155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 1944

1 SEPTEMBER 1944: At 0100 the battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of Chateauneuf de Galante. The battalion Command Post was established at coords. 057-287 (See Map France, 1/100,000 Sheet 13 N St. Etienne.

The Infantry entrucked again at 0945 and the march was resumed at 0945.

The Battalion occupied positions about 1 kilometer northeast of Septeme, France. The Command Post located at coords. (070-660). The batteries organized their positions for action, but no fire was delivered from these positions. (For disposition of battalion see Map France, 1/100, 000 Sheet 13 N, Lyon).

The battalion Commander and battery commanders left at 1915 on a reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of Lusigny.

Between 2045 and 2100 the various batteries marched, by battery, to the new positions. For location see Map France 1/100,000, Sheet 13 N, Lyon. The Battalion closed into the new positions at 2100 and the Command Post was established at coords. (030-685) near the village of Illins. Again the battalion organized its position for action, but no fire was called for. The mission of the battalion this date remained unchanged: i.e., reinforcing the fires of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion which was in direct support of the 112th Infantry Regiment.

No fire delivered this date.

2 SEPTEMBER 1944: Today 1st Lieutenant Raymond F. Kent, Battery Commander, Battery "B", received a letter from 2nd Lieutenant Richard J. McCready, who was missing in action 23 August 1944, near Vaires, France. The letter informed us that the Observation Party had run into an enemy road block. 1st Lieutenant Kline. S. Fingerhut, of New York City was seriously wounded and died later of these wounds; 2nd Lieutenant Richard J. McCready of Indianapolis, Indiana, lost his left arm; 2nd Grade 4 S. L. Nichols, Fort Worth, Texas was captured and Private Demond D. Lowery of Mt. Vernon, Illinois was wounded and captured. Lieutenant McCready had been cared for by the French Red Cross and finally when recaptured was evacuated to the 11th Evacuation Hospital (American).

Colonel J. B. Natolick, Executive Officer, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, notified the Battalion Commander that the battalion was "attached" to the 112th Infantry Regiment.
At 1830 the Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders left on a reconnaissance for the assembly area in the vicinity of Feyzin, later at 1845 the Battalion Executive Officer marched the battalion on Feyzin. The battalion closed into the Feyzin assembly area at 1940 and spent the night there, with the cooperation of the local authorities, shelter was obtained in public buildings for the personnel.

No firing this date. The battalion mission continued to be to reinforce the fires of the 142nd Field Artillery Battalion, but since we were transporting part of the 142nd Infantry Regiment, we also received orders from the Commanding Officer, 142nd Infantry Regiment.

3 September 1944: The battalion was required to furnish five 2½ ton trucks to a provisional trucking company. This, with the four trucks already out, created a acute shortage of transportation. In order to continue the march it was necessary to establish a battalion dump at Feyzin and leave 350 rounds of ammunition behind.

About noon the Battalion Commander told his assembled staff and Battery Commanders that the battalion would resume the march and that the 1st battalion of the 142nd Infantry Regiment would be carried on our vehicles.

The Infantry entrucked in the battery areas, and the column formed and marched at 1345. The march was via St. Symphorien, o'Uzon, Heyrieux, Chamegneul, Cremin, Vervie, Sault-Brann, Lagnieu, Ambar-en-Sussey, St. Maurice-de-Rumes, to an assembly area in a large ammunition depot about one mile southeast of St. Maurice-de-Rumes. For the route and disposition of the battalion see Lmp France 1/100,000 Sheet 14 & Chambéry. Since there was no contact with the enemy, positions were not organized for action.

At 2245 information was received that the 3rd Infantry Division had made contact with the enemy to the north of our bivouac area; that it would be necessary for this battalion to move at 0600 4 September and close into positions in the vicinity of Bourg-en-Brasse by daylight. Our vehicles were to transport the 2nd Battalion of the 142nd Infantry Regiment.

During the early evening hours, D plus 15 Convoy arrived at the service battery position. The convoy consisted of the Personnel Section and a number of such needed vehicles. The trip from Cavalaire to this station was accomplished without mishap, although Sr. Ruth had no maps.

No firing this day. Mission unchanged.
4 September 1944: At 0500 hours from the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment reported to the command post to guide our vehicles to the remote elements of their battalion. Some of these elements were so distant that the vehicles did not return until after 0600. As a result the march was not begun until 0615; even then a few trucks had not returned and had to proceed to the next position individually.

The battalion closed into a rendezvous area at coordinates (275-270) La\^® France 1/100,000 Sheet 14 L Meautus. Since a resumption of the march seemed imminent no installations were made.

At 1300 the march was resumed. The route was north thru Bourg-en-Bresse, Isly and Comes to a bivouac area in the vicinity of Varennes-St. Sauveur. See map: France 1/100,000 Sheet 13 L Lacoen. Coords. (238-683). The battalion closed into this area at 1720.

After arriving in this area the Battalion Personnel Section and Service battery rejoined the battalion. Suitable accommodations for the Personnel Section were obtained in Varennes and there they remained when the battalion marched.

This was a non-tactical bivouac. Positions were not organized for action and no firing was done this date. Missions reinforcing fires of 142nd Field Artillery Battalion, remained unchanged.

5 September 1944: The infantry entrucked in the battery areas this morning and the march was resumed at 0830. The march this day was along secondary roads, generally to the northeast. The route was Varennes St. Sauveur, Lenmartin-lez-Cuzeaux, Sergy, Datte, Saillensac, Blattemere to a bivouac in the vicinity of Ruffey. (See map: France, 1/100,000 Sheet 14 E Loms-le-Saunier).

This evening we received information that Staff Sergeant Julius E. Hollub, from Halletsville, Texas, a gun section chief, battery "A", and Staff Sergeant Gilbert F. Schaeffer, from San Antonio, Texas, a Chief of Section, Battery "C", had been promoted, by Battle Field Appointment, to the temporary grade of 2nd. Lieutenants in the Army of the United States.

No firing this date. Mission continues unchanged.

6 September 1944: Infantry entrucked and the march was resumed at 0830. This day's march was again generally northeastward. However, it followed primary roads. The route was from Ruffey thru St. Germain-lez-Argay, Poligny and Arbois to a bivouac area just north west of Louchard. Coords. (645-265). Map: France 1/100,000 Sheet 14 E Loms-le-Saunier.
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To firing this date. Mission remained reinforment of fires of 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, which was still in direct support of the 142nd Infantry Regiment.

7 SEPTEMBER 1944: At 1540 the Battalion Commander rode from the 112nd Infantry Command Post in Kouchard ordering that the battalion be prepared to entruck the 2nd Battalion of the 142nd Infantry in Kouchard at 1630.

The infantry was entrucked, but the march was delayed fifteen minutes by a column which had not cleared Kouchard at the scheduled time. At this time the Battalion Command and Battery Commanders went ahead of the column to reconnoiter for positions.

The battalion marched at 1645. Route of march was northward out of Kouchard to Quingey, westward to Fyans and into positions about two kilometers south east of Fyans. (See Map: France, 1/100,000 Sheet 14 J, Lons-le-Saunier). Closed into new position at 1845 and entrucked the infantry and organized for action.

Summary of firing: 43 rounds of HE are fired on a registration and two missions against enemy vehicles. No positive report of damage inflicted. The battalion's mission continues to be to reinforce the fires of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion.

8 SEPTEMBER 1944: The battalion remained in firing position overnight.

Price during the day the battalion was alerted for an imminent move to new positions but due to change of plans both displacements were cancelled and the battalion remained in position overnight, continuing to reinforce the fires of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion.

The Battalion Commander attended a meeting at 36th Division Artillery late in the evening and received verbal orders that this battalion was relieved of reinforcing fires of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion and our mission would be general support of the 36th Infantry Division.

Summary of firing: Two missions; a total of 18 rounds of HE fired on enemy vehicles and personnel.

9 SEPTEMBER 1944: The battalion displaced forward to the vicinity of Champvans, closing into the new area at 1235. For disposition, (Map: France, 1/100,000 Sheet 14 J, Besancon).

Summary of firing: 103 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of Smoke fired on three missions; no positive reports of damages or casualties inflicted.
10 SEPTEMBER 1944: The Battalion Commander took the Battery Commanders forward to the vicinity of Bonnevent to look for forward positions. Battery "B" was prepared for an early displacement; the balance of the battalion to move after Battery "B" occupied its new position. Battery "B" moved out at 1200 and closed into its forward position at 1300. The balance of the battalion marched at about 1400 and closed into the forward positions at 1545. The Command Post was established in a building in Veilleville. For route of march and dispositions in the Bonnevent area see Lmp. France 1/100,000 Sheet 11 J, Bessancor.

The battalion rear echelon, B plus 20 Convoy, under Captain Harry F. Frantz Jr., 0-404452, Enid, Oklahoma, which had been left in Italy, rejoined the battalion before today's move. This group remained with Service Battery and came forward when Service Battery moved. After displacement the newly arrived personnel, vehicles and equipment were returned to their batteries. This brought relief to many of the men who were in need of additional blankets and a change of clothing. The additional vehicles helped alleviate the critical shortage of transportation.

Shortly after occupying the new positions, Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, gave this battalion a secondary mission, to reinforce the fires of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, which was in direct support of the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

Summary of firing: 29 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of smoke fired on registration. No missions fired on enemy targets.

11 SEPTEMBER 1944: The battalion was moved to the vicinity of Raze, closing into the Raze area at 1030. The battalion Command Post was established in a school building in the center of town. For dispositions of firing batteries; Lmp. France 1/100,000 Sheet 11 J, Bessancor. The battalion's mission of reinforcing the fires of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, remained unchanged.

Due to an attack on Vescay by the 143rd Infantry Regiment, fire on that town was restricted, effective at 0000.

The Battalion S-4, Captain Walton W. Vines, 0-1167237 from Pinson, Alabama, TCO 5 Joseph P. Hamilton, 33317348, Service mail Clerk, from Philadelphia, Pa., TCO 5 Roy K. Hartman, 20815974, driver, from New Braunfels, Texas, TCO 5 Harry J. Keating, 20815963, radio operator, from Houston, Texas, went to the edge of the VI Corps boundary to the little town of Vescay in the early afternoon. Arriving there,
they found that no American troops had previously entered the town. A French guide directed them to a house in which were hiding 3 American officers who had escaped from the Germans on or about 4 September. Later, another French civilian guided them to another house in which 3 American soldiers were hiding. As they were leaving the town they captured four German soldiers whom they took to a Ft inclosure.

Summary of firings: 117 rounds of HE fired on 5 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties was received.

12 SEPTEMBER 1944: The town of Vesoul, having been occupied by American forces the night of 11-12 September, it was desired to place medium artillery fire beyond Vesoul as early as possible. To accomplish this Battery "C" was moved to a position at cordia (807-806) Rapt France, 1/100,000 Sheet 14 J Besancon. They closed into this position at 1100. Wire communications was extended to their position.

Early in the afternoon the Battalion Commander went on a reconnaissaince for positions for the balance of the battalion in the vicinity of Battery "C"s new position. The battery commanders, guided by the Battalion Communications Officer met at Battery "C"s position, by direction of the Battalion Commander. While there were given for them to displace their batteries as soon as possible, march by battery, Battery "A" marched at 1453, Battery "B" at 1502 and Headquarters Battery at 1530. The battalion closed into the new area at 1530. For route and disposition see Map France, 1/100,000 Sheet 14 J Besancon.

Summary of firings: 150 rounds of HE fired on 6 missions on enemy vehicles and artillery. Results: several vehicles destroyed and three enemy guns neutralized. It is thought that these three guns were destroyed but this could not be confirmed. Mission of the battalion unchanged.

13 SEPTEMBER 1944: Remained in position this day. No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firings: 101 rounds of HE fired on 4 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties received.

14 SEPTEMBER 1944: Having reconnoitered battery positions in the vicinity of Bousmon the night before, the battalion displaced at 0630 via Ponteay la Garenne, Chenilly, Fert-sur-Sane to Bousmon and closed in on the new area at 0930 (Rapt France 1/100,000 Sheet 14 K, Bournon-Pays-Sillett).

At noon the Battalion Commander and Liaison Officer went to the Division Artillery Command Post and at 1620 the Battalion Commander received order from there for Battery "A" to displace to the vicinity of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion near Brurey-les-Faverney.
to more closely reinforce their fires. By 1830 Battery "A" had closed on their new position (Map: France 1/100,000 Sheet 14 H Bourmont-Pays-Billot).

Summary of firing: 240 rounds of HE and 1 round of smoke were fired in 10 missions on enemy troops, guns and on counter-attack.

15 SEPTEMBER 1944: After reconnaissance during the morning, the battalion moved to the vicinity of Neurey-en-Vaux early in the afternoon, closing into this area at 1245 (Route of march and disposition Map: France 1/100,000, Sheet 14 H Bourmont-Pays-Billot). Due to its separation from the battalion the previous evening Battery "A" marched independently.

This battalion's mission, to reinforce the fires of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, had remained unchanged. Our specific task was to be able to fire in support of the road blocks established by the 1/3rd Infantry Regiment to the north and northwest. This prevented a further displacement by this battalion this day. However, in response to a request by the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, Battery "A" was again sent forward to the 133rd's position at 705 and operated with them as they had the night of 14-15 September. In order that our fire power would not be too drastically reduced by losing Battery "A", Battery "A" of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion was left in our area and fired under the control of this battalion.

Summary of firing: 175 rounds of HE fired on 13 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties inflicted on the enemy. The battalion remains to reinforce the fires of 133rd Field Artillery Battalion.

16 SEPTEMBER 1944: At about noon information to the effect that a battalion of the 1/3rd Infantry Regiment would relieve the 1/3rd Infantry of the task of manning the road blocks to the north and northwest, that the Company, 1/3rd Infantry Regiment would give artillery support, and that this battalion was relieved of support of the road blocks.

Since action had moved out of range to the northwest, the battalion less Battery "A", which was already in position in the vicinity of Villers-les-Luxeuil, displaced to positions adjacent to Battery "A": Closed into this area at 1430 (For route of march and dispositions see Map: France 1/100,000, Sheet 15 H, Gerardmer-Lure).

No firing from this position during the 3½ hour stay.
At 1800 the battalion moved northeastward again to positions just north of Luxeuil-les-Bains. The Command Post was established in the town (for routes and dispositions see Map: France, 1:100,000 Sheet 15 H, Gerardmer-Lure).

Summary of firings: 4 rounds of HE fired on an area target. Mission unchanged; i.e., General Support of and reinforce fires of 133rd Field Artillery Battalion.

17 SEPTEMBER 1944: The Battalion remained in the Luxeuil-les-Bains area with the new mission of reinforcing fires of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion, who were in direct support of the 141st Infantry Regiment. Liaison was established with both units.

Summary of firings: 173 rounds of HE, fired on 8 missions, enemy guns and strong points.

18 SEPTEMBER 1944: There was no change in position or mission this date and no firing. No noteworthy incidents occurred except that it has continued to rain and is getting colder every day.

19 SEPTEMBER 1944: The battalion spent its third day in the Luxeuil-les-Bains area, with the battalion mission unchanged.

At 2000 hours the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, advised that the 141st Infantry Regiment was to attack the high ground north of Remiremont the next morning and that this battalion should be prepared to displace to the vicinity of Plombières-les-Bains after 0630 hours 20 September, at which time the infantry was to attack. However, the Battalion Commander visited the 141st Infantry Command Post at 23:00 and telephoned the Battalion Executive that our plans had been changed, i.e., we would move at 0330 to Fougerolles, be in position and ready to fire at daylight to cover the 141st Infantry Regiment until it closed into its assembly area northeast of Plombières-les-Bains.

The Battalion Commander had the Battery Commanders and parties to meet him at the Command Post at midnight, prepared to go on reconnaissance for new positions in the vicinity of Fougerolles.

There was no firing this date. Mission continued to be to reinforce the fires of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion.

20 SEPTEMBER 1944: As each battery commander returned from the reconnaissance his battery was released to him and he marched his battery northward to the new positions in the vicinity of Fougerolles. The Battalion closed into the Fougerolles area at 0540.
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(For route of march and disposition see Map France 1/100,000 Sheet 15 H, Gerzatier-Lure.

At 0615 twelve prime-movers, the only transportation available, were dispatched to carry part of the 2nd Battalion of the 141st Infantry Regiment.

At 1120 the battery commanders were ordered to prepare to march immediately upon the return of the trucks from the Infantry rail. At 1215 the Battalion and Battery Commanders went on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of Aisne-aux-Bois.

The trucks having returned the battalion marched northward at 1310, closing in the Aisne-aux-Bois area at 1628. (Route and dispositions Map France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15 H, Gerzatier-Lure).

The Battalion Personnel Section and Service Battery remained in the old school house in Luxeuil-les-Bains when the rest of the battalion left.

Firing from this position prior to the morning of the 21st was forbidden in order to obtain surprise.

No firing this date. Mission unchanged.

21 SEPTEMBER 1944: Upon verbal orders Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, Lt. Colonel Raymond K. Kent, 0-1176092, Battalion Assistant S-2, from Boston, Mass., was sent to the 45th Infantry Division Artillery as Liaison Officer from the 36th Infantry Division Artillery. Lieutenant Kent left the Battalion at 1025 to go on his mission.

Information was received at 0940 that the 141st Infantry Regiment had elements across the Loessle River. Later at 2030 hours this battalion was placed in general support of the 36th Infantry Division by verbal orders Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery.

Service Battery and the Personnel Section moved into the vicinity of La Racine.

Summary of firings: 492 rounds of HE fired on 14 missions. No positive reports of casualties or destruction.

22 SEPTEMBER 1944: Information received at 1705 hours was that Eloyes, on the Loessle River, had been taken from the enemy after a few road blocks had been cleared. Continued rain and colder
throughout the day.

Summary of firing: 310 rounds of HE fired on 19 missions. No positive reports of casualties or destruction. Mission - general support of the 36th Infantry Division.

23 SEPTEMBER 1944: At 0840 this battalion was given the mission of general support, with special attention to the zone of action of the 143rd Infantry, which was operating in the left of the Division zone of action. Liaison was established with the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

During the morning this battalion was warned that it would probably displace during the day, meanwhile the Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders went on a reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of Eloyes. By noon orders were received from the Battalion Commander to close station and march order, but not to move until he returned from reconnaissance. Upon his return the battalion marched by battery, closing in at the new area at 1445. (Route and disposition see Map France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15 H, Gerardmer-Lure).

After the battalion had moved, the Personnel Section and Service Battery moved to within 2 kilometers of Remiremont. Personnel setting up the Section in a former filling station which was ideal due to abundance of light.

Summary of firing: 115 rounds of HE fired on 6 missions, none of which were observed missions. Mission of the battalion unchanged.

24 SEPTEMBER 1944: The battalion began a march to new positions north of the Iller River, but were halted on the road and re-routed to positions in the vicinity of Foux. It had been found that the initial position area chosen was too congested with other units. Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery had ordered the change. (Route and disposition see Map France 1/100,000, Sheet 15 H, Gerardmer-Lure).

In this position the battalion's mission was general support of the division which was advancing against increasingly strong resistance toward Bruyeres, France. Liaison was established with both assault regiments; Captain Richard B. Haak, O-125962, Battalion Liaison Officer, from Dallas, Texas; to the 143rd Infantry Regiment on the left and Captain August G. Kosier, O-295013, Liaison officer to the 142nd Infantry Regiment on the right. Captain Kosier entered the service from Dallas, Texas.

Service Battery and the Battalion Personnel Section moved into a textile mill in Eloyes at 1745 hours.

Summary offering: 151 rounds of HE on 10 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties.
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25 SEPTEMBER 1944: Mission unchanged. Remained in position. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery were in large buildings. The troops had an opportunity to dry their clothes and bedding which had gotten wet during rains of the past few days. No noteworthy incidents occurred.

Summary of firing: 744 rounds of HE on 30 missions. The greater part of this firing was on harassing missions and unobserved Division Artillery concentrations. Received no positive reports of destruction or casualties inflicted on the enemy.

26 SEPTEMBER 1944: A few rounds of enemy artillery fire fell in Battery "D" area. No damage suffered. One man, Private First Class Donald F. Biseman, 32375980, Battery "O", from North Arlington, New Jersey, was slightly injured by a shell fragment in his foot. Duty of Private First Class Biseman is a cannoneer on number 2 gun. He was given first aid and then returned to duty.

The battalion's mission and position remained unchanged.

Summary of firing: 290 rounds of HE fired on 17 missions. The majority of this fire was on Division Artillery concentrations and harassing fires. No positive reports of destruction or casualties received.

27 SEPTEMBER 1944: No change in mission or position. No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firing: 385 rounds of HE fired on 13 missions, one round of Smoke used, most of which were on Division Artillery concentrations and harassing fire. No positive reports of destruction or casualties.

28 SEPTEMBER 1944: The enemy having been driven from the high ground north of the Dolezelle-Thury road this battalion was ordered to move to positions in the vicinity of Dolezelle. The move was made by battery and the battalion closed into the new area at 1820. For route of march and dispositions see Kapt France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15 H, Gerardmer-Lure. Due to soft ground Battery "A" could not get into the position first chosen and had to select a new position after arriving in the Dolezelle area. Heavy clouds restricted observation from the liaison planes and brought early darkness. Result - registration was impossible.

Service Battery and Personnel Section remained in the textile mill.

Summary of firing: 86 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of Smoke fired on 6 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties.

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25 SEPTEMBER 1944: Received a few scattered rounds of light and medium
enemy artillery in the battalion area at about daylight.
No casualties or damages suffered. There was a small fire fight just north
of Decelles at about 0900, however, it did not endanger this battalion's
position; and by noon the area was quiet. The battalion remained in the
same position and remained in support of the Division.

Summary of firing: 249 rounds of HE are fired on 13
missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties.

30 SEPTEMBER 1944: The battalion remained in the same position, with

Summary of firing: 354 rounds of HE on harassing
fires and Bongoes. Battalion fired 16 missions.

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Five enlisted personnel and no officers received as
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"BRONZE STAR MEDAL CITATIONS RECEIVED
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1. BAZA
   2nd Grade 6 (then Pvt 1st) Cleburne H. Schmidt, 20816040,
   Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, San
   Antonio, Texas.

Origin of Award
   Sec 1, CO #323, Headquarters, 36th Inf Div., dated 4 September 1944.

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Date and Place of Action Cited
27 November 1944, Lignano, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
Two Grade 5 Schmidts hearing cries for medico from a neighboring unit, ran through some two hundred yards of heavily falling fire to administer urgently needed medical relief to the wounded.

2. Name
Staff Sergeant (then Pvt) Joe H. Williams, 20816504, Battery "B", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Worth, Texas.

Origin of Award
Sec 1, GO #323, Headquarters, 36th Inf Div., dated 4 September 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
27 November 1944, Lignano, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
Pvt Joe H. Williams hearing cries for medico from a neighboring unit, ran through some two hundred yards of heavily falling fire to administer urgently needed medical relief to the wounded.

"OAK LEAF CLUSTER IN LIEU OF A SECOND BRONZE STAR MEDAL RECEIVED DURING PEACE OVERSEAS SERVICE."

1. Name
Staff Sergeant (then Pvt) Joe H. Williams, 20816504, Battery "B", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Worth, Texas.

Origin of Award
Sec 11, GO #323, Headquarters, 36th Inf Div., dated 4 September 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
25 June 1944, Pallonitica, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
Staff Sgt. Williams, while lying in a culvert curing an artillery barrage, heard a call for help from a wounded soldier. Despite the bursting shells, Sgt. Williams left his place of safety and made his way to the wounded soldier, carrying him back to the culvert, summoning medical aid and then supervising his evacuation.

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2. Name
Private Walter H. La Flamme, 3620022, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Superior, Wisconsin.

Origin of Award
Sec IV, GO #323, Headquarters, 36th Inf Div., dated 4 September 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
18 March 1944, Cassino, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
Private La Flamme, voluntarily went to the assistance of an adjoining battery that was being shelled and had suffered heavy casualties, rendering first aid despite the intensity of the bursting shells until all the wounded and dead had been evacuated.

[INJURIES RECEIVED DURING PLACED OVERHEAD BOMBING]

1. Name
1st Lt. (then 2nd Lt) Artie F. Svoboda, 0-1180560, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Elsberry, Kansas.

Origin of Award
Sec II, GO #67, Headquarters, Fifth Army, dated 28 April 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
11 January 1944 to 5 February 1944, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
1st Lt. Svoboda performed thirty-five Field Artillery Observation sorties against the enemy, during the period 11 January 1944 to 5 February 1944.

2. Name
2nd Lt. (then Staff Sergeant) Jack Martin, 0-1692871, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Jackson, Mississippi.

Origin of Award
Sec 18, GO 67, Headquarters, Fifth Army, dated 28 April 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
24 November 1943 to 9 February 1944, Italy.

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Consipicuous Circumstances
2nd Lt. Larkin performed thirty-six Field Artillery Observation sorties against the enemy, during the period 24 November 1943 to 9 February 1944.

3. Name
2nd Lt. Richard J. LmCready, O-1170486, Battery "B", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Origin of Award
GO #123, Headquarters, Fifth Army, dated 20 July 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
11 January 1944 to 5 February 1944, Italy.

Consipicuous Circumstances
2nd Lt. McCready performed twenty-five Field Artillery Observation sorties against the enemy, during the period 11 January 1944 to 5 February 1944.

"FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER AWARD RECEIVED DURING MAIDEN OAK LEAF MISSION"

1. Name

Date and Place of Action Cited
1 June 1944 to 18 June 1944, Italy.

Origin of Award
Sec V, GO #71, Headquarters, Seventh Army, dated 3 September 1944.

Consipicuous Circumstances
2nd Lt. McCready performed sixteen Field Artillery Observation sorties against the enemy, during the period 3 June 1944 to 18 June 1944.

2. Name
2nd Lt. (then Staff Sgt) Jack Martin, O-1691871, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Origin of Award
Sec 1, GO #123, Headquarters, Fifth Army, dated 20 July 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
8 January 1944 to 10 March 1944, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
2nd Lt. Martin performed sixty-two Field Artillery Observation sorties against the enemy, during the period 8 January 1944 to 10 March 1944.

