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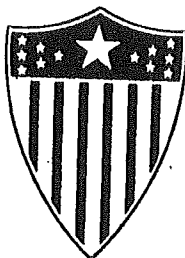
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From 030001 Apr 45
 (TIME AND DATE)
 To: 032400 Apr 45
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Time		Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Tue 3 Apr 45	
		0001 to 0800		T101 (8230-0653), Highpost mission, was fired by Baker on a town. 20 HE	
		0645		Reconnaissance party leaves	
		0833		CSMO, Order of march C, A, B & Hq.	
		1200		The battalion goes into position at Oberstadt, Germany. "A" 0293-2119 "B" 0240-2134 "C" 0246-2161	
		1230		934 (088-279), Highpost, was fired by the Bn. 22 HE	
		1232		935 (083-281) " " " " " " 20	
		1250		936 (080-277) " " " " " " 12	
		1340		937 (0900-2765) " " " " " " 11	
		1355		938 (0930-2735) " " " " " A & C. 12	
		1430		940 (0970-2785) " " " " the Bn. 10	
		1435		939 (0889-2772) " " " " B & C. 13	
		1450		941 (0908-2742) " " " " B. 8	
		1455		942 (?), 11th Armd Div, " " " C. 28	
		1100 to 1500		Conc #1, #2 & #3 (09-28), Highpost mission, was fired on a town by Charlie. 17	
				Total rounds: 183	
		2400		Journal closed	
				Situation overlay attached	

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In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Wed 4 Apr 45	
				American 11th Armd Div and its supporting units established in the armament town of Suhl, Germany.	
			0900	Reconnaissance party returns because small arms fire is received.	
			1300	For a second time today the BN CO and his party go out on a reconnaissance.	
			1530	March order is received.	
			1630	Close station is given.	
			1655	The battalion moved into its new position at the eastern edge of Suhl, Germany. "A" 1063-2821, "B" 1020-2824, "C" 1041-2805	
			1915	BP (1265-3010) registration was observed by the AOP and the battalion expended 19 HE.	
				Total rounds: 19 HE	
			2400	Journal closed	
				No metro messages	

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Time		Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Thu 5 Apr 45	
				Maj Gray and party return from I & E School in Paris	
		1230		943 (1602-2878) was fired by Able on an enemy battery. 2 HE	
		1400		944 (1560-2902), Highpost mission, was fired by A & B in a TOT on a hill. 15 HE	
		1405		945 (189-288), Highpost mission, was fired by A & B and 15 HE were expended.	
		1500		946 (1862-2948), Highpost assignment, was fired by A & B. 22 HE	
		1500		947 (1915-2860), Highpost mission, was fired by Able and Baker on a road junction. 7 HE	
		1505		948 (199-324), Highpost mission, was fired by the battalion on a road junction. 12 HE	
		1515		949 (193-285), Highpost assignment, was fired by Able and Baker. 7 HE	
		1635		950 (210-307), Highpost mission, was fired by Able and Charlie. 8 HE	
		1845		951 (178-277), Highpost mission, was fired by Able Battery. 8 HE	
		1900		BP (1384-2054) was fired by Baker. 7 HE	
				Total rounds: 103 HE	
		2400		Journal closed	

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Time		Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
			Sat 7 Apr 45		
		0700		March Order - Reconnaissance parties left to join TF Ahee.	
		0845		Close Station - The battalion moved following TF Brady as far as Bischofrod (07-19).	
		1050		The battalion arrived in Therman (04-15), Germany and established CP. The firing batteries went into position at coordinates "A" 0529-1422 "B" 0564-1423 "C" 0541-1459	
		1300		952 (1220-0740) was fired on enemy activity. This was a Highpost mission and B & C did the firing. 107 H 1 Sm, 6 WP	
		1430		Reconnaissance parties and "A" Battery move forward. Registering pieces from B & C follow.	
		1700		Close Station, March Order given to the remainder of the battalion.	
		1700		BP (156540790) was observed by AOP. The battalion expended 9 HE.	
		1610		953 (1224-0725), Highpost mission, was a TOT fired by B & C. 24 HE	
		1640		954 (1300-0739), Highpost TOT, was fired by B & C and 24 HE were expended.	
		1730		A new CP is established in Seigritz, Germany and the firing batteries go into position at coordinates as follows: "A" 0841-1003, "B" 0843-1118, "C" 0804-1110	
		1900		6 rounds of neberwerfer fire landed in the very near vicinity of the CP. Cpl James Logue and PFC Billy J Swinehart were killed, while S Sgt Jack Dempsey and Cpl Archie Emerson were wounded and evacuated. Cpl Gary Conley and Pfc Joseph Flaak receive first aid treatment for minor wounds.	

