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68th Avn Co Inf Bn

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58th AIRBORNE INFANTRY PARACHUTISTS

WORLD WAR II OPERATIONS

- 2 Jan 45 In rails from Southampton, England.
Vehicles on LSPs.
Orders of Bn on subject.
- 3 Jan 45 Bn (- vehicles) lands at Le Havre after dark.
- 4 Jan 45 Bn (- vehicles) arrives at Langrville at 0800.
- 5 Jan 45 Vehicles land at Ponce and move to Langrville.
- 8 Jan 45 March to Boissons.
- 9 Jan 45 March to Sept-Bois, 3 miles east of Abbeville.
- 12 Jan 45 Bn march eastward over icy roads.
- 13 Jan 45 Arrive at Eply, 8 miles east of Mont-les-Bains - 0600.
- 3 Feb 45 Leave Eply.
- 4 Feb 45 Arrive Fontenay-en-Wever, five miles east of Mont-les-Bains - 0600.
- 19 Feb 45 Defeated a German Panzer and elements of the British 7th Armoured Division on a 2500 yard front extending from the River to the main river facing Beaumont, G Company 80th Tank Bn and Co., 809th TD Bn attacked.
- 20 Feb 45 Defensive position, controlling position running from Ligne (inclusive) through Fontfort (inclusive) to St Gillesburg (exclusive).
- 26 Feb 45 Bn advanced through Ligne Woods and Fontfort. Tank bridged antitank ditch north of Ligne. The tank was used by G Co., 809th TD and Engineer platoons attached, supported by four artillery battalions. Two miles gained.
- 27 Feb 45 Relieved by 15th Cav Gp at approx 2300. Movement to River begins. River crossed at Hillfarch.
- 28 Feb 45 Bn at Hillfarch for night.
- 3 Mar 45 Bn (- vehicles) (4 Co., 80th TD Bn., G Co., 809th TD) drives from Hillfarch through Aldenham east to Basse-Bugnot. Stopped by VI Corps order. Bn moves back to Hillfarch. 3 miles gained.
- 25 Mar 45 Bn left Hillfarch, crossed the Rhine at Haterkamp and moved

into an assembly area in the vicinity of Brackhausen. G Co., 50th Inf Bn., G Co., 809th Inf, Antoon, G Co., 53rd Reg 2d attached. (- A Co)

27 Mar 45

Passing through the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Inf Div. The Bn captured and secured Kirchellen which had been reported to be in friendly hands. Artillery and five M4 guns and tanks closed the advance. 3 miles gained.

28 Mar 45

Driving eastward the battalion captured Waldhausen, then turned south taking Zwick and Kolmsheim. 6 miles gained.

Patrol sent eastward to reconnoiter a drainage ditch after which was reported that it would have to be bridged.

30 Mar 45

Company fought its way into Hars-Bussel. The engineer

company completed a roadway in 14 minutes and the battalion followed. The day was spent in clearing the town and roads to the east.

A rifle company of the 1st Bn., 890th Infantry (75th Inf Div) was attached. 2 miles gained.

31 Mar 45

The attached company attacked at 0300, taking Hill-Bertlich, and the battalion passed through at dawn taking the northern part of Westerkamp while elements of the 75th Inf Div passed through the southern part. The battalion continued onward taking Langenbuchen. 3 1/2 miles gained.

1 Apr 45

Followed by the 890th Inf Reg (75th Inf Div) the battalion moved through Reuten, Hirsbrunn, Kalkorn, Hüllern and Hüllern to Klein.

2 Apr 45

Bn moved through Harbom, Weisbach, Alton, Beckum, Weisbach and Hüllern to Klein and Hüllern.

3 Apr 45

Battalion moved to Hüllern which was occupied by elements of the 2nd Armored Division. Although the River locket had been closed by the junction of the 2nd and 3rd armored divisions at Hüllern it was found that hostile forces still remained to the south. The battalion captured Westerkamp and Westerkamp in elemented actions. 2 miles gained.

4 Apr 45

C Co. with tanks captured Hilde and sent out a patrol which determined that Vellinghausen was defended. B Co cleared the woods a half mile W of Hilde and drove on in the evening to take Vellinghausen. Hilde was occupied by patrols. 4 miles gained.

5 Apr 45

CCB was relieved by CCA and moved to Alstedt in division reserve.

6 Apr 45

The battalion moved in the evening to Wolfesendorf and Wenzeln to prevent the 116th Panzer Division from breaking out of the pocket.

7 Apr 45

The battalion attacked from West southeast at 1700 along two parallel roads with Horno-Tale as the objective. Co C reinforced was on the right with F Co reinforced on the left. By 2000 F Co had seized Fardich, Hoppingen, Bruggelte and Felcke taking a large number of prisoners with little opposition. D Co took Weirhusen and Weirhusen and attacked Gunde. By 2100 Felcke was occupied with the loss of five half tracks. 12 miles gained.

8 Apr 45

A Co was relieved by CCA at Felcke and moved west to occupy Hildehausen and Feingren. The battalion was split into two task forces with the mission of keeping the enemy south of the Obbe river from Gunde to the junction with the Fahr. ^{Bremen} ~~and Bremen~~ was captured. 4 miles gained.

9 Apr 45

The battalion drove west against intermittent resistance from artillery, tanks, 88 mm, automatic and rifle fire to the Schmalhorn and Viehagen. The 80th Tank Battalion on the left cleared Hildingen which had been strongly defended. 6 miles gained.

10 Apr 45

Continuing eastward the battalion took Naunhagen and Prozen. An air strike drove four German tanks out of Naunhagen but they succeeded in slowing the advance by moving west from one position to another. 6 miles gained.

11 Apr 45 In advance to north-south road running from Thun to
Langensfeld. Ammunition captured. 2 miles gained.

12 Apr 45 Detachment of 2000 G Co took Billerich and D Co secured the
crossroad at AA94527 by 1200. 2 miles gained.

13 Apr 45 Battalion relieved by elements of the 95th Inf Div and moved
eastward.

15 Apr 45 Battalion arrived at Gross Gleidingen and Lamsfeld.

16 Apr 45 Battalion moves to Braunshausen.

20 Apr 45 Battalion moved to Esenstedt. Moved to Altkirchen,
arriving after dark as GAB cleared the town.
Bn (without attachments) attached to GAB

21 Apr 45 Battalion attacked into Harz mountains, advancing to
Futtersdorf. Made junction with ^{1st} Inf Division of First Army
coming from the south. 2 miles gained.

22 Apr 45 Battalion moved through Ronstedt and Rodlar to Bessen.
Occupied and governed the area Bessen-Hal Grund-Gilbels.
Reattached to GAB.
Battalion moved to Hedorstede to occupy Hedorstede Kreis.
Battalion moved to Zlatovy, Czechoslovakia.

