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9TH ARMORED DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. Army.

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14 November 1944.

Subject: After Action Report for Month of August 1944.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- 1. Campaign: Western Europe.
- 2. Losses in Action:
 - (a) Personnel Losses: ENLISTED NEW

KIA 10 LWA 33 LWA Remained or duty 13 DOW 3 LIA 12 SWA 20 RTD 4 (Battle SIA 2 Casualties)

Kon battle casualties 20 RTD fr Abs Sk 5
Missing OFFICERS

LWA Remained Duty 1 SWA 2 KIA 1

(b) Vehicular Losses:

Gun, 57 IM 1 Trailer, 1-T, 2wh cargo 1 Carrier, pers, H/T, Truck, ½ ton, 4x4 1 M3, W/O/Arm, WW 5 Truck, 2½ ton, 6x6 0 Trailer, M10

Ammunition Expenditure and Losses:

Shell, .81 Shell, .57 Shell, .75 Shell, .75 Shell, .75	MM (HIM) MM (HIM) MM (HEL) MM (APC) How (HE) How (WP)	rifle MG 11G)))) // M/F 48) N/F 54	5000 10000 4000 45000 30000 114 0 57 100 44 24 44 0
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Lt Jol John S. Mintermute, Jr., 022039, En Jommander. Jant Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hq Co. Sapt Donald M. Crafts, 0448757, Co "A". Capt Arthur J. Elmore, 0450138, Jo "B". Capt Armand W. Gardner, 0470050, Go. "C". Capt William Werner, 0426179, Med Det.

5. Narrative:

Received our first field order to seize Laval on the second of August. We began our journey shortly after the Ailied breakthrough at Avranches. The first encounter with the enemy occured at our bivouac near St Hiliare du Harcourt. Several prisoners were taken and a few killed by "" and "" Companies. "e also were subjected to our first enemy bombing in the field. Chly light casualties were inflicted on two of our men. On Corps order we set up road blocks on roads SW of Laval. We were subjected for the first time to the renowned enemy 88 fire. We suffered light casualties and destroyed several ned enemy 88 fire. We suffered light casualties and destroyed several enemy vehicles also killed and captured several enemy. Extrements At Cosse le Vivien an attempt was made to impede the progress of our column by neavy sniper fire and grenade launchers. This resistence was readily overcome and we proceeded on to Le Mans. While the Infantry pressed on into the city our Armored Column formed a ring of steel around the city to prevent any possible escape from the enemy forces within the city. After Le Mans had fallen we made a forced march to Bonnetable where Lt Col Wintermute and Major Hurley were wounded by 88 shell fragmentation and MG fire. Msjor Toney Giorlando, 0319491, assumed command. Captain Donald K. Crafts, Commander of Company "A took over duties of S-3, and 1st Lt., Robert A. Lewis, 0449094, Company "B" assumed command of Company "A". After a few minor skirmishes the Battalion raced No of Nonant Le Pins to support other Armored elements in the closing of the now famous Argentan-Fallise gap. The Battalion played a major part in the smashing of the fleeing 7th German Army. We were relieved at this point by the French 2nd Armored The Battalion and other components of the Division sped South to the town of Sees, thence East to the outskirts of Dreux, arriving on the morning of the 16th of August. After a nasty ass After a nasty assembly of the unit the order was given to take the city and secure the bridges. Unexpected opposition was met and a fierce encounter ensued. enemy was well entrenched to all approaches to the city. Battle formation consisting of a line of light tanks and Infantry on foot laid down a withering field of fire, advanced determinedly towards the enemy positions, overwhelming them, and captured the city with bridges entact. Although our losses were not light them were more than compensated for by the number of Germans killed, wounded and taken prisoner. The populace afforded a tumuithous welcome. The efficiency of the FFI in this city was remarked by all. Another end run was made to Vernon, where we encountered and destroyed elements of that part of the German army which had escaped through the narrowing Falaise gap. In the meantime our B & C Co panies now a part of Task Force Anderson, had been encountering little opposition, the enemy action being a rear guard delaying action. However near La Chapelle on the 22d or August the rask Force (Anderson) after being bombed and strated by eight (8) enemy aircraft (Me 109's) had a bitter encounter with 200 SS troops uniquely concealed baneath wheat shocks. The Task Force operated with tanks in front and Infantry dismounted mopping up. No prisoners were taken.