3. Name
1st Lt. (then 2nd Lt) Artie F. Sloboda, O-1180360, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Memphis, Tennessee.

Origin of Award
Sec 1, GO #123, Headquarters, Fifth Army, dated 20 July 1944.

Date and Place of Action Cited
22 January 1944 to 2 March 1944, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
1st Lt. Sloboda performed thirty-nine Field Artillery Observation sorties against the enemy, during the period 22 January 1944 to 2 March 1944.

EXHIBITS:

A - List of Casualties.
B - Officers Roster.
C - Officers Duty Changes.
D - Unit Journal.
E - Missions Flown by Air Section.
F - S - J Reports.
G - Summary of Firing.
I - Situation overlays #1 thru #6.
J - Maps France #1 thru #11.
K - Firing Charts #1 thru #22.

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HEADQUARTERS 155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.F.C. No. 36, U. S. Army

9 November 1944.

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SUBJECT: Narrative History and Conclusions by the Battalion Commander of the 155th Field Artillery Battalion for October 1944.

TO: Commanding General,
36th Infantry Division,

1. The period 1 October to 31 October 1944 has been very static and quiet as far as the tactical operations of this battalion was concerned. The limitations on resupply of ammunition has restricted the expenditure to appropriate observed targets, counter-battery missions and a few harassing missions on well located enemy activity reported thru intelligence sources.

2. The various types of projectiles and propelling charges, manufactured primarily for the 1917-18, 155mm howitzers together with the various types manufactured for the 155mm howitzers M-1, now being issued has complicated the accounting, storing and handling of ammunition to the extent that it would decrease the efficiency and speed of the battalion in an active offensive mission. This condition adds to the possibility of errors in selection of proper projectile and powder charge on the part of the cannoneers, particularly at night. It is recommended that the standard projectile M-107 HE and M-110 Smoke only be issued together with propelling charge applicable thereto especially in very active offensive operations.

3. Advantage has been taken of the slack time during this period for gunnery schools for junior officers in the conduct of all types of fire. Time fire has been stressed and a great improvement has been made in the ability of the junior officers in the adjustment of fire when and where needed.

Clifford W. Iron
Lieutenant Colonel, F.A.
Commanding

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155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, OCTOBER 1944

1 OCTOBER 1944: The battalion remained in the DOCELLES area which was occupied on 28 September 1944 (Map France XV-18, 1/50, 000 BRUYERES) with practically all installations under cover. The Division bathing facilities were available and there was an opportunity for general cleaning of all personnel, and of their clothing, and equipment and material.

36th Infantry Division operations instructions received early in the morning placed the battalion in general support of the division. However, a secondary mission was given to the Battalion Commander by Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery at 1025 hours, ie - reinforcing the fires of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion, which was in direct support of the 131st Infantry Regiment. The Division's plan was to attack at 0630 the morning of 2 October; the 131st Infantry Regiment to seize the high ground west of Harpelmont and the 143rd Infantry Regiment to seize the high ground south of Harpelmont, both regiments to hold their objectives and assist the 45th Infantry Division in its attack on BRUYERES.

Captain August C. Koer Jr., O-295013, of Dallas, Texas, Battalion Liaison Officer, was dispatched on a liaison mission to the 131st Infantry Regiment, relieving Captain William J. Jussup, the Battalion S-2, O-135662, of Houston, Texas.

Summary of firing: 212 rounds of HE, fired on 12 missions on enemy personnel and guns; reported 3 mortars destroyed.

2 OCTOBER 1944: Our firing in support of the division's attack this morning was stopped at 1030 due to restricted ammunition. Allotment by Division Artillery, 1st Lieutenant Jack R. Stewart, O-483496, of San Antonio, Texas, advised at 1630 that all ammunition had been frozen by Seventh Army, this was confirmed at 1635 by 36th Division Artillery, when they limited the Battalion to 12 rounds per gun per day until noon 4 October 1944. Some progress was reported made by the 131st and 143rd Infantry Regiments.

Summary of firing: 752 rounds of HE and 8 rounds of Smoke, fired on 12 missions, nine of which were preparatory fires and 36th Division Artillery concentrations; the balance were on enemy batteries and self-propelled guns; no reported destruction received.

3 OCTOBER 1944: The battalion's mission remained unchanged. 2nd Lieutenant Paul F. Jusso, returned to the battalion from temporary duty with 36th Division Artillery.
No noteworthy incidents this date.

Summary of firing: 163 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of smoke, a total of 8 missions (2 on harassing fires) the balance on enemy guns and personnel; no reported destruction received.

4 OCTOBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firing: 141 rounds of HE fired on 7 missions, including 3 missions of harassing fires and one on 36th Division Artillery concentration.

5 OCTOBER 1944: 1st Lieutenant Raymond F. Kent was relieved from duty as Liaison Officer from 36th Infantry Division Artillery to the 15th Division Artillery and reported for duty at 1120. 2nd Lieutenant Paul F. Judson was sent to take over liaison duties with 45th Division Artillery, 1st Lieutenant Raymond F. Kent, upon being assigned to the air observation duty for this battalion, moved to the Air Observation Post flying field.

115 rounds of HE and 7 rounds of smoke fired on 12 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties to the enemy caused. Mission: General support of the 36th Infantry Division.

6 OCTOBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents.


7 OCTOBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firing: 617 rounds HE and 12 rounds Smoke fired on 21 missions. At about 08:00 this battalion fired on a moving train just south of LAELBE. The fire was conducted by an observer from the 131st Field Artillery Battalion, observing from an air-observation post. Fired 36 rounds on this mission, hitting the train several times. The train was immobilized. 36th Division requested an air-bombing mission against it. This was approved and the air-corp dive-bombed the train during the morning.

Destroyed a house in which enemy troops were observed and started a fire in an enemy machine gun nest.

General support mission remained unchanged.

8 OCTOBER 1944: Received confirmation of the promotion of 2nd Lieutenant Paul F. Judson to the grade of 1st Lieutenant at 0905.
At 1345 Captain August C. Moser Jr., Liaison Officer with the 113th Infantry Regiment, informed us that the 113th Infantry Regiment has liberated the town of LUMBERT.

At 2300 hours this battalion was ordered to send 6 trucks and a kitchen on a motor convoy to "Red Beach" to haul ammunition to this area; trucks reported to Stanley F. Mattox, 36th Infantry Division Quartermaster Company at Arches, France at 0900 hours 9 October 1944.

Summary of firings: 75 rounds of HE fired on 7 missions.
One of these missions was against enemy guns and vehicles; two were reported hit.

Battalion mission unchanged.

9 October 1944: No noteworthy incidents this date.

Due to ammunition shortage no unobserved or harassing missions were fired this day. Poor visibility prevented the firing of observed missions; results - no firing.

Mission remaining in general support of 36th Infantry Division.

10 October 1944: Battalion moved to vicinity of FANOPIERRE. Battery "A" moved at 1200 and occupied positions at V-203J95. Battery "B" moved at 1300 and occupied positions at V-207J95. Battery "C" moved at 1500 and occupied positions at V-211J93. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery infiltrated a few vehicles at a time. The new command post was established in a house at V-211J88. For route of march and disposition see Map: France, 1/50,000 Sheet XXX-18, Hauteres.

Summary of firing: 12 rounds of HE and 1 round of smoke fired on a registration. Poor visibility hampered observation today. Mission unchanged.

11 October 1944: Captain Martin W. Williamson left the battalion today to take over duties as Communications Officer, 36th Infantry Division Artillery.

Summary of firing: 50 rounds of HE and 7 rounds of Smoke, fired on 3 registrations.

12 October 1944: Established liaison with the 113th and 143rd Infantry Regiments. Official note of the arrival of the 42nd Regimental Combat Team had not been received this date, but numerous officers reported they had seen elements of them locally. It is interesting to note that this Regimental Combat Team (42nd) is composed of Japanese of American
ancestry. The battalion of the 442nd Infantry Regiment is the famous 100th Infantry Battalion which distinguished itself in the Italian campaign.

No other incidents. General Support mission unchanged.

Summary of firing: 116 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of smoke fired on 10 missions. Three hits on enemy vehicles were reported, one of these vehicles was destroyed by fire, and another fire was started near a self-propelled gun that was fired upon.

13 OCTOBER 1944: Received orders for support of an attack to be launched by the 442nd BCT - which has been attached to the 36th Infantry Division and the 143rd BCT. Attack to be made upon BULBEL and CHAMP le Duc. Our mission - general support of the division with first priority to calls for fire in the zone of action of the attacking elements.

By this date observation posts have been organized on high ground as follows: Battery "A" Observation Post on Hill 809 at 298489; Battery "B" Observation Post north of LEPANGES at 204545 and Battery "C" Observation Post on STEAGART at 229523.

Summary of firing: 50 rounds of HE and 1 round of smoke fired on 8 missions.

14 OCTOBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firing: 73 rounds of HE and 1 round of smoke fired on 10 missions. No positive reports of casualties or destruction caused received.

15 OCTOBER 1944: The attack by the 442nd and 143rd Regimental Combat Teams was launched at 0800. By evening reports were received to the effect that our troops had progressed as far eastward as the 23rd Easting, LAVIL had not fallen but was seriously threatened.

At about 1900 the battalion area received a severe shelling: Approximately 130 rounds of high explosive shells of 105 and 155 caliber fell in the area - most of them were in Battery "B"'s area. Damaged suffered was very light considering the amount of fire received. Two howitzers and one truck, all battery "B"'s equipment, was damaged.

16 OCTOBER 1944: By 0930 the 736th Ordnance had replaced one of Battery "B"'s damaged howitzers. By 1000 Battery "B" had moved to an alternate position near HONTU, located 19486, Map France, 1/30,000 sheet XXX IV 18 BULBEL. Alternate positions for batteries "A" and "C" were checked. However neither of them moved.

Summary of firing: 153 rounds of HE were fired on 7 missions. Mission of battalion unchanged.
PERIOD 17 to 19 OCTOBER 1944: No change in dispositions and no noteworthy incidents.

On the 16th October 1944 it was learned that BRUTERES was occupied and secure, and that the enemy had been driven from Hill 595 (about 1 km northeast of BRUTERES). On the 19th October the 5-2, Captain William J. Jesup, reconnoitered Hill 595 for an Observation Post and reported that a suitable place was available at the summit of the hill.

20 OCTOBER 1944: Establishment of an Observation Post on Hill 595 was delayed pending mopping up of small groups of enemy who had infiltrated into that feature during the night. At 1:00 hours the Battalion Commander led a party consisting of Captain Richard B. Hawk, 2nd Lieutenant Hugh W. Shaw, Staff Sergeant Eugene R. Irizarry, Tec Grl 5 Leslie H. Lillis, Private First Class James A. Buckley, Private Cassir P. Kalafarski and Private Harvey J. Hanson to the Observation Post. At 1600 while they were on the summit of the hill they were fired upon by small caliber, high velocity enemy weapons. Captain Richard B. Hawk, O-413562, Dallas, Texas was wounded in the left shoulder and arm by shell fragments. Private Cassir P. Kalafarski, 31326144 of New London, Conn., received face wounds; Private Harvey J. Hanson, 20616438, Fort Worth, Texas, received a slight wound on the forehead and 2nd Lieutenant Hugh W. Shaw, O-1179705, Claremont, California received a slight wound in the thigh. Captain Hawk and Private Kalafarski had to be evacuated to the 11th clearing Station and thence to a Station hospital. The other wounded received medical attention but were returned to duty. This incident forced abandonment of Hill 595 as an Observation Post.

Summary of firing: 424 rounds of HE and 20 missions were fired. Battalion mission continues to be general support of the division with first priority to fires in zone of action of the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

21 OCTOBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firing: 224 rounds of HE fired on 14 missions. No positive reports of destruction or casualties caused received. Mission unchanged.

22 OCTOBER 1944: Mission of battalion changed to general support of the division with first priority to the attack of the 111st Infantry Regiment (See Operations Instructions, 36th Infantry Division, 221400 October 1944).

Service Battery, less Battalion Motor Maintenance Section, and the Personnel Section moved to BOCELLES. Personnel Section moved into a vacant building and after a few repairs were able to continue their work.

Summary of firing: 77 rounds of HE fired on 6 missions.

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PERIOD 23 to 26 OCTOBER 1944: The battalion remained in position in general support of the division. On the 24th a position area in the vicinity of HELD T was reconnoitered against a possible move to that area. On the 25th information was received that the 1st Battalion of the 111st Infantry Regiment had been cut off on the high ground north of LEHOUSSERRE. On the 26th plans were formulated for the relief of the 1st Battalion of the 111st Infantry Regiment. This was to take the form of an attack by elements of the 442nd Infantry Regiment for the purpose of re-establishing physical contact with the isolated unit. Upon orders from higher headquarters the battalion transferred all enlisted personnel over T/O strength to the 2nd Replacement Depot on the 23 October 1944.


27 OCTOBER 1944: Received notice that recommendation for combat appointment of Staff Sergeant Floyd G. Ford, of Houston, Texas, to temporary grade of 2nd Lieutenant had been approved. Sergeant Ford was in the 9th Evacuation Hospital. Wounded Stanley H. Hout, San Antonio, Texas, Assistant Adjutant was sent to the hospital to administer the oath of office. By accomplishing this the appointment of Staff Sergeant Ford to 2nd Lieutenant became effective this date.

H-hour for the attack by the 442nd Infantry Regiment was postponed from 0900 to 1000. The attack was launched but contact was not gained. The only communication with the isolated unit at the close of the day was by radio. The 12th Tactical Air Command made attempts to drop supplies to the isolated unit but heavy fog prevented this.

Major Clifford L. Snro, Battalion Commander, left the Command Post at 0910 to report to Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division Artillery. Lieutenant Colonel Snow returned to his command post at 1100 hours. He had been called to 36th Infantry Division Artillery to be told of his promotion.

Summary of firing: 180 rounds of HE fired on 8 missions. Battalion mission remained in general support of the division.

PERIOD 28 to 30 OCTOBER 1944: The Battalion remained in position and continued to fire in general support of the 36th Infantry Division.

Summary of firing: 28 October: 256 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of smoke were fired on 20 missions. 29 October: 228 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of smoke were fired on 13 missions.
PERIOD 30 to 31 OCTOBER 1944: At the end of the month the battalion was in the position occupied since 10 October. Mission continued to be general support of the 36th Infantry Division with the Battalion ground Observation Post's located at: Battery "A" 238489; Battery "B" 238456; Battery "C" 252556.

Information was received that the 442nd Regimental Combat Team had contacted the isolated 1st Battalion of the 111th Infantry in the vicinity of corps 345563 during the afternoon of 30 October; the isolated battalion was relieved by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on 31 October.

Summary of firing: 30 October: 312 rounds of HE and fired on 25 missions. 31 October: 203 rounds of HE and 11 rounds of Shrapnel were fired on 15 missions.

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"AWARDS"
"BRONZE STAR MEDAL CITATIONS RECEIVED DURING PERIOD COVERED HEREIN".

1. Name
Captain Harry P. Frantz Jr., O-046432, Battery "C", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Enid, Oklahoma.

Origin of Award
Sec 11, Co. #448, Headquarters, 36th Inf Div., dated 26 October 1944.

Date & Place of Action Cited
24 February 1944, Cassino, Italy.

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By: B1/185 MARA, Date: 3/28
Conspicuous Circumstances
For gallantry and meritorious service during the battle for Cassino, Italy.

"CONGRATULATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT RECEIVED DURING PERIOD"

1. Name
Captain (then 1st Lt) Gerald W. Evans, O-1165012, Battery "A", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Nyola, Montana.

Origin of Award
Sec 11, 60 #416, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Div., dated, 25 October 44.

Date & Place of Action Cited.
18 November 1943 to 27 March 1944, Mignano, Cassino, Italy.

Conspicuous Circumstances
For exceptionally meritorious conduct in assuming command of Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, and maintaining a high degree of efficiency in communications within the Battalion and with other Headquarters.

EXHIBITS:
A - List of Casualties.
B - Officers Roster.
C - Officers Duty Changes.
D - Unit Journal.
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9 December 1944.

C.S./JCP

$\text{Exhibit 02: Narrative History and Operations by the Battalion Commander of the 150th Field Artillery, Battalion for November 1944.}$

TO: Commanding General, 30th Infantry Division, and I.T., 7th Army.

This battalion has completed its first full month of service with the 1.5 ton tractor prime mover. The tractor has proven its worth. It is flexible, powerful and has good flotation. As a prime mover, it is preferred to the 6-ton diamond-T truck previously used. However, the exchange of truck for tractor has curtailed the battery cargo carrying space to such an extent, that it has been found necessary to furnish each firing battery with a 2.5 ton C.D.1. These C.D.1's have been taken from Headquarters and Service battalions. This has in turn created a hardship on these battalions so that movement without shunting is so difficult for these battalions.

An additional 2.5 ton C.D.1. should be furnished to each firing battery equipped with the 1.5 ton tractor prime movers.

\[\text{Signed:}\]

Clifford M. Bowers

Lieutenant Colonel, F.A.

Commanding

1 Encl. Narrative November (Exhibit 10)
1 NOVEMBER 1944: The battalion completed its 22nd day in the position near Faucqepierre (at 2351-2654) occupied 11 October and continued to maintain ground Observation Posts at Bateries "A" - 2564; Battery "B" - 2561-2562; Battery "C" - 2554-2555 (See Map France 1/50,000 Sheet XXII-12 EAUERS).

Our mission continued to be general support of the 36th Infantry Division.

Summary of firing: 300 rounds of HE and 12 rounds of smoke fired on 15 missions.

PERIOD 2-11 NOVEMBER 1944: Captain August C. Moser was recalled on 3rd November from liaison with the 143rd Infantry Regiment, a complete attack by the 142nd Infantry Regiment and 143rd Regimental Combat Team having been postponed. The Battalion S-1 and Personnel Section is still in occupied, but are to be moved as soon as a suitable place can be located.

On the 4th November, 1st Lt. Harold S. Bailey, moved the Battalion Motor Shop from E1153 to la Plaise.

On the 5th November Captain Martin A. Williamson was released by 36th Division Artillery and returned to the battalion.

Summary of firing:
2 November: 118 rounds of HE and 4 rounds smoke fired on 10 missions.
3 November: 58 rounds of HE and 12 rounds smoke fired on 13 missions. Several hits were reported on a supposed enemy Command Post and one direct hit was made on a self-propelled gun.
4 November: 50 rounds of HE were fired on one mission.
5 November: 225 rounds of HE and 37 rounds of smoke fired on 10 missions.
6 November: 25 rounds of HE and 32 rounds of smoke were fired on 2 missions.
7 November: 31 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of smoke fired on 2 missions.
8 November: 71 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of smoke fired on 6 missions, reported enemy Command Post in a house hit.
9 November: 8 rounds of HE fired on 1 mission.
10 November: 42 rounds of HE fired on 1 mission.
11 November: 70 rounds of HE were fired on 14 missions; all harassing fire and Division Artillery Concentrations.

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By RB/152
NARA, Date 2-8-72
16 November 1944: The 36th Infantry Division's plan for attack on 15 November, to seize and hold the high ground east and southeast of Le Hénin, was postponed. Information received late in the afternoon that the 1st Battalion of the 116th Infantry Regiment had been attacked.

Summary of firing: 72 rounds of HE were fired on 12 missions.

13 November 1944: The 36th Infantry Division artillery advised the Battalion Commander that one section of the 995th Field Artillery Battalion (8” Howitzer) would be attached to this battalion during the attack. Lieutenant Colonel of Battery “C,” 995th Field Artillery Battalion visited the Combat Post during the afternoon and arranged with the Battalion Commander for the position of his Howitzer section near our Battery “C” position. Although the 8” Howitzer section was moved into position during the afternoon, inclement weather for the successive days prevented registration prior to their being recalled on 15 November.

Our division continued to receive general support of the division for the coming attack and to reinforce the fires of the 995th Field Artillery Battalion.

Summary of firing: 26 rounds of HE fired on 3 missions, one of which was fired for the French on their sector.

14 November 1944: Captain August W. House and Captain Martin L. Williamson were detached on liaison to the 116th Infantry Regiment and the 113th Infantry Regiment, respectively.

Late in the day Captain House advised that the Infantry had not little enemy resistance in their patrolling of areas for attack.

The Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford H. Smith and S-2 Captain William J. Simpson, went forward in the early afternoon to again check on possible positions for the Battalion in the Joubanville area. Upon their return the Battalion Commander met with his Staff and Battery Commanders to advise that he would move to Joubanville the following morning after reconnaissance and mine clearing has been completed.

The Battalion Commander also advised the 116th Infantry that patrols as far as La Hénin and had made no contact with the enemy. 113th Infantry had reached their objective, la Hénin, and had established a Combat Post there and had a platoon as far as the hill south of la Hénin with no enemy contact.

The original plans for the Division's attack had been abandoned and the plan section of the 995th Field Artillery Battalion returned to its parent unit.
Summary of Firing: 45 rounds of HE fired on 1 mission (harassing fire).

13 NOVEMBER 1944: As the mine sweeping detail, under 1st Lieutenant Paul F. Dunsch, found two obstructions in the JUSSERUFT area during the early morning reconnaissance by the battalion commander and Battery Commanders, the battalion moved by battery, beginning at 1200, and closed on the JUSSELFR area at 1530 (Battery "A", Battery "B", Battery "C"). The location of units: Command Post and headquarters cutter, 2696-5168; Battery "A", 27942-51190; Battery "B", 27932-51492; Battery "C", 26627-51166 (see map France 1/30,000 Sheet XXXI-16 BRUELES.)

Battery "A" reported one tractor had struck a mine in a field adjacent to their battery position; the track was blown off but there were no casualties. Later in the day a battery "B" truck hit a mine in the vicinity of battery "A"; truck was damaged considerably.

There was no firing this date.

16 NOVEMBER 1944: Service battery and the Battalion Personnel Section moved into AVAINCLY. The motor maintenance section remained in la PLAINE. While servicing fire, Private William Schmitz and Corporal Menard were slightly wounded by shell fragment near a light calibre shell burst nearby.

Summary of Firing: 97 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of Smoke fired on 6 missions.

17 NOVEMBER 1944: The battalion moved to positions in the vicinity of FURUX. This was a hurried move. In order to register all batteries before darkness one kilometre section from each battery was moved areas of their batteries. This expedient was successful and by the time the batteries occupied their position the advance section had completed registration.

For route and disposition see map France 1/30,000 Sheet XXXI-16 BRUELES. The battalion's mission continued to be general support.

Summary of Firing: 81 rounds of HE and 8 rounds of Smoke fired on 5 missions.

Period 18-20 NOVEMBER 1944: remained in position in general support of the 36th Infantry division. No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of Firing:
18 November: 38 rounds HE and 3 rounds of Smoke fired on 6 missions.
19 November: 135 rounds HE and 8 rounds of Smoke fired on 19 missions. 4 of these were missions for the purpose of marking targets for aerial bombardment.
20 November: 139 rounds HE and 1 round Smoke fired on 11 missions.

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21 NOVEMBER 1944: Moved battalion to positions in the vicinity of les Goues, clearing into the new position at 1845. For route and dispositions see Map France 1/80,000, Sheet XXVII-18 DATELINE. The battalion continued in general support of the 306th Infantry Division. Observation posts were established at F-205462, F-205465 by Battery "A"; F-205462 (hill 516) by Battery "B" and F-205770 by Battery "C".

Service Section: The Service Section moved to IREX and occupied installations just vacated by other elements of the battalion.

Summary of firing: 669 rounds of AB and 7 rounds of Smoke fired on 27 missions.

22 NOVEMBER 1944: Battalion S.T.O. Maintenance Section moved from IREX to IREX.

Captain Richard J. Haag returned to the battalion from the 70th General Hospital,鸢山, France. Captain Haag has been hospitalized for wounds received near Epouy, France.

Summary of firing: 692 rounds of AB and 9 rounds of Smoke fired on 54 missions. Battalion continues to be in General Support of the 306th Infantry Division.

23 NOVEMBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents.

Summary of firing: 88 rounds of AB and 12 rounds of Smoke fired on 10 missions.

24 NOVEMBER 1944: Orders to move the battalion to the vicinity of Hiers-le-Sec were received at 1549. The Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders and their parties went on reconnaissance at 2030. The battalion was prepared to march, by battery, and held pending the return of battery commanders from their reconnaissance.

Summary of firing: No firing this date.

25 NOVEMBER 1944: 1st Lieutenant Walter Nelson returned from reconnaissance and resumed Headquarters Battery at 0105, moving the route for the balance of the battalion to his tent. Battery "C" was released at 0105. At 0130 Captain Goodfield, II, 4th, 1004, Battalion Commander of Battery "B", reported to the Command Post, reaffirming his statement that he had left headquarters battery parked along the road east of 0130.0. Captain Evans reported that a bridge on the route had collapsed, an alternate one-way bypass was built out and that the road from St. Maurice to St. Libé was heavily mined and not been cleared. A runner stopped battery "C" on the road just north of les Goues. An alternate route via 104th-117th-311th and St. Libé was requested of 306th Infantry Division artillery headquarters.

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No clearance was obtained at 0125. Lieutenant Olson returned to headquarters battery, turned it around, and marched back to the command post and while road clearance was being obtained, Captain William J. Jessup who was the only person present the hour previously, had been over the route, was sent along with the route markers to mark the route. Headquarters Battery marched and arrived at the new route at 0235. Battery "A" turned around and marched at 0235. The battalion, Battery "A" was released at 0300 and battery "B" at 0310. The battalion, less its service elements, closed into the new position area at 0315. For relief, the service elements, closed into the new position area at 0315. For relief on the disposition see Map France 1/50,000, Sheet LXVI-13 and Sheet LXXVII-17 at 30. E.M.

Summary of firing - no firing this date.

- O C T O B E R 1944 -

Summary of firing: 137 rounds of 82 and 2 rounds of smoke were fired on 8 missions. 2 vehicles destroyed and 7 enemy personnel killed and 24 wounded.

- N O V E M B E R 1944 -

Summary of firing: 243 rounds of 82 and 11 rounds of smoke were fired on 10 missions.
28 NOVEMBER 1944: Captain Richard B. Hawk returned from liaison with the 3rd Battalion, 113th Infantry and reported that they were to maintain a road block with the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion covering them. Captain Hawk was sent on liaison to the 113th Infantry Regiment.