55TH AIRBORNE DIVISION BATTALION OPERATIONS

MAPS

Europe 1:1,000,000 GSGS 3782

M 51 and 51 - Amsterdam, Hamburg
M 51 - Paris
M 52 - Frankfurt
M 53 - Wien

M 52/1 - Essen
M 52/2 - Kassel
M 52/3 - Halle
M 52/4 - Cologne
M 52/5 - Erfurt

Europe (Air) 1:500,000 GSGS 4072

M 49/2 - Le Havre
M 49/2 - Paris
M 49/3 - Strasbourg
M 52/6 - Frankfurt
M 52/10 - Berlin
M 50/10 - Leipzig
M 50/14 - Praha
M 48/10 - Munchen
M 52/6 - Bremen

M 52/7 - Saarbrucken
M 52/9 - Nurnberg
M 52/10 - Strasbourg
M 52/11 - Hannover
M 52/12 - Magdeburg
M 52/7 - Pflanz

M 52 Europe 1:500,000 GSGS 4042

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France 1:250,000 AMS M561

3a and 6 - Cherbourg and
Caen

Europe (Air) 1:250,000 GSGS 3982

M 51/5 - Antwerp
M 51/6 - Brussels
M 51/7 - Rouen
M 51/8 - St. Quentin
M 51/9 - Reims
M 51/12 - St. Dizier

Belgium and N.E. France
1:100,000 GSGS 4336

Sheet No. 4 - Maastricht

No. 9 - Liege

Billmerich	-	A9523	Hilfarth	-	K9372
Blaustenberg	-	B2100	Hinsbeck	-	B9006
Borth	-	A1888	Holtingen	-	B1621
Braunswieg	-	K9010	Horn	-	B3886
Bruckhausen	-	A322348	Huckelhoven	-	K9474
Enderich	-	A1937	Huttendorf	-	B1987
Euse Hensch	-	A1984	Kellendorf	-	B4717
Gleibitz	-	A1984	Kempen	-	A0808
Halle	-	B2071	Kerschellen	-	A4384
Harden	-	A4682	Kliene	-	B3890
Hartmann	-	A8024	Klinkum	-	K9685
Hohendorf	-	G7827	Kol Bertler	-	A6455
Hohinghauser	-	B3736	Kolschlagen	-	A09355
Hrattje	-	B4255	Langenbeckum	-	A5725
Huldhausen	-	A470353	Langschede	-	A9619
Framern	-	B0022	Lintfort	-	A1722
Fronenberg	-	B0219	Lippstadt	-	B4242
Gieboldhausen	-	G7157	Lebberich	-	B3802
Gittelde	-	G6956	Mawicke	-	B1728
Gledington, Gros	-	K3307	Merbeck	-	K9687
Goslar	-	G8591	Mohne Talsperre	-	B2421
Grafreath	-	A0206	Munhaus	-	
Gros Gledington	-	K3307	Niederense	-	B1822
Grund, Bad	-	G7260	Nordorf	-	B3737
Grinthal	-	A198301	Ober Kruchten	-	B9280
Gumme	-	B2122	Ossenberg	-	A1931
Halberstadt	-	B3871	Paderborn	-	B3047

Polsum	-	A5236	Timmerlah	-	X8508
Ratschenhof	-	A196268	Toni sberg	-	A1418
Rieth	-	A578368	Unna	-	A9726
Rhinberg	-	A2128	Vollinghausen	-	B5935
Ruppendorf, Bad	-		Wallach	-	A1933
Schnepfhusen	-	A1216	Waltringen	-	B1525
Scharmer	-	B6547	Wedinghausen	-	B4037
Schalvey	-	A5038	Wigberg	-	K9723
Schluskingen	-	B0994	Wirk	-	B1223
Sector	-	B0868	Wusel	-	A2240
Seln	-	A6144	Weslarn	-	B2935
Sewien	-	A0922	Westerholt	-	A5434
Soest	-	B2630	Westerkotten	-	B4337
Spellem	-	A2255	Wickede	-	B0921
Stirpe	-	B3936	Wiehager	-	B0822
Talsperve, Mohne	-		Winterwick	-	A2126
Tetelrath	-	K9588	Zwecke	-	A4735
Thule	-	B5846	Zweckel	-	A4833

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**HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258, U. S. ARMY**

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Period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945

1. INSPECTIONS:

Organizational inspections were made at various times throughout the period concerning maintenance of vehicles, weapons, etc.

2. CASUALTIES:

Cumulative casualties for period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945:

<u>Type Casualty</u>	<u>Hq & Hq Co</u>	<u>Sv Co</u>	<u>A Co</u>	<u>B Co</u>	<u>C Co</u>
SWA	0	0	4	12	11
LWA	2	0	10	20	15
MIA	0	0	1	0	0
KIA	0	0	4	6	12
LIA	0	0	0	1	0
Non battle	5	1	10	15	11
Total	7	1	29	54	49

3. PRISONERS OF WAR:

Prisoners of War taken during period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945:

Hq & Hq Co	5
Service Co	0
"A" Co	25
"B" Co	28
"C" Co	22
Total	80

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4. REINFORCEMENTS:

Cumulative reinforcements received during period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945:

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Hq & Hq Co	0	16
Service Co	1	10
"A" Co	0	22
"B" Co	1	28
"C" Co	2	23
Medical Det	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	4	101

5. OFFICER AND EM GAINS AND LOSSES:

Cumulative Officer and Enlisted Men Gains and Losses
during period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assigned</u>			<u>Effective Strength</u>		
	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
1 February 1945	40	3	944	40	3	944
2 February 1945	40	3	944	40	3	944
3 February 1945	40	3	944	40	3	944
4 February 1945	40	3	944	40	3	944
5 February 1945	40	3	944	40	3	944
6 February 1945	36	3	944	35	3	944
7 February 1945	36	3	943	35	3	942
8 February 1945	36	3	943	35	3	942
9 February 1945	36	3	943	35	3	941
10 February 1945	36	3	953	35	3	950
11 February 1945	36	3	959	35	3	956
12 February 1945	36	3	957	35	3	955
13 February 1945	37	3	960	36	3	957
14 February 1945	38	3	1039	37	3	1037

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assigned</u>			<u>Effective Strength</u>		
	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
15 February 1945	40	3	1042	39	3	1039
16 February 1945	40	3	1040	39	3	1034
17 February 1945	41	3	1044	40	3	1038
18 February 1945	40	3	1043	38	3	1037
19 February 1945	40	3	1043	38	3	1040
20 February 1945	40	3	1042	37	3	1034
21 February 1945	40	3	1042	37	3	1027
22 February 1945	40	3	1042	37	3	1026
23 February 1945	40	3	1042	37	3	1021
24 February 1945	40	3	1039	37	3	1017
25 February 1945	39	3	1033	37	3	1016
26 February 1945	35	3	980	33	3	961
27 February 1945	34	3	937	32	3	919
28 February 1945	34	3	939	33	3	921

The difference in assigned personnel and effective strength of the battalion on various dates was due to men going to Paris on pass, men being evacuated to 78th Medical Battalion Clearing Station, men on furlough to the UK, battle casualties, transfers within the Division and reinforcements being received.

6. OFFICER PROMOTIONS:

Officer promotions during period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945:

From 1st Lt to Capt

Alfred E. Gardner MC

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7. STRENGTH RETURN FOR PERIOD:

The assigned strength of the battalion as of 282400 February 1945 was 35 Officers; 3 Warrant Officers; and 944 En-listed Men.