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				(Day and date)	
				Sat 7 Apr 45	
		1930		The battalion CP is moved to the center of town. Enemy harassing fire continues, approximately 12 rounds of neberwerfer fire, to fall in the vicinity of the CP and CR center of town.	
		2200		183d FA Group warns that right flank is exposed and to expect an infantry attack during the night. Clear weather during the day.	
				Total rounds: 1 Sm 6 WP 164 HE	
		2400		Journal closed No metro messages available Situation overlay attached	

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Time		Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Sun 8 Apr 45	
			0400 to	H & I (058-052) was fired by Able. Highpost mission	
			0700	expended 9 HE.	
			1000	BP (1819-0615) registration was observed by AOP and the Battalion fired 22 HE.	
				Lt Grawburg, injured by enemy small arms fire while on patrol, is evacuated. 1st Lt Harvey W Lindsay, O1181344, is assigned to the battalion and replaces Lt Grawburg.	
			1330	The Bn CO leaves on a reconnaissance.	
			1900	A1 (1347-0150); Highpost mission, was fired by Able on a town. 8 HE	
			1905	A2 (1230-0375), Highpost mission, was fired by Able on a crossroads. 4 HE	
			1915	B1 (1912-0630), Highpost mission, was on a "Y" in the roads and Charlie expended 5 HE	
				Total rounds: 48 HE	
				Lt Buck is recalled from CC"B" and Lt Hughes is recalled from TF Seely. Lt Buck then reports to the 276th AFA as Ln and Lt Hughes as FO. Both officers return to the battalion after receiving instructions and remain on call.	
				Capt Griffin reports to the 490th AFA as Ln and Lt Lindstrom works as an FO with the same organization.	
			1930	Instructions are received to spend the next 36 hours on motor maintenance.	
				Clear blue sky today. Many P47's are overhead.	
			2400	Journal closed	
				No metro messages	

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In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Mon 9 Apr 45	
			0900	Targets are reported and Lt Buok goes with the caverly as a FO, subject to recall whenever 276th AFA gives the order.	
			0900	Bn CO takes Btry CO's forward to inspect advance positions and survey is run. No move anticipated at this time.	
			1200	BP (1819-0615) registration was fired by the battalion and 14 rounds were expended while AOP observed registration.	
			1400	GSMO	
			1450	The battalion closed into position in the large town of Hildburghausen, Germany. The firing batteries were located at coordinates as follows: "A" 1266-0855, "B" 1247-0811 & "C" 1205-0813.	
			1600	BP (1819-0615) was a registration by the battalion. 14 HE were expended and AOP observed the registration.	
			1600	Check Point (2218-0592) was fired by Baker while AOP observed expenditure of 11 HE.	
			1930	Lt Col DeLoach is called to CG "A" Hq.	
			2130	The Bn CO calls a meeting at CP of Btry CO's and issues orders for march of 10 April.	
				Total rounds: 39 HE	
				Clear weather with warm sunny skies	
			2400	Journal closed	
				One metro message attached	
				Situation overlay attached	

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In	Out				
				(Day and date) Tue 10 Apr 45	
			1830	907 (3110-8995) was direct fire on a castle and Luxury's AOP observed this firing. Able and Baker expended 46 rounds, two of which were WP.	
				Total rounds: 298 HE 2 WP	
			2100	In O relays information that enemy counter attack may develop during the night as some 30 enemy troops armed with bazookas are supposed to be in a neighborhood. PS: Nothing happened.	
				Warm weather with bright sunshine today	
			2400	Journal closed	
				Situation overlay attached No metro messages available	

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				(Day and date)	
				Tue 10 Apr 45	
			0430	901 (1400-0590), Highpost mission, was fired by Charlie on enemy infantry. 9 HE	
			0530	902 (2355-9975) was fired by Baker on a road block and on the Highpost 12 HE were expended.	
			0820	C/SMO. B, A, C and Hq was order of march. The battalion followed 490 AFA in column of TF AHEE!	
			1105	The battalion went into position at coordinates as follows: "A" 23.35-9979, "B" 23.58-99.99, "C" 23.40-100.15.	
			1130 to	903 (300-895) was observed by AOP on a town, and	
			1330	Charlie expended 6 HE.	
			1200	The Bn CO goes forward on a reconnaissance.	
			1345	904 (3093-9185) was fired by "C" Btry on a building. The AOP observed this firing of 48 HE.	
			1520	Btry "A" and one gun from Btry "C" went forward with the S-3.	
			1600	BP (3010-8870) registration was fired by Able and AOP observed this registration. 6 HE	
			1605	BP (3015-0150) registration was by Btry "C". AOP observed this registration. 7 HE	
			1650 and	905 (298-905) was fired by B & C first and B & A	
			2145	at the later time. 83 rounds were expended.	
			1650 and	906 (299-901) was fired by B & A. 36 rounds were	
			2145	expended at 1650 and 47 rounds were fired at 2145.	
			1700	C/SMO for the remainder of the battalion.	
			1800	The battalion closed into its new position. The CP is located in the town of Oberlauter (30-95), while "A" is at 3174-9535, "B" 3145-9598 & "C" 3112-9555. Azimuths "A" 3200, "B" 3400 & "C" 6300.	

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In	Out				
				10 Apr 45, Wed	
		0815		BP (301-887) registration by AOP was on a road junction and A & B expended 10 HE.	
		1015		BP (3499-9028) registration by AOP was on a road junction and A & B expended 9 HE.	
		1430		BP (5770-8775) registration was fired by A & C while AOP observed. 17 HE	
				Total rounds: 36	
		1700		Bn CO goes to Hq CG"A" for meeting.	
		1900		Btry CO's called to Bn CP by CO upon his return from CG"A" headquarters.	
		2000		Bn CO and S-2 go on reconnaissance.	
				Clear, warm weather.	
		2400		Journal closed	

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