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HEADQUARTERS 80th INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 80, U. S. Army

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of History, 318th Infantry, for April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division,
APO 80, U. S. Army
(Attention: Division Historian).

Pursuant to instructions contained in paragraph 4, Section II, Memorandum Number 64, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, APO 80, U. S. Army, dated 24 August 1944; and Section II, unnumbered memorandum, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, APO 80, U. S. Army, dated 30 December 1944, original and three (3) copies of History of this organization for month of April 1945 are attached herewith.

For the Commanding Officer:

MARTIN J. WELMAN
Captain, Infantry
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1 Incl: History for April 1945
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HEADQUARTERS 318TH INFANTRY
APO 80, U. S. Army

HISTORY
April 1945

1. Unit.

- 318th Infantry, 80th Infantry Division.
- Date of organization: 15 June 1942.
- Place of organization: Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
- Authority for organization: General Order No. 1, Hq 80th Infantry Division, Camp Forrest, Tennessee, dated 15 June 1942.
- Source from which personnel obtained (month of April 1945):

2d Reinforcement Depot (5)
53d Reinforcement Battalion
5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (2)
318th Infantry (1)
Hq 34th Evacuation Hospital (1)

2. Changes in organization: None during period.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

	O	WO	EN
a. At beginning of period - - -	127	4	2862
b. Net increase during period - -	1	-	138
c. Reinforcements during period -	27	-	716
d. Net decrease during period - -	-	-	-
e. Total losses during period - -	26	-	576
f. Strength at end of period - -	128	4	3000

4. Stations (permanent or temporary):

Station	Coordinates	Arrived	Departed
HOMBURG	(1771) - 1/100,000	31 Mar 45	1 Apr 45
FRITZLAR	(H075829) - 1/100,000	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
GUDENSHERG	(145885) - 1/100,000	1 Apr 45	3 Apr 45
GERBACH	(135385) - 1/100,000	3 Apr 45	4 Apr 45
KAISER	(2203) - 1/100,000	4 Apr 45	6 Apr 45
OFENBACH	(125645) - 1/100,000	7 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
WIESBACH	(195830) - 1/100,000	10 Apr 45	11 Apr 45
WIESBACH	(3162) - 1/100,000	11 Apr 45	12 Apr 45
WIESBACH	(3258) - 1/100,000	12 Apr 45	13 Apr 45
Unnamed town just north of JENA	(721694) - 1/100,000	13 Apr 45	14 Apr 45
Unnamed town 5 km west of GOSNITZ	(J722692) - 1/100,000	15 Apr 45	16 Apr 45
HARTMANNSDORF	(K561672) - 1/100,000	16 Apr 45	18 Apr 45
WIESENBERG	(0365553) - 1/100,000	19 Apr 45	21 Apr 45
NURNBERG	(04200) - 1/100,000	21 Apr 45	28 Apr 45
OBERSIGLING	(U195520) - 1/100,000	28 Apr 45	29 Apr 45
WENCKHOFEN	(U459242) - 1/100,000	29 Apr 45	30 Apr 45
MOOSBERG	(U502195) - 1/100,000	30 Apr 45	(after end of po.)

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5. Marches.

a. 1 April 1945, from HOMBERG to PRITZLAR - 10 miles.

First Battalion moved forward by foot and motor 18 miles from HOMBERG to vicinity OBER ZWIMMER. Second Battalion advanced by foot and motor 15 miles from HOMBERG to GROSSWITTE. Third Battalion, in Regimental reserve, followed advance of First Battalion by motor. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved by motor from HOMBERG to PRITZLAR between 0700B and 0800B.

Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition.

Weather: Cloudy.

b. 1 April 1945, from PRITZLAR to GROSSWITTE - 8 miles.

Following advance of the Battalions toward KASSEL, Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved from PRITZLAR to GROSSWITTE between 1600B and 1700B. Service Company moved from vicinity OBER ZWIMMER to GROSSWITTE.

Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition.

Weather: Cloudy.

c. 3 April 1945, from GROSSWITTE to OBER ZWIMMER - 6 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved between 1000B-1100B from GROSSWITTE to OBER ZWIMMER.

Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition.

Weather: Intermittent rain.

d. 4 April 1945, from OBER ZWIMMER to KASSEL - 3 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved by motor from OBER ZWIMMER to KASSEL between 1600B-1630B. Service Company moved to KASSEL from GROSSWITTE 5 April.

Roads: Dirt, muddy, poor condition.

Weather: Overcast, intermittent rain.

e. 6-7 April 1945, from KASSEL to GOTHEN - 65 miles.

The 31st Infantry moved by motor march from KASSEL to vicinity GOTHEN between 1730B 6 April and 1700B 7 April. Second Battalion began movement at 1730B, First Battalion at 2100B and Third Battalion at 2200B 6 April, arrived in forward assembly areas vicinity MECHTERSTADT, PRITZLAR and PHULDA during morning and afternoon 7 April. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved by motor beginning 2000B 6 April, arrived 1400B 7 April vicinity MECHTERSTADT, moved from there at 1600B to SIEBELS, closing in at 1700B. Service Company moved 6 April from KASSEL to WERHOLMUNDT, 15 miles west of GOTHEN, arriving there afternoon of 7 April.