Our ever elusive Division then made a forced march to Mantes,

where we assisted in pinning the remnants of the thoroughly bewildered enemy against his newly adopted defensive position - the Seine River. Lt Col Kenneth P. Gilson, 0359160, assumed command on the 28th August. Two days later we were greeted by the wildly cheering inhabitants of the great city of Paris. Intent upon our usual tactics of cutting off more groups of the badly battered enemy forces we sped northeast, met and broke up a determined enemy stand at Senlis. Meanwhile our sister lask Force was always on our flank in our pursuit of the harrassed

enemy.

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On the 31st of August we/closed in bivouac on the outskirts of Fleurines, while our Task Force on the same date arrived at the Jomp-iegne Forest, scene of the signing of the armistace of World War I and the capitulation of France to the Nazis in 1940.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. Army.

RESTRICTED 14 November 1944.

SUBJECT: After Action Report for Month of September 1944.

To: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- 1. Campaign: Western Europe.
- 2. LOSSES IN ACTION.

<u>a</u> .	PERSONTEL	LOSSES:	ENLIST	D MEN
	KIA DOW SWA SIA LWA LIA MIA	28 5 18 1 59 9	RTD 17 LWA remained duty 30	(Non battle) Abs sk 81 AWOL 2 RTD fr abs sk 6 Missing 1 fr " 1

OFFICERS

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b. VEHICULAR LOSSES:

3. ALMUNITICN EXPENDITURE AND LOSSES.

TYPE	EXPIR.DI TURE	LOST BY ENEMY ACTION
Cartridge, cal .30, carbine Cartridge, cal .30, rifle Cartridge, cal .45 Cartridge, cal .30 Mg Cartridge, cal .50 Mg Saell, .60 MM (ME) Shell, .60 MM (ME) Shell, .81 MM (MEM) Shell, .81 MM (MEL) Shell, .75 MM (APC) Shell, .75 How (ME) M/F 54 (M/) Shell, .75 How (ME)	5000 17000 6000 101000 20500 366 0 250 0 250 0 250 0 200 318 0 100 0 200 300 0	1000 3000 1000 8000 18000 0 0 0 0 48 48 48 50 9

4. CONTRIDERS:

Lt Col Kenneth P. Gilson, 0359160, Bn Commander. Capt Phomas /. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hg Co. Capt Artnur J. Elmore, 0450130, Co "". Capt Armand W. Gardner, 0470050, Co."C". lst Lt Robert A. Lewis, 0449094, Co. "A". Capt Milliam Merner, 0426179, Med Det.

5. MATRATIVE:

on the first of September we (IF Gilson, TF Anderson) swept north a distance of 85 miles to the Belgium border. While on route we encountered stiff enery resistance south of Noyon. Heavy machinegum, mortar and "bazooka" fire had to be observed and fairly heavy casualties and vehicular losses were suffered before we were able to attain our objective. The happy faces of the exhuberant throngs in the city of Valencianes more than compensated for the recent grim fighting. Little action occurred at the border but the thoroughly demoralized enemy was now surrendering to us by the bundreds. While located here Major Charles I. Webb, 0287066, assumed the duties of 5-3 and Captein Donald K. Grafts reverted to his command of Company "A".

After a two day respite we again drove south and east crossing into Delgium on September 9th. Our great speed carried us into the Duchy of Luxembourg the following day and it was with no little pride that we, together with the rest of the Division, accepted the plaudits of the jubilant crowds in the capitol city itself. A few days rest and on the 16th of September the order of greatest importance to us all was given - the territory of the Reich was to be invaded by our forces. On that date at 1825 hours we crossed a hastily created bridge at Wallendorf. Meeting little opposition and becatating only to destroy abandoned mill-boxes we pushed on to herstating only to destroy abandoned pill-boxes we pushed on to Weiderstagen where for four days and nights we were subjected to Continuous artillery fire by the enemy. The determined spitit of The show fighting upon his own soil was soon felt. Company "E" was on our loft flack engaging ten enemy north of the town, Jounsell "A" resetted sutempts by the enemy to metalte the town and Company "C" . and the sends full resisting several attacks at Hommerdingen to our right front. Surrerting artitlery pounded the enemy coaslessly and cilomend several batteries to our front. Our assault guns and mortage plance a mojor part in repetting numerous enomy counter attacks. Howeven too mide of tuncels to one Sai fried fortifications afforded the amount to make of tuncels to one Sai fried fortifications afforded the amount to make of fill without impough and behind our walkers on a fill without invant of an order to us to withdraw into Luxenbourg. Our only avenue of escape was a good leading south—what into Jullandoof. At 1240 hours we began our withdraws. In a never-to-be-forgotten assh out of this seemingly hopeless situation with every weapon firing we brasted our way through a route covered by with ring anomy fire and roused across the bridge at Mallendorf on which was energy was hurlan; beavy arrillery and mortar fire. Is there a non-maive today who will ever for at "Furple Heart Valley"? In this connacion our second commander was lost to us when Lt-Col. Henneth P. Tilson suffered a chest wound in the witadlawn!. Major Jeney Bioriande assumed command when we reached our bivouse at Dettendorf, Luxembourg. A later report stated that a known enemy force of 25,000 troops had been in our vicinity and that fifty ter cent of this number became ensualties. On the 23rd of the nouth L'-Col. Cleur C. Dickenson, C197385, arrived to assume command of the Cottalion. The remainder of the month Company "A", with Head ', with Headquarters Comeny weapons sum ort, patrolled the territory northeast of Luisdorf evenLooking the Gur River bordering Germany.