The Battalion Commander ordered Service Battery and the Personnel Section to displace to the vicinity of ORCHE (coords. V-575-593); this was accomplished in the early afternoon.

Summary of firing: 116 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of Smoke fired on 11 missions. 3 hits were made on a house in which enemy personnel was billeted.

29 NOVEMBER 1944: Early in the afternoon the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery directed that Battery "A" be moved to vicinity of LUSACH (from ST. MARIE aux LNES) to continue to work direct with the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion; one other Battery to move to ST. MARIE aux LNES to work direct with the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion and Battery "A" to remain in position and tie in with the 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Battery "A" was ordered to displace as soon as reconnaissance has been completed and the battery moved to vicinity of ST. MARIE aux LNES prior to darkness and occupied the position vacated by Battery "A". The Battalion Commander ordered that Headquarters and Headquarters Battery prepare to move the following morning to previously reconnoitered positions in ST. MARIE aux LNES.

Summary of firing: 5 rounds of HE and 1 round of Smoke fired on 1 mission.

30 NOVEMBER 1944: At 0900 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery displaced to ST. MARIE aux LNES and closed into the new area at 1030. (For route and disposition see Map France 1/50,000, Sheets XXVI-17 ST. MARIE and XXVII-17 SELESTAT.

A Battalion and Battery "A" Observation Post was established at coords. V-710-613 for observation for the 36th Division Artillery.

A late in the evening Battery "B" again displaced with the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion to the vicinity of la VANGELIE and the Battalion Commander went forward prior to midnight to check with Captain Harry P. Franz Jr., Battery Commander, Battery "B" on this displacement. See Map France 1/50,000, Sheet XXVII-17 SELESTAT.

No firing this date.
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"AWARDS"
"SILVER STAR MEDAL CITATION RECEIVED DRURING PERIOD COVERED HEREBY"

1. Name
1st Lt., (then 2nd Lt.), B. E. Haug, 0415 562, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Origin of Award
Section 11, General Orders No. 456, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 23 November 1942.

Date & Place of Action Cited
24 September 1944, St. Omer, France.

Conspicuous Circumstances
For gallantry in action, in evading an ambush set out by the enemy and forcing the surrender of the entire ambush party consisting of twenty enlisted men and one officer.

"BRITISH STAR MEDAL CITATION RECEIVED DRURING PERIOD COVERED HEREBY"

1. Name
Captain, B. E. Haug, 0415 562, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Dallas, Texas.

Origin of Award
Section III, General Orders No. 453, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 21 November 1944.

Date & Place of Action Cited
22 September to 20 October 1944, France.

Conspicuous Circumstances
For aggressiveness in action in maintaining liaison between 143rd Infantry and battalion during advance on Pone Valley.

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SUBJECT: Assignments, Leaves, and Changes of Duty of Battalion Officers for the month of November 1944.

1. Captain CLARK, C. H. L., from Commanding Officer, "C" Battery to Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battery.

2. Captain HARVY, A. H., from Battalion Motor Officer to Commanding Officer, Battery "C".

3. 1st Lt. HARVEY, H. B., from Executive Officer, Battery "C" to Battalion Motor Officer.

4. 1st Lt. PHILLIP A. CUSICK, from Ass't Comm Officer to Executive Officer, Battery "C".

5. 1st Lt. MCCALL, R. L., from Motor Officer, Headquarters Battery to Ass't Comm Officer.

6. 2nd Lt. FLOYD G. RIGGS, returned to unit from Det. of Pat., 40th General Hospital and assigned duty as Motor Officer, Headquarters Battery.

7. Captain McCHORD, R. A., returned to unit from Det. of Pat., 70th Station Hospital and assigned duty as Battalion Combat Lt. Off. & F. O.

8. 1st Lt. HUGH, E. SHAW, from Motor Officer, Service Battery to Battalion Staff unassigned.

9. 1st Lt. PAUL, F. J., from Battalion Staff unassigned to Executive Officer, Battery "B".

10. Captain WILLIAM, L. ANDER, from Ass't S - 3 to Battalion Combat Lt. Off. & F. O.


12. 2nd Lt. JULIUS, E. HOLUB, from Reconnaissance Officer, Battery "D" to Motor Officer, Battery "B".

13. 1st Lt. FRANK, W. BURKE, from Executive Officer, Battery "B" to Reconnaissance Officer, Battery "B".

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155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, DECEMBER 1944

1 DECEMBER 1944. Headquarters Battery, the Battalion Command Post and Fire Direction Center were established in Ste. Marie aux Mines for administrative purposes; the three firing batteries had been attached to work direct with the light field artillery battalions of the 36th Division Artillery (29 - 30 Nov). Battery "A" with the 131st Field Artillery Battalion; Battery "B" with the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion; and Battery "C" with the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion. Personnel Section and Service Battery were located in Echery. Having moved there through Ste Marie aux Mines on the 28 November. For disposition see Map France 1/50,000 Sheets XXVI-18 Gerardmer, XXVI-17 St. Diz and XXVI-17 Selestat.

In the early afternoon the Battalion Commander returned from the 36th Division Artillery Command Post and ordered that Battery "A" move from Bonn在上海 and occupy positions in the vicinity of Ste. Marie; Battery "C" was then moving with the 132d Field Artillery Battalion to vicinity of Poix l'Abbesse and that upon the completion of displacement by Battery "A", Batteries "A" and "C" would revert to Battalion control. The 36th Infantry Division had occupied Chatenois and Entzheim and the axis of Division's advance was turning generally south to take and occupy Riveauville and Rheyerdern.

By 1630 Battery "A" had occupied their new position. In the meantime the Battalion Commander reconnoitered for new battalion positions in the vicinity of Thannenkirch (suggested by the Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery) but sent a message back by 1st Lieutenant Frank N. Burgo, CO of Battery "B", from Dallas, Texas, that the battalion could not move tonight as that area was not yet in Allied hands.

Battery "C" operated an OP in conjunction with the Battalion Observation post at coords. 740-613. Our mission continued to be General support of the 36th Infantry Division.

There was no firing this date.

2 DECEMBER 1944. At 0840 the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford M. Snow of Amarillo, Texas, with Battery Commanders, less Commanding Officer Battery "B", reconnoitered in the vicinity of Thannenkirch, but no move was initiated this date in compliance with directive by Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery.

Summary of Firing: 82 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of smoke fired on 5 missions.
3 DECEMBER 1944: The Battalion S-2, Captain William J. Jessup, of Houston, Texas and 1st Lieutenant Earl T. Martin of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Battery "B" went forward at noon to establish an Observation Post for Battery "A", which was later put in operation at 0900. Sheet XXVII-17 Selestat.

The Battalion Commander obtained permission from the Commanding General, 39th Division Artillery to move one gun section to the vicinity of Thannenkirch to register prior to our possible displacement to that area.

This was accomplished before darkness and at 1500 hours the Battalion Commander called from Division Artillery Command Post and ordered Headquarters Battery and Battery "A" to displace tonight. Battery "B" and Battery "G" would join the battalion the following morning. Battery "C" thereby reverting to battalion control. Displacement in black-out was begun by Headquarters Battery and Battery "A" at 1645 and 1700, respectively, and these batteries closed on new positions in the vicinity of Thannenkirch before 2200. For disposition see Map France 1/20,000 Sheet XXVII-16 Coblenz.

Summary of firing: 152 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of smoke fired on 12 missions.

4 DECEMBER 1944: By 1330 both Batteries "B" and "G" had occupied positions in Thannenkirch area. During the morning two groups of 5 each (enough) voluntarily surrendered at the Battalion Command Post. These men were taken to the 36th Division Prisoner of War Cage. Service Battery and Personnel Section were moved to Maredsous; the Battalion Motor Shop remained in Juchy.

Summary of firing: 418 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of smoke fired on 23 missions.

5 DECEMBER 1944: A reconnaissance for new battery positions in the vicinity of Bergheim was made by the Battalion Commander and S-3 Major Lawrence D. Gilmer of Houston, Texas, early in the morning. During this period the Battalion S-2 established an Observation Post for Battery "B" at 0630, 550, Sheet XXVII-16 Coblenz.

In the afternoon the Battalion Commander took the three firing battery commanders to the probable positions in the vicinity of Bergheim. The selected areas were not too well suited for gun positions, due to soft ground, limited defile and natural camouflage, and each Battery Commander had an opportunity to make necessary and possible preparations in the position areas prior to displacement of his battery, which would take place the following day.

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By RB/159 NARA, Date 9-8-20
Summary of firings: 343 rounds of HE and 16 rounds of Smoke fired on 20 missions.

6 DECEMBER 1944: At 0940 the Battalion Commander ordered Battery "C" to displace by infiltration to selected position in the vicinity of Burchheim. Battery "G" was ordered to displace shortly after dusk (for security). Batteries "A" and Headquarters were ordered to prepare to displace tonight or in the morning. Captain Martin W. Williamson, Communications Officer from Berlin, Alabama and wire crews went forward to install communications in the Burchheim area.

Captain Walton W. Vines, S-4 from Pinson, Alabama, advised that he planned to move Service Battery and Personnel Section to Roschwihr and the battalion shop from Echery to Ste Hippolyte. Shortly after Captain Vines visited the Command Post word was received from the 111st Infantry that quarters selected for Service Battery had been given to the Infantry with priority. The Battalion Executive, Major James F. Clarke, of San Antonio, Texas, contacted the Executive of 111st Infantry to ascertain if this was imperative. Results: 111st Infantry was given the area and Service Battery, already moved to Roschwihr, had to reconnoiter for new positions.

Battery "C" displaced as ordered and closed into new position at 1500. Battery "E" only displaced two guns (one platoon) this evening.

Captain Vines advised late in the evening that he would move all service elements from Roschwihr and Ste Hippolyte to area vacated by Headquarters Battery in Thannenkirch.

The Battalion Commander, on his own initiative, left the Command Post shortly before midnight to adjust fire from Battery "D" Observation Post on vehicular traffic east of Colmar. He returned to the Command Post at 0300. Prior to his departure he ordered Battery "A" not to displace the following morning as originally planned.

Summary of firings: 327 rounds of HE and 21 rounds of Smoke fired on 19 missions. Two direct hits were made on an enemy pill-box and a fire was started in a 4 gun battery.

7 DECEMBER 1944: The Battalion Commander left the new position area at 0800 and Battery "B" displaced its other two guns before noon. Headquarters Battery moved to Burchheim and closed in at 1100 hours. For route and disposition of all installations see Map France 1/50,000 Sheet XXXVII-18 Colmar.
Commanding Officer of Battery "A" was ordered by the Battalion Commander to reconnoiter for possible positions, other than one previously selected. Captain Gerhard M. Evans, from Nyola, Montana, later reported he had found a possible position area but it would be so only by placing each platoon separately, but that area was limited.

Captain Walton L. Wines, from Pensacola, Alabama, and W. D. W. G. Stanley, from San Antonio, Texas, advised that Service Battery and Personnel Section had completed their move to Hammelkirch at 1600 hours and were occupying the area previously used by Headquarters Battery.

Summary of firings: 320 rounds of HE and 15 rounds of Smoke were fired on 23 missions.

6 December 1944: The Battalion Commander went forward at 0900 with Commanding Officer Battery "A" to check on position area tentatively selected the day before. Lot meeting with the Battalion Commanders approval a further reconnaissance was made but Battery "A" was later advised they would not move today.

Battery "C" Observation Post was moved from its position and placed with Battery "A"s" Observation Post at coords. 713-609.

Thrice during the afternoon, at 1500 and 1800 hours the battalion was harassed by smoke artillery, a total of about 50 rounds being received. There were no casualties or damages, but several rounds landed in the gun positions of Batteries "B" and "C", of which one round hit the Battery "B" Executive Post quarters.

The Battalion Commander ordered that Battery "A" displace the following morning, by infiltration, to the reconnoitered position southwest of Hitzenbielle (coords 562-546). This was the last of three areas reconnoitered for this battery.

Summary of firings: 565 rounds of HE and 13 rounds of Smoke were fired on 33 missions.

9 December 1944: Battery "A" was given "close Station" at 0835 and closed into new position at 1200. Captain Richard B. Hank, Combat Liaison Officer of Dallas, Texas, was relieved of liaison duties with the 143rd Infantry Regiment and returned to the battalion.

Summary of firings: 565 rounds of HE and 13 rounds of Smoke were fired on 40 missions.
10 DECEMBER 1944: No noteworthy incidents this date.

Summary of firings: 626 rounds of 81 and 10 rounds of a fire.

11 DECEMBER 1944: Captain Richard J. Hask was sent to maintain liaison with the 141st Infantry Regiment.

About 12 rounds of enemy artillery landed in Battery "A" and "B" positions; no casualties or damages.

In response to request for a liaison from our battalion, Captain William L. Bush at Camp Hill, Arkansas, Combat Liaison Officer was relieved of duties at Battery "A" Observation Post and sent to the 143rd Infantry Regimental Command Post. 2nd Lieutenant Floyd C. Ford, Motor Officer and Survey Officer from Houston, Texas took over the Observation Post.

Summary of firings: 50 rounds of HE and 19 rounds of smoke were fired on 50 missions; observed one hit on an enemy tank and several hits on enemy installations in a house.

12 DECEMBER 1944: Between 0900 and 1030 hours several harassing rounds hit in the Battalion area. One of Headquarters Battery's truck, hauling ammunition to Battery "A", received a direct hit on the motor. Corporal John E. Laveau, performing duties as Ammunition Corporal from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Battery "A" was slightly wounded on the head by shell fragments. Enemy infiltration on Hill no. 5, 655-563, map France 1/50,000 Sheet XXXVII-18 Colmar, forced abandonment of Battery "C" Observation Post today.

Summary of firings: 576 rounds of HE and 15 rounds of smoke were fired on 37 missions. One mission was successful towards aiding the repulsion of an early morning counter-attack.

13 DECEMBER 1944: Captain William J. Jessup went forward to find a new observation post for Battery "A" in the vicinity of Sallenport. Although a location was found the town itself was under mortar and shell fire, therefore the Observation Post was not established this date.

The 11th Engineer Battalion (c) sent two companies to the area southwest to relieve the 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry and we were called upon to furnish a Forward Observers party to each company. The Battalion Commander ordered batteries "A" and "B" to furnish these details and 1st Lieutenant Karl F. Lartin Jr., of Tulsa, Oklahoma was recalled from Battery "A" Observation Post to form one of these parties. 2nd
Lieutenant Gilbert P. Schafer, of Houston, Texas, formed a party from Battery "A". The two groups left the Command Post about 2000 hours and reported to Captain Richard B. Hawk at the 111th Infantry Regiment Command Post, who gave them further instructions. 1st Lieutenant Hugh W. Shaw of Hollywood, California was ordered to substitute for Lieutenant Martin at the Battery "A" Observation Post, which he took over early in the morning of the 14th.

Summary of firing: 910 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of Smoke fired on 18 missions.

14 DECEMBER 1944: The Battalion Commander visited the 36th Division Artillery Command Post and was advised of an extra allotment of 1000 rounds of ammunition for impending fires. It was learned that our Forward Observer parties were in the vicinity of Hill 593, coords. 67-19- Gelmer Lap, sheet XXXVIII-18, 1/50,000. This hill was to be attacked and taken by the 111th Engineer (C) Battalion, supported by two companies of infantry from the 111th Infantry Regiment.

2nd Lieutenant Schafer returned from the Forward Observer party and Captain Harry F. Frantz Jr, Commanding Officer Battery "G", from Enid, Oklahoma, detailed 1st Lieutenant Kerle G. Moore, RO of Battery "G", from Tola, Indiana, to substitute for Lieutenant Schafer.

Battery "A" was alerted for possible displacement from the vicinity of Ribeauville to Bergheim, but no move was initiated this date.

Summary of firing: 899 rounds of HE and 7 rounds of Smoke fired on 43 missions; one direct hit was observed on an enemy tank.

15 DECEMBER 1944: 1st Lieutenant Sennam W. Sam, RO Battery "A", from St. Louis, Missouri, was sent to report to the Commanding Officer, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion to work with the Division Reserve, composed of tank destroyer and Engineer Battalions.

Summary of firing: 948 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of Smoke fired on 39 missions; one mission supported an aerial bombing.

16 DECEMBER 1944: Major O'Connor, Commanding Officer and Captain Boyle, S-3, of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Division, visited the Battalion Command Post with reference to coordinating the mutual relief of this Battalion and the 9th Field Artillery Battalion.

Captain Richard B. Hawk and 1st Lieutenant Beaman S. Sam were relieved of liaison duty with the 111th Infantry and Division reserves, respectively, and returned to the Battalion.
The first serious enemy shelling received by the battalion in France occurred during evening hours at about 1700-1715 hours. Eight rounds landed in battery "B" area near the kitchen and one gun position, causing the instantaneous deaths of Private Kelvin B. Haley, 5816410, Gunner, entered the service from Fort Worth, Texas; Corporal Nelson Hickey, 3803206, Ammunition Corporal, entered the service from Lincoln, Texas; Corporal Charles E. Stuart Jr., 3812431, Ammunition Corporal, entered the service from Port Huron, Michigan and Joe George 5 H. B. Bryant, 2811614, Truck Driver, entered the service from Fort Worth, Texas died a short time later from wounds received. Ten Grade 4 Millie G. Watson, 38025535, Cook, entered the service from Buchanan Dam, Texas, was wounded and evacuated. Three other men sustained slight injuries while seeking cover from the shelling. One weapons carrier was badly damaged. The battery firing a mission during the first few incoming rounds, therefore these were not heard in time for all men to take cover.

Summary of firing: 1253 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 44 missions. Three hits were reported on enemy vehicles.

17 December 1944: No important incidents this date.

Summary of firing: 986 rounds of HE and 12 rounds of Smoke were fired on 34 missions. 12 hits were observed on suspected enemy Command Post located in a tower.

18 December 1944: Early in the morning, one LB 109 flew low over the battalion area, obviously on a photo-reconnaissance flight. The 443rd AAA protecting the battalion area shot down the plane, which crashed along the battalion south boundary.

The Battalion Commander left at 1300 to check on our mutual relief with the 9th Field Artillery Battalion in the Strasbourg area and upon his return met with the Battery Commanders and advised that we would move on the 20th of December to the vicinity of Castelnau. Reconnaissance parties were ordered to prepare to go out at 0900 19 December.

Summary of firing: 725 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of Smoke were fired on 29 missions.

19 December 1944: At 0900 the Battalion Commander met with the Battery Commanders and advised them that they would move at 0800 tomorrow rather than at 1300, enabling the 6th Field Artillery Battalion to displace the same day from the area we planned to utilize. The Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders then departed with parties on the reconnaissance.
Later in the day, commanding officer and executive officer of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion visited the battalion command post and discussed further the mutual relief. The battery of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion would move into our area tonight and work under our fire direction center until we displaced the next day. This battery, #6, closed on our position at dusk.

1st Lieutenant Kerle J. Moore returned from the front and Battery "A" Observation Post was closed at 1630. Battery "M" Observation Post continued operating throughout the night.

Summary of firing: 715 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of SMA.

Smoke was fired on 30 missions.

20 December 1944: At 0315 the battalion executive officer led the battalion to the new position area. Order of march headquarters Battery "M", "C", "D", Service Battery and personnel section followed from the Thannenkirch area. All elements had closed into the Ostwald area by 1300. For routes and dispositions see Maps, 1/50,000 Sheets: XXXVII-17 Selestat, XXXVII-16 Ebers; XXXV-15-16-17 and XXXVII-16 Strasbourg.

There was no firing this date.

21 December 1944: The battalion commander left early in the morning to inspect proposed battalion observation posts and during his absence the executive officer, 36th Division Artillery visited the battalion command post to advise the battalion executive that their artillery would be attached to Task Force Harris, which would take up a defensive position on the Rhine. Upon the return of the battalion commander, receiving this information, the battalion commander left immediately for 36th Infantry Division artillery to get further information and instructions and was advised that we would occupy a defensive sector with Task Force Harris north of the 16th Infantry and south of Luneburg, attachment to Task Force Harris to be effected at 0001 23 December. After returning, the battalion command post to the battalion commander with Captain William J. Jessup, S-3 and Captain William L. Bush, Battalion Liaison Officer, left immediately to contact the commanding general of Task Force Harris.

The party returned to the command post at 1830 and a meeting with all battery commanders was held. The battalion to displace at 1330 the next day to the vicinity of Forstfield. Reconnaissance by the battalion commander and battery commanders would be initiated the following morning at 0745, leaving the battalion executive to march the battalion at 1330.

Summary of firing: 15 rounds of HE fired on 3 missions.
22 DECEMBER 1944: Although the schedule for displacement was at 1330 this
date, the Battalion Commander send word by Captain Loury
L. Bell, Commanding Battery "H", from San Antonio, Texas, to the Battalion
Executive at 1200 that the batteries would be released separately as re-
spective Battery Commanders returned from their reconnaissances. This was
necessitated by the fact that the 69th Field Artillery Battalion were not
moving out of the Forestfield area to enable us to take up their positions,
and new battery positions had to be found. However, by 1345 all elements
had cleared Ostwald and vicinity, excepting, Service Battery and Personnel
Section, and closed on their new positions by 1600. (See Map for Route)

Captain William L. Bush and Captain Richard B. Hawe were
sent to go on liaison duty to the 253rd Infantry and 255th Infantry respectively. Both regiments form part of the 63rd Infantry Division. The battalion
mission is in direct support of the 255th Infantry Regiment. Communication
could not be completed within the battalion before the next morning due to
shortage of telephone wire.

Summary of firing: 31 rounds of HE and 1 round of
Smoke fired on 1 mission. Several hits were observed on a bridge.

23 DECEMBER 1944: Service Battery moved this morning from Ostwald to
Oberhoffen but as no suitable positions were found
for the Personnel Section and Battalion Motor Shop they did not move from
Ostwald this date.

Captain Bush returned from liaison duty with the 253rd
Infantry Regiment.

The Battalion Air OP was moved to vicinity of Camp
Oberhoffen this date.

Summary of firing: 10 rounds of HE were fired on 3 missions.

24 DECEMBER 1944: General Harris and Major Hunt of Task Force Harris
visited the Battalion Command Post during the morning
and Captain Channing of Battery "G", 431 AAA advised that a platoon of
Battery "G" would be attached to the battalion, relieving Battery "H" of the
443rd AAA that had been with us since August.

Lieutenant Colonel Anderson, 63rd Infantry Division
Artillery, visited the Battalion Command Post during the afternoon and
advised that our mission was changed to direct support of the 253rd Inf-
antry Regiment upon the displacement of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion,
who were attached with us to Task Force Harris.
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The Personnel Section completed movement to the Service Battery area near Oberhausen and the Battalion Motor Shop was moved to vicinity of Soufflenheim. Captain Hawk returned from liaison with the 25th Infantry Regiment, the Battalion having been released from direct support.

Summary of firing: 16 rounds of HE were fired on 2 missions.

25 DECEMBER 1944: Operations Instructions, 36th Infantry Division, directed movement of the division, less this Battalion and the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, to the vicinity of Sarreguemines.

In compliance with request from the 63rd Infantry Division Artillery, Captain William L. Bush was sent on liaison to the 253rd Infantry Regiment.

The weather has continued to get colder and Christmas was celebrated as best as could be by all. Plenty of good food.

Summary of firing: There was no firing this date.

26 DECEMBER 1944: Major Patton, Executive Officer and Captain Davis, Communications Officer of the 194th Field Artillery Battalion, visited the Command Post to check with regard to possibilities of positions for two batteries in our vicinity.

Service Battery and Personnel Section moved again today to the little town of Leutenheim, near the Rhine river.

Summary of firing: 227 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of smoke were fired on 13 missions. Direct hits were observed on machine gun nests.

27 DECEMBER 1944: 1st Lieutenant Karl F. Martin was dispatched on liaison to the 2nd Battalion, 253rd Infantry Regiment and 1st Lieutenant Kerrie G. Moore was dispatched on liaison to the 3rd Battalion, 253rd Infantry Regiment.

Summary of firing: 106 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of smoke were fired on 7 missions.

28 DECEMBER 1944: There were no important incidents this date.

Summary of firing: 136 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of smoke fired on 9 missions. One direct hit was made on a tower (suspected enemy Observation Post).

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29 DECEMBER 1944: Field Order Number 3, Task Force Harris, received this morning, relieves this battalion from attachment and attaches this battalion to VI Corps Artillery (and to be prepared to rejoin 36th Infantry Division within 6 hours notice). This was later confirmed by Letter dated 27 December from VII Army. The Battalion Commander visited VI Corps Artillery Headquarters to obtain further information and instructions. At 2000 hours message was received from 33rd Field Artillery Brigade advising we would be in general support of the brigade and would move two batteries to designated areas and leave one battery in present position. The Battalion Commander ordered Batteries "A" and "B" prepare for displacement the following morning.

Summary of firing: 54 rounds of HE were fired on 3 missions.

30 DECEMBER 1944: At 0730 Captain William L. Bush and 1st Lieutenant Earl F. Martin returned from liaison duties with the 253rd Infantry Regiment, and the Battalion Commander and Battalion S-3 departed at 0800 to confer with Commanding Officer, 33rd Field Artillery Brigade, followed by Captain Richard B. Hawk, Liaison Officer, Captain William L. Bush, Liaison Officer and Captain Gerald W. Evans, who were to meet the battalion commander at the 33rd Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters - prepared to go on reconnaissance. At 1100 hours Captain Hawk returned from 33rd Field Artillery Brigade to advise the battalion executive that the battalion commander had ordered battery "A" to vicinity of hoard. Batteries "A" and "B" were to be released after 1200 hours and their battery commanders were now on reconnaissance. Battalion Command Post would be moved to a more centralized location within the next day or two. 1st Lieutenant Harry G. Leake returned from liaison at the 253rd Infantry Regiment, two firing batteries displaced at 1300 hours to designated positions.

Summary of firing: 38 rounds of HE and 1 round of Smoke were fired on 3 missions. Hits were observed on a bridge and on a house in which enemy personnel were billeted.