The effective strength of the battalion as of 282400 February 1945 was 33 Officers; 3 Warrant Officers; and 921 En-listed Men.

For the Battalion Commander:

JAMES D. DYKMAN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Adjutant.

REPORT

HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 353, U S ARMY

U-S AFTER ACTION REPORT
Period 010001 February, 1945 to 230000 February, 1945

1. Front Lines at End of Period:
Does not apply.
2. Locations of Troops:
See Incl. No. 1
3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops:
See comments 19 February, 1945
4. Operations for the Period:
 - 1 Feb In at Eply, France
 - 2 Feb At 1440 Battalion received Operational Instructions accompanied by overlay of route of march to vicinity Maastricht, Holland. Company Commanders were assembled at 1630 and issued MO L. (See Annex B)
 - 3-4 Feb Battalion departed Eply, France with B Co leading the serial. B Co passed E at 0335. After travelling all day 3 Feb, battalion arrived Oudier-n-Keer, Holland 0440 covering a distance of 206.9 miles.
 - 5-17 Feb In remained at Oudier-n-Keer during this period and followed a daily training schedule.
 - 18 Feb Verbal orders were issued at 1200 at OTR for Battalion as part of OTR to move to vicinity Montfort, Holland. Company Commanders assembled at 0245 at which time U-S issued a verbal order for movement 19 February, 1945.
 - 19 Feb Battalion departed Oudier-n-Keer, Holland 0740. A Co leading the serial passed the 24, which was RT at 21 and 145, at 0753. C Co 300th Tank Destroyer Battalion and G Co 30th Tank Battalion attached. Battalion arrived vicinity of Montfort at 1010 and took over prepared positions and relieved the British 40th Command Brigade. A Co took over positions at Rumburg, B Co at station and G Co at Mine. H Co and In C line took at Rumburg with reserve Co at Middel. The platoon of tanks and one platoon of 10's attached to B and C Companies. Remainder of day devoted to planning and coordinating fire plan. Information received from 45th Div Co stated that there was very little enemy activity on this front consisting only of small scale trenching and light harassing mortar fire.

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- 20-21 Feb During this period there was no change in front line position. Harassing artillery fire was exchanged with enemy and patrolling was active. No German patrols were observed. It was thought that enemy forces may have withdrawn and so our patrols were ordered to continue their advance until contact was gained with the enemy.
- 22 Feb At 1730 Bn CO and S-3 attended conference at OC"R" and received orders to support by fire an attack by XVI Corp. At 2200 company commanders were assembled and FO 2 issued (See Annex B for FO 2) All patrols were ordered to return by 0200 23 Feb an artillery barrage was planned to begin at 0300. Targets were assigned to all artillery weapons and positions for guns indicated on overlay accompanying order. Our Assault gun, 81mm mortar platoons plus attached tanks and tank destroyers all received firing missions. (See overlay attached to FO 2)
- 23 Feb At 0300 artillery barrage started as planned and continued firing for 45 minutes. Following preparation, fire continued intermittently until 231000 Feb 45. Section of heavy machine guns from A, B & C Co's fired intradiatory fire after daylight on suspected and known enemy targets. C Co jumped off for a limited attack on three houses immediately to front of C Co's position, just north of Limn. Attack started 1530 and by 1630 houses found to be empty and were taken with no resistance.
- 24 Feb Plans were being formulated for attack on enemy positions. Artillery fire continued to harass enemy. Patrols were dispatched with mission of estimating size of AF ditch located North of Limn and Leoroy and extending from the Mass to the Moor River. For results of patrol activities see S-3 reports.
- 25 Feb At 1500 verb 1 message received that OC"R" would attack enemy positions morning of 26 Feb 45. Battalion on immediately prep for attack. At 1730 Bn CO and S-3 went to OC"R" to receive orders for attack 260000 Feb 45. Company Commanders were assembled at 2300 and verbal orders for attack were issued. Mission of attack was to clear enemy from triangle Limn-Boosmond-St Odilienberg. Bn to attack with three companies on line, C Co on left, A Co on right with B Co in center. Two companies from 7th Div Inf Bn in reserve. HMG platoon of H Co attached to C Co, with AG and 81mm platoons to support battalion from position at LR. Companies to move out and cross line of departure at 0600. One platoon of tanks, one platoon of tank destroyers and one squad of engineers

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attached to A, B & C Co's. 405th FAB was to support the attack with a 15 minute preparation starting at 0645 and could be called on for fire as required by situation. FO's accompanied rifle company commanders.

26 Feb At 0645 artillery barrage began and at 0600 companies crossed the LD as planned. C Co with 2nd platoon on left, 3rd platoon on right and 1st platoon in center with the AF and Hq section platoons combined held in reserve. Attached tanks and TD's were remained in reserve in vicinity of line of departure. The 2nd platoon advanced rapidly for 200 yds after crossing LD. Advance was slowed down by the difficulty of crossing through concertina wire, but after this was accomplished the platoon advanced rapidly to the AT ditch. At this point they encountered some small arms fire inflicting a few casualties. A ladder 30 feet in length was brought forward and placed across the ditch for the purpose of getting the platoon across as it was thought the ditch would be heavily mined. But after investigation it was found to be free of mines and fresh tracks were observed running through the ditch. At this time platoon leader called for smoke and under cover the platoon crossed the ditch and continued their advance to the factory (755369). By 0800 the platoon had seized the factory, killed approximately 20 Germans and had dug in on north side of factory and remained in that position under heavy artillery and sniper fire. In the meanwhile 1st platoon of C Co advancing on right of 2nd platoon reached the concertina wire where they were pinned down by enemy small arms fire, and driven back to LD. At this point the platoon was reorganized and placed in reserve while the AT and Hq platoons combined was put in the line along side of the 3rd platoon and the advance was started again. By 0930 these two platoons had crossed through the wire and reached the AT ditch, under heavy artillery fire. Enemy machine guns opened up from houses at 762868 and TD's were called upon to fire direct fire at houses. After firing for approximately ten minutes without getting desired results, three tanks were brought forward to south side of AT ditch and fired at houses allowing these two platoons to cross AT ditch, advance and occupy houses killing several enemy soldiers. About 1700 company was ordered not to advance further and withdrew to a position on line with A and B Co's.