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Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition.

Weather: Cloudy, intermittent rain throughout night 6-7 April (very dark); clear during afternoon 7 April.

f. 10 April 1945, from SIEBENBRUNN to GROSSREDEBACH - 7 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved 10 April from SIEBENBRUNN to GROSSREDEBACH between 0930B and 1000B.

Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition.

Weather: Clear.

g. 11 April 1945, from GROSSREDEBACH to WALTERSBACH - 8 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved by motor from GROSSREDEBACH to WALTERSBACH between 1400B-1500B.

Roads: Gravel, dusty, fair condition.

Weather: Clear.

h. 12 April 1945, from WALTERSBACH to ERPFURT - 4 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved by motor from WALTERSBACH to ERPFURT 1500B-1530B.

Roads: Fair condition.

Weather: Clear.

i. 13 April 1945, from ERPFURT to an unnamed town just North of JENA - 35 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Service Company moved from ERPFURT to an unnamed town just North of JENA between 1930B-2400B. Second and Third Battalions began movement at 1900B from ERPFURT to vicinity (J722692), a distance of 52 miles. First Battalion maintained guard and police of ERPFURT until relieved in late afternoon by 241st FCB.

Roads: Part of route lay over aptobahn, some of its overpasses had been blown by the Germans and repaired by American engineers. Remainder of route over roads in fair to good condition.

Weather: Clear, bright moonlight.

j. 14 April 1945, from town North of JENA to an unnamed village 4 miles East of GOSSENZ - 62 miles.

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Service Company began movement at 0930B from vicinity JENA, travelled 62 miles to an unnamed village 4 miles East of GOSSENZ, closing in at 0100B 15 April. Second and Third Battalions, with Third Battalion leading, moved from vicinity (J722692) approximately 52 miles to villages adjacent to location of Regimental

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OP. First Battalion moved from ERFURT, travelled approximately 104 miles in path of remainder of 318th; had mission of establishing PW enclosures along route and evacuating PWs.

Roads: Most of distance covered on secondary roads of dirt and/or gravel; fairly good condition considering type of roads. At varying intervals hard surfaced roads in good condition were encountered for short distances.

Weather: Cloudy; little or no rain.

k. 16 April 1945, from unnamed village 4 miles East of SOBENITZ to HARTMANNSDORF - 20 miles.

During morning 16 April the three Battalions of 318th moved by motor from assembly areas vicinity SOBENITZ to vicinity HARTMANNSDORF and relieved elements of 4th Armored Division. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Service Company moved by motor to HARTMANNSDORF between 1200H-1330H.

Roads: Half of distance over secondary gravel roads, half over hard surfaced roads in good condition.

Weather: Clear.

l. 18-19 April 1945, from HARTMANNSDORF to FREUDENDORF 210 miles.

A quartermaster party left from Regimental OP, HARTMANNSDORF at 0730H 18 April with necessary guides, followed route autobahn to ERFURT and then Highway No. 4 to assembly area vicinity BAMBERG. OP 318 (Reinf) was formed into sixteen march units and moved along same route of march as used by quartermaster party. Head of March Unit No. 1 crossed IP at 1837H, tail of March Unit No. 16 cleared IP at 2120H. During this march part of the column was strafed. Company I, from accident and strafing, suffered 18 casualties. At 2300H an ME 210 was shot down by Battery A, 633d AAA AW (Mbl) Battalion. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Service Company closed in at FREUDENDORF and vicinity 19 April at 1000H. By 1315H First, Second and Third battalions closed into assembly areas in FREUDENDORF, ZIEHLSDORF and FUEHLSDORF, respectively.

Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition except for occasional detours necessitated by blown bridges.

Weather: Clear, bright moonlight.

m. 21 April 1945, FREUDENDORF to NURNBERG - 45 miles.

The 318th Infantry moved from FREUDENDORF and vicinity to NURNBERG between 1130H-1700H.

Roads: Hard surfaced, good condition.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional showers.

n. 28 April 1945, from NURNBERG to OBER ISLING - 65 miles.

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Between 0900B-2400B 318th Infantry moved 65 miles from NUNBERG to OBER ISLING. Lead vehicle crossed IP at 0913B, last vehicle crossed IP at 1134B.

Roads: Approximately first half of route over hard surfaced roads in good condition; remainder over narrow dirt roads some of which, due to rain, were in very poor condition.

Weather: Overcast, intermittent rain.

o. 29 April 1945, from OBER ISLING to KENIGROFEN - 35 miles.

Following in wake of 13th Armored Division, 318th Infantry moved 35 miles from OBER ISLING to KENIGROFEN between 1200B-1930B.

Roads: Fair.

Weather: Intermittently clear and overcast.

p. 30 April 1945, from KENIGROFEN to HOSSENBERG - 5 miles.

First, Second and Third Battalions moved by motor to forward assembly areas, proceeded from there to crossing site (561180) and crossed ISAR RIVER in assault boats in one company waves (consisting of twenty boats. At close of period all Battalions (less Company M) had crossed ISAR. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters company moved by motor from KENIGROFEN to HOSSENBERG between 1400B-1430B.

