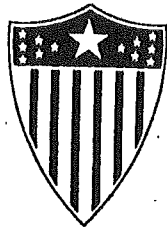


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In	Out				
				Tue 1 May 45	
		0001		The following two missions were H & I's from Highpost:	
		to 0600		H119 (579-191) was fired by "B" on Oepping. 12 HE	
				H120 (5453-1273) " " " "A" on town. 12 HE	
		0600		The battalion is given March Order at this time.	
		0730		Btry "C" is the advance battery; follows 490th.	
		0940		CS for the remainder of the battalion is given and the order of march is A, B, remainder of C & Hq.	
		1240		The battalion closed at Kollerschla; the firing batteries at following coordinates: "A" 4943-1953, "B" 4944-1916 & "C" 4946-1930	
		1340		Survey party leaves to work at advance position near Peilstein,	
		1400		919 (5723-1926) was observed by AOP while Baker	
		& 1430		and Charlie expended 53 HE.	
		1430		920 (6060-1625) was fired by "A" and observed by the AOP. 76 HE and 11 WP	
		1430		Bn S-2 and advance battery prepare to move forward.	
		1600		GSMO for the remainder of the battalion is received.	
		1700		The battalion closed in at Peilstein. "A" 5345-2090, "B" 5367-2050, "C" 5350-2072.	
		1730		BP (5932-1790) was conducted by AOP and "C" expended 10 HE on this registration.	
		1815		922 (595-182) was fired on a hill in a town and AOP observed "C" expend 1 HE.	
		1830		H121 (6068-1615), H & I from Highpost, was fired	
		to 2400		by Charlie and 10 HE were expended.	
		1900		921 (605-162) was a TOT from Highpost and "C" expended 12 HE.	

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				(Day and date)	
				Wed 2 May 45	
		0001 to 0600		H122 (6100-1705) was an H & I from Highpost and Charlie expended 13 HE on the ridge.	
		0730		Bn CO, survey and reconnaissance goes forward.	
		0745		H121 (606-161) was fired by "A" & "C" and on this Highpost assignment 16 HE were expended.	
		0745		Btry "A", lead battery, follows the 490th on march.	
		0750		923 (604-173), Highpost mission on infantry in a woods was fired by "A" & "C". 16 HE	
		0900		CSMO	
		0930		Remainder of the battalion goes onto the road and follows 255th FA.	
		1135		Able, who has gone into position at 6108-1232 near Hogling, fires conc 924 (6224-0648) on a town at Highpost's command. 8 HE	
		1200		The battalion is in position in the vicinity of of Hogling. "A" 6108-1232, "B" 6097-1254, "C" 6076-1262.	
		1430		The battalion commander again moves forward on a reconnaissance for night position.	
		1510		60 German radios which were taken are turned over to CG"A".	
		1500		Btry CO's and survey move up to meet the Bn CO, in the vicinity of Unt Feuchtenbach.	
		1530		Advance battery. Able, again moves forward.	
		1555		CS for Baker Battery	

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				(Day and date)	
				Wed 2 May 45	
		1610		GS is given to Charlie Battery	
		1630		The remainder of the battalion receives CSMO.	
		1700		The battalion closed into position at Unt Feuchtenbach, Austria. "A" 6130-0762, "B" 6140-0750, "G" 6115-0776.	
		1715		BP (6668-0595) registration was observed by AOP and "A" & "D" expended 16 HE.	
		1730		BP (6517-0983) registration was fired by "C" and observed by AOP. 12 HE	
				Total rounds: 71 HE	
				8 WP	
				2 Smoke	
				20 replacements received today.	
				Sky clears some, but rain and snow continue.	
		2400		Journal closed	