31 DECEMBER 1944: At 1000 hours Headquarters Battery displaced to Geymertheim. The Battalion Command Post would act only administratively in this position as all firing batteries were detached (Battery "A" to reinforce fires of the 59th Field Artillery Battalion; Battery "B" to reinforce fires of the 925th Field Artillery Battalion and Battery "C" to reinforce fires of the 935th Field Artillery Battalion.

Personnel Section and Service Battery moved into a school house in Geymertheim early this morning.

Summary of firing: There was no firing this date.

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"BRONZE STAR MEDAL CITATIONS RECEIVED DURING PERIOD COVERED HEREIN"

1. Name
   Major James T. Clarke, O 197 453, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, San Antonio, Texas.

   Origin of Award
   Section IV, General Orders No. 431, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 6 November 1944.

   Date of Death
   12 February 1944 to 25 June 1944.

2. Name
   1st Lieutenant Kerle G. Hooper, O 177 102, Battery "C", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Topeka, Kansas.

   Origin of Award
   Section I, General Orders No. 476, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19 December 1944.

   Date of Death
   4 October 1944 to 10 October 1944.

3. Name
   Staff Sergeant Stewart F. Stanwell, 20816 773, Battery "C", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Houston, Texas.

   Origin of Award
   Section I, General Orders No. 476, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19 December 1944.
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Origin of Award
Section I, General Orders No. 476, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19 December 1944.

Date of Deed
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"FIRST LIEUTENANT CLUSTER IN LIEU OF SHIELDED BRONZE STAR MEDAL RECEIVED DURING THIS PERIOD" 

1. Name
Cpl. Harold G. Horning, 2D 316 323, Battery "A", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Dallas, Texas.

Origin of Award
Section I, General Orders No. 463, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 12 December 1944.

Date of Deed
24 September 1944.

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1. Name
   1st Lieutenant Osborn W. Jan, O1 172 638, Battery "A", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, St. Louis, Missouri.

   Origin of Award
   Section II, General Orders No. 474, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19 December 1944.

   Date of Issue
   18 August 1944 to 20 October 1944.

2. Name

   Origin of Award
   Section II, General Orders No. 474, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19 December 1944.

   Date of Issue
   18 August 1944 to 20 October 1944.

   FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER IN LIEU OF FIFTH AIR MEDAL RECEIVED DURING THIS PERIOD

1. Name
   1st Lieutenant Artie P. Svolons, O1 180 360, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Wellington, Kansas.

   Origin of Award
   Section IV, General Orders No. 477, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19 December 1944.

   Date of Issue
   19 June 1944 to 30 August 1944.

2. Name
   2nd Lieutenant Jack Martin, O1 180 360, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Nashville, Tenn.

   Origin of Award
   Section IV, General Orders No. 477, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 19th December 1944.

   Date of Issue
   19 June 1944 to 30 August 1944.

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By RB/SG, NARA, Date 9-6-82
HEADQUARTERS 155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
A.P.O. 36  
U.S. ARMY

10 February 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative History for January 1945

TO: Commanding General,  
36th Infantry Division,  
A.P.O. 36, U.S. Army

1. Transmitted herewith Narrative History, in sextuplicate, for the month of January 1945.

2. Conclusions: The month of January witnessed some of the most trying conditions for tactical operations both from weather and enemy activity. At the beginning of the period this battalion was given a direct support mission, a task normally assigned to lighter artillery but with which we were not altogether unfamiliar. The problem of furnishing liaison officers and forward observer parties with adequate communication facilities was serious, but this was solved by combining the facilities of the light (105 mm) battalion assigned to the mission of reinforcing our fires, and supplementing the light battalion FOX personnel and communications with personnel from our own FOX.

The extreme cold weather, with continuous snow and ice, presented a most difficult problem of maneuvering with steel tread tractors. Tractors with steel treads without grousers are not satisfactory over ice or snow and present a danger on the highways due to slipping and sliding on the ice. This situation was solved through the cooperation of our ordnance company by welding improvised grousers onto the links of the steel tracks, of eight to each track.

The cold weather with continued frozen ground allowed freedom of maneuvering over any type of terrain and permitted the occupation of positions which could not have been occupied in warmer weather due to mud and soft ground from rain and moisture.

The period also proved that tactical operations can be carried on with artillery efficiently without undue loss or hardship on personnel due to extreme cold and living conditions. During the period of most of the extreme cold weather conditions, however, the tactical situation was generally stable which permitted the construction and improvement of dugouts and living quarters for the personnel.

CLIFFORD M. SNOW  
Lieutenant Colonel, F.A.  
Commanding

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155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, JANUARY 1945

1 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Command Post, located in Guewarkheim this date, was acting only administratively; all the firing batteries were working direct with other units; Battery "A" reinforcing fires of the 59th Field Artillery Battalion; Battery "B" reinforcing fires of the 925th Field Artillery Battalion and Battery "C" reinforcing fires of the 68th Field Artillery Battalion, all of the 33rd Field Artillery Group. Service Battery and the Battalion Personnel Section were quartered in Guewarkheim.

At 1000 hours 33rd Field Artillery Group advised that our attachment to them was terminated and we would revert to VI Corps control. Upon receipt of this information the Battalion Commander went to VI Corps Headquarters to obtain further instructions and to reconnoiter for new battalion positions. Before departing the Battalion Commander ordered Close Station March Order, displacements to be deferred until definite information was obtained at Corps Headquarters.

At noon the Battalion Commander issued oral orders by telephone to the Battalion Executive Officer, Major James T. Clark, of San Antonio, Texas to prepare the battalion to move by batteries at 1300 to the vicinity of Zissenwiller. Battery Commanders, less Service Battery would depart immediately to meet the Battalion Commander in that vicinity and guide their respective batteries into position upon arrival.

The Battalion closed on the Zissenwiller area about 1600 hours. (For disposition and route see Maps France, 1/50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 15 BRUMATH; Sheet XXXVII - 14 HAGUENAU; Sheet XXXVI - 14 BOUTVILLE). (1)

Late during the night Lieutenant Colonel Newton, Commanding Officer, 405th Field Artillery Group advised by telephone that the battalion was in direct support of the 313th Infantry Regiment, the 500th Field Artillery Battalion to reinforce our fires. We were to send a Liaison Officer to the 313th Infantry Regiment and establish a forward Fire Direction Center with the 500th Field Artillery Battalion at Ingwiller; 155th Field Artillery Battalion to control operations.

There was no firing this date.

2 JANUARY 1945: At 0400 hours the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford H. Snow of Amarillo, Texas made a command Liaison visit to the 313th Infantry Regiment and sent Captain Richard B. Hawk, of...
Dallas, Texas, as Liaison Officer to them. Field Order, 45th Infantry Division, dated 2 January 1945 was received by 45th Division, reinforced, attacks to restore front line position; 405th Field Artillery Group in general support; 17th Field Artillery Battalion reinforces fires of the 497th Field Artillery Battalion and the 155th Field Artillery Battalion in direct support of 313th Infantry Regiment. 1st Lieutenant Karl F. Martia Jr., of Tulsa, Oklahoma and 2nd Lieutenant Julius E. Bollub of Houston, Texas were sent to the 313th Infantry Regiment as Forward Observers and in line with request from 405th Field Artillery Group, Captain August G. Moser of Dallas, Texas and four Fire Direction Center personnel established a forward FDC with the 500th Field Artillery Battalion.

A platoon of Battery #C, 431st ADA was attached to the battalion.

General Bahr, Commanding General VI Corps, visited the Battalion Command Post and advised that one battery of the 995th Field Artillery Battalion would be attached to us and under our Fire Direction Center until their Headquarters arrived in the Zinswiler position. During the day the Command Post was visited by Commanding Officers of the 93rd Field Artillery Battalion, 995th Field Artillery Battalion and the 17th Field Artillery Battalion and also the S-3 of 45th Division Artillery. The three Field Artillery Battalions were all reinforcing our fires for the remainder of the time spent in this area.

Captain William L. Bush, Combat Liaison Officer of Cane Hill, Arkansas, and 1st Lieutenant Herlie G. Moore, Forward Observer of Jennings, Louisiana were sent to the 1st Battalion of the 314th Infantry Regiment who were to be in an operation the following day.

The Battalion Motor Shop and Service Battery were moved from Gauderthain to Rimpelfoor this date; the Personnel Section remained in Gauderthain until suitable quarters could be found.

Summary of firings: 894 rounds of HE and 11 rounds of Smoke were fired on 55 missions.

3 JANUARY 1945: Contemplating a further displacement the Battalion Commander sent the Battalion Executive on a position and road reconnaissance in the vicinity of Ingwiller. Upon his return Headquarters Battery and Battery #C were given a "close station" with orders to move to reconstituted positions. Battery #A and #B were to continue firing until #C Battery was ready to fire from the new Ingwiller position. Battery #A was displaced at noon and the Battalion Executive led elements of Headquarters to Ingwiller immediately thereafter; however upon arriving at the new Command Post he received word from the Battalion...
Commander that positions were not to be occupied in Ingwiller and to return, with Battery "M" to the Zinswiller area. Returning to the Command Post at Zinswiller the Battalion Executive learned that orders had been received for the Battalion to rejoin the 36th Infantry Division this date and for the Battalion Commander or Battalion Executive to report to Major Luther E. Orrick, Commanding 131st Field Artillery Battalion as soon as possible for further orders. The Battalion Commander sent the Battalion Executive on this mission which was accomplished by using the Air Observation plane of Lieutenant Fausta, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion who brought the Division Order to the Battalion Commander. Upon meeting with Major Luther E. Orrick, the Battalion Executive was given all necessary information and reconnoitered for positions in the vicinity of Butten.

At 1530 Close Station March Order was given to all batteries and the march by battery was begun at 1630 to a rendezvous area 5 miles east of the town of Saverne. March was made by blackout and the battalion rendezvoused from 2330 hours until midnight awaiting the return of the Battalion Executive from reconnaissance. At 0400 hours the Battalion Executive reported to the Battalion Commander with all information needed for the completion of the march and selections of positions. At 0715 the march was resumed until 0900 hours when the batteries closed on the Butten area. Service Battery moved the same time and continued to a position near Butten. The Battalion Personnel section made a hurried movement during the night, with one weapons carrier, making two trips to Gumpelstein and setting up the office in Saverne. (For dispositions see Map France: 1/50,000 Sheet XXXVII - 13 BITEHE.)

Summary of Firing:
170 rounds of HE fired on 9 missions.

4 JANUARY 1945: The mission of the battalion was general support of the 36th Infantry Division. During the morning the Battalion Commander made a personal reconnaissance for better firing battery positions and at 1100 hours directed that the firing batteries make reconnaissance in the vicinity of Mionvillers. Later in the day displacements were effected (for disposition of batteries see Map France, 1/50,000 Sheet XXXVII-13 BITEHE). There was no firing from the Butten area. The Battalion Command Post, Fire Direction Center and Headquarters Battery remained in the Butten area this date. Service Battery and the Battalion Motor Shop found more suitable quarters in Sarre Union. Capt. Friedman, Battery "M", 443rd AAA advised that one platoon would be attached to the battalion for air defense. During the afternoon the Liaison Officers and Forward Observers, dispatched from Zinswiller, returned to the Battalion. The Battalion Air Observation Post moved to the vicinity of Rahling.

Summary of Firing:
479 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of Smoke fired on 22 missions.
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5 JANUARY 1945: Early in the morning Captain William L. Bush was sent on liaison to 133rd Infantry Command Post. A forward fire direction center was established in the vicinity of Battery "G"s new position but no operation was conducted from there. Captain Richard B. Hawk, who had just returned from liaison duties the day before, received orders for his "temporary duty in the United States" and left for the rear to begin his trip. Captain Bush was relieved of his liaison duties for the 143rd Infantry Regiment and returned to the battalion. Our mission continued to be general support of the 36th Infantry Division.

Summary of firing: 36 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of Smoke were fired on 4 missions.

6 JANUARY 1945: In order to get the battalion closer together the Battalion Command Post and Headquarters Battery was moved to the vicinity of Neonkron; also the balance of the Fire Direction Center joined the forward FDC and operations were effected at once. 1st Lieutenant Hugh W. Shaw of Hollywood, California was sent on liaison to the 100th Infantry Command Post. Captain Leroy L. Bell, Commanding Officer, Battery "H", of San Antonio, Texas, departed for the hospital for treatment to relieve an ailment from wounds received in the latter part of the Italian Campaign.

Summary of firing: 95 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 12 missions.

7 JANUARY 1945: No important incidents on the 7th. In the afternoon of the 7th January 1945, Service Battery sent a truck and trailer to Sutern to haul the Personnel Section to Giray. This was accomplished during the evening hours amidst a heavy snow. Section occupied an old French Chateau near the 36th Division Rear.

Summary of firing: 07 January: 97 rounds of HE fired on 11 missions. 08 January: 400 rounds of HE fired on 17 missions.

9 JANUARY 1945: Captain William L. Bush was directed by the Battalion Commander to go to the 143rd Infantry Regiment and 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, who were placed in direct support of the 36th Infantry Division, to coordinate defensive fires of this battalion with their's and to arrange for observation, and observers to actually adjust it in.

Summary of firing: 354 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of Smoke were fired on 18 missions.

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10 JANUARY 1945: Captain William J. Jessup, Battalion S-2, from Houston, Texas, was sent by the Battalion Commander to meet Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery at his Command Post to go on reconnaissance for a "switch" position for batteries, to be used in the event of necessary withdrawal. After meeting the Commanding General, Captain Jessup returned to advise that plans are being made against possible withdrawal and for organization of defensive position along high ground between 36 and 37th Northing grids. This battalion is ordered to select and organize positions in the vicinity of Waghambach. Captain Jessup then left to attend a conference at Batzwiller, being conducted by the Infantry Commander. He then planned to proceed from there to reconnaissance for positions (battery commanders to meet him at Command Post at noon). The Battalion Commander, who had not been present during the receipt of the above information from Captain Jessup, went to 36th Division Artillery Command Post and from there advised the Battalion Executive Officer that the reconnaissance for "switch" positions and their being set up for occupancy, was more in the nature of training and that no move would be made by the batteries. The reconnaissance parties went forward as per schedule. Captain William L. Bush was dispatched on liaison to 143rd Infantry Command Post.

Summary of firing: 135 rounds of HE and 1 round of Smoke were fired on 9 missions.

11 JANUARY 1945: A further reconnaissance was made by the Battalion Commander, S-2 and Battery Commanders for switch positions in the vicinity of Adamswiller. 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Reynolds, Battalion Assistant S-2 of Philadelphia, Penn., returned for duty from temporary duty in the United States. Prior to midnight one of two artillery shells landing in Battery #2's position destroyed a tractor by a direct hit on the motor.

Summary of firing: 99 rounds of HE were fired on 3 missions.

12 JANUARY 1945: There were no important incidents this date with the exception of a reconnaissance made by the Battalion Commander and S-2 for forward positions in the vicinity of St. Louis. Our mission continued to be "general support of the 36th Infantry Division".

Summary of firing: 49 rounds of HE fired on 6 missions;

13 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander took the Battery Commanders on reconnaissance in the previously reconnoitered vicinity of St. Louis for forward positions preparatory to the Division's attack on the high ground around Bitche. These positions were prepared for possible use.

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Summary of firing: 47 rounds of HE and 14 rounds of Smoke were fired on 5 missions.

14 JANUARY 1945: Service Battery and the Battalion Motor Shop moved from Sarre Union to the Headquarters Battery area in Montbronn. Captain William L. Bush was relieved of liaison duties at the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

Summary of firing: 110 rounds of HE and 11 rounds of Smoke fired on 20 missions.

15 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander left for the Bains les Bains rest camp.

Summary of firing: 133 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of Smoke fired on 9 missions.

16 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Executive visited the 36th Division Artillery Command Post and advised by phone for the firing batteries to select alternate firing positions for emergency in case of serious counterbattery fire. Upon the completion of selection of alternate firing position, batteries now had (1) Switch positions (2) forward positions and (3) alternate positions.

Summary of firing: 243 rounds of HE and 11 rounds of Smoke fired on 15 missions.

17 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Motor Shop and Service Battery moved their installations to Waldenbach.

Summary of firing: 177 rounds of HE fired on 3 missions.

18 JANUARY 1945: At 0715 Operations Instructions from 36th Infantry Division were received, ordering movement today of the division, less 141st Regimental Combat Team and 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troops; the battalion's orders were to dispose to the vicinity of HARTHAUSEN where they would join other division elements.

Prior to 0900 the Battalion S-2 went with the battery commanders on a reconnaissance to the designated area and shortly after their departure the Battalion Executive met with officer representatives of each battery, except Service Battery, and instructed that the battalion would march in two units, first - Batteries "A", "B" and "C"; second - Headquarters Battery and Service Battery; the column to be led by the Battalion S-3, Major Lawrence D. Gliner of Houston, Texas, as the Battalion Executive had been designated commander of the Division's 5th march serial.

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Our first vehicle was to pass the IP at Dieringen at 1435, and the batteries would be met at Schwanhausn by guides from reconnaissance parties. All batteries were given close station and Service Battery was notified of all particulars by messenger.

The batteries prepared for displacement but at 1130, 36th Division Artillery advised by phone that although plans had not been abandoned, the time for moving had been changed and we would be advised later. As no further information had been obtained by 1200 the Battalion Executive went to Division Artillery Command Post. An hour later advised our Command Post by phone that we were to remain prepared to move on order.

Shortly before 1500 the Commanding Officer, Battery 8# 373rd Field Artillery Battalion told our Battery 8# Commanding Officer that he had orders to move into our Battery 8# position and to register before dark. Although we had not yet received a definite time for displacement, and the possibility for going back into position remained, the Battalion Executive, upon his return from 36th Division Artillery, gave the Commanding Officer, Battery 8#, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion permission to go ahead and they initiated occupation of our Battery 8#’s vacant position. About two hours later Captain Alpers of the 373rd Field Artillery Battalion advised that his battalion had orders to move into our positions but he would not do so until we displaced. At this time the battalion had no further moving orders.

At 1500 the Commanding Officers and reconnaissance parties of Batteries 8#, 8#, 8# returned to the Command Post and Captain Clarence C. Neumann of Coffee Springs, Alabama, reported to the Battalion Executive that while he was reconnoitering in the HARTHAUSEN area he picked up the information from reliable sources that we would not move today. Other indirect information, obtained during the afternoon, supported his report – and it was not until 1530 that we received orders from 36th Division Artillery that the battalion would move, as planned, to cross the IP at Dieringen at 2330. Throughout the entire afternoon and early evening the weather was very unfavorable for a night march. The roads were icy and there was a high wind mixed with sleet and snow. As a safety measure the Battalion Executive, at 1830, requested of 36th Division Artillery permission to postpone the march until the next morning. At 2100 hours his permission was granted – displacement to take place with the first vehicle passing the IP at 0700. As all batteries had been continually prepared for movement at any time it was necessary to find shelter for all personnel.

Summary of firing: 24 rounds of HE were fired on

2 missions.
19 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion's plan for march was changed to three
units. Batteries "A", "B", and Headquarters and Service Battery - the Battalion Executive Officer led
the march with the Battalion S-3 following in the rear vehicle.

Our orders had not been changed otherwise and the
Battalion was to join other division elements at Hartmann but when
the Battalion Executive reached the Transportation Control Point at
Schwabhausen, he was given a note by one of our non-commissioned officers
from the Communications Officer, advising that our position area had
been changed by 36th Division Artillery and that we were to go into
firing position in the vicinity of Camp Oberkoffen and were to rein-
force defensive fires of the 33rd Field Artillery Brigade in the
Haguenau-Haase sector.

Captain Martin W. Williamson, Battalion Communications
Officer from Berlin, Alabama, had not returned with the other reconnaissance
parties the previous evening. Even they had been advised during the
afternoon of January 19th by our S-2 (a written note left with a soldier)
that the battalion was not moving as originally scheduled, Captain
Williamson contacted the 36th Division Artillery Command Post and 36th
Infantry Division G-1 in Haguenau and learned of the several changes,
but fortunately received the latest change before returning with his
party to the battalion...ie, that we would move at 0700 the following
morning. He also obtained a new march graph from Major Puck, 36th
Infantry Division Provost Marshall, showing our newly designated mission
and area. Thus, he was able to make a reconnaissance in advance for
Headquarters prior to the arrival of the march units and he posted guides
at necessary intervals to avoid possible delays. By 1030 the battalion
had closed on their new position. For route and disposition of batteries
see Maps: France, 1/50,000 Sheets XXXVII-13 BITCHE and XXXVIII-14 HAGUENAU.

At 1700 the Battalion Executive returned from a con-
ference at 36th Division Artillery Command Post and reported that the
enemy were trying to push towards Weyersheim and that the Division's plans
may be again changed. In this case the 143rd Regimental Combat Team
would set up a defensive line along the Rhine Canal; the 142nd Re-
gimental Combat Team would set up a defensive line in four designate
towns of Rischwiller, Gries, Kurtzenhausen, and Weyersheim - and this
battalion would make reconnaissance and be prepared to move into positions
west of Weyersheim. The Battalion Executive left to make a personal
reconnaissance in that area and the battery commanders followed shortly
thereafter. The 143rd Regimental Combat Team had already been committed
to this defensive position and information was received that they had
met opposition and were halted on the outskirts of Weyersheim. However,
later, Captain Bush who was sent previously on liaison to the 143rd, re-
ported the condition there not to be serious.
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Summary of firing: 24 rounds of HE were fired on
2 missions.

20 JANUARY 1945: At 0500 receipt of 36th Infantry Division Operations
Instructions placing us in general support of the Division
and reinforcing fires of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, and the
495th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. The Division less 111st Re-
gimental Combat Team, occupies and defends the front line now held by
the 12th Armored Division, maintains contact with the II French Corps
on the right and 79th Infantry Division on the left; protects Corps
right south flank.

At 0600 the Commanding General 36th Division Artillery
directed the Battalion to be moved to reconnoitered areas; move to be made
by batteries - one battery to be moved forward first with part of the
Fire Direction Center Personnel to accompany it for registration, and
upon completion of registration the balance of the battalion would dis-
place. The Battalion Communications Officer went forward on a recon-
naissances in the vicinity of NIEDERSCHAFFSTEIN and the Battalion B-3
made a road reconnaissance north of that town for a route to be used if
necessary for emergency withdrawal after displacement.

Service Battery was directed to reconnoiter for position
in vicinity of NIEDERSCHAFFSTEIN.

At 0910 Battery "A" was given close station and or-
dered to prepare to move to selected position in vicinity of Birchwald
and at 1100 hours the Battery was placed.

Our S-2 was called by 36th Infantry Division for
temporary duties as Trial Judge Advocate and he departed at noon.

The other two firing batteries and Headquarters Battery
displaced prior to 1500 and by 1700 the battalion had closed into the new
positions. For route and disposition see Map: France 1/20,000 Sheets
XXXVIII-14 HAGENAU and XXXVIII-15 BRUMATH.

1st Lieutenant Shaw was sent on liaison to the 142nd
Infantry Command Post.

Service Battery did not displace this date but planned
to move the following morning. Captain Vines visited the Command Post
at 1900 and then after advising that he would move his battery tomorrow
he departed for 36th Infantry Division C-1. Shortly afterwards the
Battalion Executive learned through 36th Infantry Division G-1 that
HAGENAU would probably not be secure after daylight the next day.
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Because reorganization of our forces placed Main Line of Resistance through HAGENAU. In that Service Battery was still in that vicinity and as the Battery Commander had gone to Division, the Battalion Executive elected to take a trip to Service Battery's position near Hagenau and lead them out to a rendezvous area in our vicinity. He departed at 2115 on this mission - after leaving word at 36th Division G-4 for Captain Vines to call the Command Post. An hour later Captains Vines with 1st Lieutenant Bailey returned to the Command Post and upon hearing of the Battalion Executive's departure - he sent Lieutenant Bailey to meet the column. By 2300 hours the Battery had been placed in a rendezvous area in the HAGENAU vicinity and was met by its commander. The Battalion Executive returned to the Command Post at 2315.

Summary of firing: 129 rounds of HE were fired on 4 missions.

21 JANUARY 1945: At 0845 the Battalion Executive departed for 36th Division Artillery Command Post to obtain information on the tactical situation during the past twelve hours and also to ascertain if it was necessary for the battalion to move this date. During his absence Captain Vines visited the Command Post and advised that he was not able to find a position for Service Battery during the night and they were in rendezvous off the road in the vicinity of coords. 97-14 square.

At 0900 Captain Busk called from the 143rd Infantry and suggested that we place an Observation Post in the Bischwiller area.

The Battalion Executive returned from 36th Division Artillery with the information that the battalion would not move today and that our mission was "general support of the division". The Battalion Executive then departed to discuss observation with Captain Busk. At 1240 1st Lieutenant Moore was sent to establish his OP in Bischwiller and at 1430 Battery "A" Observation team, under 1st Lieutenant Martin, left to establish his OP in Kulturhaus.

A reconnaissance for "switch" positions was directed by Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery - in the vicinity of Gougengau and the Battalion Executive ordered this reconnaissance for tomorrow morning. This evening the Battalion Commander returned from Bains les Bains rest camp.

Summary of firing: 453 rounds of HE and 12 rounds of Smoke were fired on 28 missions. One tank and enemy vehicle was destroyed causing many personnel casualties.

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22 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion S-3 and all Battery Commanders, except Service Battery Commander, made the directed reconnaissance in the Gougenheim area, for "switch" positions. As the 143rd Infantry was relieved by the 142nd Infantry, Captain Bush returned from liaison.

The Battalion Executive left for Eins los Bains Rest Camp today. Warrant Officer Junior Grade Carlo R. Schaefer visited the Command Post and advised that Service Battery was still in a rendezvous area. Captain Vines was now on a reconnaissance for a position area. The Air Observation Post moved today, first to the outskirts of BRUMATH and later to the vicinity of DUMBROIT (873-092). Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery directed we send a liaison officer to the 79th Division Artillery to conduct liaison between them and 36th Division Artillery. The Battalion Commander sent 1st Lieutenant Shaw on this mission and Captain Bush replaced 1st Lieutenant Shaw on liaison with the 142nd Infantry.

Summary of firing: 573 rounds of HE and 28 rounds of Smoke were fired on 24 missions. Reported destruction of one enemy tank and vehicles with many enemy personnel casualties.