(5. NARRATIVE: Continued)

During the same period Companies "3" & "C" with Task Force RESTRICTED Anderson were also on outposts overlooking the Cur River.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. Army.

18 November 1944.

After Action Report for Month of October 1944. SU JECT:

The Adjutant_General, U. S. Army, $\mathbb{T}^{\mathbb{C}}$ Mashington, D. C. (Through Channels)

Campaign: Western Europe.

2.a LOSSES IN ACTION: ENLISTED NEW

LNA (Non battle casualties) l $\mathbb{M}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{A}$ 1 Abs sk 30 RTD RTD fr LWA remained duty 1 Abs sk 22

OFFICERS

Abs Sk (Non battle) 1

None.

b VEHICULAR LOSSES:

3. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE & LOSSES

COMMANDERS:

Lt Col Glenn G. Dickenson, 0197385, En Commander. Capt Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hq Co. Capt Donald K. Crafts, 0448757, Co "A". Cant Armand W. Gardner, 0470050, co. V. Capt William Werner, 0426179, Med Det.

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HEADQUARTERS 15th ARMORED INFABTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. Army

1 December 1944.

Subject: After Action Report for Month of Nevember 1944.

Te : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- 1. Campaign: Western Europe.
- 2. Lesses in Action:
 - (a) Personnel Losses:

ENLISTED MEN

LWA 3 LWA (remained dy) 1 Non-battle 32 RTD 1 RTD (non-battle) 16

OFFICERS

RTD 1
RTD (non-battle) 1 Non-battle 2

(b) Vehicular losses: $\underline{N} \ \underline{O} \ \underline{N} \ \underline{E}$

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3. Ammunition Expenditure and Losses:

Cartridge, cal30 rifle	14,048
Cartridge, cal30 MG	160
Cartridge, cal50 MG	3,000
Shell, .60 MM (ILL)	10
Shell, .75 How HE W/F 48	588
Shell, .75 How HE W/F 54	117
Shell, .75 How WP	74
Grenade, hand, frag.	85
Grenade, hand, incend.	22
Grenade, hand, offensive	52
Grenade, hand, WP	50
Gremade, hand, smoke	33
Rockets, M6Al	69

4. COMMANDERS:

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Lt Col Glenn G. Dickenson, 0197385, Bn Commander. Capt Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hq Co. Capt Donald K. Crafts, 0448757, Co "A". Capt Arthur J. Elmore, 0450138, Co "B". Capt Armand W. Gardner. 0470050, Co. "C".

Capt Clarence E. Anderson, 0390473, Sv Co.

5. MARRATIVE:

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On Nevember first the Battalion relieved the 47th Armored Infantry Battalien at Hofen, Germany occupying outposts on a front of 4500 yards. Numerous fire missions upon active elements of the enemy opposing us were highly successful. Four prisoners were taken by B and C Companies. Slight wounds were suffered by only two members of the Battalion. One half-track was slightly damaged by enemy artillery fire. The unit was relieved on November 10th and retired to Belgium where tactical bivouscs were established until November 22nd. On this date Captain Gilbert R. Collins was evacuated to the hospital and 1st Lieutenant Nicholas Ticaric assumed duties of the Battalion Communications Officer.

Orders were received to return into Germany to an area 1st miles southeast of Roetgen. Our mission here was to repulse any counterattack that might be launched in this sector. Several roadblocks were established and on four successive nights three patrols were sent out to locate pill-boxes and to note any enemy activity in the vicinity of Konzen, Germany. No casualties were surfered while patrolling but three EM were slightly wounded by a round of enemy artillery fire in the bivouac area. On the 27th Captain William Werner was transferred to a general hospital and Captain LeRoy J. Holbert, 0436692, assumed command of the Medical Detachment. Our position was in the same locale at the end of the month.

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3January 1945

Subject: After Action Report For Month of December 1944.