B Co moved out as planned and crossed LD at 0600 with company in column in order of 2nd platoon, 3rd platoon and 1st platoon in reserve. The AT platoon was split in three sections and one section allotted to each rifle platoon. Tanks and TD's were held in reserve in vicinity of LD. The 2nd platoon advanced to Spielmanahof without resistance. However,

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after reaching a point 773856 they were pinned down by machine gun and mortar fire coming from the East side of Roar River. Artillery supporting fire was called for and was placed on coordinate 765863 partially silencing the enemy action and permitting the pinned down platoon to maneuver to the right. Intense enemy machine gun fire from Heide Woods continued to slow down the advance of the 2nd platoon. 3rd platoon followed advance of 2nd platoon while the 1st platoon was held in reserve at the line of departure. It was then decided that with tanks and infantry tactics attack would be made on Heide Woods. All three platoon withdrew to woods vicinity of coordinate 773845 and plans were organized for attack. After a three minute artillery preparation on the woods, five tanks with 2nd platoon of Co B mounted jumped off for the attack at 1800. 1st platoon followed the advance dismounted in skirmish formation. 3rd platoon was held in reserve in woods. At approximately 1700 the woods were cleared of enemy forces except for northwest tip. At dark with the 2nd platoon on left and 1st platoon on right, they deployed along north edge of the woods and dug in for the night. Tanks were withdrawn inside Heide woods while the 3rd platoon moved to a position 761856, with plans to attack the NW tip of Heide woods morning of 27 Feb. It was estimated that approximately ninety Germans were killed in the attack. A Co, in column of platoons, with 1st platoon leading, followed by attached tank platoon of tanks, 3rd rifle platoon, AT platoon acting as rifle platoon and second platoon crossed line of departure at 0610, advanced through woods at 773843 while tanks by-passed the woods on the left advancing parallel with the infantry. Up to this time there was only scattered small arms fire being encountered by our troops. The advance of our 1st platoon slowed down considerably, so the 3rd platoon took over the lead while the 1st platoon reverted to the rear of the column. Upon reaching a position at 780856 contact with a section from 88th Recn was made who reported suspected enemy machine gun positions. Tanks were put on line and fired at these suspected targets. From this position with tanks, 1st and 3rd platoons as a base of fire, the second platoon advanced across the open ground and took objective assigned 780858. Platoon reorganized north side of woods. The 3rd platoon mounted on tanks and 1st platoon dismounted pushed forward until mine field was encountered. Riflemen dismounted and guided tanks through mine field successfully. Company then reorganized at this newly won position and TD's advanced to a position at 778858. Plans were formulated for further ad-

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Yance. 2nd platoon jumped off again at 0900 from a position 73085B. After advancing to the right front for approximately 300 yards, what was thought to be platoon leader of 2nd platoon signalling that all was clear, remainder of company advanced forward and met an intense artillery, mortar and machine gun barrage coming from pillboxes on east side of Roer River inflicting several casualties on our troops. Two tanks were put out of action by mines while maneuvering for positions to fire on pillboxes. Artillery fire was called for but was not effectively placed and enemy guns continued to pound our men. TD's were brought up to fire at pillboxes and were successful in laying down some smoke while our rifle platoons withdrew to a position at 779856. It was then decided that what appeared to be 2nd platoon leader signalling for advance was probably a German observer signalling for artillery barrage. Order was given to dig in and the company remained in this position for the night.

27 Feb While A and C Companies held their present positions, B Co jumped off for an attack on NW tip of Heide Woods. 3rd platoon of B Co with 4 tanks and 2 TD's jumped off at 0830 and by 0930 had taken the woods with no opposition. 1st and 2nd platoons of B Co withdrew to Spielmannshof for re-organization leaving a small holding force at Heide Woods. Upon returning to their original positions they were met by a heavy artillery and mortar barrage and several casualties resulted. At 1030 word was received that the battalion was to be relieved by the 15th Cavalry Group. No further advance was made.

28 Feb Bn departed vic of Montfort enroute to Hückelhoven, Germany. Because of congested road conditions progress was slow and orders changed. Our new march objective was named to be vicinity of Wegberg, Germany. At close of period the battalion was on the road.

For the Battalion Commander,

JAMES D DYERMAN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Adjutant

WILLIAM H RUNGE,
Capt., Infantry,

HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258, U S ARMY

COMMAND AFTER ACTION ACTION REPORT
Period 010001 February 1945 to 282400 February 1945

1. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

The operation southwest of Reermond on February 26-27 1945 resulted in a penetration through the defensive position on the west flank and the establishment of a bridgehead across the anti-tank ditch which extended from the Rear to the Mass River. This penetration rendered the enemy position untenable and forced his withdrawal across the Rear River a few nights later.

2. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Combat efficiency was excellent.

3. COMMENTS ON EMPLOYMENT OF UNIT, ETC:

a. Infantry cannot advance across flat open ground against emplaced machine guns without cover provided by either darkness, smoke, artillery or tanks.

b. It is believed that the engineers could render better close support if they are attached rather than in direct support.

c. The need for at least six SCR 300 radios per rifle company was quite apparent. Armored Infantry lacks communications when fighting dismounted. The addition of sufficient SCR 300 radios should solve this problem. (SCR 536s either failed completely or were extremely unreliable.)

d. One BAR per rifle squad would greatly augment the fire power of the squad when it is dismounted.

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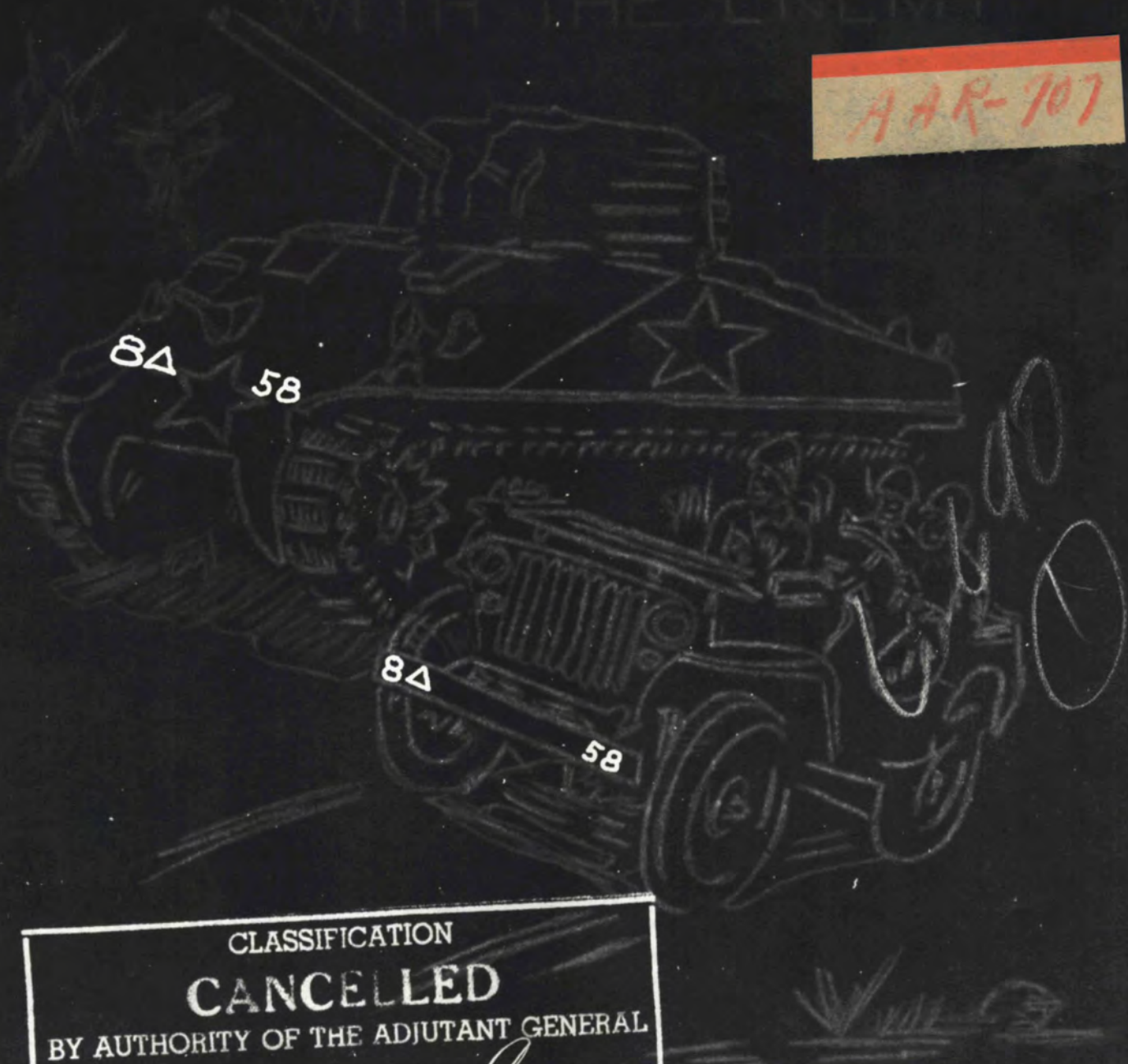
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY
APO 858, U S ARMY