Roads: Gravel, fair condition.

Weather: Clear.

6. Campaigns.

- a. Name of: Battle of GERMANY.
- b. Duration: 15 September 1944 to (Date unknown).
- c. Purpose: To conquer GERMANY.
- d. Authority ordering: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force.

7. Battles.

On 1 April 1945 318th Infantry was located vicinity HOSSENBERG, GERMANY. After having been released from control of U. S. 6th Armored Division late the previous day, 318th Infantry reverted to 80th Division control and was assigned mission of capturing KASSEL, one of the most important cities of GERMANY.

Having had a normal population of 204,000, KASSEL's current population was only approximately 50,000, but it still remained a highly important railroad, highway and communications center, as well as a potent industrial city engaged in the manufacture of war materiel.

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From HOMBERG First Battalion advanced 18 miles to a point south of OBER MEEREN within 1 1/2 miles of KASSEL; Second Battalion advanced 15 miles from HOMBERG reaching GROSSEBRITTE, within 5 miles of KASSEL; and Third Battalion, in Regimental reserve, followed advance of First Battalion after protecting a bridgehead over EDER RIVER at NIEDER MOLLRICH and OBER MOLLRICH and over EMS RIVER at NIEDER YORSCHT, which they had seized the previous day.

The day's advance netted 17 PWs, 8-88mm guns and 24 towns, one of which (BESSE, a town of 5,500 inhabitants) was personally captured by Colonel Luckett, 318th Regimental Commander. At beginning of our advance the enemy resisted with anti-tank and small arms fire from positions vicinity BESSE and KERTINGS-HAUSEN, but a general withdrawal in direction of KASSEL was evident throughout remainder of day.

Principal enemy units contacted in this action were 661st and 662d Reserve Infantry Regiments of 166th Reserve Infantry Division, and 184th Reserve Gr Battalion. These units had arrived in sector 27-30 March with mission to defend the EDER - FULDA RIVER line but received orders in late afternoon 31 March to withdraw in direction of KASSEL.

The 166th Reserve Infantry Division was transported by rail from DEESLARE beginning 25 March 1945. Only two of its three regiments were identified in this sector. Each regiment was composed of two battalions, plus 13th, 14th and 15th companies. Prior to commitment each battalion had an estimated strength of 400 men, majority of which were 17 year olds with generally less than three months' training. Both regiments were organized and equipped along normal infantry lines.

The 184th Reserve Gr Battalion was composed of five companies with an average strength of 150 men armed mostly with semi-automatic rifles.

Enemy resistance stiffened considerably 2 April. At daylight the enemy launched a counterattack with an estimated 100 infantry troops and 15 armored vehicles, seven of which were tanks. This attack did not break into our lines but came down the gap between our left column of First and Third Battalions and the right column formed by Second Battalion. The enemy succeeded in temporarily disrupting communications, destroyed six TDs of 811th TD Battalion and four battalion 57mm AT guns. Our supporting artillery, 314th FA Battalion, destroyed six of the enemy's tanks, after which their remaining force withdrew back into KASSEL. Third Battalion was committed in the center sector, filling the gap, and all Battalions continued the attack on KASSEL, reaching outskirts of the city. In addition to the six tanks destroyed by 314th FA Battalion, 2-88mm guns, 1 Volkswagon, 2 half-tracks and 4 supply trucks were destroyed and 212 PWs and 5 towns were captured.

Importance of KASSEL to the enemy was evidenced by their almost frantic efforts to gather together all available weapons power for use in a last ditch defense of the city. In an effort

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to throw back our attacking forces Army MTO Tank School 'Eisenach', brought in 29 March, was equipped with 30 new Panther and Park IV tanks, and used to spearhead the counterattack of 2 April. This unit was composed of four companies, all cadre and drivers of which had previous combat experience, while remainder of personnel were 17 year old volunteers without combat experience. Strangely enough, this tank unit was not contacted again during the KASSEL engagement. Other units identified 2 April were 1st, 4th and 7th Batteries of 64th Heavy AA Training Battalion, each of which had 4-88mm AA guns located vicinity KASSEL; 2d Battery, 1066th Artillery Regiment, 166th Reserve Infantry Division which had 3-105mm horse drawn guns in position on South edge of KASSEL; 86th Alarm Company with 135 men 35 years of age and up; 15th Pz Gr Replacement Alarm Company, composed of approximately 150 stragglers of Army and Air Force units caught in KASSEL.

In a day characterized by fierce house to house fighting, 318th Infantry on 3 April forced its way well into the city proper. First Battalion, attacking Northeast along the Frankfurter Street axis, reached Southern edge of the Park in which were the Infanterie Kaserne and Kraftfahrer Barracks. Second Battalion attacked North and then due East, capturing all the Northern outskirts of the city and reached Fulda River, less than a quarter of a mile from center of the city. A foot bridge was seized intact and the Northern half of the North vehicular bridge was seized. Third Battalion attacked North then, swinging due East, drove into center of the city and captured most of the Western part. As a result of this three pronged attack on KASSEL, from the South, North and West, a record number of PWs was taken plus a tremendous amount of enemy equipment and installations. Included in these were the Radio Station, a large power plant, gas mask factory, arms factory, railroad yards and a foot bridge across Fulda River.