Te : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- 1. Campaign: Western Europe.
- 2. Losses in Action:
 - (a) Personnel Losses:
 ENLISTED MEN

MTA 25 KIA 25 DOW 4 Nen-Battle 128 LWA 214 SWA 25

OFFICERS

KIA 3 IWA 9 Non-Battle 4

(b) Vehicular lesses:

1 ea. Trailer, ammunitien, MlO

3. Ammunitien Expenditure and Lesses:

TYPE OF AMMUNITION	EXPENDED	LOST DUE TO EZA
Cartridge, cal. 30, carbine	13,000	3,000
Cartridge, cal. 30, rifle	50,500 0	20,000
Cartridge, cal. 45, S.M.G.	1,000	1,000
Cartridge, cal. 30, MG.	47,000	8,000
Cartridge, cal. 50, MG.	2,000	0
Shell, 60mm Merter, H.E.	392	175
Shell, 60mm Mertar, Ill.	40	0
Shell, 81mm Mertar, W.P.	220	0 .
Shell, 81mm Mertar, H.E.L.	1,100	0
Shell, 75mm Hew, H.E. w/fuse,	148 805	0
Shell, 75mm Hew, H.E. w/fuse,	M54 120	o ·
Shell, 75mm Hew, W.P.	245 -	Ō
Shell, 81mm Mertar, H.E.H.	100	0

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3. (Continued) Assumition Expenditure and Lesses:

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Rockets,	MGA1	275	100
Gronado,	anti-tank, V.P., M15	50	

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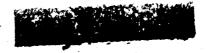
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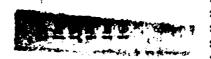


Having been relieved from its patrolling activities near Reetgen, Germany en Dec. 1st the battalien preceded to a tactical biveuac area 2½ miles seutheast of Neuderf, Belgium. For the fellowing eight days the companies trained in a series of firing problems. During this period decerations were awarded by General Oliver and addresses were made by Cel Cele and Major Phillipsbern of CCB.

On Dec 10th the battalien moved to, an assembly area 12 mi northeast of Hurtgen, Germany. Here in the shell-pecked ferest still strewn with the deadand the shattered equipment of recent battles the order was received to attack the fellowing merning. At 0745 hours on the 11 of Decthe line companies, each with a plateen of tanks attached, launched an assault against the well-entrenched enemy. From the start the going was tough. Terrific enemy mertar and artillery fire resulted in heavy casualties but an advance of several hundred yards was made and the Bn CP was moved ferward to Kleinhau, Germany. Bitter weather and centinued heavy enemy fire fersed our men to dig in and held. All available replacements were placed in the line and en the merning of the 14th of Dec. another attack was made. A determined stand was made by the enemy resulting in small gains in yardage. Though battle-scarred, weary from lack of food and sloop and numb from cold, the gallent remnants of our unit rallied to the urgent appeal of their leaders and dreve east on the morning of Dec 15th and by 1000 hours had taken the first of three objectives (a ferest 3/4 miles southeast of Strass) Splinded assistance from other units in the taking of the second objective permitted, the eccupation of the final objective (a hill everlooking the city of Windon on the Reer River) at 1030 hours on Dec 16th. Here our troops dug in and tha following day the Bn OF was moved to Strass and 3 days later to Bergheim until the night of Dec 22nd. The hill was held despite enemy air attacks, heavy mortar and artillery fire and counterattacks in force each morning. The unit had been attached to CCA on Dec 20th until we were relieved by the 330th Inf and withdrew to an assembly area la miles northeast of Hurtgen. A letter of commendation for our splinded work while under his command was received from General Regnier on Dec 26th. Having reverted to CCB on the 23rd of Dec we moved under this command the following day to a biveuec area 4 miles northeast of Verviers, Belgium. A spirit of thanksgiving prevailed on Xmas day amid our reduced ranks - church services were well attended and the holiday dinner with all the trimmings was gratefully indulged in by all. The remainder of 1944 was spent in this area with a four alert in force, recommissance parties very active and the swelling of our ranks once again by the assignment to the battalion of 275 replacements.

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HEADQUARTERS, 15TH ARMURED INFANTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. ARMY

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2 February 1945

Subject: After Action Report For Month of January 1945.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- 1. Campaign: Western Europe.
- 2. Losses in Action:
 - (a) Personnel Losses:

 Number of Enlisted Men dropped from Battalion
 Strength on account of sickness, Forty-eight (48).

 Number of Enlisted Men returned to duty from
 Hospitals, Twenty-six (26).
 - (b) Vehicular Losses: NONE
- 3. Ammunition Expenditure and Losses: NONE
- 4. Commanders:

 It Col Glenn G. Dickenson, 0197385, Bn Commander.