23 JANUARY 1945: During the afternoon Service Battery advised they had finally found a position on the western outskirts of Brumath. Up to that time they had been living in tents since their move from Haguenau area.

Our mission continued to be general support of the Division.

The 143rd Infantry were recommitted during the afternoon and 1st Lieutenant Reynolds was sent on liaison to them.

Summary of firing: 435 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of Smoke were fired on 22 missions.

24 JANUARY 1945: 1st Lieutenant Reynolds was dispatched this date on liaison to the 143rd Infantry Command Post. By order of the 79th Infantry Division Lieutenant Colonel Snow, being our senior officer in NIEDERSCHRAPPOLSKEN, was appointed Town Commander to coordinate local security of the town during the period of our occupancy. Necessary arrangements were made.

Summary of firing: 464 rounds of HE and 24 rounds of Smoke were fired on 22 missions. A direct hit was observed on one enemy gun and one tank was set on fire.

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25 JANUARY 1945: We were advised by 36th Division Artillery that if the enemy was successful in his penetration efforts in the vicinity of SCHWEINHAUSEN we are directed to displace to the area now occupied by the 499th Field Artillery Battalion in the 98-12 and 98-13 coords., square. The Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders made a reconnaissance in this area during the morning - vicinity of STEPHANSFELD.

Summary of firing: 142 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of Smks were fired on 10 missions.

26 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander attended a conference of the Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery at the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion Command Post, after which he reported that he had made a personal reconnaissance in the vicinity of GRINS, where we were scheduled to displace to if plans for the proposed division attack materialized. This proposed attack is to clear the sector from Bleschwil to the Rhine. Further reconnaissance and movements to be upon order of Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery.

Summary of firing: 183 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of Smks were fired on 10 missions.

27 JANUARY 1945: There were no important incidents this date.

Summary of firing: 150 rounds of HE were fired on 9 missions.

28 JANUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander was called to 36th Division Artillery Command Post during the morning and upon his return he sent 1st Lieutenant Seaman R. Sam from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Observation Post in KILSTEIT (French Sector) to observe and conduct the 23rd Field Artillery Group fire on "bunkers" on the east bank of the Rhine. The Battalion Commander advised that the Division plan for attack east of BLESCHWILLER was now a Corps plan - to clear the enemy from area West of Rhine, South of OBERHOFEN-DAUSENHEIM line. The Battalion Commander then took the Battery Commanders on a reconnaissance in the vicinity of GRINS. The Battalion Executive returned from Bains les Bains today.

Summary of firing: 174 rounds of HE were fired on 12 missions.

29 JANUARY 1945: The 36th Infantry Division Artillery Operations Instructions received today placed the battalion in general support of the division - for the coming attack - and to reinforce fires of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion and 133rd Field Artillery Battalion on call. We are to prepare initial positions in vicinity.
On 30 January 1945, Battery "B" was ordered to move to its new position area and to occupy this position with one 155mm howitzer. The Battalion Commander went to the area, and ordered Battery "B" to occupy this position immediately. At 1215, the Battalion Commander informed the Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery, that he intended to move one battery to the new position area immediately, and the balance of the battalion after 1300. The battalion was then ordered to prepare to displace in the morning.

Summary of firing: 121 rounds of HE and one round of Smoke were fired on 5 missions.

30 January 1945: Battery "B" fired 121 rounds of HE and one round of Smoke were fired on 5 missions.

31 January 1945: At 0600 the battalion was ordered to move to its new position area and wait for further orders. The 36th Division Artillery Command Post was ordered to occupy this position immediately. The Battalion Commander visited the 36th Division Artillery Command Post in order to request permission to move Battery "C" in their new position area. The Battalion Commander was informed that Battery "B" would not move until further orders were given. Battery "B" was then ordered to remain in their new position area.

Summary of firing: 137 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 4 missions.

31 January 1945: At 0600, Battery "B" was ordered to move to its new position area and wait for further orders pertaining to displacement of the battalion. The Battalion Commander visited the 36th Division Artillery Command Post in order to request permission to move Battery "C" in their new position area. The Battalion Commander was informed that Battery "B" would not move until further orders were given. Battery "B" was then ordered to remain in their new position area. The Battalion was informed that Battery "B" would not move until further orders were given. Battery "B" was then ordered to remain in their new position area.

Summary of firing: 102 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of Smoke were fired on 4 missions.

During the month of January, 14 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of Smoke were fired on 4 missions.

Private First Class Emanuel C. Eustis, 36228008, was assigned to Battery "C" as a machine gunner.

For the period 1 January to 31 January 1945, the battalion suffered no battle casualties.

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By: EB/WS NARA, Date: 5-5-49
HEADQUARTERS 155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.P.O. 36
U.S. ARMY

09 March 1945

L-1043

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Narrative History and Battalion Commander's Conclusion.

TO: Commanding General,
36th Infantry Division,
A.P.O. 36, U.S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Battalion History for the month of February 1945
in sextuplicate.

2. The month of February was generally very quiet in the sector in which
this battalion was operating. Our mission for most of the period was General Sup-
port.

Warm weather caused early thawing of the ground and melting of snow
which caused the roads to become practically impassable in places and extremely
difficult to supply ammunition to the howitzers, lay and service wire nets over
cross-country routes. Four wasseals, borrowed from the Infantry, proved their
value for this service during the period. One each was assigned to each firing
battery for distributing ammunition from the battery dumps, located accessibly
to the main road, to the howitzer positions and one to Headquarters Battery for
laying and servicing wire. It is recommended that four wasseals be added to each
Artillery battalion in excess of 1/0 and 2/5 during the rainy season to be used
for this purpose through the heavy mud and terrain over which other vehicles
cannot operate.

During the month the battalion was pulled out of the line for one week's
training. After a period of more than six months continuous service in combat,
this short period of training proved valuable in many respects. It afforded an
opportunity to improve our technique which had become lax due to the long period of
active service. It permitted an opportunity to improve our military discipline,
military courtesy and improvement of accuracy throughout the battalion by close
supervision and check of all operations.

Clifford M. Snow
Lieutenant Colonel, F.A.
Commanding

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16th Field Artillery Battalion

Operations in France, February 1945

During the night of 30 January and the following day the battalion moved to GRUS, preparatory to the VI Corps offensive to clear the enemy from the BISCHWILLER sector east to the RHINE River. The service elements of the battalion were in the southern outskirts of EUPRAT, Personnel Section with the 36th Infantry Division Rear in ARVILLER and the battalion had two ground Observation Posts: Battery "A" at KAUTENHOF and Battery "B" at BISCHWILLER. The battalion Air OP was in the vicinity of SCHNEEBAHN.

1 FEBRUARY 1945: 1st Lieutenant ROBERT E. REYNOLDS, Philadelphia, Pa., on Liaison with the 123rd Infantry Regiment, visited the Battalion Command Post and advised at 0900 that the first preparatory phase of the attack had been successful. The Battalion Commander directed that Captain WILLIAM L. BUSH, Cane Hill, Arkansas, replace 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Reynolds on his Liaison mission and then Lieutenant Reynolds took over the duties as Assistant S-2.

Summary of firing: 233 rounds of HE and 19 Smoke were fired on 15 missions.

2 FEBRUARY 1945: Other than the report that the French had liberated Colmar, there were no important incidents this date.

Summary of firing: 404 rounds of HE and 11 rounds of smoke were fired on 10 missions. Reported destruction of two enemy tanks.

3 FEBRUARY 1945: The 123rd Regimental Combat Team took and occupied MAKOUM during the morning and the 11lst Regimental Combat Team were fighting on the southern outskirts of MOULCHEN.

Summary of firing: 734 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of Smoke were fired on 21 missions.

4 FEBRUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel CLIFFORD L. SHOW, Amarillo, Texas, was called to the 36th Division Artillery Command Post at 1530 hours and at 1615 notified the Battalion Executive by telephone to have all battery commanders meet him in the center of MEITMUGA immediately, prepared to make reconnaissance for new positions; battalion to probably move the following morning.

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At 1715 the Battalion Commander returned to the Command Post and ordered that Battery "A" displace tomorrow morning to position reconstituted in WEITBRUCH. Batteries "B" and "C" to displace in the afternoon with Headquarters Battery. This move was necessitated by the 36th Infantry Division having their sector enlarged due to the relief of the 79th Infantry Division from their sector.

Summary of firings: 151 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of smoke were fired on 14 missions.

5 FEBRUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander went to the WEITBRUCH area at 0900 and Battery "A" displaced, shortly thereafter. Headquarters Battery moved by sections during the late morning and early afternoon. By 1500, 36th Division Artillery, Battery "B" was directed to remain in their present position in order that 36th Division Artillery would have one battery to fire across the Rhine. Battery "B" moved to the WEITBRUCH area after noon and Battery "A"'s OP was moved from KAIMER - HAUEN to the southern outskirts of HAGENAU. Battery "C" joined with Battery "B" to operate the OP at BIECHEMILLER.

There was no firing this date. (For route and disposition see Map France 1/20,000 Sheet XVIII - 15 BRUNED). 6 FEBRUARY 1945: The 141st Regimental Combat Team took and occupied HERRONHEIM early this morning and the 142nd Regimental Combat Team was fighting to take the remainder of OBERHOFEN.

The Battalion Commander met with all Battery Commanders during the morning and discussed the policing of areas in the division sector. The Battalion Executive was put in charge of the detail to go forward today to police an area in the vicinity of MASSELONNE. The party went forward during the afternoon and plans were made for policing tomorrow morning. Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery and the 36th Division Artillery Executive Officer visited the Command Post during the morning.

Summary of firings: 177 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of smoke were fired on 7 missions.

7 FEBRUARY 1945: There were no important incidents on this date, except that Battery "A"'s Observation Post at HAGENAU was dismanned.

Summary of firings: 87 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of smoke were fired on 5 missions. Observed four direct hits on an enemy held railroad station.

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6 - 9 FEBRUARY 1945: There were no important incidents on these dates.

Summary of firings 6 February - 68 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of Smoke were fired on 6 missions. 9 February - 406 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 13 missions. Observed 2 hits on a house, in which enemy personnel were billeted.

10 FEBRUARY 1945: The Observation Post at EISCHWILDER is now being operated alternately by the three firing batteries.

Summary of firing: 560 rounds of HE and 56 rounds of Smoke were fired on 23 missions. 1 direct hit was observed on enemy Observation Post.

11 FEBRUARY 1945: Captain WILLIAM L. BUSB returned from Liaison with the 143rd Infantry Regiment. 143rd Infantry Regiment relieved today by the 141st Infantry Regiment.

Summary of firing: 188 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of Smoke were fired on 10 missions. Observed 3 direct hits on an enemy Observation Post.

12 FEBRUARY 1945: Oberhoffen is not reported in our hands.

Summary of firing: 85 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 7 missions. 13 direct hits were observed on two enemy strong points and enemy armor.

13 FEBRUARY 1945: No important incidents this date.

Summary of firing: 203 rounds of HE and 7 rounds of Smoke were fired on 11 missions. Observed direct hits on enemy installations.

PERIOD 14 to 17 FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE: There were no important incidents on these dates. On February 16th the Battalion Commander, as Tank Commander organized "local security" for the town of WEITRICH.

Summary of firing: 14th - 150 rounds of HE and 8 rounds of Smoke were fired on 8 missions. 15th - 74 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of Smoke were fired on 5 missions; reported 3 hits on enemy tanks and AFVs. 16th - 76 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 6 missions. 17th - No firing this date.
18 FEBRUARY 1945: Following a conference at the 36th Division Artillery Command Post, the Battalion Commander advised that his battalion would probably be relieved from combat during the middle of the week and displace to the vicinity of Hochfelden for training and rehabilitation (to include calibration of the howitzers).

Summary of firing: 9 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of Smoke were fired on 2 missions.

19 FEBRUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander and acting S-2 made a reconnaissance in WUTZENHAUSEN and SCHAPThAUSEN for possible battery areas.

Summary of firing: 85 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of Smoke were fired on 3 missions.

20 FEBRUARY 1945: Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery directed the battalion to prepare to move to the reconnoitered areas tomorrow; further reconnaissances were to be made this morning; the training schedule will begin 22 February for five days (4 day for calibration of the howitzers) and then the battalion will be prepared to come back into the line.

The Battalion Commander called a meeting of all Battery Commanders for 1000 hours. At the meeting he directed that Batteries "B" and "C" reconnoiter in WUTZENHAUSEN and Headquarters Battery and Battery "A" in SCHAPTHAUSEN. Service Battery will remain in BERMUTH and the 938th Field Artillery Battalion will take over our wire communication in WEITRICH.

After the reconnaissance the Battalion Commander again met with the Battery Commanders and his staff and ordered displacement by battery tomorrow morning - Headquarters Battery at 0900; Battery "B" at 1000; Battery "A" at 1030 and Battery "A" at 1230 - route KAMERS, KURTZENHAUSEN, WEITRICH, GUDERHEIN, BERMUTH, BONNEHEIM and HIGHFELDEN. (This route was necessary due to the condition of the road between WEITRICH and BERMUTH, recent thawing having rendered it very poor). At the meeting the scheduled training program was discussed and it was noted that Captain Farber and Richards of the 36th Division Artillery Staff would be with us during the training period.

Summary of firing: 149 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of Smoke were fired on 7 missions.
21 FEBRUARY 1945: The Battalion Commander departed early for the new battery areas and the battalion moved as ordered. By 1400 all batteries had closed on their designated positions. (For route and disposition see map France, 1/30,000 Sheet XXXVIII - 15 FRAMATI).

36th Infantry Division Operations Instructions received this date, directed that the 36th Infantry Division, upon relief by the 3 DIA (French) relieves the 101st Airborne Division in Zone (to be completed by 260600 February 1945).

The Battalion Commander, by orders of 36th Division Security Officer, was made Town Commander and organized local security for the town of SCHAFHAUSEN.

Captain Richards and Farber arrived at the Command Post to join the battalion for the training period.

This Battalion completed this date 191 continuous days of combat, beginning with D-Day, 6 August 1944.

No firing this date.

22 to 25 FEBRUARY EXCLUSIVE: Training and rehabilitation program, as per attached 36th Infantry Division Artillery schedule was in effect.

No firing during this period.

26 FEBRUARY 1945: After the calibaration of howitzers the Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders went on a re-connaissance in the vicinity of WINTERHAUSEN, for battery positions to be occupied on or about 28 February. Positions were found for Headquarters Battery, Battery "A" and Battery "B" in the vicinity of WINTERHAUSEN, and for Battery "G" in the vicinity of BERSTEHN.

27 FEBRUARY 1945: Captain LEROY L. HELL, O-418651, of San Antonio, Texas returned from hospital today and was assigned as 36th Infantry Division Liaison Officer to VI Corps per WO0G. 1st Lieutenant Shaw returned from 36th Division Artillery Liaison duties.

At the Battalion Commanders meeting this evening, the Battalion Commander directed that beginning at 0900 tomorrow batteries would displace in the order of Headquarters, "B", "A", and "G".

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26 FEBRUARY 1945: Displacing as per schedule, the battalion closed in new positions prior to 1400 this date - (for route and disposition see Map France, 1/50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 15 HRAUMATH and XXXVIII - 14 HAGENAU). Battery "A" found a better position in the vicinity of NIEDERSCHAFTPFELDE. Other batteries went into position as originally reconnoitered.

Captain WILLIAM L. BUSA was dispatched on liaison duties to the 133rd Infantry Command Post.

Observation Posts were established at URBELLEIER and operated by "M" and "N" batteries. Observation Posts at HAGENAU were operated by "A" and "B" batteries.

Summary of firings: 149 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of Smoke were fired on 7 missions.

The following four enlisted men were received on 21 February as replacements:

Pvt cl RICHARD C. BATES, 36 992 664
Pvt ROBERT A. KRUGER, 33 623 679
Pvt HENRY E. JOHNSON, 6 444 767
Pvt RALPH E. MERLEED, 35 814 861

EXHIBITS:

A - Commendation.
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STANLEY H. HUGH
W.O.J.A., U.S.A.
Unit Historian

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"FURIOUS"

"IN MOURNING, WITH GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE"

1. Name
2nd Lieutenant Julius F. Hollub, 02 055 216, Battery "A", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Houston, Texas.

Origin of Award
Section 3, General Orders No. 61, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 22 February 1945.

Date of Death
2nd and 3rd of January 1945.

2. Name
2nd Lieutenant Karl F. Martin Jr., 01 180 599, Battery "A", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Origin of Award
Section 3, General Orders No. 40, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 20 February 1945.

Date of Death
2nd and 3rd of January 1945.

3. Name

Origin of Award
Section 3, General Orders No. 43, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 23 February 1945.

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By RB/VS

NARA, Date 08-09-1992
Date of Death
2nd and 3rd of January 1945.

4. Name
Private Domen L. Payne, 38 039 052, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Gilmer, Texas.

Citation of Award
Section 11, General Orders, No. 32, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 17 February 1945.

"FIRST CLASS LEAF CLUSTER IN LIEU OF SECOND FIVE STAR MEDAL RECEIVED DURING THIS PERIOD"

1. Name
Corporal William B. Lucas, 30 816 473, Battery "B", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Worth, Texas.

Citation of Award
Section 111, General Orders No. 44, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 22 February 1945.

Date of Death
2nd and 3rd of January 1945.

The following is a list of casualties that occurred during this period:

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HEADQUARTERS
405TH FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP
APO 758

4 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery.

THRU: Commanding General, VI Corps Artillery.

1. I desire to commend the 155th Field Artillery Battalion of the 36th Infantry Division Artillery, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford H. Snow commanding, for the manner in which the battalion performed its mission during a temporary attachment to this Group for the period January 1st to 3rd, 1945, inclusive.

2. This battalion moved into the sector of Task Force Huddleston and was placed in direct support of the 313th Infantry, during a critical period when this portion of the Corps sector was under heavy attack by enemy forces. The expeditious and aggressive manner in which their mission was performed in a difficult situation was, in a great measure, responsible for containing the enemy attack and helped prevent a serious breakthrough on this front.

3. The organization of the battalion for reconnaissance, the movement of the firing batteries into position, the organization and establishment of communications was prompt and decisive. The dispatch of liaison officers and forward observers to supported units was quickly done and the battalion was prepared to deliver effective support within a short time after arrival.

4. The cooperation and handling of fire missions by Major Gilmer, the Battalion 5-3, was superior.

EDWARD H. METZGER
Colonel, FA
Commanding
1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY, APO 46, US ARMY, 6 FEBRUARY 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 26th Infantry Division Artillery.
(Thru: Commanding General, VI Corps, APO 46, US Army.)

I desire to add my commendation to the remarks in basic letter.

[Signature]
Brigadier General. U.S. Army
Commanding

AG 201.2
2d Ind.

TO: Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, APO 36, U.S. Army.

The Corps Commander is pleased to note and forward this commendation.

By command of Major General BROCKS:

[Signature]
MICHAEL L. CONNORS
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General
AG 201.2

3d Inf

36th Inf Div, APO #36, U.S. Army, 17 February 1945.

To: Commanding Officer, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, APO #36, U.S. Army.

Thru: Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery, APO #36, U.S. Army.

The Commanding General is pleased to note and forward this commendation. The efficient operation of the Battalion and the fine spirit of cooperation displayed is worthy of the best traditions of the 36th Infantry Division.

By command of Major General BAILEY:

[Signature]

Gen. W. H. Bailey
Lt. Col. 1, C.G.B.
Adjutant General.
AG 201.2 (5 Feb 45) 4th Ind.  WWH/Bag


TO:  Commanding Officer, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 36, U.S. Army.

The commendation mentioned in thebasic communication, I desire to add my personal pleasure in forwarding this commendation. All members of such an efficient battalion, which has always been very cooperative, can well have the utmost pride in being a part thereof. It is particularly pleasing to note the continued prompt, efficient manner in which your battalion functions with units other than this division. This is especially commendable and reflects great credit on the leadership displayed.

This commendation should be brought to the attention of all, and a copy put in each 201 file, especially those of yourself and Maj. Gilmer who are to be particularly complimented.

WALTER W. HEBB, JR.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding
HEADQUARTERS 159th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.P.C. No. 36, U.S. Army

28 February 1945.

NAME GRADE A/RN DUTY ENTERED SERVICE FROM

SHEFF, CLIFFORD D. Lt. Col. O-333741 En Comdr. Amarillo, Texas
CUTLER, JAMES T. Maj. O-199543 En Exec. San Antonio, Texas
GILMER, LAURENCE D. Maj. O-255409 En S-3 Houston, Texas
HENRY, AUGUST C. JR. Capt. O-259013 Ass't S-3 Dallas, Texas
HAINY, RICHARD B. Capt. O-125562 En Ln Off & F.O. Dallas, Texas
GARNER, SYLVAN A. Capt. O-1166993 No duty assigned Savannah, Ga.
BELL, LEROY L. Capt. O-118651 No duty assigned San Antonio, Texas
KENT, RAYMOND F. 1st Lt. O-1176092 Ass't S-2 Lawrence, Mass.
JUBSON, RAY E. 1st Lt. O-1181319 En Aerial Obs. Columbus, S.C.
BORDE, JOSEPH 1st Lt. O-1159338 En Medical Off. New York, N.Y.
HUTCHINSON, STANLEY W. W-2103253 Para. Off. San Antonio, Texas

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

WILLIAMSON, MARTIN W. Capt. O-1167257 Btry C/O. Berlin, Ala.
SWOKODA, ARTHUR F. 2nd Lt. O-1180360 Air Obs. Pilot Ellsworth, Kansas

NORTH BATTERY

EVANS, ERNEST W. Capt. O-1165012 Btry G. Wyola, Montana

MIDDLE BATTERY

BUDD, FRANK W. 1st Lt. O-1170307 Exec. Off. Dallas, Texas
FORD, FLOYD C. 2nd Lt. O-1169268 Mtr. Off. Houston, Texas

SOUTH BATTERY

FRANZ, HARRY P. Capt. O-1164122 Btry G. Enid, Okla.
KOECHKE, EVELYN O. 1st Lt. O-1172102 Reconn. Off. Lula, Kansas
SCHAEFFER, GILBERT F. 2nd Lt. O-1175088 Mtr. Off. Houston, Texas

SERVICE BATTERY

STEVEN, JAMES R. 1st Lt. O-1163636 Ana. Off. San Antonio, Texas
SCHAEFFER, CARLO H. W-210731 Ass't S-4 Beaumont, Texas

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1. Captain LEE, L. H., O-18651, assigned and joined battalion for Special Duties, 103rd Station Hospital. To duty assigned.

2. Captain SMITH, A. G., O-126673, assigned and joined battalion from 131st Field Artillery Battalion. To duty assigned.

3. Captain WILLIS, J. W., O-13150, S-2, transferred to 131st Field Artillery Battalion.


5. 1st Lieutenant HALL, P. E., O-1171898, from Aerial Observer, Bn-Pilot, to Assistant S-2, vice 1st Lieutenant HALL, E., O-1171898, reassigned.

6. 1st Lieutenant PAUL, F. J. W., O-118319, from Executive Officer, Battery "A", to Aerial Observer, Bn-Pilot, vice 1st Lieutenant PAUL, F. J. W., O-118319, reassigned.

7. 1st Lieutenant BLAKE, W., O-1793217, from R. C. Battery "B", to Executive Officer, Battery "A", vice 1st Lieutenant PAUL, F. J. W., O-118319, reassigned.

8. 2nd Lieutenant JULIUS, E., O-2555125, from Motor Officer, Battery "B" to R. C. Battery "A", vice 1st Lieutenant JULIUS, E., O-2555125, reassigned.

9. 1st Lieutenant SMITH, R. W., O-1179709, from Battalion Staff, reassigned to Motor Officer, Service Battery.

10. 2nd Lieutenant SMITH, J. F. W., O-1693550, from Motor Officer, Headquarters Battery, to Motor Officer, Battery "B", vice 2nd Lieutenant SMITH, J. F. W., O-1693550, reassigned.
ON 28 FEBRUARY THE BATTALION MOVED TO THE VICINITY OF WINTERHAUSEN. (SEEBACH, FRANCE, 1/200,000 SHEETS XXXVIII-14, HAGUEHAU AND XXXVIII-15 BRUMATH FOR DISPOSITION OF BATTERIES. THE BATTALION PERSONNEL SECTION WITH THE 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS IN BRUMATH AND THE BATTALION SERVICE BATTERY AND LATER SHOP WERE ALSO IN BRUMATH). TWO GROUND OBSERVATION POSTS WERE IN OPERATION, ONE AT HAGUEHAU AND ONE AT UHLWILLER. OUR MISSION WAS GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

1 - 11 MARCH 1945: There were no important incidents during the period. On 2 March Major LAWRENCE D. GILDER, Battalion S-3 from Houston, Texas, was placed on special duty at the 36th Division Artillery as S-2 pending the return of the Division Artillery S-2.

On 5 March between 0130 and 0600 twenty rounds of harassing artillery fell in the battalion area; no casualties or damages were received.

On 10 March Captain Frazier, Communications Officer, 14th Armored Division, visited the battalion command post on reconnaissance for positions. The 14th Armored Division was to relieve the 36th Infantry Division or elements of it in this sector. Lieutenant Colonel VAUGH, Commanding Officer, 389th Field Artillery Battalion (14th Armored Division) later visits the Command Post with the information that they will move into this area tomorrow.

In order to make room for the incoming troops, the Battalion Executive requested through 36th Division Transportation for the evacuation of refugees from the town of WINTERHAUSEN. The following day Captain McKELLY, CIC, requested a detail of 15 men from this battalion to help in the evacuation, which was accomplished during the afternoon.

11 MARCH 1945: Captain LEWIS E. BELL of San Antonio, Texas, departed today for the hospital and reclassification.
12 March 1945: The Battalion Commander attended a meeting at 36th Infantry Division Artillery during the morning and afterward went on a reconnaissance with the Battalion S-2 for positions in the vicinity of HUTCHBORG. Later in the day the Outstanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, directed that one battery be infiltrated into position (vicinity HUTHERDORF) during the following morning, and one battery later under cover of darkness the third battery the following day. The Battalion Commander met with his Staff and Battery Commanders and ordered reconnaissance for 0000 tomorrow morning and to prepare positions for occupancy during the day.