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COMMAND AFTER ACTION REPORT
Period 01001 April 1945 to 23000 April 1945

DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE *June 46*

1. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

a. The battalion attacked South from LIPPSTADT from 3 April to 5 April, advancing a distance of 6.6 miles to a point South of KLIEVE.

b. From 6 April to 9 April the battalion carried out defensive missions East of SOEST and along the MOHNE River South of SOEST. Again on 13 April the battalion defended West of BILLMERICH. These defensive missions were successfully accomplished.

c. From 9 April to 12 April the battalion attacked West from NINDER-ENSE, advancing a distance of 15 miles to a line West of BILLMERICH.

d. On 21 April this battalion, under CCB, attacked from BLANKENBURG and made contact with the 1st Infantry Division on the Northern edge of HUTTENRODE.

e. An estimated 1443 prisoners were captured by this battalion during the period.

2. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Combat efficiency was excellent.

3. COMMENTS ON EMPLOYMENT OF UNIT, ETC. :

The battalion operated throughout April organized into task forces built around two rifle companies and a reserve. This organization was not rigid and was modified from day to day as the situation dictated. In general, each task force was organized as follows:

- 1 Rifle Company (One company had a platoon detached)
- 1 Tank Platoon
- 1 Tank Destroyer Platoon
- 1 Platoon (either Mortar, Machine Gun, or Assault Gun)
- 1 Engineer Squad

The reserve was constituted generally as follows:

- 1 Rifle Platoon
- 1 Tank Company (less 2 platoons)
- 1 TD Company (less 2 platoons)
- 1 Engineer Platoon (less 2 squads)
- 1 Platoon (either Mortar, Machine Gun, or Assault Gun)

This organization permitted the rifle company commanders, who commanded the task forces, the opportunity of planning and conducting their operations with full assurance of cooperation and control. It permitted close cooperation and mutual support

between tanks and infantry and resulted in rapid and effective use of supporting weapons.

In attacks, the battalion operated with one task force in assault, one in support, and a reserve which could deliver supporting fire. The two task forces leapfrogged each other, attacking successive objectives in turn. When a tank of TD platoon with a task force became crippled by loss or damage to vehicles, it was replaced by the reserve tank of TD platoon.

It is believed that this organization and scheme of maneuver is an effective means of insuring continuous pressure on the enemy without undue loss in combat efficiency. Control is also facilitated.

A. C. Harris, Jr.
A. C. HARRIS, JR.
Maj. Inf.,
Cmdg.

SECTION I



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258, U S Army

S 1 AFTER ACTION REPORT

Period 010001 April 1945 to 302400 April 1945

1. INSPECTIONS:

a. Organizational inspections were made at various times throughout the period concerning maintenance of vehicles, weapons, etc. Inspections were also made of sanitation within the battalion by the Battalion Surgeon.

2. CASUALTIES:

Cumulative casualties for period 010001 April 1945 to 302400 April 1945.

<u>Type Casualty</u>	<u>Med. Hq & Hq Co</u>	<u>Sv Co</u>	<u>A Co</u>	<u>B Co</u>	<u>C Co</u>
SWA	0	0	5	1	4
LWA	15	0	15	48	25
LIA	0	0	4	1	0
MIA	0	0	0	0	0
KIA	1	0	4	2	10
DOW	0	0	1	1	0
Non-Battle	5	5	21	14	16
TOTAL	21	5	50	67	55

3. PRISONERS OF WAR:

Prisoners of War taken during period 010001 April 1945 to 302400 April 1945:

Hq & Hq Co	111
Sv Co	15
A Co	428
B Co	460
C Co	429
TOTAL	1443

4. REINFORCEMENTS:

Cumulative reinforcements received during period 010001 April 1945 to 302400 April 1945:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Battlefield Appointments</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq & Hq Co	1	1	7
Sv Co	0	0	0
A Co	3	0	32
B Co	1	3	43

S 1 After Action Report (par 4--contd)

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Battlefield Appointments</u>	<u>EM</u>
C Co	2	1	55
Medical Det	1	0	0
TOTAL	8	5	137

5. OFFICER AND EM GAINS AND LOSSES:

Cumulative officer and EM gains and losses during period 010001 April 1945 to 302400 April 1945:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assigned</u>			<u>Effective strength</u>		
	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
1 April 1945	27	3	715	27	3	715
22 April 1945	27	3	714	27	3	714
3 April 1945	27	3	720	27	3	720
4 April 1945	27	3	700	26	3	686
5 April 1945	27	3	700	26	3	686
6 April 1945	27	3	700	26	3	686
7 April 1945	27	3	701	26	3	687
8 April 1945	27	3	697	26	3	683
9 April 1945	27	3	692	26	3	678
10 April 1945	26	3	747	25	3	726
11 April 1945	26	3	757	25	3	736
12 April 1945	27	3	754	26	3	733
13 April 1945	31	3	758	30	3	738
14 April 1945	31	3	758	30	3	738
15 April 1945	33	3	755	32	3	736
16 April 1945	33	3	755	32	3	736
17 April 1945	33	3	754	32	3	735
18 April 1945	33	3	753	32	3	734
19 April 1945	31	3	719	32	3	704
20 April 1945	38	3	963	37	3	936
21 April 1945	38	3	963	37	3	936
22 April 1945	38	3	963	37	3	936
23 April 1945	39	3	961	38	3	934
24 April 1945	37	3	1000	36	3	973
25 April 1945	39	3	1001	35	3	974
26 April 1945	40	3	1001	36	3	974
27 April 1945	40	3	1003	36	3	976
28 April 1945	40	3	989	37	3	972
29 April 1945	40	3	1000	37	3	983
30 April 1945	40	3	1001	37	3	982

The first 19 days of this period Company A, this battalion was attached to the 80th Tank Battalion. Therefore, their strength figures were not included in the above figures.