 Capt Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hq Co.

 Capt George W. Kellner, 0373265, Co "A".

 lst It Warren A. Hedlin, 0441290, Co "B".

 Capt Jack Rice, 0258833, Co "C".

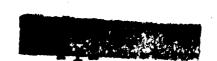
 Capt Leroy J. Holbert, 0436692, Med Det.

 Capt Cecil D. Benson, 01012649, Sv Co.

5. Narrative:

On the 1st of January the battalion was in a tactical bivouac area near Verviers, Belgium, where Co's married up to TASK FORCE DICKENSON and TASK FORCE ANDERSON. Extensive training for our reinforcements in Tank-Infantry tactics prevailed during the greater part of the month with an occasional reconnaissance patrol operating on the road to Malmedy, Belgium.

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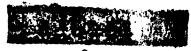


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On the 25th of January General Oliver awarded medals and decomations. Training continued and on the 27th we received orders to move. The following day we arrived at Astenet, Belgium, where we continued our extensive training and performed first echelon maintenance until the close of the month.

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4 March 1945.

Subject: After Action Report for Routh of February 1945.

To : I e Adjutant Beneral, Washington, D. C. (Firough Channels)

In compliance with rar 10 (03) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- 1. Jampaign: Germany.
- 2. Losses in Action:
 - (a) rersonnel mosses:

Absent bick - 44 Returned to duty - 69
(non-pastle)
Lightly wounded in action - 36
Seriously wounded in action - 4
Lightly injured in action - 3
Killed in action - 4
Hissing in action - 2
Total Losses 93 69 Returned

(b) Venicular Losses:

Half tracks (personnel carriers) - 8
Truck, 4 X 4, ½ Ton - 1
Total veh. losses - 9

3. Ammunition Expenditure and Losses:

AMMUNICION EXPENDITURE

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Shell, .75 Shell, .75	MM HE W/F M48	175 10
Shell75	MM A.P.C.	45
	MM HE W/P M48	69
Shell, .76	MI A. P. C.	21
Cartridge,	Cal30, Rifle	10,752
	Cal30, Carbine	3,000
	Cal30, M/G	20,000
Cartridge.	Cal50. E/G	2.200

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Commanders: Lt Col Glenn G. Dickenson, 0197385, Bn Commander. Capt Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hq Co. Capt George W. Kellner, 0373265, Co "A" lst Lt Warren A. Hedlin, 0441290, Co "B" Capt Jack Rice, 0258833, Co "C". Capt Leroy J. Holbert, 0436692, Med Det. Capt Arthur J. Elmore, 0450138. Sv Co.

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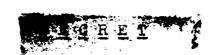
On the 1st of February the Battalion was in a tactical bivouac at Astenet, Belgium. Continued training of reinforcements prevailed at this time. The Battalion made an administrative march northwest into Holland and arrived at Ubachsberg at 0015 on the 5th.

Training continued with the Companies married and in task New Assault guns were received and fired on the 15th. forces.

News of the Ninth Armies crossing the Roer River and smashing of the Germans Roer defenses came simultaneously with our moving orders and on the 24th we made a forced march to within sight of the famous river. We crossed the Roer at Linnich, Germany on the 25th at 0540 amid the thunder of our tremendous artillery.

Moving up to the line we received attack orders and on the 26th Task Force Anderson with "3" & "C" Companies took 4 objectives. Task Force Dickenson charged forward on the 27th and at 1700 captured Munchen Gladbach Rheindahlen. We took about 150 prisoners and lost 4 EM killed in action and approximately 40 EM wounded in action. The roads were congested with fleeing German civilians however they did not heed the progress of our forces. On the following day a married platoon of Company "A" and elements of Hos Company cleared the town of Wickrath, Germany and the end of the month found us with new orders.

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			arrived in	Dostar, Ge:	rmany at 0645 (017650). Left
			vde N of H	ottonf Con	in biv at 2000 (023683) 200
			maintained	eccori, Ger	many. Local security est &
26 Feb					1 Toft 3770
_0 _0			at jump-of	f area at 14	s. Left area at 1330 arrived 400 at(029709) NE of
			Kleinbousl	ar. Germany.	Moved to area S of hatzem,
			Germany (O	31713) order	rs to jump-off in morning.
			TFA (Ander	son) w/B & (Co's. captured 4 towns
			with only.	light resist	tance.
27 Feb			TF Dickens	on left area	a to go into attack - let
			objective	taken by doi	ighboys - Munten Gladbach
			Rheindahle	n (0484) tal	ten by our unit at 1700 (
•			406th Inf	in support).	150 prisoners taken -
			1 KIA Co ".	A" - î KIA (Jo "B".