During the dark hours of early morning 4 April all Battalions of 318th attempted to complete conquest of the city, but little ground was gained. Possibly the most stubborn resistance of the day was encountered by Companies A & B in cleaning out barracks of Infanterie Kaserne and Kraftfahrer Kaserne. Intense fire from small arms and automatic weapons, as well as a liberal use of grenades, was employed by the enemy in defending these buildings. By daylight this strong point was eliminated and 200 PWs taken from the buildings. Pushing on from this point after daylight, First Battalion cleared the Park and heart of the city along West Bank of Fulda River. Simultaneously, Third Battalion, supported by a platoon of tanks from 50 Army B, 700th Tank Battalion, began to drive Eastward down main avenue of the city, and Second Battalion captured the North vehicular bridge across Fulda River intact.

Shortly after beginning of our attack 4 April KASSEL'S garrison commander requested a three hours' truce beginning at 0600G for purpose of evacuating civilians. Since two-thirds of the city was already in our hands, this request was refused and countered, later in the morning, with a demand for surrender of the city and its defending forces. At 1235G KASSEL'S commander, Generalmajor Przibek, surrendered the city together with his entire staff and all troops with whom he had contact. A total of 1,325 PWs was taken during the day.

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In the four day drive, culminating in the capture of KASSEL, 318th Infantry advanced 20 miles North, captured 3,791 PWs, conquered 36 towns, and captured and destroyed enormous amounts of enemy equipment and materiel.

KASSEL ranked high in the manufacture of war materials as well as an important communications center. Foremost in this line were the four factories of Henschel & Son which produced locomotives, 75mm AT guns, royal tiger tanks, airplane engines and heavy duty Diesel trucks; also Wegmann & Company, making royal tiger turrets and 88mm guns. Although their production rate had been cut considerably as a result of Allied bombings, these factories (and many others in the city) were still operating when captured by 318th. As a result of interrogation, all the blueprints of royal tiger tanks were captured in Henschel & Son assembly plants.

On 5 April 318th Infantry (Reinf), guarded and patrolled city of KASSEL. Company D, plus one platoon of Company B, 702d Tank Battalion, occupied INRINGSHAUSEN at 0730H. Company I occupied WARENSTADT, and one platoon of Company B guarded installations at GUTHSHAUSEN.

At 1330H 5 April 271st Infantry, 69th Infantry Division began relieving CT 318 of their positions in KASSEL. Until this relief was completed the following day all elements of 271st Infantry in KASSEL were placed under command of 318th Commanding Officer.

On 6 April CT 318 was completely relieved of guarding KASSEL and began movement by motor march to forward assembly area vicinity WENTERTSLEB, FRIEDRICHSDORF and KORNHILFEN, approximately 52 miles to Southeast. Second Battalion led the march, moving out at 1730H, followed by First Battalion at 2100H and Third Battalion at 2200H. The Battalions arrived in their respective assembly areas during morning and afternoon 7 April. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Service Company began movement 2000H 6 April, arrived 1400H the following day vicinity SATTELSTADT.

During afternoon 7 April 318th Infantry moved East an additional 12 miles to relieve elements of U. S. 4th Armored Division at BUDA and from center of GOETTER South to 500 yards South of the Autobahn highway. Second Battalion outposted left sector, First Battalion right sector, and Third Battalion in Regimental reserve in GIEBEN. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved to GIEBEN, closing in at 1700H. Relief of U. S. 4th Armored Division was completed at 2000H. There was no contact with the enemy in 318th sector.

On the following day the Regiment continued to hold positions in its zone preparatory for an attack Eastward. Company C moved forward and occupied positions at (175585), and thus became the most forward element of Allied troops on the Western Front.

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An advance east of 5 kilometers was made 9 April against light opposition; 8 towns were taken. On the following day an advance of 8-12 kilometers was made against slightly increased resistance. Second Battalion, on left, reached west edge of hill 3 kilometers south of ERFURT; First Battalion, in Regimental reserve, was committed in center of sector and reached MOBISBURG and WALTERSLIBEN; Third Battalion, on right, reached EGSTEDT and EICHSTEDTWALD. Twelve towns and 91 PWs were captured during the day, as well as a small arms and glider manufacturing plant taken in NEUDITTENDORF. On this morning an armored unit equipped with 10 assault guns, together with approximately 90 infantry troops, attempted to launch a counterattack but came under fires of our supporting artillery before it could get under way. The enemy lost 6 assault guns knocked out and 75-80 men taken PW in this engagement.

Our drive on ERFURT was identical in some respects to the FASSEM operation, mainly in the assortment of hastily formed units collected for its defense. Nearest to a divisional size unit contacted was 32 Peller, composed of at least two regimental size units - 32 Gritz and 32 Vogt. Of these two, only 32 Gritz was identified in 318th sector. 32 Gritz was composed of three battalions, each of which had four companies of approximately 70 men, equipped with infantry weapons only. No artillery units were identified, and enemy artillery was noticeably absent throughout the operation. A Battery 2.B.V. 334, having 9-20mm guns used against ground and air targets, was contacted and at least three of its guns were captured.