S-1 After Action Report (par 5 contd)

The difference in assigned personnel and effective strength of the battalion on various dates was due to men going to Paris and Brussels on pass, men going on furlough to the UK and US, battle casualties, reinforcements, men returned to duty from hospitals, etc.

6. OFFICER PROMOTIONS:

Officer promotions during period 010001 April 1945 to 302400 April 1945:

REGULAR PROMOTIONS

Major to Lt Col

George Artman 0 21342 Inf

2d Lt to 1st Lt

Conrad P Plomin 01 307 458 Inf
Victor R Sawicki 01 317 429 Inf
Roger M Scaife 01 017 729 Inf
Robert B Dixon 01 311 377 Inf

BATTLEFIELD PROMOTIONS

1st Lt to Capt

Ralph J Elias 01 317 381 Inf

BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

Joseph P Eder 02 012 131 Inf
Russell J Legried 02 012 132 Inf
Perry R Burchett 02 012 130 Inf
Richard C Barnum 02 012 129 Inf
Joseph L Mailly 02 012 190 Inf

7. STRENGTH RETURN FOR PERIOD:

The assigned strength of the battalion as of 302400 April 1945 was 40 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers and 1001 Enlisted men.

The effective strength of the battalion as of 302400 April 1945 was 37 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers and 982 Enlisted men.

For the Battalion Commander:



James D Dyekman
JAMES D DYKMAN
1st Lt, Inf
Adj

SECTION II



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258

S-2 AFTER ACTION REPORT - APRIL 1945

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

There was no contact with the enemy in force at the end of the period. Stragglers and deserters continue to be picked up in groups of from one to five men.

2. Enemy operations during period:

During this period the first contact with the enemy was on the 4th of April in the area South of LIPPSTADT. On that day, opposition consisting of small arms, automatic weapons, and direct fire from three tiger tanks was stiff. By nightfall the enemy had been pushed back South of VOLLINGHAUSEN (B5935).

On the 5th, no opposition was met. Elements of the battalion advanced South to KLIEVE (B3630) and West to BEREIBROCK (B3834). There was still no opposition on the following day since the battalion was given the mission of holding a line through BAD SASS-ENDORF (B3032) to prevent the enemy from withdrawing East from SOEST which was under attack by American infantry elements.

On the 7th the battalion attacked South out of SOEST to GUNNE (B217222) and DELECKE (B247215). Opposition consisted mainly of direct artillery fire. Numerous prisoners were taken.

The following day the battalion moved West against very light resistance, consisting mainly of sniper fire, mortar, and artillery. The enemy withdrew West of HOINGEN (B1621) and NDR. ENSE (B1822). Other enemy elements also held the ground South of the RUHR RIVER.

Resistance stiffened on the 9th as the battalion advanced along the North edge of OVININGHAUSEN WALDE (B1124) where heavy mortar, direct and indirect artillery, anti-tank, small arms, and automatic weapons were encountered. Several tanks were also used to impede our advance. Approximately 200 prisoners were taken during the day. By the end of the day the woods had been cleared and the enemy had been pushed back West of the road between WIEHAGEN (B084227) and West BUDERICH (B0927).

The following day resistance was very light to begin with but stiffened during the middle of the day and afternoon. Mortar, artillery, anti-tank guns, and tanks were used against us before the enemy withdrew West of FROMERN.

Resistance on the 11th was very light, however, the enemy continued harrassing artillery and mortar fire. At the end of the day the Germans had been pushed West of BILLMERICH (A9623).

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On the 12th opposition continued to be very light as the battalion advanced to a line from A918217 to A927205 where orders were received to hold up as elements of an infantry division were to relieve us at this point.

There was no further contact with the enemy until the 21st when German troops were again encountered in the HARZ MOUNTAIN pocket near BLANKENBURG. In the woods North and West of BLANKENBURG all enemy encountered surrendered without resistance. One Tiger tank was captured as the crew slept in a nearby building. At D184585 - D196583 friendly troops of the 1st Infantry Division were met and the enemy pocket of resistance had been eliminated. There was no further contact with the enemy in any force during the period.

3. Section operations:

The Battalion S-2 worked at the front during the entire period, assisting the Battalion Commander and S-3 in directing operations. In the operations near GUINNE and DELECKE the battalion was split into two task forces, one of which was commanded by the Battalion S-2. The S-2 Section at the Battalion CP performed the usual routine duties.

4. Weather and terrain:

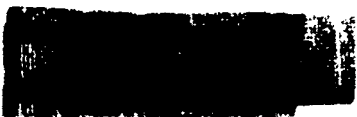
The weather during the period was generally good, however, fog and mist during the morning was prevalent but invariably lifted about noon. Trafficability ranged from fair to good, practically no really bad going being encountered. The area North of the RUHR and MOHLE Rivers was well suited to the use of armor. The excellent observation afforded the enemy from the high ground South of the RUHR RIVER, however, would have subjected our columns to disastrous direct artillery fire had it not been for the morning fogs.

For the Battalion Commander;

James D. Dyekman
JAMES D. DYEKMAN,
1st Lt., Inf.,
Adjutant

ROBERT L. BRUBAKER,
Capt., Inf.,
S-2

SECTION III



HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258

S-3 AFTER ACTION REPORT - APRIL 1945

1. Does not apply.
2. See Overlay.
3. None.
4. Operations for the period:

1 April 45

Battalion relieved of front line position at Langenbochum by elements of 75th Inf Div and proceeded as part of CCR to Selm Germany (A815450). Arrived Selm 1745, travelling distance of 37.7 miles.

2 & 3 April 45

At 1000 April 2 received orders with overlay of route of march to vicinity Dunbruck, Germany. Battalion departed Selm 1352 and arrived Thule, Germany 031115. Bn was immediately alerted to attack south to Ruhr river. At 1430 Bn CO & S-3 returned from CCR with attack orders and Bn passed LD at Heitwinkle at 1500, with C Co as assault company. By dusk, C Co had captured Weckinghausen (405375), against enemy AT and mortar fire. C Co dug in for night.

4 April 45

At 0630, C Co jumped off from Weckinghausen attacking south toward Stirpe (396364), with Task Force Walker on right, CCA on left. C Co advanced slowly against enemy S/A, auto-matic weapons and AT fire. Tank Destroyers of Co G, 809th TD Bn were brought up to counteract this enemy action. By 1215 C Co had entered Stirpe and by 1245 the town was completely in our hands. Enemy AT fire was reported coming from patch of woods at 3937. B Co was alerted to clean out these woods in coordinated attack with Task Force Walker. Following ten minute artillery preparation on woods by 405th FAB, B Co moved out to clean out woods at 1450. Meanwhile C Co sent out a combat patrol to Vollinghausen (393385) to maintain contact with the enemy. By 1540 B Co had cleaned out patch of woods and proceeded to attack toward Vollinghausen. By 1930 B Co had captured the town capturing large number of enemy prisoners. At 2030 B Co dispatched a combat patrol to Klieve (384306). Patrol entered the town, caught enemy by surprise and remained there for the night.