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FROM: 1 February 1945

28 February 1945

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PLACE: BELGIUM, HOLLAND, GERMANY

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	OUT	Ser- ial No.	DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC., ACTION TAKEN
27	Feb	(Continued)		Neather good - visibility poor - Terrain, /very favorable. (Numerous German civilians (evacuees)
28	Feb		•	fleeing advance of our units - however, not interfering with traffic on roads). En Hqs located at Lotsenstelle, Germany (030837) in the SW of Munten Gladback Ryndallen, Germany. Line Companies established & maintained road
				blocks during this period. Married platoon & part of Hqs Company cleared town of Wickrath, Germany (075825).

C. I. WEBB, Maj, Inf, S-3.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. Army.

9 April 1945.

Subject: After Action Report for Month of March 1945.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- a. Campaign: Germany.
- b. Losses in Action:
 - (1) Personnel Losses:

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 - (2) Vehicular Losses:

None.

c. Commanders:

Lt Col Glenn G. Dickenson, 0197385, En Commander. Capt Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Ho Co. 1st Lt James P. Norment, 0520896, Co "A" 1st Lt Warren A. Hedlin, 0441290, Co "E" Capt Jack Rice, 0258833, Co "C" Capt Leroy J. Holbert, 0436692, Hed Det Capt Arthur J. Elmore, 0450138, Sv Co

d. Attachments and Assignments:

Assigned to XIII Corps, 9th United States Army.

e. Movements, boundaries, and command posts.

factical movement within XIII Corps sector.

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Command posts located at the fullowing towns and coordinates:

			Gunhoven, Germany	055	6 4 0	1	Harch	1945
			Hehn, Germany	046	881	2	Larch	1945.
			Steves, Germany	058	034	3	rcl	1945
			Vorst, Germany	OD9	016	11	Larch	1945
13	miles	33	Lottulin. Jermany	76	69	31	March	1945

f. Ammunition Expenditure and Losses:

Lone.

g. Marrative:

This month was one of comparatively little action for a unit as active as ours. On the lst we were holding positions on the line from the "rat race" we had just made in our dash for the Rhine. We moved the line forward three different times on this date and captured some 37 prisoners. The following day we were left in the dust by our brothers in arms SOR and SOA, and on the 3rd we moved to Steves, Germany to establish military poverament for the Bertan people in this area. We remained there until 11 harch when we then moved to Vorst, Germany and administered government to that town and area.

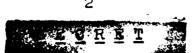
General Cliver awarded decorations to Officers and Enlisted Men for heroic and meritorious services rendered in previous operations. It Colonel Dickenson was awarded The Bilvor Star.

Training at this time consisted of review and intensive orientation, so as to enable everyoue to be familiar with events to come. The 9th United States Army as well as others were crossing the Rhine and we tethered at the leash awaiting to be released at any time for the big push. Our break finally came on the 30th and on the last day of the month we crossed the famous Rhine river at 1700 at the Wesel bridgehead and coiled into bivouac la miles southeast of Rottulin, Germany.

h. Comments.

Section I - Personnel Matters

- (1) Morale and Discipline: Excellent.
- (2) Meinforcements received 33.
- (3) Awards and Decorations:
 - 2 Silver Star Medals
 - 18 Bronze Star Medals



Section II - Intelligence Matters

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(1) None.
(2) None.

Section III - Operations

No comments.

Section IV - Supply and Haintenance Matters

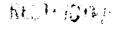
No comments.

Section V - Civilian

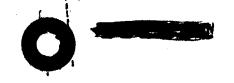
Civilian morale or reception: Of a cooperative nature and very receptive.

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GLERE G. DICHELSON Lt Colonel Cavalry Commanding

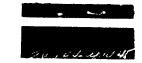






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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION APO 255, U. S. ARMY



3 May 1945

Subject: After Action Report for Month of April 1945.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following After Action Report is submitted:

- Campaign: Germany. 8.
- b. Losses in Action:
 - (1) Personnel Losses:

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(2) Vehicular Losses:

Two halftracks M-3

C. Commanders:

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Maj. Emerson F. Hurley, 0318926, Bn Commander. Capt Thomas V. O'Keefe, 0403929, Hq Co. Capt George W. Kellner, 0373265, Co "A" 1st Lt Warren A. Hedlin, 0441290, Co. "B" Capt Jack Rice, 0258833, Co "C"

Capt Leroy J. Holbert, 0436692, Med Det. Capt Arthur J. Elmore, 0450138, Sv Co.

and Assignments:

Assigned to XIII Corps, 9th United States Army.