On 11 April 318th closed in on ERFURT from three sides, Second Battalion on south, Third Battalion held its eastern approaches and First Battalion from the west. Telephone contact with ERFURT's commander was established and at 1900B he was given an ultimatum demanding surrender of the city. The German commander was granted two hours delay and later, at his request, an additional two hours for purpose of obtaining permission from his superiors in WEIMAR to surrender the city. No further word was received from the German commander and during the night seven battalions of supporting artillery fired TOTs on ERFURT.

Our attack on ERFURT continued 12 April and at 2040B the city was clear of organized resistance. First Battalion established road blocks and guarded important installations throughout the city, while Second and Third Battalions withdrew to designated assembly areas. Hundreds of tons of food-stuffs in addition to a small arms and ammunition plants and 2,849 PWs were captured during the day.

First Battalion guarded city of ERFURT and maintained road blocks at vital points 13 April while remainder of Regiment prepared for a motor movement eastward in wake of U. S. 4th Armored Division. Beginning movement at 1900B 318th (less First Battalion) travelled approximately 52 miles to vicinity Bridge town (J722692) just north of JENA, closing in at 2400B.

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Moving from this area the following morning, 318th (less First Battalion) travelled through EISENBURG, SEITZ, ABERBURG and SCHÖLL, closing in to an assembly area vicinity of an unnamed village 4 miles East of EISENBURG at 0600B 15 April.

First Battalion, after having been relieved from guarding EISENBURG by 241st POF in late afternoon 13 April, moved from there on following day, travelling 104 miles in path of the Regiment. Along its route of march First Battalion established PW enclosures to collect and evacuate PWs taken by Second and Third Battalions.

Our route of march lay through territory previously overrun, but not occupied, by U. S. 4th Armored Division. No organized resistance was encountered, although 2,552 PWs were taken during the two days' motor march. The Military Government and IAW Team, working together, placed Nazi officials under arrest, appointed Burgomeisters in the cities through which we passed and gave orders on the conduct of their civilian populations.

The Regiment remained in assembly area 15 April, moved 20 miles on following day to EISENBURG and completed relief of 303d, U. S. 4th Armored Division at 1557L. First Battalion remained in Regimental reserve vicinity (K565630), established liaison with 385th Infantry on our North and guarded train loaded with food and medical supplies. Second Battalion moved to high ground in Northern sector of Regimental zone, established outpost line and guarded captured trailers in sector. Third Battalion moved to high ground in Southern sector of zone and established contact with 319th Infantry at (K6063).

On 17 April our front lines were extended by patrolling, the only type of offensive activity engaged in by either ours or enemy forces. Interrogation of PWs taken in the nearby towns of DRABENDORF and AVERSBERG indicated the presence in EISENBURG of three Replacement Battalions, an undetermined number of SS troops and several smaller miscellaneous units, most of them busily engaged in preparing the city for a last ditch defense.

During afternoon 17 April relief of 318th was begun by 417th Infantry, 76th Infantry Division and completed at 0650B the following day. While this relief was taking place, 318th Infantry prepared to move by motor to an assembly area vicinity of EISENBURG. A quartering party with necessary guides left from Regimental CP at EISENBURG at 0730B 18 April, followed route Autobahn to EISENBURG and then Highway No. 4 to assembly area.

The 318th (Reinf) was formed into sixteen march units and moved along same route as that taken by the quartering party. Head of March Unit No. 1 crossed IP at 1837L. Tail of March Unit No. 16 cleared IP at 2120B. During this march the column was strafed resulting, together with an accident caused by the strafing, 18 casualties to Company I. At 2300B an M2-210 was shot down by Battery A, 633d AAA AW (Hb1) Battalion.

This motor march of approximately 210 miles from EISENBURG-

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DORF west 110 miles to vicinity EREURT, South 95 miles to vicinity EREURT and East 5 miles to vicinity EREURT (location of Regimental CP) was completed at 1315G 19 April. First Battalion moved to EREURT, Second Battalion to EREURT and Third Battalion to EREURT.

The Regiment remained in XI Corps reserves in EREURT and vicinity until 1000H 21 April when it moved by motor 45 miles to NURNBERG where it relieved elements of 3d Infantry Division in Eastern half of the city.

From 21-28 April 318th remained in NURNBERG where it restored law and order, guarded military installations, evacuated displaced persons, and maintained road blocks on every road in Regimental zone leading out of NURNBERG.

On 25-26 April the Regiment was relieved in its sector by 58th and 241st Pa Battalions.

Alerted for movement at 2334H 27 April, 318th Infantry moved Southeast the following day 52 miles to OBER ISLING, closing in at 2340G. Lead vehicle crossed IP at 0913H and last vehicle cleared at 1134H.

Following elements of U. S. 15th Armored Division, 318th moved 29 April approximately 30 miles from OBER ISLING to MENG-ROFF. During the march 13 PWs were captured and 80th Reconnaissance Troop (attached) captured 100 PWs.