5 April 45

At 0700 B Co moved remainder of Company into Klieve and prepared to further the advance toward Robinhausen (374288)! At 0830 notified by CCR that no further advance was to be made, elements of CCR to relieve [redacted]

S-3 After Action Report Cont.

5 April Cont.

At 1300 relief was completed and Bn returned to Lippstadt in Division Reserve.

6 April 45

Bn at Lippstadt performing necessary maintenance on vehicles and weapons and reorganizing for future operations. At 1915 orders received from CCR to move out and establish road blocks on all roads East of Soest (257305). Purpose of this assignment was to prevent enemy forces from breaking out to the East, while friendly forces attacked from the north through Soest. Bn departed Lippstadt at 2000.

7 April 45

At 0830 Bn was relieved of road block assignment as Soest had been cleared of all enemy forces. At 1600 orders received from CCR to pass through Soest and attack south to Lake Mohne (2221-2521). At 1700 Bn departed Bad Sassendorf (300323) enroute for attack. B & C Co's with attached tanks of A Co 80th Tk Bn and TD's of C Co 809th TD Bn, attacked on parallel roads running north and south to the Lake, B Co on left, C Co on right. At 2000 B Co had taken their objective at Delecke (B248218) capturing a large number of German prisoners with little opposition. At 2100 C Co had captured their objective at Gianne (217225), against stiff opposition. B Co made contact with CCA at Korbecke (275224).

8 April 45

At 1045 B Co was relieved by elements of CCA at Delecke and proceeded enroute north to Rudoloh (252267), west to Delringsen (238266), south to Gianne (217225) then west along main road and captured Heingen (165209) and Ndr Ense (181225) against light artillery, mortar and some sniper fire. C Co remained in their present position throughout the day.

9 April 45

At 0245 Bn CO returned from CCR with attack orders at 0545 west to Dortmund. Company Commanders were assembled at 0300, orders issued and B Co was guided by our reconnaissance platoon to Oderense where they were to organize for attack. Remainder of Bn followed. CCB on right, CCR on left with CCA in reserve with mission to mop up all enemy remnants bi-passed by leading forces. B Co jumped off at 0600 attacking west on main road south of Blumenthal (1426). Progress was slow in face of direct AF fire coming from woods at 1124. C Co was brought forward, and B & C Co's in a coordinated attack with Task Force Walker attacking woods from the south.

S-3 After Action Report Cont.

9 April 45 Cont.

By 1400 woods had been cleared and C Co continued the attack dismounted west to Schluckingen (090247). By 1700 Schluckingen was captured along with numerous enemy prisoners. C Co then proceeded south to Wiebagen and by 1900 had taken the town.

10 April 45

At 0100 Bn Co returned from CCR with orders to continue attack generally SW to Bausenhagen (046234). Sump off was scheduled for 0530, but CO CCR delayed attack until 0715 in event Task Force of 80th Tk Bn might need some assistance in taking Wickede. At 0730 Wickede was captured by 80th Tk Bn and C Co was ordered to advance. Advance was slow against enemy artillery fire coming from vicinity of Fronenberg (024195), and counter-battery and air support was put on town. At 0945 C Co had entered Bausenhagen and reached Phase line "X" which was the main road running north and south, west of the town. At 1156 C Co had advanced 1000 yds west of the town and at 1230 reached the road running north and south at 023226. C Co continued to push on against light artillery and mortar fire and at 1430 were 1000 yds east of Fromern(005227). By 1600 C Co had captured Fromern and dug in for the night.

11 April 45

At 0700 C Co jumped off to attack westward to Phase line "Y" which was the main road running north and south, east of Billmerich. C Co advanced rapidly and at 1015 had reached their objective and dug in 100 yds west of the line., in vicinity of Wilhelmshohe. Company Commanders were assembled at Wilhelmshohe and plans were formulated for attack on Billmerich (960227). At 1800 C Co jumped off and with no enemy opposition captured Billmerich.

12 April 45

At 0100 C Co jumped off to attack objective 22, which was the CR at 944227. By 0400 C Co had taken their objective, capturing several enemy prisoners. B Co moved forward, passed through C Co and attacked west to objective 55 & 66. At 1050 B Co had taken objective 66 which was CR at 924225 and then swung SE to take objective 55. At 1250 B Co had taken objective 55 which was the town of Hengen, dug in and awaited further orders. Bn mission had been completed and awaited relief instructions.

13-19 April 45

Bn remained at Billmerich 13 April, B Co being officially relieved at 0100 13 April. At 2000 13 April route of march received from CCR to move to Heiningen (935895). Bn departed Billmerich 0845 14 April.



13-19 April Cont

Arrived Gr Geilenden (8407) 0930 15 April. B Co & Attached C Co 809th TD Bn were billeted in Brunschweig guarding vital civil and military installations. C Co located Broitzgen, attached A Co 80th Tk Bn in Timmerlah. On 17 April remainder of Bn moved to Brunschweig where maintenance on vehicles and weapons were performed. At 2300 19 April, Bn CO was called to CCR for movement instructions.

20 April 45

Bn departed Brunschweig at 0800 enroute to Athenstedt. Arrived Apenstedt, Germany 1015. A, B & C Co's located in Athenstedt. Bn remained on the alert for possible movement to assist CCB in their operation in vicinity of Blankenberg. At 1730 Bn received orders from CCR to move immediately to Westerhausen, attached to CCB. Bn Closed into Blankenberg at 2330 with plans to clean out woods north of the city on the morning of 21 April.

21 April 45


Assembled Company Commanders at 0645 for final coordination of plans for attack. Companies departed dismounted at 0730, A on left, C on right, B Co following in reserve. Mission was to clear the woods and contact the 1st Inf Div driving from the North. Companies jumped off at 0815 B Co being committed on C Cos' right. Companies pushed through woods with no enemy opposition and captured several enemy troops. At 1053 contact was made with the 1st Inf Div completing our mission. Bn was relieved of attachment to CCB and returned to Apenstedt under CCR control.

22 April 45

Received instructions from CCR at 0100 to move to Seesen, Germany. Company Commanders were assembled at 0830, verbal instructions issued and Bn departed Apenstedt at 0930. Arrived Seesen, Germany at 1300 with orders to occupy and govern town of Seesen and surrounding towns. Called for Company Commanders at 1900 and orders issued and sectors assigned for screening and patrolling.

23-30 April 45

During this period Bn remained in Seesen and vicinity. Companies screened the entire area, capturing large numbers of enemy troops and equipment. All civil and military installations that were deemed necessary were guarded 24 hours per day. Fixed posts were established at all edges of towns to prevent civilians from passing from town to town without authorization. All roads were patrolled 24 hours per day.


S-3 After Action Report Cont.

For the Battalion Commander:

James D Dyekman
JAMES D DYKMAN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Adjutant

WILLIAM M RUNGE,
Major, Infantry,
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258, U S Army

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COMMAND AFTER ACTION REPORT
Period 010001 May 1945 to 312400 May 1945

1. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Does not apply.

2. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Does not apply.

