by the Battalion personnel during the period amounted to approximately \$6,000.00.

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY
(Figures taken from S-1 Reports and Morning Reports up to and including 31 May 1945 for the period 1 May-45 to 31 May-45.)

ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>LIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>NBC</u>
5 May								1
6 May								2
9 May								3
10 May								2
13 May								1
15 May		1				1	3	
16 May								2
18 May								1
19 May								1
22 May								1
24 May								1
25 May								1
27 May								2
28 May								2
TOTAL		1				1	3	20

OFFICERS

14 May								1
28 May								1
30 May							1	
TOTAL							1	2

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