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. Movements, boundaries, and command posts.

Tactical missions between the Rhine, and Elec Rivers.
Command posts located at the following towns and
coordinates:

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Coiled at ([3 7 9885]		2 April
Coiled at (735970) SW	of Vlotho	5 April
Hameln, Ger	rmany		10 April
Brunau, Ger			13 April
Walsleben	(780705)		15 April
Brome	(174497)		16 April
Hanum	(1135 8 8)		17 April
Wittingen			17 April
Waddekath	(068638)		20 April
Radenbeck	(120545)		24 April
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f. Ammunition expenditure and losses:

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TYPE OF AMMUNITION	ENEMY ACTION	IN COMBAT
Cartridge, cal. 30 carbine	2000	200
Cartridge, cal. 30 rifle	8000	1300
Cartridge, cal. 45 submg.	900	500
Cartridge, cal. 30 MG	12000	16000 .
Cartridge, cal. 50 MG	1300	1950
Shell, 81mm Mortar H.E.L.	0	6 9 .
Shell, 81mm Mortar W.P.	0 M48 0	7 54
Shell, 105 How. H.E. w/fuse,	M48 0	32
Shell, 105 How. H.E. w/fuse,	M54 0	19
Shell, 105 How. W.P.	28	0
Rocket, Anti-tank, A.P.	11	Ŏ
Rocket, Anti-tank, W.P.	25	. 0 8
Grenade, hand, frag.	15	Õ
Grenade, hand, offensive Grenade, hand, smoke	ī2	0
Grenade, hand, incend.	10	2
Grenade, rifle, H.E.A.T.	18	0
Grenade, rifle, WP M-19	10	0
Flare, trip, M-49	8	0
Shell, 75mm Gun, H.E.	0	3 1
Shell, 75mm Gun, A.P.C.	0	. 2
Shell, 76mm Gun, H.E.	O	57
Shell, 76mm Gun, A.P.C.	0	19

g. Narrative!

On the first of April this unit and the 81st tank Batallion were "married" to form Task Force Dickenson and Task Force Anderson. Having received orders to drive east, we raced to Germany's last great water barrier, th Rhine River, and crossed it without difficulty. In the open country east of the Rhine resistance was slight, but a number of the enemy's vaunted 88's were captured and destroyed. As our reconnaissance platoon approached the Weser River near the city of Minden, the few remaining bridges were destroyed by the enemy. A few days respite along the famous Autobahn was highlighted by the accurate firing of our assault-gun platoon which resulted in the sinking of eleven river barges and the infliction of heavy damage on a well-camouflaged factory on the far side of the river. On April 10th we swung a right hook at the foe and swept across the Weser River at Hameln, home of the legendary Pied Piper. Here road blocks were maintained for three days until orders were received to close with the other elements of the division which were now within sight of the Elbe River. A forced march of 122 miles through the heart of Germany ensued. Our stay on the Elbe was brief. We were called upon to return west to meet a threat to our supply lines. The famous Panzer Division Clausewitz, newly reformed at Dresden, had crossed the Elbe to the north and was endeavoring to disrupt our lines of supplies and communication while it infiltrated to the south in the hope of reaching the Harz Mountains for future guerilla warfare. On the 17th of April we arrived in Wittingen, Germany where misfortune befell us. Lt. Col. Dickensen was evacuated for injuries received in a vehicle accident. The next day with Major Emerson F. Hurley in command, we linked up with the British on our northern flank. Many clashes with the enemy followed. Our road blocks repulsed several attempted penetrations. Heavy artillery and many air attacks mopped up the armored equipment caught in this pocket. The densely wooded areas were littered with dead Germans. Hundreds of prisoners were taken. Never in the history of modern warfare had a division been so short-lived! All enemy threats having been eliminated, we moved to Radenbeck, Germany, "unmarried", and established security patrols and assisted the Military Government in their relations with a now quiescent populace.

h. Comments:

Section I - Personnel Matters

(1) Morale and Discipline: Excellent

(2) Reinforcements received: 4- they satisfactorily filled their jobs.

(3) Awards and Decorations: None



Section II - Intelligence Matters

(1) No comments.

(2) It was estimated the enemy's personnel and material losses were:

Prisoners of war 396 Killed 78

Material losses, destrayed:
Trucks 6 Trailers 4
A - T 2
Motorcycles 3
Tanks 7
Starf Cars 5
Scout Cars 3
Halftracks 7
Antillery 2 - 150mm

Artillery: 2 - 150mm 2 - 105's 19 - 88's

6 - 76!s

l Railroad yard

1 Warehouse of ordnance equipment

2 Factories destroyed

2 Hospitals

Section III - Operations

For the most part of the month our task was the exploiting of the break-through of the enemy lines. The formation used was one married platoon, Assault gun platoon and Mortar platoon in the advance guard. The remainder of the Task Force comprised the main body. It was found that by keeping the Mortars well up in the column, they were able to give quick support when the point ran into resistance and enable the advance guard to quickly over-run most of the resistance encountered without undue loss of time.