Summary of firing: 37 rounds of 155 and 3 rounds of Smoke fired on 4 missions. Several hits reported on enemy Observation Post and two hits observed on self-propelled gun.

13 March 1945: At 0530 the Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders departed with their parties on reconnaissance to the vicinity of LORSCHWALDE and INNICHWALDE. At 0930 the reconnaissance party returned and Batteries "A" and "C" were given "Close station". At 1200 Battery "A" displaced by infiltration and closed on new position in the vicinity of LORSCHWALDE at 1245. Batteries "B" and "C" followed after lunch and by 1615 these two batteries were in position. For route and disposition see Map France 1/25,000 Sheet XXXVIII-14 MONEUSE.

Summary of firing: 27 rounds of HE fired on 5 missions.

14 March 1945: Headquarters Battery moved early in the morning to HUTHERDORF. Our mission was general support of the 36th Infantry Division and to reinforce the fires of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion and the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion. The occupation of these positions was made prior to and in accordance with Operation "Undertone"; the 36th Infantry Division's objective was to capture WISSENHEIM and the high ground north of WISSENHEIM, uncovering Siegfried Line in zone. (D-Day: 15 March).
15 March 1945:

At 1130 Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, directed that the battalion move this afternoon to vicinity north of UEBERACH. At 1330 the Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders went on a reconnaissance for battery positions. Upon their return batteries "G" and "H" disposed of, with Headquarters Battery, to the vicinity of UEBERACH. A portion of the Fire Direction Center personnel with Battalion S-3 remained in the old position, firing Battery "G" until after 1700. By 1830 the last Battery (A) had closed on its new position (including Company "G" of the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion). For route and disposition see Map France, 1:50,000 Sheet XXVII-14 LANDER. When the Battalion Commander arrived at the Command Post he brought the information that the 143rd Infantry had occupied ORSSCHACH and a battalion of the 143rd Infantry with tanks were pushing forward to take GUSTET. Captain WALKER E. WHITE, of Pinson, Alabama, visited the Command Post with the advice he would move Service Battery and Battalion Motor Shop to UEBERACH later. Today the 7th Army captured GUSTET and BIELENBAU fell to the 36th Infantry Division.

Summary of firing:
- 991 rounds of HE and 13 rounds of Smoke fired on 2 missions.
- 933 rounds of HE and 7 rounds of Smoke fired on 17 missions.

17 March 1945:

Major LUDER E. CARLSON, Commanding Officer, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, of Italy Falls and Captain EDER, visited the Command Post to arrange for our direct support of a battalion of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion. He requested to be sent on liaison to the 134th Infantry Division.
Reconnaissance until the 122d Field Artillery Battalion is ready to take over general support of the 121st Infantry. At 0600 Captain WILSON, L. W., brought in the information that the 123d Regimental Combat Team was fighting in QUSTERT. At 0925 the Battalion Commander returned from a meeting at 36th Infantry Division Artillery and directed that Battery Commanders meet him at 0830 for reconnaissance in the vicinity of GRIESBAACH. Captain WILSON, B. V., upon hearing of our pending displacement, decided to move his Service Battery and Battalion Motor Shop to this town rather than QUSTERT.

The Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel CLIFFORD B. SHAW, of Amarillo, Texas, upon returning from reconnaissance, went to 36th Infantry Division Artillery and at 1200 telephoned the Battalion Executive to march the Battalion at 1300 in the order of "B", "C", and "A" (Headquarters Battery to infiltrate); Batteries to occupy reconnoitered positions. At 1300 the Battalion, including Company "D", 630 Tank Destroyer Battalion has closed on their new positions in the vicinity of GRIESBAACH. (For route and disposition see Map France, 1:70,000, Sheet XXXVIII-14 HAUENSIK.) Staff Sergeant HUBERT T. SCHAFF, Chief of Section from Houston, Texas, received his Battle Field Promotion as 2nd Lieutenant today.

1st Battalion of the 123d Regimental Combat Team is fighting in QUSTERT and the 3rd Battalion in EULISHEMM.

Summary of firing: 450 rounds of 75 and 6 rounds of Smoke fired on 10 missions. 2 hits reported on enemy guns.

13 LARGO 1945: A message from Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery at 0745 directed reconnaissance be made in the DIETZENBACHES WBERE area. Battery Commanders were notified to meet the Battery Commander at the Command Post for this reconnaissance - with displacement tentatively scheduled for the afternoon. At 0830 message was received from 36th Division Artillery that we were to follow the 122d Field Artillery Battalion after it had cleared QUSTERT. The Battalion Commander directed thru Captain AUGUST K. LUSEN, Assistant Battalion S-3 of Dallas, Texas, that Captain WILSON, L. BUSH go to the 122d Field Artillery Battalion Command Post and notify us when they were moving. Shortly afterwards Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery directed that we stay in our present position until further orders were received. At 1115 information was received that the 122d Regimental Combat Team had taken WERNETZ. At 1130 the Battalion Commander returned from reconnaissance in the vicinity of GRIESBAACH and ordered batteries to close station and stand by for further orders from Division Artillery. The progress of the Regimental Combat Team had continued to be good and it was possible we might move further than reconnoitered. At 1300 Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery directed the Battalion move at 1530 to the vicinity of

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By: FR/NS

NARA, Date: 9-3-42
OBSERVATIONS: Islands, to bivouac there and be prepared to pick up a battalion of L43rd Infantry tomorrow morning. The Battalion Commander directed battery commanders meet him at the Command Post at 1000. The Battalion Commander then went to the 143rd Field Artillery Command Post and upon his return - at the meeting with battery commanders - ordered the batteries to move at 1500 in the order Headquarters Battery, "A", "B", "C" and Company "D", 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion - to the reconnoitered areas.

By 1630 the Battalion had closed in their bivouac area in the vicinity of GUSENSTATT-GUSK. (For route and disposition see Map France, 2/50,000, Sheet XXVIII-1:41647A).

At 1700 Captain REESE, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry visited the Battalion Commander and arranged for our transporting the 1st Battalion of the 143rd Infantry on our vehicles tomorrow morning. A half hour later we received Operations Instructions from the 143rd Regimental Combat Team which placed them on a one hour alert beginning at 0700 tomorrow morning.

19 MARCH 1945: At 0745 the Battalion Commander went to the 143rd Infantry 1st Battalion Command Post to coordinate plans for our hauling the battalion of infantry. Upon his return at 0850 Captain AUGUST C. ROSSER came in from his mission to 36th Division Artillery and advised that we have been relieved of hauling the battalion of infantry - we are to select and take up positions in the vicinity of GUSENSTATT - general support of the 36th Infantry Division. The Battalion Commander met with the battery commanders and then departed with them on reconnaissance in the vicinity of GUSENSTATT. Major JAMES I. CLEAVE, Battalion Executive of San Antonio, Texas, was directed to march the battalion at noon at which time the battery commanders would be back from reconnaissance.

1st Lieutenant JACK R. STEUART, Battalion Ammunition Officer of San Antonio, Texas, came into the Command Post at 0930 to bring the information that Service Battery had been moved to GUSENSTATT.

At 1000 the Battalion Executive visited the 1st Battalion 143rd Infantry and upon his return at 1045 brought information that we are to carry the battalion of infantry as originally scheduled - to detruck them at BRUGNAC-MOEL and then occupy positions for firing in GUSENSTATT. The Battalion Executive then ordered the battalion to be prepared to move at 1100 and by 1200 the Infantry had detrucked on our vehicles (in the vicinity of GUSENSTATT). At this time the Battalion Commander joined the march column and directed the Battalion Executive bring up the rear. In GUSENSTATT Captain RALLIS I. VILLE was advised the Battalion Executive that he was moving Service Battery to the LZ LIGHT 1. Today the march column proceeded slowly to its destination due to congestion and cross traffic. The
The renewed attack in the sector and the battalion commander received word from Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery that our troops have pushed on pass Wesel and are to carry the infantry to the south of WISSENBOURG and then select and occupy positions on the far side of the town. The Battalion Commander accordingly placed Major Gilmer in charge of the rearward battalion, less Company "B" 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion (the had been separated from the battalion due to the 755th Field Artillery Battalion breaking in between them and the loss of the firing batteries). The Battalion Commander then went forward on reconnaissance for positions in the vicinity of WISSENBOURG. For route and disposition see last France 153000 Sketches XXXVII-16 HAUMENTAL and XXXVIII-13 LEBRECHT. At 2200 36th Infantry Division Operation Instructions were received 36th Division... continues to attack on axis WISSENBOURG – BERGZAHN to penetrate Siegfried Line and capture BERGZAHN.

1st Lieutenant J.A.R. STEIN arrived at the Command Post late in the evening to advise that Service Battery and Battalion Motor Shop were being brought to WISSENBOURG tomorrow. Company "C" 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion being the last element to arrive in the WISSENBOURG area was put in rendezvous position for the night.

No firing this date.

20 March 1945: incoming artillery rounds landed in Battery "C" area several times during the previous night and early morning and at 0830 1st Lieutenant F. E. A. McCLELLAN, Executive Officer, Battery "C", of Snellville, Tenn., called the Command Post and reported that Corporal W. SCHNEIDER, 19201722 of Gernants, Pa., performing the duty of gunner, had been seriously wounded a few minutes before and had been evacuated by the 111th Medical Battalion. (Corporal SCHNEIDER died of these wounds on the 21st March).

Company "C" 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion selected positions this morning and the minor injuries were sustained by men thereof from incoming rounds at 0900. 1st Lieutenant Hugh W. Shaw of Hollywood, California was dispatched to 36th Division Artillery on liaison with 303rd Infantry Division, relieving 1st Lieutenant Raymond R. Kent of Lawrence, Massachusetts who returned to the Command Post. Through Captain H. E. WILLIAMS, it was learned that Service Battery and the Battalion Motor Shop moved to GERMANY-LEO-WISSENBOURG this morning. The Battalion Personnel Section, with the 36th Division Rear, moved to our area in WISSENBOURG. Lieutenant W. MUIBLET, 36th Field Artillery Battalion, brought one self-propelled 155-MM to the battalion which will work with us in the demolition of designated 411 boxes.

Summary of firing: 719 rounds of HE and 59 rounds of Smoke were fired on 35 missions.
22 MARCH 1945

During the night's heavy harassing fire - one 210 mm shell hit the corner of the Command Post building; no casualties to personnel or damage to military property.

Summary of firing: 685 rounds of HE and 30 rounds of Smoke were fired on 26 missions. 2 hits were observed on Nebelwerfer positions.

22 MARCH 1945

The 131st Field Artillery Battalion Company "G" was detached from the battalion late today - and displaced shortly after midnight to their battalion headquarters.

Summary of firing: 496 rounds of HE and 10 rounds of Smoke were fired on 24 missions.

23 MARCH 1945

The Battalion Commander left at 0830 for a road reconnaissance in the vicinity of CHEBRAUSSEN but at 0900 called from 36th Division Artillery Command Post to advise that we will remain in our present area and reinforce the firing of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion, who had moved to this vicinity on the 21st. However at 1115 Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery directed by telephone that the battalion will move this afternoon after the 131st Field Artillery Battalion had displaced, to the vicinity of WEIDEN. Battery Commanders were notified to be ready for reconnaissance at 1215. At the meeting prior to going on reconnaissance the Battalion Commander directed the Battery Commanders be prepared to move their batteries to vicinity of WEIDEN after the 131st Field Artillery Battalion had displaced. The Battalion Commander then left for 36th Division Artillery Command Post with instructions for the Battery Commanders to meet him in the vicinity of WEIDEN and then return to meet their batteries, which would be marched by the Battalion Executive at about 1400.

At 1355 the 131st Field Artillery Battalion cleared the crossroad in WISSENBURG and the Battalion Executive marched the battalion in the order of Headquarters Battery, "G", "F", and "B". At 1405 the first vehicle of the march column crossed over the German border. The column marched slowly due to the heavy road traffic and at 1500 the Battalion Executive left the halted column under supervision of the Battalion S-3, went forward to HERZEBERGH where he met the Battalion Commander. Our march schedule had been changed after the battalion was on the road and we were to follow the 131st Field Artillery Battalion rather than the 131st Field Artillery Battalion. It was therefore necessary to place the battalion in a rendezvous on the outskirts of HERZEBERGH and wait until the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion passed us. (See Map of France 1/50,000 Sheet XXXIV-13 WISSENBURG).
Battalion Commander went on a personal reconnaissance for positions at 1740 and sent a radio message back at 1800 hours for battery commanders to meet him in the vicinity of BULZEBUL. At 1900 hours general began to return for their respective batteries and by 2000 hours the last battery had cleared the rendezvous area - and by 2030 had closed on the rear position area in the vicinity of BULZEBUL. (For route and disposition see Ex - France 1/30,000 Sheet XXXIX-13 NISSEROLEUR). The Battalion Commander directed that batteries be laid for emergency firing only and that preparation could be made for early displacement the following morning to the vicinity of BULZEBUL to reinforce the fires of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion (the 143rd Regimental Combat Team had pushed on the Rhine, the 143rd towards RHENZEBURG). Captain WILLIAM L. BUSH had been dispatched to the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion and was to let us know when they were moving. Battery 6th brought in four prisoners captured in their battery area. These were sent to the prisoner of war camp in BERNHEIM.

Summary of firing: 63 rounds of HE fired on 4 missions.

23 MARCH 1945: At 0300 hours Captain WILLIAM L. BUSH came into the Command Post from the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion to advise the Battalion Commander we could not move in the morning to vicinity of BULZEBUL as the 143rd Regimental Combat Team is still fighting there. 132nd Field Artillery Battalion will move to RHEIN-ZEBERG and then to BULZEBUL when cleared. The Battalion Commander therefore went on a reconnaissance to the BULZEBUL area at 0400. He returned at 0630 and directed the battalion march at 0700 to vicinity of BULZEBUL rather than to BULZEBUL as previously instructed. Warrant Officer CARLO R. SCHAEFER of San Antonio, Texas, arrived at the Command Post and advised that 1st Lieutenant JOHN R. STEWART had been mortally wounded by sniper bullets at 2030 hours last night on the outskirts of BERGENHEIM near NIEDER-BORNACH. Party was on a reconnaissance for new position for Service Battery and while passing a sign which resembled the battalion sign, Lieutenant Stewart dismounted and walked towards the sign when the sniper opened fire. Lieutenant STEWART had faithfully performed his duties as Ammunition Officer for a number of months in both Italy and France. Lieutenant STEWART comes from San Antonio, Texas. Service Battery and Battalion Motor Shop were to be brought to the BERNHEIM position by direction of the Battalion Commander. The Battalion marched under the supervision of the Battalion Executive at 0700 and closed on the BERNHEIM position by 0800 (For route and disposition see Maps GERMANY 1/25,000 Sheets 6011-LEIBEL and 6012-HERZEL). The Battalion registered but did not fire from this position. A total of 6 prisoners were rounded up by the batteries and turned over to the PW cage in BERNHEIM. The Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery visited the Command Post at 1015 and directed the battalion prepare to move to the vicinity of BULZEBUL today with the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion. The
Battalion Control left on a reconnaissance of the area at 1300, with the battery commanders, and ordered the battalion march by batteries when ready. The last battery cleared the GERMEN area at 1300 and it was necessary to take the firing batteries over the third of three reconnoitered roads because muddy roads at 1112 first two would not take the heavy traffic. By 1500 the batteries closed on the BONZEN area (see route and disposition see Map GERMANY 1:25,000 Sheet 6815-HORMEIN). Our mission here was general support of the 36th Infantry Division.

Summary of firing: 161 rounds of HE and 27 rounds of Smoke were fired on 14 missions.

29 MARCH 1945: This morning we received information on division sector from Major BLISS, 36th Division Artillery B-3, that the division sector had been enlarged to include part of the sector of the 71st Infantry Division. We are to continue in general support of the division with priority to the 1/4th Infantry sector. Lieutenant GUSSOT advised this morning that the SP 1-3 155mm gun would be detached from the battalion today. A total of 10 prisoners were brought in by Headquarters Battery and Battery "A", which were sent to the FW cage.

Summary of firing: 254 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke were fired on 12 missions.

26-29 MARCH 45: No important incidents these dates.

On March 29th - 1st Lieutenant STEPHEN, 36th Division Artillery, telephoned that the Commanding General directed we send quartering party to their headquarters at 1600. The town of HORMEIN has been allotted to this battalion for assembly area. 1st Lieutenant ROBERT S. REYNOLDS, Battalion S-2 from Philadelphia, Pa., was detailed by the Battalion Commander to take the survey section on this detail. Battery Commanders were notified we would probably move tomorrow.

Summary of firing:
26 March - 323 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of Smoke fired on 6 missions.
27 March - 67 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of Smoke fired on 5 missions.
28 March - 41 firing this date.

29 MARCH 1945: Captain WALKIN. M. WILNES, Battalion S-4, visited the Command Post and arranged with the Battalion Commander to meet him for reconnaissance in the HORMEIN area. At 0830 Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery directed that the battalion clear the IP in HORMEIN at 1300 (after the 7/6 Reconnaissance) and move via HORMEIN, BISIAU, DEPPELENGW to HORMEIN. The Battalion Commander and Battery
30 MARCH 1945: Local security was established within the battalion by the Battalion Commander. In the 1st March with the staff the Battery Commanders to discuss local security, civilians and arrangements for training. Lacking a staff officer, Captain Michael (AG 3rd Infantry Division) made investigations within the battalion to set up rules and regulations for civilians.

31 MARCH 1945: While at a meeting at 36th Infantry Division Artillery the Battalion Commander called the Battalion Executive at 0600 directing that Battery Commanders meet him at the Battalion Command Post at 1300 for a reconnaissance which took place most of the day. This will not be a tactical one reconnaissances and there will be no move by the battalion today. A half of an hour later 36th Infantry Division Operation Instructions dated 30/3/45 has received: 36th Infantry Division moves on Army order from present position to vicinity of SAINTEHELORE, prepare to garrison, police and support military government in areas west of the Maine and prepare to secure control of responsibility for additional territory in area. Prepare to move on 24-hour notice to an area outside the Seventh Army sector. 36th Infantry Division to move on Division order from present position to vicinity of HOCHBERG over designated route.

The Battalion Commander called again at 0940 and directed the reconnaissance parties be ready to go out at 1030. Upon his return to the Battalion Command Post at 1000, he met with the Battery Commanders and gave them orders issued Operational Instructions from 36th Infantry Division.

Battalion will have several troops in vicinity of HOCHBERG. Reconnaissance today will be for battery commanders to select areas. Will meet 36th Division Artillery Executive at HOCHBERG at 1300 and coordinate with him. Move will be made by the Battalion at 1530 on D-Day (to be announced by 36th Infantry Division later).

Upon the Battalion Commanders return from reconnaissance at 1300, corrected March Orders was received from 36th Infantry Division. 36th Field Artillery Battalion, less Battalion Personnel Section must at BRIEGBERG, to cross IP at 0600 on 1 April, route to be as designated on overlay (IP = ANHEVILLE, BRUGHELLE, BÜRGATZ, LAMISCHUL and HOCHBERG).

Today marks the end of the SECOND YEAR, minus a few hours, for this battalion overseas only.
"BRONZE STAR MEDAL CITATIONS RECEIVED DURING PEACE PERIOD COVERED BELOW"
REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

SECRET

2. Name

Capt. J. D. Church, Battery "C", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Worth, Texas.

Origin of Award

General Orders No. 63, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 14 March 1944.

Date of Deed

16 December 1944.

3. Name

Capt. Robert H. Stuhr, Battery "D", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Detroit, Michigan.

Origin of Award

Section II, General Orders No. 77, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 9 March 1945.

Date of Deed

15 October 1944 and 14 December 1944.

"ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA'S RECEIVED
DURING THIS PERIOD"

1. Name

1st Lieutenant Philip A. Crockery, 01 277 225, Battery "O", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Origin of Award

Section II, General Orders No. 00, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 17 March 1945.

Date of Deed

4 October 1944 to 16 February 1945.

2. Name

Capt. Clarence C. Houston, 01 167 144, Battery "R", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Coffee Springs, Alabama.

Origin of Award

Section I, General Orders No. 72, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 March 1945.

Date of Deed

30 November 1944 to 15 January 1945.

SECRET

N A R A, Date 6-92

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SECRET

1. Name
1st Lieutenant Raymond W. Moore, 01 240 692, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Origin of Award
Section III, General Orders No. 70, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 17 March 1945.

Date of Death
1 December 1944 to 5 February 1945.

"FIFTH LIEUTENANT IN LIEU OF SIXTH. AIR MEDAL RECEIVED DURING THIS PERIOD."

1. Name
2nd Lieutenant Jack Martin, 01 693 871, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Leitchfield, Tenn.

Origin of Award
Section III, General Orders No. 72, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 March 1943.

Date of Death
3 September to 16 October 1944.

"SIXTH. LIEUTENANT IN LIEU OF SEVENTH. AIR MEDAL RECEIVED DURING THIS PERIOD."

1. Name
2nd Lieutenant Jack Martin, 01 693 871, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Leitchfield, Tenn.

Origin of Award
Section IV, General Orders No. 72, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 March 1943.

Date of Death
14 October to 10 December 1944.

SECRET
2. Name
1st Lieutenant Artie F. Svakoda, O1 180 360, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Ellsworth, Kansas.

Origin of Award
Section IV, General Orders No. 72, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 March 1945.

Date of Deed
21 October to 17 December 1944.

"SEVEN OAK LEAF CLUSTER IN LIEU OF EIGHT AIR MEDAL
AWARDED DURING THIS PERIOD"

1. Name
1st Lieutenant Artie F. Svakoda, O1 180 360, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Ellsworth, Kansas.

Origin of Award
Section V, General Orders No. 50, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 17 March 1945.

Date of Deed
15 December 1944 to 9 February 1945.
31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Assignments, Losses, and Changes of Duty of Battalion Officers for the month of March 1945.

1. Captain LERCY L. BELL, O-418653, transferred to the Detachment of Patients, Seventh Army on 12 March 1945.

2. Staff Sergeant BISHOP T. STRICKELL received Battle Field Promotion to 2nd Lieutenant on 17 March 1945. Assigned duty as Motor Officer Battery "G" this battalion.

The following type of casualties occurred during this period:

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DECORATION
Having been assembled in HORBACH (see Map Germany, 1/50,000 Sheet 132, LAHLAU (H)), the battalion was alerted 01 April for displacement to the vicinity of HORBACH on a non-tactical mission; policing and assisting AMG and controlling civilian population. The move was completed prior to 1300 on 1 April (for disposition of units see Map Central Europe, 1/100,000 Sheet U2, KAISERLAUTERN (K)).

Until 1300 hours 9 April the battalion functioned exclusively as an AMG agent and Capt. Moser acted in the capacity of Provost Marshal with offices at 36th Infantry Division Artillery. During this period the following important incidents occurred:

3 - 5 APRIL 1945: Relieved French unit of guard on the Displaced Persons' camp until relieved by the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion (Battery A).

6 APRIL 1945: Screened the town of SANDORF.

8 APRIL 1945: Allied 36th Infantry Division Artillery in the screening of HORBACH.

Throughout the period many civilians and soldiers of various nationalities were brought up for investigation; those not released were turned over to the AMG.

Local security was maintained by each battery, plus a roving patrol for the highways and adjoining areas.

9 APRIL 1945: This battalion was relieved of the mission at HORBACH by elements of the 133rd Infantry and the battalion displaced to the vicinity of HEUSTADT, closing in this new area at 1600. Our mission in this area was the policing of the city, plus local security and manning of outposts. (For disposition of units see Map Germany 1/50,000 Sheet 134, HEUSTADT (H)). The 65th Infantry was relieved of guard in the vicinity of AR yards and at bridges and tunnels along the MEDEH-THAL-HEUSTADT AR line. (See attached copy of location of guard posts).

During the period this battalion was in HEUSTADT, these foremost incidents occurred:

10 APRIL 1945: Discovered one store of concealed weapons and uniforms.

11 APRIL 1945: Discovery made of concealed weapons and explosives.
12 APRIL 1945: quelled threatened disturbance at Displaced Persons Camp No. 1. Large fire in unoccupied house in the vicinity of Battalion Medic Pool discovered at 0100 and brought under control by daylight.

14 APRIL 1945: Battery "C" relieved of guard at Displaced Persons Camp No. 1, one food warehouse and two RR towers by Battery "D", 443 FA (AA). Battery "C" begins one week's training and becomes mobile reserve.

15 APRIL 1945: Detection of children's repudiation of food and PX rations. Offenders rounded up disclosing possible organized "gang". Investigated by ABO.

19 APRIL 1945: Raiding party sent to PSALZGRATEN/STRASSE No. 13, the home of a reported Nazi official, HANS LUTZ. Home searched and some documents found. Official not at home during the raid.

20 APRIL 1945: Forest fire quelled at coords. R206890.

21 APRIL 1945: Battery "C" relieved Battery "B" of guard details and Battery "B" begins one week's training and becomes mobile reserve.

22 APRIL 1945: In addition to guard detail, batteries began preparation for Division Field Inspection on the 25th and Division Artillery Inspection on the 24th.

On this date we were alerted for relief of present mission by the 28th Infantry Division, relief to begin the following day at 0800 24 April. The Battalion Commander directed Captain Bush (Ass't S-3) lead a recon party comprised of members of each battery to the newly designated position in the vicinity of JUNGLIAUER. 36th Infantry Division Operation Instructions directed we will prepare for immediate offensive operations. One platoon of Battery "D", 443 AA was attached to the battalion.

The Battalion Commander ordered that the battalion displace on the 24th in the order, Headquarters, "A", "B", "C", and Services. Track vehicles would follow the column. It is necessary that this procedure aided considerably in keeping the march column moving continuously and rapidly.

24 APRIL 1945: At 0900 the Battalion Commander and Major Gilsen (S-3) departed for General Court sessions at 36th Infantry Division. The battery commanders went forward with their batteries and the column marched at 1215 and closed in the new area.
less track vehicles, at 2200. These vehicles were brought in by Lieutenant Burgo, of Battery "H" shortly after midnight. (For disposition of batteries see Map Germany, 1/100,000 Sheet V-4 ELLENBORG (5)). Fifteen of the battalion's trucks were alerted to move at dawn to haul infantry of the division.