Committed 30 April with elements of 15th Armored Division, the three Battalions of 318th moved by motor to a forward assembly area, proceeded by foot from there to crossing site on ISAR RIVER which they crossed in assault boats in one company waves consisting of twenty boats.

Although some resistance from small arms, medium and heavy mortars from South of ISAR RIVER was encountered, the enemy did not have a cohesive front from which to offer organized resistance. No integrated enemy unit was encountered, but rather, a miscellaneous collection of scattered remnants retreating in a Southeasterly direction had been gathered to offer all possible resistance wherever terrain features proved favorable for defense. During this crossing 252 PWs were taken.

First Battalion was first to cross the ISAR and elements of it proceeded on foot Southwest along Southern bank with mission of capturing DINGOLPH (506143). Vicinity (5515) they were brought under small arms fire, but proceeded forward and at close of period Companies A and B were abreast vicinity (525150).

At close of period all three Battalions of 318th (less one company of Third Battalion) had crossed the ISAR RIVER and were continuing their advance.

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During April the Regiment continued its forward march, deep into the heart of GERMANY and, wheeling South at its Eastern boundary, into the heart of the vaunted National Redoubt. Hundreds of communities were captured, topped by KASSEL and ERFURT, both of critical importance, many thousands of displaced persons and Allied PWs were freed, incredible amounts of German war material captured.

Notably, 318th maintained its reputation for the finest Infantry Regiment to support armor, as voiced by many Officers of 4th, 10th and 13th U. S. Armored Divisions. "This is one outfit that can keep up with us", they all say.

During April 10, 313 PWs were taken, nearly as many as the Regiment had taken in eight months of combat prior to April 1945. The dissolution of the German war machine became more and more apparent, organized resistance had, at the end, practically ceased.

8. Commanding Officers in important engagements.

Regimental

Commanding Officer: Col JAMES C. LUCETTE 1-30 Apr

Executive Officer: Lt Col GLENN GARDNER 1-30 Apr

S-1: Capt ROGER F. BOLE 1-30 Apr

S-2: Capt MARTIN J. WEGMAN 1-30 Apr

S-3: Capt FREDERICK J. HARTED 1-11 Apr

Capt JOHN L. WARE 12-30 Apr

S-4: Major E. V. LE BLANC 1-30 Apr

Battalion Commanders

First Battalion: Major CHARLES G. KING 1-30 Apr

Second Battalion: Lt Col JOHN P. WOODS 1-18 Apr

(Acting) Capt HATHEN L. DWYER 19-21 Apr

Capt HATHEN L. DWYER 22-30 Apr

Third Battalion: Lt Col PAUL E. JACOBS 1-30 Apr

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be improved.

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COMPANY "A" 318TH INFANTRY CONT'D

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
Pvt	Stuhr, Dale L	37776142	X		
Pvt	Gaines, Charles C	41037362	X		
Pvt	Stevens, John H	38573779	X		
Pvt	Sterling, William W	38573756	X		
Pvt	Spiker, Edward A	33892155		X	
Pfc	Reed, John V	39254494	X		
Capt	ROY, RAYMOND G	0 1295089	X		
Pfc	Sowers, Thomas E	35885086	X		
Pfc	Sala, Alton J	32102603	X		
S/Sgt	Seamer, John E	33593378	X		
Pfc	Laubach, Donald E	33344541	X		
Pfc	Stark, Edward T Jr	36918644	X		
Pfc	Archambault, Charles M	31386032	X		
Pvt	Kaul, William	37252637	X		
Pfc	Gardiner, Howard S	35072688	X		
Pvt	Neubert, Eugene R	36253462		X	
Tec 5	Sesamer, Oscar L	35701072		X	
Pvt	Nowokinski, Joseph R	31004442		X	
Pfc	Lambert, William D	36449611		X	
Tec 5	Snyder, Walter E Jr	13048623		X	
S/Sgt	Smith, Cecil E	38885803		X	
Pfc	Lingenfelten, Samuel L	37761032		X	
Pfc	Gonzales, Louis E	38699008		X	
Pfc	Boyd, William B III	3381309 1	X		

COMPANY "B", 318TH INFANTRY

S/Sgt	Mills, Victor D	34311254	X		
Pfc	Fulmer, Evans M	34912644	X		
Pfc	Purser, Wallace R	34359913	X		
Sgt	Moza, Frank T	36976419	X		
Sgt	Simmons, Patey E	33126621	X		
1st Lt	ROUTIER, RALPH H	01313451	X		
Cpl	Zielinski, Edward J	32324587	X		
Pvt	Paolino, Pellegrino F	33893681	X		
Pvt	Yother, David M	44040589	X		
Pvt	Fountain, Charlie L	33849923	X		
Pvt	Stephens, Fred L	44032698	X		
Pfc	Engandela, Joseph J	36644253	X		
Pvt	Kyle, Robert L	39691685	X		
Pfc	Soars, Walter C	39415986	X		
Pfc	Smith, Robert J	33486277	X		
Sgt	Wisniewski, Roman J	32932156		X	
Sgt	Vilmer, John R	37017433		X	
Pfc	McCallops, Landis E	42086836		X	
2d Lt	WARD, LYLE D	01330991		X	