The artillery followed our Task Force closely and was always in a position to quickly give us support which enabled us to subdue resistance and make tremendous gains. All orders issued to units within the Task Force were issued verbally.

Section IV - Supply and Maintenance Matters.

No comments.



Section V - Civilian

Cicilian morale or recption: Of a cooperative nature and recptive.

1 Inclosure
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Emerson F. Hurley
Major Infantry
Commanding

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Organization: 15th Arad Inf Ln.

FROM: 1 April 1945

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Received movement orders.

Organization: 15th Armd Inf Sn.

F.C.: 14 April 1945

TC: **20** April 19-5

PLAC: Germany

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		SER- TIME TAL # DATED THOUGHS MASSAGES OFFICE AND A METER DATE.		
7		ACTION VAKE		
	April	Patroled Route "A" from P/L DD to EE and flushed area R of Route "A" to CC3 boundary line in the S and W from P/L DD to EE. Left area at 1645, arrived at 2000 at (805738). Ordered to patrol Elbe River.		
15	April	to P/L EE and from CCR B/L south to CCA B/L. Task Force divorced, "A" & "C" Co's, moved out at 1245, arrived at 1315 at (780705) at delaber. Test R/S		
16	April	L/S. Received movement orders. Left are a at 0745 arrived in new area at 1030 at (360654) at Recklingen. Alerted for move at 1145. Oo's moved out married at 1445 to flush area from arome (174497) to Mellin (202553). Coiled in brome at 1730. Let and maintained R/L and L/S.		
17	april	Left area at Colf to set up defensive positions from Chrdorf (079600) to Easenbeck (109573). OP at Hanum (113586) in position at 0830. Mission accomplished at 1330. Left area at 1630 arrived at Wittingen at 1730 (030633) for defensive positions. Est and maintained R/L and L/S. Mnocked out one enemy tank and one hy scout car. Japt Keliner RTL as A Colombander. Capt Collins RTD as Googlefican Col		
13	April	Dickenson evacuated. Maj Hurley in Command. 1 married plat moved to Linhof (117629) at 1330 to secure road-net in town. Stron; enemy column attacked road block at 2100 with three American vehicles in the lead. One married plat sent up to help support at Lindhof. One plat withcrew to defensive positions between Linchof and Maselmorst (396620) at 2150. Estimated 50 enemy vehicles in woods M. out of Linghof. Artillary times on assemble resistions.		
	April	of Lindhof. Artiliary fired on enemy positions. Lineary attack at 0730 from woods south of defensive positions. Lost two tanks but held position. Estimated 35 enemy vehicles destroyed in woods south of positions. Air and artillary fired on enemy positions. I & R patroled from Vittingen to Sudervittingen.		
20 i	April	Suderwittingen and Chrdorf, A/z engaled enamy, artillary knocked out two vehicles of the group. Received orders to flush woods east of maddekath. Left area at 1700 arrived in Maddekath at 1730. R/D I L/z ast and maintained. Captured 30 prisonurs. I alk ran patrols from Maddekath to Mittin on thru the midde.		

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or anization: 15th Arms Inf Ln

Face: <u>21 april</u> 1945

10:<u>30 April</u>1345

Place: dermany

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21 Apri	il	eintained road clocks and local security. Seven energy prisoners taken. Woods east of waddefath cleared. Found 1 tiper f and 1 light 1 and 30 other well-icles all knocked out in the woods. I is a ran not-
22 Apri	.1	rols thru the hight. Laintained road blocks and local security. I will plat patroled as usual, net a enemy patrol which escaped.
23 Apri 24 Apri		Some as 22 April. Received movement and mission orders. withdrew all road blocks, companies unmarried. Left area at 1445. Arrived at 1530 at Radenbeck at (120545). B Co established CF at Knesebeck at (007576), A Co CP at Radenbeck. C Co remained married with FFA to patrol ESL. En mission to patrol roads west and east of CF location. Set up military gov't, Est and maint R/L's and L/S.
25 Apri	1	Caintained road blocks, local security, will dov't and patrols.
26 Apri 27 Apri 28-30 A	1	Same as 25 April. C Co unmarried and moved to Voitze (130485). Same as 25 April.

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