25 APRIL 1945: The Battalion Commander and S-3 returned from court duties at Division headquarters. Battalion began limited training program. Two PZs captured in the vicinity of BERSHEIM at 1600 hours. Two PZs attempted escape in the vicinity of BERSHEIM; one was killed and the other wounded.

26 APRIL 1945: Captain Skinner of 36th Division Artillery alerted the battalion for a possible displacement tomorrow. The Battalion Commander left shortly afterwards for Division Artillery and road reconnaissance. In his absence the battalion S-4 advised that the fifteen trucks absent on the Division road and ten more scheduled to go out on the 27th - the battalion would be immobile. At 1000 the Battalion Commander returned with the information that the battalion's move was temporarily postponed.

27 APRIL 1945: The battalion Commander and S-3 left for Division Artillery OP at 1530 and an hour afterwards the S-3 returned with orders from the Battalion Commander for S-3s to prepare for road reconnaissance at 1030. Battalion tentatively scheduled to move on the 28th. Reconnaissance was completed during the late morning and early afternoon. At 2000 hours the Battalion Commander met with the Staff and S-3s and directed that the battalion displace tomorrow morning to the vicinity of GUNSHURG-SCHÖNBRÜCKEN with available transportation. Surplus property will be left with Service Battery and brought forward to the new area by Lieutenant Johnson...then trucks return from haul.

28 APRIL 1945: Battalion Commander departed at 0830 to new battalion area and the battalion marched in the order, Headquarters, "A", "C", "H", Service and then track vehicles. The column was headed by Major Gilmer, acting Battalion Executive in Major Clarke's absence in England. From 1245 until 1830 the column rendezvoused in the vicinity of GUNSHURG 50000 Map BAVERL, 1/50,000 Sheet 683 "A". The Battalion Commander continued forward on a reconnaissance in the SCHÖNBRÜCKEN area and the column closed in this vicinity at 2230 hours, after travelling about 120 miles during the day. For disposition of batteries see Map GUNSHURG, 1/100,000 Sheet V-5 WINDEN. Our mission was to reinforce the fires of the 111 Field Artillery Battalion, who were in direct support of the 111 Infantry. This battalion was to relieve the 718th FA Battalion of the 63rd Division.
29 APRIL 1945

Lieutenant Lent was dispatched on liaison to the 131 Field Artillery Battalion and Lieutenant Reynolds maintained liaison with 30th Infantry Division artillery and the 36 Field Artillery Group to keep this battalion advised of any contemplated changes. Our further displacement was being held up pending the completion of a bridge over the Leca River. At 0935 the Battalion Commander advised that we would move about noon when the bridge would be completed. Our move would follow the order of: 1st Battalion, 241st Infantry, 131 Field Artillery Battalion, 40th Battalion, 141 Infantry. During the march this battalion was to be prepared to drop trail or continue march, as the situation warranted. The displacement was postponed because of slow movement of vehicles over the narrow bridge and it was not until 0245 the following morning that the battalion left the assembly area. During the hours 1800 to 0100 the Battalion Commander and S-2 made several road reconnaissances.

In this area the personnel of the batteries were given an opportunity to witness the remains of one of the well known enemy concentration camps.

30 APRIL 1945

Having departed from the former area shortly before 0300 rest and breakfast was given to the column in the vicinity of BIASIL. Twelve prisoners were captured during this respite. The Battalion Commander went forward to contact the 1st Battalion 141 Infantry and returned to meet the marching column on the outskirts of SIEGHAUT on the LURA Rear. Battery "A" was directed to leave the column and prepare for firing on a road block protected by enemy artillery on the other side of the LURA REAR. Other batteries were directed to remain in readiness in the vicinity of SIEGHAUT (See Map HVARIA 1/100,000 Sheet X-5 SIEGHAUT). There was no firing on this obstacle by Battery "A", but the battalion was ordered to remain in this area overnight, prepared to displace early on the morning of 1 May and to march behind the 131 Field Artillery Battalion and continue to reinforce the fires of this unit.

In this area notice was received of the combat appointment of Sergeant Griffin of Battery "B" to 2nd Lieutenant.
# Headquarters 155th Field Artillery Battalion

### A.P.C. No. 36, U.S. Army

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### Battalion Staff

- **Bn. Cmdr.:**
  - Lt. Col. 0 333,741
- **Bn. Exec. Off.:**
  - Maj. 0 199,453
- **Bn. S-3:**
  - Capt. 0 255,409
- **Asst. S-3:**
  - Capt. 0 295,013
- **Exec Off. & P. O.:**
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  - Capt. 0 415,562
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  - Capt. 01 166,693
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  - Capt. 01 167,174
- **Asst. S-2:**
  - Capt. 01 176,092
- **Unassigned:**
  - Capt. 01 175,075
- **Aerial Obs. Non-Pilot:**
  - Capt. 01 181,319
- **Bn. Med. Off.:**
  - Capt. 01 689,338
- **Bn. Pers. Off.:**
  - Capt. 42 108,253

### Headquarters Battery

- **Bn. Cmdr. & Commo. Off.:**
  - Capt. 01 166,667
- **Asst. Commo. Off.:**
  - Capt. 01 170,886
- **Aerial Obs. Pilot:**
  - Capt. 01 180,360
- **Aerial Obs. Pilot:**
  - Capt. 01 661,871

### Battery "A"

- **Bn. Cmdr.:**
  - Capt. 01 165,012
- **Bn. Exec. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 175,915
- **Bn. Recon. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 172,638
- **Bn. Mtr. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 180,599

### Battery "B"

- **Bn. Cmdr.:**
  - Capt. 01 167,111
- **Bn. Exec. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 703,017
- **Bn. Recon. Off.:**
  - 2nd Lt. 02 055,216
- **Bn. Mtr. Off.:**
  - 2nd Lt. 01 692,580

### Battery "C"

- **Bn. Cmdr.:**
  - Capt. 0 404,452
- **Bn. Exec. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 177,328
- **Bn. Recon. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 177,102
- **Bn. Mtr. Off.:**
  - 2nd Lt. 02 013,659

### Service Battery

- **Bn. Cmdr.:**
  - Capt. 01 167,257
- **Bn. Exec. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 168,543
- **Bn. Recon. Off.:**
  - 1st Lt. 01 175,705
- **Bn. Mtr. Off.:**
  - 2nd Lt. 02 130,731
- **Asst. S-4:**
  - 2nd Lt. 02 130,731

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There were no casualties occurred during this period.

"AWARDS"
"BRONZE STAR MEDAL CITATIONS RECEIVED DURING PERIOD OUTSIDE HENAN"

1. Name
S/Sgt Eugene H. Darroon, 38060 464, Battery "B", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Paducah, Texas.

Origin of Award
General Orders No. 136, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 26 April 1945.

Date of Deed
15 December 1944.

2. Name
Captain William J. Jescup, 0 415 059, Headquarters, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Houston, Texas.

Origin of Award
General Orders No. 114, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 2 April 1945.

Date of Deed
19 October 1944.

3. Name
Private First Class Raymond H. Loebigal, Battery "C", 155th Field Artillery Battalion, Wilmington, California.

Origin of Award
General Orders No. 114, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 2 April 1945.

Date of Deed
From 15 August to 20 October 1944.
155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

CP RAINTIS IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA FROM 1 MAY TO 10 MAY 1945

1 MAY 1945: During the afternoon of 30 April, Battery "A" went into firing position at cordia, 1653-218, and Batteries E and F, 1910 into positions of readiness, all in the vicinity of Seeshaupt on the Isarquelle (see Lap Bavaria, 1/50,000 Sheet Wilhelms). The artillery covered road block had confronted the 1st Battalion, 111st Infantry whom we were following. During the night this road block was cleared by other elements and Battery "A" fired one round (preparation) in the vicinity of Hellbrunn (cordia 204-13). The battalions mission was reinforcing the fires of the 111th Field Artillery Battalion, who were in direct support of 111st Infantry.

Early in the morning of 1 May the Battalion Commander visited the 111th Field Artillery Battalion and 1st Battalion, 111st Infantry CP's and at 0645 directed by telephone for batteries to close station and prepare to displace. Upon his return to the CP he met with the Battery Commanders and advised that Battery "A" would displace to the vicinity of Penzberg and Battery "E" to go into firing position and the other two into positions of readiness as the infantry were supporting was meeting some resistance.

The battalion displace shortly before noon and closed in Reins at 1240, for route and disposition see Lap Bavaria, 1/50,000 Sheet 91h Tols). No rounds were fired from these positions and following the progress of the infantry the battalion was again on the road at 1545; the Battalion Commander and CP's had gone forward to reconnoiter positions in the vicinity of Bad Hellbrunn. The battalion Executive led the column to this new area and closed in at 1630 (For route and disposition see Lap Bavaria 1/50,000 Sheet 91h Tols).

Summary of firing - 16 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of smoke fired on 2 missions.

2 - 3 May 1945: Nine prisoners were brought in by Battery "A" during the morning of 2 May, and late in the afternoon radio broadcasts announced the surrender of German troops in Italy and Western Austria.

Lieutenant sent was dispatched on liaison to the 111th Field Artillery Battalion. In the morning of 3 May he advised us that the 3rd Battalion, 111st Infantry was moving south through the 1st and 2nd Battalions and it was possible we might move today with the 111th Field
Artillery Battalion. The Battalion Commander returned at 1:00 from
the 131st Field Artillery CP. At a meeting with the B.O.'s he advised
that the 11lst Infantry was moving two batteries eastward; as soon as
2nd Battalion clears we would move and remain in "positions of readiness"
until 131st Field Artillery Battalion passes us; then we would con-
tinue move eastward.

The battalion prepared to displace at 1530 but a
message from the Battalion Commander, who had gone forward, changed
the original plans. We would go into position at Bastelz and cover
the 3rd Battalion, 11lst Infantry working to the south.

At 1545 the battalion closed on Bastelz and the
three firing batteries immediately went into position (For disposition
see Map Battery 1/30,000 Sheet 91W Tols).

Summary of firing: May 2 - 162 rounds of HE and 9
rounds of smoke were fired on 3 missions.

May 3 - 45 rounds of HE and 15
rounds of smoke were fired on 6 missions.

4 MAY 1945:
Lt. Colonel McGeehan, Executive, 11lst Infantry,
advised us that the unit we are supporting has been
directed to proceed south. We will be relieved by the 937th Field
Artillery Battalion in our support mission.

At 0830 the Battalion Commander visited Division
Artillery CP and directed upon his return at 0845 for Battery "H"
to close station and prepare to go eastward with the 131st Field
Artillery Battalion on 137 units notice. Also Battery "D" was directed
to move south. Headquarters and Battery "A" would move eastward, after
"A" ceased firing, to the new vicinity of Battery "H". Battery "G" would
remain in new position until relieved by elements of 937th Field
Artillery Battalion.

By 0845 Batteries "H" and "D" had displaced - but
Battery "G" did not close on new position as the 937th was already on
the road - moving towards the area in which they were to relieve
Battery "G". Therefore Battery "G" was put in rendezvous and at
1145 was directed by the Battalion Commander to displace to coorids.
03L-09S (vicinity Tegseuse) and there to wait for Headquarters Battery.
Battery "A" would remain in present position, covering 3rd Battalion,
11lst Infantry until 937 Field Artillery is ready to fire.

At 1300 Headquarters Battery displaced to the vicinity
Tegseuse and by 1700 Batteries "A" and "G" were in this rea (For
disposition see Map Germany, 1/100,000 Schlierssee 1-6)
The Battalion Commander visited Division Artillery CP during the evening and upon his return at 2300 called the battery commanders to be ready to displace at 0800 tomorrow morning. We will move towards Eiselheim and pick up some infantry personnel (1st BN 1/11) in the vicinity Neuhai.

Summary of firing - 48 rounds of HE and 1 round of smoke fired on 4 missions.

5 MAY 1945: The Battalion Commander went forward at 0700 to the 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry in Neuhai and at 0800 the Battalion Executive led the battalion. Enroute a message was received from Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery to the Battalion Commander to report to Division Artillery CP before marching the battalion. This message was relayed to the Battalion Commander and the Battalion Executive, after putting Captain Bush in charge of the marching column, stopped at the Division Artillery Headquarters CP. From there he went with the Commanding General to 36th Infantry Division CP and was ordered to bring one battery back into position near Tegernsee to support 9th Company, 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry. The Battalion Executive then followed the column to Neuhai where the batteries were assembled and delivered the message to the Battalion Commander, who directed 9th Battery to return to their former position until 111th was relieved by 143 Infantry or other elements.

At 1400, Headquarters Battery and Batteries "A" and "B" began march into Austria and closed on Sparchen at 1530. (See May Germany 1/100,00 Schliersee for disposition of batteries). Battery "C" in direct support of Company "C", 1st Battalion 111th Infantry was in the vicinity of Hagrain, Germany.

At 1900 the Battalion Commander brought a message from Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery relating the surrender of Germany Army Group "C" effective at 1200 06 May. "All units in place. Do not fire unless fired upon. Forward units of 7th Army are directed to remain in place and cease all combat at once. (All instructions from S.I.A.E.) Later we learned that Battery "C" had fired 9 rounds into a Gestapo Headquarters causing large fire when the above was announced over the radio.

Service Battery moved to Sparchen later in the evening but Battery "C" remained in the Tegernsee area until 09 May.

Period 6 - 10 May 1945: Our mission was supporting the enforcement of terms of surrender. 06 May - Major Gilmer was placed on SD at 36th Division Artillery and Captain Moser became Acting Executive. Major Clarke still was absent on England pass.
7 May - Battalion Commander returns from Division Artillery Co at 1800 and brings message that all land, sea and air forces in European Theater will cease hostilities at 0900 09 May. The battalion reverts to Division Artillery control.

The Battalion Personnel Section moved to Kufstein with 36th Division Rear today.

9 May 1945: Lieutenant Blair reports to the battalion for duty and is assigned to Battery "C". Lieutenant Stennell is transferred to 131st Field Artillery Battalion.

Our mission was changed this date to responsibility of guard circulation control in the vicinity of Kufstein including guard of Displaced Persons Camp, PW Camp, outposts and roving patrol.

We were to release elements of 111st RCT of this mission. By morning of May 10, all batteries had moved to the vicinity of Kufstein and the battalion had assumed the responsibility assigned.

There were no casualties during the period covered herein.
E X H I B I T S:

A - Officers roster.
B - Officers Duty Changes.
C - S-3 Reports (attached to Original).
D - Maps (attached to Original).
E - Daily Reports of firing (attached to Original).

[Signature]

STANLEY B. HUTH
MG, USA
Unit Historian
HEADQUARTERS, 155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.F.C. No. 36, U.S. Army

10 May 1945

C.O.'S LATIN NOTES

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HEADQUARTERS, 155th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.F.C. No. 36, U. S. Army

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: The following are the list of Assignments and Re-Assignments made in this battalion during the period covered herein:

1. Having been transferred to this battalion per Para 3, Special Orders No. 55, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 May 1945, Capt. WELZ E. BLAIR, 02 OIC 748, is hereby assigned to Battery "A" this battalion as Motor Officer, vice 2nd Lt. STANLEY F. MILLER, 02 OIC 696, transferred.

2. Captain RICHARD L. MALA, 0 415 562, is relieved of duties as Battalion Liaison Officer and Forward Observer and is reassigned no duties assigned.

3. Captain YLAVI A. KUURLA, 01 166 593, Battalion Staff Unassigned, is reassigned as Battalion Liaison Officer and Forward Observer, vice Captain RICHARD L. MALA, reassigned.

4. Captain GERALD W. BENT, 01 165 012, is relieved of duties as Battery Commander, Battery "A", and is reassigned as Battalion T.E.O. Officer.

5. 1st Lt. CHARLES A. BENT, 01 175 505, is relieved of duties as Executive Officer, Battery "A", and is reassigned as Battery Commander, Battery "A", vice Captain GERALD W. BENT, reassigned.

6. 1st Lt. RALPH W. SAUL, 01 172 638, is relieved of duties as Reconnaissance Officer, Battery "A", and is reassigned as Executive Officer, Battery "A", vice 1st Lt. CHARLES A. BENT, reassigned.

7. 1st Lt. CHARLES J. OBERPH, 01 175 075, Battalion Staff Unassigned, is reassigned to Battery "A", as Reconnaissance Officer, vice 1st Lt. RALPH W. SAUL, reassigned.

8. 1st Lt. RALPH F. MALA, Jr., 01 180 599, is relieved of duties as Battery Officer, Battery "A", and is reassigned as Battalion Special Service Officer.

9. 2nd Lt. LEONARD B. GORDON, 02 014 920, Battalion Staff Unassigned, is reassigned to Battery "A" as Battery Officer, vice 2nd Lt. RALPH F. MALA, Jr., reassigned.

10. 1st Lt. PAUL F. KUURLA, 01 181 319, is relieved of duties as Aerial Observer, Non-pilot status and reassigned to Service Battery as Battalion Ammunition Officer.
455th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

HISTORY FROM 10 May to 31 May 45

From 5 May to 10 May the battalion was in the vicinity of SPARCH, Austria, located about one mile outside of KUFSTEIN, Austria. On 10 May the batteries were moved to the immediate vicinity of KUFSTEIN and organized guard and security details in support of the Military Government. These details included guard of one displaced persons camp, a prisoner of war enclosure, used car lot (captured enemy vehicles), and two roving patrols. The Battalion's Personnel Section was with the 36th Infantry Division near St. Valentin in the city of KUFSTEIN. (See Map Austria, 1/50,000, Sheet X-6/4 KUFSTEIN). For off duty hours recreational facilities were made available at a nearby lake on the outskirts of the town.

The battalion was alerted on 11 May for displacement to an area near WINDHAUSEN, move to be made on 14 May. This however was changed the following day, and reconnaissance was directed by the Battalion Commander to be made by 1st Lieutenant Raymond F. Kent, Lawrence, Mass., Battalion Assistant S-2, to the vicinity of KEILINGEN, BAVARIA; displacement of the battalion would not take place until 15 May; the battalion was requested by 36th Infantry Division Artillery to furnish 23 trucks to haul personnel of the 141st Infantry Regiment.

On 15 May the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford E. Snow, of Amarillo, Texas and Captain August C. Loser Jr., the battalion S-3, of Dallas, Texas and eighteen enlisted men of the battalion left for the United States. This was the first quota of World War II Veterans of this battalion to return to the United States. In the absence of the Battalion Executive, on leave in the United Kingdom, and Major Lawrence D. Gilmer having been transferred a few days earlier to the 36th Infantry Division Artillery, the departing Battalion Commander directed that Captain William L. Rush, of Vane Hill, Arkansas, Assistant Battalion S-3, assume command of the battalion pending the return of Major James A. Clarke, of San Antonio, Texas, from England. The same day Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Artillery orally directed Major Gilmer to rejoin the battalion until the Battalion Executive returned to the unit.

On 15 May the battalion, headed by Captain Sylvan A. Garfunkel of Savannah, Georgia, marched the battalion to the new area in the vicinity of KEILINGEN via KUFSTEIN, DEGENHOFEN, LIESEBACH, BAD TOLZ, PFANZEBRUECK, SCHONGAU, KAUFBEURG, BUSCHHOE, and KEILINGEN and closed in at 2230 hours. (See Map BAVARIA 1/50,000 Sheet 80 KEILINGEN).
The following day, 16 May, by HQ, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, Major Lawrence D. Gilmer, Houston, Texas, was placed on Special Duty with the battalion as Battalion Commander and Major Earl G. Lasseter, Abilene, Texas, was assigned to this battalion, but placed on Special Duty with 36th Infantry Division Artillery. The battalion's mission in this area was guard and policing in the sectors formerly occupied by the 698th Field Artillery Battalion and 451st AAA Battalion, who were relieved by this unit. Guard posts included a displaced persons camp, one monastery, one prisoner of war camp, one Red Cross supply warehouse, one used car lot and roving patrols, plus local security - all in the vicinity of LHBG. The Battalion Command Post, Headquarters Battery and Battery "A" were actually located in a suburb of LHBG (Hamburg). The other batteries were in the city of LHBG.

On 17 May the Battalion Personnel Section moved with the 36th Infantry Division Rear to LHBG, and the next day Major James T. Clarke returned to the battalion and assumed command, with Major Gilmer as Acting Executive in the absence of Major Lasseter. Battery "C" and Service Battery were moved to the area near Headquarters Battery and a barracks arrangement for all personnel was set up in the group of houses formerly occupied by families of German Air Forces.

Within a day or two, baseball diamonds were made in some of the batteries; these, with boating and swimming at a nearby lake, provided recreational facilities for personnel in off duty hours. Baseball and softball games were scheduled and played within the battalion and with other units of Division Artillery.

On 31 May Battery "A" was relieved of guard duties and began a week of training in accordance with training schedule set up by the battalion S-3. Battery "A" was moved to the far outskirts of LHBG in order to be near the displaced persons camp which they were to guard.

Eighteen more enlisted men departed on 22 May for the United States, and Major Lawrence D. Gilmer was transferred back to the battalion from 36th Division Artillery. With Major Gilmer as Executive Officer, the Battalion Commander directed that Captain Waldo M. Vines, Pinson, Alabama, Command of Service Battery and battalion S-4, be brought to the Battalion Staff and take over the duties of Adjutant, thereby centralizing all administrative matters. This change took place on 27 May. Captain Richard J. Hanly, of Dallas, Texas, returned to the battalion from Temporary Duty in the United States on the 28th and was placed in Service Battery at Commander and S-4. This same day Headquarters and Service Battery relieved of guard duties and began a week's training. Battery "A" returned to guard duties the night before.
At the end of each week's training the respective batteries were inspected by the Battalion Commander and Staff. Inspection was made of quarters, motors, material, and kitchens.

Passes for personnel to Paris and furloughs to England were issued through higher echelons, but these were on a smaller scale than when the unit was in combat.

At the end of the month the Battalion was manning a total of 15 guard posts and security details, which included two displaced persons camps, one prisoner of war stockade, a captured enemy vehicle lot, 5 banks in the city of LEMAH, A/SG Headquarters, security check point (corpus X755-245), a shoe warehouse, water works and three roving patrols - plus local security within the various organizations. Court duties necessitated the release of Captain GerFunkel from the Provost Marshal assignment, which was taken over by 1st Lieutenant Raymond F. Kent, Battalion Assistant S-2.

EXHIBITS:

A = Officers Roster.
B = Officer Duty Changes.
C = Unit Journal.
D = Missions Flown by Air Section.
E = S-3 Reports.
F = Maps.

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By RB/15C NARA, Date 8-6-72
AWARD OF THE PROFICIENCY SERVICE RIBBON

1. L Bản
   Service battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion.

   Origin of Awar
   Section I, General Orders No. 187, 36th Infantry Division,
   dated 21 May 1945.

   Date of Deed
   1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945.

   "Air medals ordinary received
   Lutg. Neg. 15-59".

2. L B
   Griffin, Lorraine, and Lt. 0-001423 (then 5/4sgt, btry "C", ) 155th
   Field artillery battalion, Fort Worth, Texas.

   Origin of Awar
   Section II, General Orders No. 178, 36th Infantry Division,
   dated 16 May 1945.

   Date of Deed
   2 March to 24 March 1945.

3. L B
   Blair, John M. and Lt. 0-001176, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field
   Artillery Battalion (then a member of 131st Field Artillery Battalion),
   Plano, Texas.

   Origin of Awar
   Section III, General Orders No. 178, 36th Infantry Division,
   dated 16 May 1945.

   Date of Deed
   10 March to 25 March 1945.
31 May 1945.

SUBJ: Assignments, leaves, and Changes of Duty of Battalion Officers for the period from 10 May to 31 May 1945.

1. Capt. Wm. C. Taylor, O-176 092, in addition to his other duties is designated as Provost Marshal, vice Capt. Killen.

2. 2nd Lt. James A. Johnson, O-175 075, in addition to his other duties, is designated as Assistant Provost Marshal.

3. Capt. Robert L. Davis, O-1167257, in addition to his other duties is designated as Battalion Adjutant and Battalion Real Estate Officer.

4. having been transferred to this Battalion per Par. 4. Special Orders No. 105, headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 20 May 1945, Maj. William G. B. LaBoblin, O-291956, is assigned to headquarters, 105th Field Artillery Battalion. No duty assigned.
1 June 1945: From 1 June to 14 June, the Battalion was in the vicinity of Eglisheim, continuing its mission in support of the Military Government, and guarding the Displaced Persons' Camps, one Prisoner of War Camp, and Captured Vehicle lot, five tanks, Military Government Headquarters, an air-raid shelter, and a waterwork, in addition to maintaining a security check point at coordinates (X785–848). (See map Ravensberg X–4 1/100,000). During this two weeks, guard was handled by rotation among the batteries, keeping one battery free at all times for one week training periods. The time was also marked by continuous calls upon the battalion for large tracking details to haul displaced persons, prisoners of war and troops.

On 3 June ten men were sent to the Battalion personnel to the United States to assist in returning displaced persons. On 8 June began a period of continuous reconnaissance for suitable billets in a new area, to which the Battalion was alerted to move on or about 14 June. The general area of the new location was designated as "vicinity Leuhesten," in relief of certain elements of the 100th Infantry Division. On 8 June, a copy of the overlay showing the new Division Artillery area was received, and on 10 June, Operations Instructions No. 24, 36th Infantry Division indicated that this division was to be relieved in sector by XX Corps Artillery and 80th Infantry Division.

On 10 June, orders were received transferring 1st Lt. Raymond F. Kent to HQ 36th Infantry; Division Artillery, and transferring Major Lassiter to the 122nd Field Artillery Battalion. Lt. Kent's orders were revoked on 12 June.

The move to the new area was begun on 13 June when Able Battery, led by Captain Robert E. Reynolds, moved to Unterhainbach, near Lembach, to relieve the 397th Infantry in that area of five guard posts and a check point on the French area boundary. The remainder of the battalion moved the following day, 14 June, occupying billets discovered only after the most prolonged and persistent reconnaissance in the following towns: Headquarters Battery, Grenzhausen (CP vicinity Hohen); Baker Battery, Buhl; Charlie Battery, Buhl; D Battery, Buhl; Service Battery, in Leuhesten. (See map Germany 1/100,000 sheet X–4 Ravenberg.