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RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
Pvt	Rose, Philip I.	12230974		X	
Pvt	Wagner, Charles A.	32925134		X	
S/Sgt	Burtis, Warren R.	36267521		X	
Pvt	* Eby, Paul L.	33836989		X	
Pfc	Cantor, Saul	42134476	X		
Pfc	Myers, Raymond E.	35542826	X		
Pfc	Ricker, David E.	35905030	X		
Pvt	Loftis, Arthur D.	33925411	X		
Pfc	Weeks, Charles R.	38263887	X		
Cpl	Chaffee, Theodore E.	32676617	X		
Pvt	Rodriguez, William M.	42183606	X		
Pvt	Sanders, Joseph F.	14171164	X		
2d Lt	LOOMAN, JAMES E.	01062944	X		
2d Lt	VALLANIC, RUDOLPH A.	01047821	X		
Pfc	Sims, Clyde	35816861	X		
Sgt	Bigham, Archie W.	39309740		X	
Pfc	Eyrd, Lonie G.	36073861		X	
Pfc	Lullen, Hector G.	38670743		X	
Pfc	Leet, Kenneth L.	35694799		X	
Pfc	Richey, Kenneth L.	35694799		X	
S/Sgt	Beckman, Charles F.	35094255	X		
Pfc	Christensen, William	36738240	X		
Pvt	Anderson, Walter R.	32786362			X

COMPANY "D" 318TH INFANTRY

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
Pvt	Lukkas, John	39605653	X		
Sgt	Fitzgerald, Lowell	32075976	X		
S/Sgt	Steffy, Charles W.	13123636	X		
Pfc	Dunn, James P.	20253142	X		
Pvt	Zurawski, Erwin A.	36474173	X		
Pfc	Sutter, John G. Sr.	44030208	X		
S/Sgt	Samson, Thomas W.	14006963	X		
2d Lt.	TRABILL, ROBERT J. JR.	0556584	X		
Sgt.	Higgins, George L.	34384721		X	

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RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
Lt Col	Woods, John P.	01265686		X	
Pvt	Long, James B.	6836333		X	
Pfc	Moseley, Charles T.	34518572	X		

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COMPANY "B" 318TH INFANTRY (cont'd)

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MTA
T/Sgt	Feese, Loren D.	39586223		X	
Pfc	Watts, James A.	35816539		X	
Pvt	Lyndsey, Joseph M.	32438978		X	
Pfc	Tomasiewicz, Chester E.	16101163		X	
S/Sgt	Brams, Henry D.	35085395		X	
Pfc	Sneed, Allen H.	35483669	X		
2d Lt	PAPP, EDWIN A.	01331326	X		
Pfc	Longlott, James M.	35436180	X		
Pvt	Andrews, David Jr	42005375	X		
Pfc	Gennis, Melvin M.	36968563	X		
Tec 5	Duval, Armand D.	31045462	X		
Sgt	Hadrys, William A.	42142499		X	

COMPANY "C" 318TH INFANTRY

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MTA
Sgt	Byran, Neil L.	20757631	X		
Pfc	Shumaker, Harold L., Sr.	37749985	X		
S/Sgt	Martell, Alfred J.	32150295	X		
S/Sgt	Olson, Gaylord A.	36299728	X		
Sgt	Tyka, Louis	36532091	X		
Pfc	Anderson, Clarence B.	33880396	X		
Pfc	Esquivel, Rudy E.	38539513	X		
Pfc	Richardson, Cecil E., Jr.	34981605	X		
Pfc	Stabler, Edwin R.	39053705	X		
Pvt	Buck, James A.	38732064	X		
Sgt	Cherepski, Alexander M.	32236132	X		
Cpl	Soucy, Arthur W.	31151796	X		
Cpl	Voisard, James C.	35622588	X		
Pfc	Hahka, Russel H.	36409502	X		
Pfc	Kulp, George A.	13037835	X		
Marius, Roy					
Pfc	Marius, Roy	35236818	X		
Pvt	Phillips, Herman	36414183	X		
Pvt	Philpot, William B.	38322230	X		
Pvt	Preston, Robert L.	35085847	X		
Pvt	Tenney, Harold L.	44005506	X		
Sgt	Kunor, Stanley F.	33152219	X		
Tec 5	Wood, William N.	33642611	X		
Sgt	Lebowitz, Sidney	38119574	X		
Pfc	Parker, John S.	36032254	X		
Pfc	Schlagel, Robert C.	35907009	X		
2d Lt	MOFFITT, JOHN G.	01057177	X		
Pfc	Hill, Wayne L.	35346536	X		
Pfc	Marshall, Carl E.	35869809	X		
S/Sgt	Donnells, Ray E.	35540794		X	
S/Sgt	Steinbach, Charles R.	20749415		X	
Pfc	Brunson, Harold W.	35845840		X	
Pfc	Guardiola, Gustavo C.	38366645		X	