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In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Thu 3 May 45	
		0005 to		The following H & I's were assigned by Highpost:	
		0500		H122 (6935-0545) was fired by Baker on a town. 10 HE	
				H123 (7235-0100) " " " " " " " " 10 HE	
		0750		The Bn CO leaves on a reconnaissance to check river crossing.	
		0830		Btry "B" is lead battery today and at 0830 they move onto road following 496th (Type).	
		0930		March order for the remainder of the battalion is given and the column falls in behind Grog (492d). when orders are received at 1100 hours.	
		1245 to		925 (6854-9728) was fired with good results by Baker on a bridge, while AOP observed. 19 HE	
		1400		BP (7152-9800) registration by Baker was conducted by AOP. 7 HE	
		1330		The battalion closed into position with the firing batteries in the following positions: "A" 6658-0286, "B" 6671-0295, "C" 6654-0325.	
		1440		926 (7270-9463) was fired by Baker and observed by AOP. 10 HE	
		1500		927 (6908-9476) was observed by AOP while Able expended 41 HE.	
		1500		928 (7462-9320) expended 61 HE and Charlie did this firing as observed by AOP.	
		1508		Btry BC's and survey called forward on reconnaissance.	
		1530		March order given to "A" & "C" Batteries.	
		1610		Remainder of the battalion moves forward.	
		1800		BP (7473-9236) registration was fired by "A" and "C" and observed by AOP. 9 HE	

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				(Day and date)	
				Thu 3 May 45	
			1810	The battalion closed in at Moring, Austria. "A" 6890-9676, "B" 6888-9696, "O" 6895-9656	
			2015	929 (7756-9543) was fired by "A" and observed by AOP. 33 HE	
			2200 to 2400	H124 (738-924), Highpost mission, was fired by Charlie. 2 HE	
			2200 to 2400	H125 (755-935), Highpost H & I, was fired by Able. 4 HE	
				Total rounds: 206 HE	
				Rain, snow and cool weather continue.	
			2400	Journal closed.	

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In	Out				
				Fri 4 May 1945	
		0001 to 0600		The following five missions were from Highpost: H124 (738-924) was fired by Charlie. 4 HE H125 (755-935) " " " Able. 12 HE H126 (7620-9825) " " " Baker. 16 HE H127 (7940-9672) " " " " 10 HE H128 (7970-9863) " " " " 10 HE	
		0745		CSMO	
		1125		The battalion fired on Linz. Conc No 930 (855-875) was observed by AOP on Linz. 65 HE	
		1140		Bn closed into position at Gramastetten, Austria. "A" 7718-9560, "B" 7684-9561, "C" 7696-9576	
		1330 to 1430		931-1 (8468-9073) fired on Urfahr by "C". 1 HE. 931-2 (8435-8918) " " " " 1 HE 931-3 (8454-9045) " " " " 2 HE	
		1530 to 1730		Enemy artillery fire falls in the vicinity and Charlie Battery suffers the most. It is estimated that 22 rounds fell. KIA Holliday, Robert J, 37681126, Btry "C" Miller, Harvey R, 34090467, Btry "C" WIA Kriok, Russel A, 33118017, Hodnett, William J, 20444470; Brown, Thomas C, 35121703; Morris, Cecil E, O-1169661; Gusselin, William J, 31471941. One FM from AAA slightly injured.	
		1600		932 (8294-9075) was fired by the Bn on an enemy battery. AOP observed 8 HE being expended.	
		1600		933 (799-932) expended 64 HE. Able fired while AOP was active.	
		1615		934 (8220-9399) was fired by Able on an enemy 88 and AOP observed while 82 rounds were expended.	

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				(Day and date)	
				Fri 4 May 45	
			1634	935 (8215-9369) was fired on an enemy battery of 88's. Able expended 86 HE and AOP observed.	
				Capt Stafford is recalled from In duty with the 276th and assumes command of Btry "C", because Capt Morris is evacuated after having been wounded.	
				<del>Capt Baker becomes Bn Supt.</del>	
				Lt Rice acts as Ex O of Baker while Lt Shea is absent for physical examination.	
				Sgt Manca takes over the duties of Bn Survey O.	
			1800	936 (8245-9375) was fired by Able when Highpost assigned mission. 8 HE	
			2130	More, approximately 10 rounds, of enemy artillery shell falls in the firing battery areas. No injuries	
			2245	937 (844-905), Highpost mission, was fired by Able and Baker. 13 HE	
				Total rounds: 386 HE	
			2400	Journal closed	