3. COMMENTS ON EMPLOYMENT OF UNIT, ETC:

This battalion is capable of peak combat performance if given the opportunity for further combat duties. This conclusion is expressed in view that despite the severity of the fighting, the battalion had great success during the latter stages of its employment, with a low casualty rate sustained among key personnel.

I believe the battalion could be most effectively employed by the government in a combat mission against the Japanese, rather than the mission to which it is now assigned.

George Artman
GEORGE ARTMAN
Lt Col., Inf.
Commanding

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S 1 AFTER ACTION REPORT

Period 010001 May 1945 to 312400 May 1945

1. INSPECTIONS:

a. Organizational inspections were made at various times throughout the period, concerning maintenance of vehicles, weapons, etc.

b. All Officers and EM of the battalion were given a physical examination during this period.

2. CASUALTIES:

Cumulative casualties for period 010001 May 1945 to 312400 May 1945:

<u>Type Casualty</u>	<u>Med. Hq & Hq Co</u>	<u>Sv Co</u>	<u>A Co</u>	<u>B Co</u>	<u>C Co</u>
SWA	0	0	0	1	0
LWA	0	0	0	2	0
LIA	0	0	0	0	0
WIA	0	0	0	0	0
KIA	0	0	0	2	0
DOI	1	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	13	0	13	23	13
TOTAL	14	1	13	26	13

3. PRISONERS OF WAR:

None

4. REINFORCEMENTS:

Cumulative reinforcements received during period 010001 May 1945 to 312400 May 1945:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq & Hq Co	0	0
Sv Co	0	0
A Co	0	0
B Co	0	2
C Co	0	1
Medical Det	0	0
TOTAL	0	3

S-1 After Action Report (contd)

5. OFFICER AND EM GAINS AND LOSSES:

Cumulative officer and EM gains and losses during period
01001 May 1945 to 312400 May 1945:

Date	<u>Assigned</u>			<u>Effective Strength</u>		
	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
1 May 45	40	3	998	35	3	979
2 May 45	43	3	997	38	3	978
3 May 45	44	3	993	39	3	974
4 May 45	44	3	991	39	3	972
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17 May 45	46	3	999	42	3	953
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21 May 45	43	3	998	40	3	958
22 May 45	43	3	998	40	3	955
23 May 45	43	3	996	37	3	909
24 May 45	43	3	995	34	3	893
25 May 45	43	3	994	34	3	896
26 May 45	43	3	1008	35	3	899
27 May 45	43	3	1011	35	3	896
28 May 45	43	3	1010	35	3	899
29 May 45	43	3	1013	40	3	972
30 May 45	43	3	1013	40	3	977
31 May 45	43	3	1013	40	3	986

The difference in assigned personnel and effective strength of the battalion on various dates was due to men going to Paris on pass, men going on furlough to the UK and US, reinforcements, men returned to duty from hospitals, etc.

6. OFFICER PROMOTIONS:

BATTERFIELD PROMOTIONS
2d Lt to 1st Lt

Benjamin D Taylor, O 547611 Inf

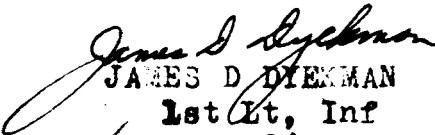
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7. STRENGTH RETURN FOR PERIOD:

The assigned strength of the battalion as of 312400 May 1945 was: 43 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers and 1013 Enlisted Men.

The effective strength of the battalion as of 312400 May 1945 was: 40 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers and 986 Enlisted Men.

For the Battalion Commander:


JAMES D. DIELMAN
1st Lt, Inf
Adj

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258, U. S. ARMY

S-2 AFTER ACTION REPORT - 010001 MAY to 312400 MAY 1945

1. **Enemy situation at end of period:**
This batt alion was not in contact with the enemy at the end of the period.
2. **Enemy operations during the period:**
None
3. **Section operations during the period:**
The S-2 Section was engaged in the processing and screening of German civilians and soldiers rounded up in the area, and in the performance of normal garrison duties during the period.
4. **Weather and trafficability:**
The weather was exceptionally good during the early part of the month, but during the latter part of the month an unusual amount of rain fell. Trafficability in the area was good.

For the Battalion Commander,

James D. Dyekman
JAMES D. DYKMAN,
1st Lt., Inf.,
Adjutant

ROBERT L. BRUBAKER,
Capt., Inf.,
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**HEADQUARTERS FIFTY EIGHTH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 258, U S Army**

S-3 AFTER ACTION REPORT

Period 010001 May, 1945 to 312400 May, 1945

1. **Front Lines at End of Period: Does not apply.**
2. **Location of Troops: See Overlay.**
3. **Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops: None.**
4. **Operations for the Period:**

1-8 May, 1945

During this period the Battalion did not take part in any combat operations against the enemy. Battalion remained in Seesen, Germany and vicinity, occupied and governed area as assigned by CCR. Rifle Companies of the battalion were assigned sectors to screen with the mission of taking any enemy troops still holding out. Guard posts were established on all German hospitals containing German prisoner's of war, banks, Displaced Person Camps and factories containing quantities of foodstuffs. All roads were patrolled twenty-four hours per day and guards were placed on edges of all towns to prevent civilians from passing from one town to another without proper authority. Troops not involved in guarding or patrolling followed a daily training schedule consisting of physical training, close order drill, manual of arms and other basic subjects.

9-31 May, 1945

Battalion departed Seesen, Germany at 0900 enroute to Duderstadt, Germany. Arrived Duderstadt, Germany 1130 9 May, 1945 and relieved 88th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized. Travelled distance of 29 miles. Battalion area, assigned by CCR, was divided in three sections and each rifle company took over one section with the mission of patrolling all roads and guarding any installations deemed necessary. Guards were placed on a V Bomb factory in Lindau, Germany, signal supply dump in Lesteroede, Germany, Displaced Person Camp in Rhumspringe, Germany and three hospitals in Duderstadt, Germany. Towards the latter part of the month in compliance with a Division directive, guards and patrols were held to a minimum and companies followed a weekly training schedule consisting of platoon problems and firing of M-1 rifle, carbine and Thompson sub machine gun. Two week course on maintenance subjects was covered for the purpose of improving the first echelon maintenance in the battalion. Considerable time was devoted to organized athletics.

For the Battalion Commander,

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9-4 After Action Report. Period 0001 1 May to 2400 31 May 1945.

Paragraph I - Supply:

1 May to 31 May inclusive, Change 2 to Administrative Order #6, 8th Armored Division.

There were no discrepancies in Class I, II, III, IV and V supplies.

Paragraph II - Transportation:

Transportation facilities were adequate to meet our needs.

Paragraph III - Evacuation:

At Seesen, Germany on 2 May, Headquarters Company of this Battalion had one (1) Truck, 1/4 Ton, 4 x 4 blown up. It was turned in to "F" Company, 150th Ordnance.

All dead were evacuated to Graves Registration Officer, 8th Armored Division.

Paragraph IV - Road and Circulation:

Does not apply.

Paragraph V - Salvage and Captured Material:

All Salvage has been turned in thru regular supply channels.

For the Battalion Commander:

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