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COMPANY "E", 318TH INFANTRY

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
Cpl	Ruot, Eugene G.	31324641	X		
Pvt	Wood, Hugh R.	33860748	X		
Pfc	Hall, Howard A.	39207143	X		
Pfc	Barron, Roy O.	37405958	X		
Pfc	Catrett, Edward H.	34836138		X	
Pfc	Jones, Jack	14188025		X	
Pfc	Gilliland, Leslie B. Jr.	14095845	X		
Tec 4	Gones, George	35463098	X		
S/Sgt	Martinez, Margarito	39053444	X		
S/Sgt	Wolf, Burton L.	35067551	X		
Pfc	Jordan, Donald L.	37746878	X		
Tec 5	Parker, Fred W.	12005934	X		
S/Sgt	Burks, Virgil S.	37211862	X		
Pfc	Westfall, William A.	35784605	X		
Pfc	Stebbing, Milton H.	33907464			X
Pfc	Botkowski, George S.	36585009			X
Cpl	Connolly, Lawrence H.	12159116		X	
Pfc	Aienza, Patsy A. Jr.	32739686		X	

COMPANY "F", 318TH INFANTRY

Pfc	Perkins, James H. Jr.	38307968	X		
Pfc	Sanders, Bennie L.	38578055	X		
S/Sgt	Watkins, Leroy	33606708		X	
Pvt	Plasecki, Eugene C.	36918803		X	
Sgt	Hagerty, Cleo A.	37596840	X		
Pfc	Smiley, Garnette R.	33886208	X		
Pfc	Meinke, Herbert C.	39143279	X		

COMPANY "G", 318TH INFANTRY

* Pfc	McAdams, John E.	39024589	X		
Pvt	Brock, James Jr	37404891	X		
Pvt	Lane, Marion R.	44023045	X		
Pfc	Swanteck, John E.	42087419	X		
Pvt	Pape, John A.	33893003	X		
Pvt	Halverson, Harold O.	36956563	X		
Pfc	Jackson, Joseph S.	38676650	X		
Cpl	Heaton, Elliott B.	38679240	X		
Pfc	Kasperek, Anthony V.	33284621	X		
Cpl	Pedersen, Thorvald E.	37736762	X		
Pfc	McWhorter, Charles W.	35403553	X		
Jackson, Albert H.					
Pvt	Jackson, Albert M.	18152719	X		
Pfc	Naty, Joseph	39930957	X		
Pfc	Spritzer, Lawrence E.	42177811	X		
Pvt	Graeter, William K.	39843404	X		
Sgt	Kuhn, Arthur H.	36639909	X		
Pfc	Hooker, Clifford H.	36986825	X		

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COMPANY "J", 31ST INFANTRY CONTINUED

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
Pfc	Carson, Clifford L.	39925121	X		
Pfc	Lara, Manuel Jr	38561009	X		
Bfc	Cammilleri, Angelo J.	42096708	X		
S/Sgt	Tener, Elmer D.	39249365	X		
Pfc	Eby, Richard A.	19203539	X		
Pfc	Mapes, Harold C.	42092154	X		
Pfc	Hubbard, Grover S.	35069891	X		
Tec 5	Arzente, Gilbert A.	33466371	X		
Pfc	Chrissos, George E.	42015672	X		
Sgt	Martinez, Lawrence	3770187	X		
Pfc	Maxwell, Oscar L.	39148348	X		
Pfc	Whiteman, Joseph A.	33320752	X		
Pvt	Badalamenti, Sam	36149279	X		
Pfc	Simerai, John E.	33947113	X		
Pfc	Crockston, Morris Jr	32088782	X		
Pfc	Bixler, David L.	33950635	X		
S/Sgt	Speck, Herman C.	33756227	X		
Pvt	Covington, Frank L.	20949119		X	
Pfc	Jones, Milton C.	35333590		X	
Pfc	Morgan, James R.	6257323		X	
Pfc	McAdams, John B.	39021589		X	
Pfc	Hussman, Peter R.	31411369		X	
Pfc	Masini, Emile C.	39932102		X	
Pfc	Evans, Claude E.	34985205		X	
Pfc	Rickelberger, Ervin L.	35901186		X	
Sgt	Collins, Cimon	36001592		X	
Sgt	Bodine, Claude A.	33001112		X	
T/Sgt	Bugs, Woodrow	35466617		X	
Sgt	Scharff, George	32987381		X	
Sgt	Boreham, Ferrell E.	6570990	X		
Pfc	Raniszewski, Frank	42107878		X	
S/Sgt	Pappas, Peter T.	31007755			X

COMPANY "H", 31ST INFANTRY

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
T/Sgt	Hoff, Werner C.	35331120		X	
1st Lt	Cunningham, Firman L.	01011090	X		
Pfc	Ruffin, Edward W.	34831164	X		
Pfc	Nichols, Glenn L.	35021055		X	

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RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
Capt	Onitwood, Marion C.	01285548	X		
Sgt	Jenkins, Raymond R.	33127393	X		
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COMPANY "I", 31ST INFANTRY

RANK	NAME	ASN	WOUNDED	KIA	MIA
+ Pfc	Corleto, Harvey W.	35415621		X	
+ Pfc	Vasquez, Ralph J.	3106151		X	
+ Pfc	Knight, James S.	35986311		X	
+ Pfc	Lamb, Jack D.	35295110		X	
+ S/SGT	Pearson, Carl W.	35172657		X	

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