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In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Sat 5 May 45	
		0042		938 (866-911); Highpost mission, was fired on an ammunition dump by Able. 12 HE	
		0730		Btry "A", under the control of 490th, leaves as the advance firing battery.  Six men are given passes to Paris, France.	
		0900 to 1000		The following three mission are H & I's from Highpost: 939 (832-908), fired by Baker, expended 5 HE. 940 (829-901) " " Charlie " 3 HE 941 (860-907) " " Baker " 5 HE	
		1000		Group Commander visits CP.	
		1100		Harassing fires in the vicinity of Linz ends as negotiations for surrender of the city are carried on.	
		1420		Billeting party, Bn CO and survey prepare for movement to the south of Linz.	
		1445		The battalion is ordered to stand by for CSMO; the movement is to be to the northwest instead of to the south as previously announced.	
		1510		Btry CO are called to Bn CP for instructions on movement to 58-24 grid square, vicinity of Aigen, Aust.	
		1520		CSMO	
		1550		The battalion is relieved from the 11th Armd Div and assigned to reinforce the fire of 26th Div Arty. Btry "A" reverts to battalion control. All FO's and Ln O are recalled	
		1600		Reconnaissance party leaves and the battalion follows	
		1915		Radio cast over 192, from Group, says all hostilities will cease at 1200 hours on 6th May.	

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In	Out				
				(Day and date)	
				Sun 6 May 45	
			0850	Billeting party goes to Aigen to look for quarters.	
			0900	Service Battery closed into position	
			1000 & 1100	Protestant and Catholic services are attended by the men.	
				Personnel Section which had been located with at Service Battery now takes its place with Hq Btry.	
			1400	Btry "A" closed into position.	
			1425	Group CO, Col Bartlett, visits CP.	
			1430	Btry CO's are instructed to be ready on call for reconnaissance.	
			1435	Bn S-3 goes forward with Col Bartley and new positions are selected.	
			1450	Bn CO goes forward to meet S-3 and help in the selection of new battery positions.	
			1800	The battalion closed into position at the following coordinates: CP 635-283, "A" 630-2845, "B" 6283-2833, "Q" 6317-2848.	
			1800	Sv Btry takes over quarters vacated by Hq Btry northeast of Aigen, Austria.	
				Liaison officers: Capt Bean - 101st FA Capt Griffin - 102d FA OP established at 628-312 and manned by Lt Buok	
				Rain and overcast skies during most of the day.	
				No firing	
			2400	Journal closed	

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Situation overlay attached

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				(Day and date)	
				Mon 7 May 1945	
			0500	Lt Hughes mans OP (618-310) and relieves Lt Buck	
			0900	Lt Buck takes over duties as In O with 101st FA and Capt Bean returns to duty at Bn Hq.	
			1020	Bn CO brings the news from Highpost, confirmed by Iceburg, that all hostilities will cease at 2400 hours on the 8th.	
				The last round was fired by Baker Battery's 4th Piece, Sgt Gechter, at 1005 on May 5, in the vicinity of Linz on an H & I mission. 58,798 rounds fired since coming overseas; 33,360 since first of year.	
				Capt Stafford returns to Hq as S-2.	
				Lt Wurley takes over duties as Btry "C" CO.	
				Lt Shea becomes Charlie Battery Ex O.	
			1800	Bn CO goes to Group with his Ex O and Bn S-3.	
				Clear weather; slightly cooler.	
			2400	Journal closed.	
				Situation overlay attached.	

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				(Day and date)	
				Tue 8 May 1945	
			0800	Capt Bean goes to Bamberg to pick up 58 reinforcements.	
			1000 to 1100	Bn CO visits all batteries and gives instructions on conduct now that the battalion is to about to take over duties of occupation troops and also compliments the men for the fine way in which they have worked thusfar.	
				Lt Rice reports to 183d FA Group on DS.	
				Sgt Manca is temporarily acting as Survey Officer.	
			1800	Lt Col Kindred visits in CP.	
				Warm sunshine and a little rain.	
				By GO No 34, Hq XII Corps, 3 May, 1945, the following awards were made:	
				Bronze Star Medals for Meritorious Service-	
				1st Lt Leland L Rice, 0538294	
				WO(1g) Houston H Richardson, W2106980	
				M Sgt Joseph H Summerour, 20444231	
				1st Sgt Lewis B Carter, 20444232	
				Sgt James F Loney, 4035554	
				Cpl Charles R Crowe, 14137332	
				Pfc Clearence R Land, 34190845	
				Pfc Paul Yuhag, 35921054	
				No firing	
			2400	Journal closed	

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