Shortly after arrival in the new area, orders were received to form an Alert Battery, complete with one howitzer and 20 rounds of ammunition, ready to move on 30 minutes notice to suppress riots and disturbances within Division Sector. Zeker Battery was designated as the first Battery for this duty.

As usual upon arrival in a new area, work was immediately begun on athletic and recreation fields, and the batteries were soon competing in a comprehensive program of athletics. Guard duties being less onerous than in the last position, more men were free to take part in this activities, and considerable spirit was built into the program.

The month was marked by sporadic and increasing departures of
men and officers with high point totals, and by the end of the period, such a complete turn-over of personnel had been effected as to reduce actual efficiency of the battalion below minimum operational requirements. This was partially due to understrength of the battalion, and partially the inevitable result of throwing together new personnel and officers into the mould of a unit which operated with an entirely different personnel than that from which they came. From a loosely knit organization which functioned smoothly and with a minimum of supervision — the natural result of long continued operations in close cooperation — the unit degenerated into one where it was not enough to depend upon the action patterns of habit, and where orientation and acquaintance of personnel had to be accomplished before the unit spirit and operational efficiency could be regained. On 2 June ten men, as noted above, departed for the UK. On 6 June, four more men with scores of over 100 points were alerted for departure. On 6 June all men with 50 or more points were alerted for departure the next day.

At the same time, Major James T. Clarke, Battalion Commander; Major Lawrence D. Gilmer, Battalion Executive; Captain Clarence C. Newsome, Captain Harry C. Pratts, 1st Lt. Floyd C. Ford, 1st Lt. Charles A. Rent, 1st Lt. Phillip A. Ocockey and 1st Lt. Brown W. Snow were alerted to leave. Captain Newsome, Captain Pratts and Lieutenant Rent were granted 36 hour delay to turn over property to their relieving Battery Commanders. On 29 June the 60 men alerted the day before went to the 63rd Division and 44 men were alerted men and 6 officers were alerted to depart on 30 June.

In contrast, reinforcements were received from various units, largely the 63rd Infantry Division, the 106th Infantry Division and the 12th Armored Division — in the following groups: twelve enlisted men on 21 June; fourteen enlisted men on 21 June; eight enlisted men on 23 June; twenty-eight enlisted men and one officer on 26 June; ten enlisted men on 27 June; twenty enlisted men on 27 June; thirty-four enlisted men on 29 June; Lt. Col. Donald C. Bierce, the new battalion commander and three other officers on 28 June; ten enlisted men and four officers of 30 June. The totals reflect the condition of the battalion at the end of the month: 10 officers and 21 enlisted men and three officers and 19 enlisted men received.

Easily the most important happenings of the month involved the departure from the unit of those two-hundred and thirty-two veterans of fighting in four countries, and the attendant emotional upwelling, in which it is feared, not too much attention was paid to the prosaic every-day military matters of occupation and operations. The receipt of new personnel and inevitable mixing-up of group with group, and the subsequent efforts of new men and officers and old men and officers to salvage some military cohesion took precedence. The fact that such cohesion was salvaged and the unit continued to perform its mission, in spite of the upheaval, is a tribute to both the old and the new.

Otherwise, the month was marked by few unusual occurrences; news was received on 20 June of the promotion of 1st Lt. Harold W. Bailey to the grade of Captain; on 29 June Private Everett Harrick of Charlie Battery was accidentally killed in a motor accident; the special court for trial of an enlisted man of the battalion was dissolved when the defendant became absent without leave; the usual rates of trucks were sent off on hauling details.
ranging from one to seven days; a Division Artillery parade was scheduled for 25 June and subsequently cancelled indefinitely; on 25 June Baker Battery was relieved at short notice and replaced by Charlie Battery; Captain Robert E. Reynolds reported for hospitalization on 18 June and returned on 26 June; passed to Paris, Nancy and the United Kingdom, although nearly at the vanishing point, continued; and increasingly unfavorably comment on the unworkable non-fraternization policy went on and on.

During this month, the policy of a centralized Division Artillery Post Exchange was continued, and although considerable improvement was shown over the first distribution, it still left much to be desired. The addition of another line for the men to "speak", coupled with an apparent reduction in rations could not but have a deleterious effect on morale. One very bad example of distribution was evident when only a small amount of beer was available for purchase by only part of the personnel of the Division Artillery.

At the end of the month, the battalion was manning the usual total of guard posts and security details.
HEADQUARTERS, 155TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.P.C. Lt. Co. 36, U.S. Army

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Major 015943
Lt. Col. 0235400
Captain 027730
Captain 01163012
Captain 01166953
Captain 014360
Captain 01167172
Captain 01167257
1st Lt. 01176692
1st Lt. 01180399

Lt. Col. 021853

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
Captain 01166867
1st Lt. 01170886
1st Lt. 01180360
2nd Lt. 02011746

BATTERY "A"
1st Lt. 01173945
1st Lt. 01173975
1st Lt. 01172536
2nd Lt. 02011746

BATTERY "B"
1st Lt. 01167141
1st Lt. 01703017
1st Lt. 01692580
1st Lt. 02055216

BATTERY "C"
Captain 0404452
1st Lt. 01177320
1st Lt. 01177102
2nd Lt. 02055216

SERVICE BATTERY
Captain 01168363
Captain 0415562
1st Lt. 01181319
WKG 02139731

MEDICAL DETACHMENT
Captain 01685338

30 June 1945

Lt. Col. 021853
Lt. Col. 0235400

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Lt Duty Asst.
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Asst Adjutant

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Asst Commo O.
Aerial Obs Pilot
Btry Lotor O.

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Btry Exec O.

En Lotor O.
Btry Comdr & En S-4
Train Comdr
Asst S-4

Medical O.
SUBLIST: The following are the list of assignments and re-assignments made in this battalion during June 1943:

1. 1st Lt. MALKIN, F. K. G., 01360592, in addition to his other duties is assigned as Provost Marshal, vice Capt. B. P. P. G. A. G., 01374667, relieved.

2. 1st Lt. ONASSIS, J. G. G., 01375079, in addition to his other duties is assigned as Assistant Provost Marshal.

3. Capt. KICHLER, B. K., 01375592, Battalion Staff Unassigned, is reassigned as Battery Commander and S-4 Service Battery, vice Capt. KICHLER, L. J., 01374567, relieved.

4. Capt. LAMARE, K. B., 01374792, is relieved of duties as Battery Commander and S-4 Service Battery, and is reassigned to Battalion Staff, in duty assigned.

5. 2nd Lt. HILL, E. S., 02021766, is relieved of duties as Battery Officer, Btry. G, and is reassigned as Battery Officer, 4th Btry.

6. Capt. KICHLER, A. G. G., 01366993, is relieved of duties as Battalion Liaison Officer and Forward Observer, in duty assigned.

7. Capt. KICHLER, K. B., 01367557, Battalion Staff Unassigned, is reassigned as Battalion Liaison Officer and Forward Observer, vice Capt. KICHLER, A. G. G., 01374567, reassigned.

8. 1st Lt. BROWN, F. R., 01380966, Battalion Staff Unassigned, is reassigned as Battalion Forward Observer.

9. Having been assigned to this battalion per par 5 BQ 139 dHQ 36th Infantry Division, 30 June 1943, Capt. KICHLER, B., 0133863, is assigned to Headquarters and assigned duty as Battalion S-3.

10. Having been assigned to this battalion per WOG 36th Inf Div, 30 June 1943, Lt. Col. WILSON, C. E. E. E. E., 0213942, assumed command of 155th Field Artillery Battalion.
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165TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

OPERATIONS B. GERMANY F/E. 1 JULY TO 31 JULY 45

The first of July found the battalion still in a state of suspended animation, breath, although discernible, was faint, and pulse was feeble and erratic. The usual guard duties were carried on, although, it is felt that they were done with something less than the customary zeal. A move projected for the end of the first week of the month serves further to augment the general tone of flatulence and indifference of the entire situation. During that week, nine new officers were received into the battalion and six old ones left.

The move, affected in order to permit realignment of various national occupational boundaries, was preceded by a reconnaissance under Captain Gerald D. Leck, S-1, whose familiarity with the area made him the most suitable officer for the job. The area in the vicinity of Lorch, nine kilometres west of Schwabisch Gmund, contained some forty huts, only three of which were deemed suitable for occupation by a victorious and dignified army. Locations were accordingly selected in Plauerhausen, (26.3 - 23.6), for Headquarters and Able Batteries; in Alcoft, (45.5 - 29.1), for Baker and Charlie Batteries; and in Lorch, (44.4 - 24.0) for Service Battery. The billets were, in general, above average, those of four batteries lending themselves quite satisfactorily to a barracks-like arrangement, in conformity with current directives. At 1500 hours on the 7th of the month, the 68 mile march began, and the battalion closed in its new area at 2030 hours. Since the new officers of the battalion were not familiar with certain unwritten SOP of the Division, an unfortunate contretemps arose when Division Artillery was not informed of the time of clearing old area and closing in new area. A satisfactory solution was achieved without bloodshed.

Immediately began the job of accomplishing the battalion mission - security and control of sector. Five normal targets and a roving checkpoint comprised the battalion's responsibilities for guard.

Although the move occasioned the usual amount of confusion in an outfit, which, albeit, designed for mobility, can quickly become accustomed to the comfort of a settled life in desirable billets, it was a most fortunate circumstance for the discipline of the entire battalion in that it gave the Battalion Commander an opportunity to begin, as it were, anew in a new area with a new battalion. All that went before was allowed to become part of a not greatly regretted past. Rather than continue in a location filled with old associations, where new control must inevitably be faced with latent, perhaps unconscious hostility, he was afforded the opportunity of severing the past from

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the future and making a complete new start. An immediate improve-
ment was noticeable, both in discipline and in operation. The 
unconstructed minority of old-timers, while not relinquishing one 
bit of their accumulated superiority, graciously fit themselves 
into the new picture. This is not to say that all the difficulties 
bound to face an understrength battalion were immediately swept 
avay in one fell stroke, for, indeed, they are still being rooted 
out. But the groundwork was laid for the building of a new unit 
spirit.

During the second week of the month, considerable shifting of 
oficer strength continued. The Battalion Commander called a meeting 
of battery commanders on 9 July, and oriented them in his policy con-
cerning uniforms, discipline, care of equipment, drill schedules and 
operations; on the following day he addressed the entire battalion 
at a formation in the Service Battery Area in Lorch. This was Lt.Col. 
Beere's first opportunity to meet all the men of his battalion, and 
he took advantage of it to welcome newcomers, and to reassure old-
timers. On the 10th of the month, Major Ross Ayers was assigned to 
the battalion, and assumed duties as Executive Officer. On the 13th 
Major Ayers was transferred from the battalion to the 1st Armored 
Division.

On Friday the 13th of July at 1300 hours, the two liaison pilots 
1st Lt. George L. Hall and 1st Lt. Harry G. Green crashed to their 
death in a Fiesler trainer aircraft, whose model number 256 has the 
digital total of 13, while the parachute Lt. Hall was wearing bore the 
number 13. The crash followed the disintegration of the left wing of 
the plane just after the latter completed a snap roll and as it began 
what apparently was to have been an inside loop. Upon receipt of the 
news at the Battalion Command Post, 1st Lt. Clyde W. Clark was assigned 
Investigating Officer to determine the cause of death of the two offi-
cers. The Battalion Commander visited the scene of the crash and later 
visited the Graves Registration Office to identify the bodies. The 
funeal took place on 17 July, and the Battalion Commander attended 
with members of the unit, paying their last respects.

Beginning 21 July 1945, the battalion participated in the Opera-
tion Tallyho, in which a projected check of each individual and building 
in the entire zone was carried out. The operation began at 0500 hours 
with the posting of road guards at strategic points throughout the area. 
These guards were furnished by other units occupying billets in the 
battalion area. The personnel and building check was accomplished by 
a group of eight teams, each under officer supervision. According to 
instructions, the Burgomasters of the various towns were alerted about 
thirty minutes before their towns were to be checked, and instructed to 
have all inhabitants remain inside their homes until the inspection was 
completed. Teams worked simultaneously in various parts of the towns, 
first checking each individual for identification papers, and then
thoroughly searching the building for contraband and evidence of Black Market operations. By means of a carefully devised schedule, every hamlet in the entire area was checked in a relatively thorough manner, and the operation was completed 48 hours later with a check of all military personnel. The results indicated the value of the entire project, in that a large number of individuals were detected travelling without permits, a few Staff members were uncovered, and the inhabitants of the entire area were snapped back to a realization that military control was present, alert and effective. No large amounts of contraband were found, nor were any definite indications of subversive activities.

The faults of the operation were largely inherent in the plan employed. First, it was too ambitious and comprehensive to be accomplished by the personnel available in the time permitted. A thoroughly satisfactory check of even one of the three larger towns contained in the area, properly executed, would require the entire strength of the battalion and all the 48 hours allowed. This overextension may have partially derived from the apparently widespread apprehension that a Division Artillery is equal in strength to an Infantry Regiment, and that an Artillery Battalion is equal in strength to an Infantry Battalion. Second, to achieve complete surprise and consequently complete effectiveness, all towns - if possible, all homes - in the entire area must be hit simultaneously, without warning. By spreading the operation over 48 hours, all towns not reached in the first day had ample opportunity to conceal or dissemble any form of contraband, subversion or other illegality. To check completely any community, its utter isolation from the rest of the world must be assured. This cannot be done by three guard posts placed on roads. If hot characters are present in a town thus guarded, there is little likelihood of catching them, particularly in heavily wooded country such as this. It is suggested that with the strength allowed for those operations, a series of irregularly scheduled spot-checks, in which a community is properly isolated and the various sections of it inspected simultaneously by a large number of teams would both accomplish the desired objective of keeping the populace on the alert, and would be proof against the loopholes present in the more ambitious operation as it was undertaken.

The remainder of the month was spent in normal operations. Guard was continued. A system of inspections was initiated by the Battalion Commander as a part of his program of revitalizing the unit. Strict observance of uniform regulations was enforced. A program of repair and intensified maintenance of the battalion's equipment was vigorously prosecuted. An increased interest in athletics was manifested in the formation of an Officers' team which got off to an auspicious start by briskly shellacking a team of Officers from the 131st FA Bn. Quotas of passes increased infinitesimally. Morale inch'd upwards.

At the conclusion of the month, the battalion was not an effective
Field artillery battalion. It is still noticeably understrength, but the situation can be improved if the resources are as great as to inspire the confidence in its future.

The battalion is spending the majority of their time in Scharnhorst Gaden, in a training mode, conducting early morning, and performing the usual interior guard duties.

EXHIBITS:

A- Officers Roster
B- Officers Duty Changes
C- Missions Flown By Air Section
D- Map (Attached Original)

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GERALD W. EVANS
Captain, FA
Unit Historian
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#### ROUTE OF OFFICERS

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HEADQUARTERS, 155th FIELD ARTILLERY
A.P.O. 36, U. S. Army

31 July 1945

SUBJECT: The following are the lists of assignments and re-assignments made in this battalion during July 1945.

1. Capt GEORGE J. DEJURE, O453390, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Asst S-3, Staff, vice Capt JEROME W. EVANS, O1165052, relieved.

2. Capt GERALD W. EVA ST, O1165012, relieved of duties of Asst S-3 effective 1 Jul 45 and assigned the duty of S-2, Staff, vice Capt ROBERT E. REYNOLDS, O1167174, transferred.

3. Capt MEYDIN E. THEE, O1177210, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Communications Officer, Hq Btry, vice Capt MARTIN W. WILLIAMSON, O1166667, transferred.

4. Capt FULLER A. HUGHES, O1128802, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Bn S-4, Sv Btry, vice Capt RICHARD E. HAWK, O115562, transferred.

5. Lt 1st WALLACE A. BIRD, O1172538, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Executive Officer, Btry "A", vice 1st Lt ERMAN W. SAM, O1172658, transferred.

6. Lt 1st ELDON R. MCCORD, O1179145, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Executive Officer, Btry "E", vice 1st Lt PHILLIP A. CROCKETT, O1177328, transferred.

7. Lt 1st FRED C. TRAUT, O1170227, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battery Commander, Btry "D", vice Capt CLARENCE C. NEWMAN, O1177141, transferred.

8. WOOG WIBER J. STREHLE, W2123381, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Assistant Adjutant, Staff, vice WOOG STANLEY W. HUTCH, W218253, transferred.

9. Lt 1st DAVID H. RIETZ, O304452, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order LI5, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battery Commander, Btry "C", vice Capt HARRY F. FRANTZ, O404562, transferred.
10. Capt EDWARD H. CULVER, O145330, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order 151, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battery Commander, Btry "A", vice 1st Lt CHARLES A. BENH, O177545, transferred.

11. Capt ROBERT E. SPEHR, O388154, assigned to this battalion 1 Jul 45 by Special Order 151, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battalion Adjutant, Staff.

12. Capt NEAL D. BLANCHARD, O146205, assigned to this battalion 3 Jul 45 by Special Order 151, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Medical Officer, Med Det., vice Capt JOSEPH DOLLINGER, O1469338, transferred.

13. Maj ROSS VINES, O378526, assigned to this battalion 5 Jul 45 by Special Order 148, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battalion Executive, vice Capt WALTON M. VINES, O1472397, transferred.

14. Capt ROBERT C. ALLEN, O1467259, assigned to this battalion 5 Jul 45 by Special Order 148, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battalion S-4, Sv Btry, vice Capt FULLER A. HUGHES, O1467259, transferred.

15. 1st Lt FRANK E. NASLAND, III, O1467259, assigned to this battalion 5 Jul 45 by Special Order 151, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Asst S-2, Staff and BN, Special Service Officer, vice 1st Lt RAYMOND F. KEMP, O1467259, transferred.

16. Lt KEITH W. GRESSER, O1482513, assigned to this battalion 5 Jul 45 by Special Order 151, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Motor Officer, Btry "B", vice 1st Lt FLOYD C. FORD, O1469280, transferred.

17. WOOG DAVID E. PARKS, W1238780, assigned to this battalion 5 Jul 45 by Special Order 151, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Asst S-4, Sv Btry, vice WOOG CARL H. SCHAEFER, W1238731, transferred.

18. Capt ROBERT E. SPEHR, O388154, assigned the duty of Battalion Executive, Staff, vice Maj ROSS VINES, O378526, transferred.

19. 1st Lt WARREN B. FINDLAY, O1482570, assigned to this battalion 12 Jul 45 by Special Order 155, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Forward Observer, Staff and BN Provost Marshall.
20. 1st Lt CLYDE W. CLARK, 0167361, assigned to this battalion by Special Order 155, Hq 36th Inf. Div., 12 Jul 45, and assigned the duty of En Motor Officer, 5th Btry, vice Capt HARRY W. BAILEY, relieved and placed on Temporary Duty with Seventh Army.

22. 2d Lt CHARLES J. BURNE, 0201517, assigned to this battalion 12 Jul 45 by Special Order 155, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Motor Officer, Btry "C", vice 2d Lt. GILBERT P. SCHAEFER, 02055098, transferred.

22. 1st Lt JAMES R. WAGNER, 03176723, assigned to this battalion 12 Jul 45 by Special Order 155, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Motor Officer, Btry "C", vice 1st Lt FRANK W. BURNO, 031703017, transferred.

23. 1st Lt SAMUEL F. ARMITAGE, 03175924, assigned to this battalion 12 Jul 45 by Special Order 155, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Asst Communications Officer, Hq Btry, vice 1st Lt WALTER M. NESON, 031702886, transferred.

24. WOII JOHN E. KEEFE, JR., W2134289, assigned to this battalion 15 Jul 45 by Special Order 160, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Asst Adjutant, Staff, vice WOII WILBER J. STREB, W2121361, transferred.

25. 1st Lt WILLIAM G. DUPREJ, JR., 0394145, assigned to this battalion by Special Order 161, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Asst S-3, Staff, vice Capt GEORGE J. DEJURA, 0403390, effective 17 Jul 45.

26. Maj RICHARD L. ELLEGOOD, 0206726, assigned to this battalion 26 Jul 45 by Special Order 171, Hq 36th Inf. Div., and assigned the duty of Battalion Executive, Staff, vice Capt ROBERT E. SPEIR, 0388154, relieved.

27. Capt ROBERT E. SPEIR, 0388154, assigned the duty of Liaison Officer, Staff, effective 26 Jul 45, and appointed Battalion Summary Court Officer.
HEADQUARTERS 155TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
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U.S. ARMY

3 November 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History for the Month of October, 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division
(ZENITH CHARGES)

1. During the month of October, this Battalion performed
garrison duty and maintained two security patrols.

2. Each battery within the unit has been seriously handicapped
in training by the rapid turnover of enlisted men and officers, who
are being transferred on the basis of their point scores.

3. During the week 7-15 of October, this Battalion maintained
an alert battery, whose principal duty was the quelling of any large
disorder or breach of military security. During the period no such
incidents occurred.

4. Two security patrols were maintained throughout the month
for the purpose of visiting the outlying villages of our area each
day. No disorders of any kind have been encountered by this patrol.

5. In cooperation with VII Corps and Division directives, this
Battalion has conducted a drive against speeding and reckless driving.
All men have constantly had their attention brought to the number of
soldiers killed and injured through automobile accidents. One motor
patrol has been maintained on Highway 28, the principal road through
our area, to curb all infractions of traffic regulations.

6. Morale is Excellent.

PERSONNEL

1 Oct 45 - The strength of the battalion as of 2100, 30 Sep 45, was
21 officers (1 Lt Col, 8 Capt, 5 1st Lt, 2 2nd Lt and 1 WO)
and 137 enlisted men.

2 Oct 45 - 3 1st Lt and 1 2nd Lt trfd fr the Bn.

5 Oct 45 - 1 Capt, 1 1st Lt and 1 EM trfd fr the Bn; 1 WO asgd.

6 Oct 45 - 2 1st Lt, 3 Capt, 2 EM, 136 EM asgd.

7 Oct 45 - 1 Capt, 1 1st Lt and 2 EM trfd; 196 EM asgd.

8 Oct 45 - 1 Capt and 13 EM trfd; 1 EM asgd.

9 Oct 45 - 1 EM trfd.
10 Oct 45 - 2 EM trfd; 76 EM asgd.
11 Oct - 11 EM trfd; 2 Maj, 6 Capt, 2 1st Lt and 7 EM asgd.
12 Oct - 2 EM trfd; 1 WO and 75 EM asgd.
15 Oct - 1 1st Lt, 1 WO and 5 EM asgd.
16 Oct - 2 Capt trfd; 1 1st Lt asgd.
18 Oct - 2 EM trfd; 1 Lt Col, 2 Maj, 2 Capt, 1 1st Lt, 1 WO and 1 EM asgd.
19 Oct - 1 EM trfd; 1 EM asgd.
22 Oct - 1 2nd Lt and 1 EM trfd; 1 1st Lt and 2 EM asgd.
28 Oct - 1 EM trfd.
29 Oct - 2 EM trfd.
30 Oct - 17 EM trfd.
31 Oct - 61 EM trfd. The strength of the battalion as of 2100, 31 Oct, was 35 officers (1 Lt Col, 6 Maj, 13 Capt, 12 1st Lt and 5 WO) and 156 EM.

GENERAL: During the first part of October officers with points below the critical score were transferred out of the battalion and officers above the critical score were transferred into the battalion. Enlisted men with scores below sixty and under thirty-five years of age were transferred from the battalion, and personnel with scores at sixty and above were assigned to the battalion. On October 30th enlisted men having scores of eighty and above not desiring to remain with the battalion were transferred to the 572nd AAA Bn. On October 31st enlisted men having scores between sixty and sixty-four and less than thirty-five years of age were transferred to the 375th FA Bn.

Lt Col DONALD O. HARRIS was transferred to the 7th Army Artillery 5 October 1945 and Lt Col JOHN A. MOORE was assigned from the 630th FA.

In the same day, and assumed command of the 155th Field Artillery Bn.

John C. McElroy
Lt Col, 155th FA Bn,
Commanding.
HEADQUARTERS 155TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT — OCTOBER 1945

Service Battery, 155 FA Bn, presented Meritorious Service Unit Plaque 26 October 1945 (Authority: General Order 187, Eq 36th Inf Div, dd 21 May 1945.)
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31 Oct 45.

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ADAMS, CLAUDE M. Major 0342708 Exec
NIEMANN, JOHN C. Major 0333318 S-3
SABATIER, JOHN W. Major 0250045 S-2
POSLE, BOLESLOW H. Major 0365481 Asst S-3
LEET, GERARD D. Captain 0118660 Asst S-2
RENDER, ROBERT M. 1st Lt. 0119616 In Officer
BARBER, WILLIAM H. Captain 0136746 Adj.
SCHMIDT, WILLIAM F. Captain 01001104 Adj.
FATTO, HAROLD E. Captain 0137092 Med Officer
GIBBS, EDWARD V. 1st Lt. 021198888 Para O
KALMAN, IRVING E. WOJC 02139215

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GAINES, STANLEY H. Captain 01165117 Btry Comdr
CROOK, GEORGE M. 1st Lt. 01176199 Asst Btry Ctr
IX, WILLIAM H. 1st Lt. 01623757 Motor O
ANDERSON, CHARLES A. 1st Lt. 02168140 Asst Mtr O

BATTERY "A"

CULVER, EDWARD H. Captain 0155330 Btry Comdr
REISCH, JOHN W. 1st Lt. 01147427 Exec.
HARRISON, HENRY A. 1st Lt. 01186224 R.O.
GARDNER, CLINTON C. 1st Lt. 01148369 Mtr O

BATTERY "B"

CRAIG, JAMES R. Captain 01172820 Btry Comdr
WATKINS, ROBERT R. Captain 01148759 Exec.
HYES, LLOYD D. 1st Lt. 01173398 R.O.
VOGEL, GEORGE A. 1st Lt. 01823757 Mtr O

BATTERY "C"

RICE, DAVID H. Captain 0304751 Btry Comdr
ODDEN, JAY L. Captain 0329672 Exec.
EDEMS, JAMES R. 1st Lt. 01170082 R.O.
BAITLING, ERING E. 1st Lt. 01176217 Mtr O
WOLF, HERMAN J. 1st Lt. 01169297 Asst Mtr O

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