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HEADQUARTERS 912TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 448 U S ARMY

HISTORICAL RECORD

(After Action Against the Enemy Report)

1 May 1945 - 31 May 1945 Incl.

ANNEXES

A. S-3, S-2 Journal.

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3 June 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report for Month of May 1945.

TO : AG, U S Army, Washington, D. C.
(Through Channels)

1. Personnel:

a. Total effective strength:

(1) At beginning of Period 1 May 1945:

Officers	32
Warrant Officers	2
Enlisted Men	469

(2) At end of Period 31 May 1945:

Officers	32
Warrant Officers	2
Enlisted Men	464

b. Killed in Action:

Officers	0
Warrant Officers	0
Enlisted Men	0

Wounded in Action:

Officers	0
Warrant Officers	0
Enlisted Men	0

Missing in Action:

Officers	0
Warrant Officers	0
Enlisted Men	0

c. Reinforcements:

Officers	1
Warrant Officers	0
Enlisted Men	5

d. Other changes: 1 O's RTD; 13 EM RTD; 10 EM TRFD
2 O's TRFD; 13 EM ES.

2. Enemy Artillery Action: None.

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3. Own Operations:

1 May 1945 - Battalion in position in vicinity Oberlosa, Germany, Coor: WK1416, S-6, Germany, 1:100,000. From 1 May 1945 to 5 May incl, Battalion in a stable position, doing a small amount of firing such as H&Is, Registrations and TOs, and much maintenance, care and cleaning of material and training.

6 May 1945 - At 1030 the Battalion displaced to positions in vicinity of Bergen, Germany, Coor: WK2218, Sheet S-6, Germany 1:100,000. At 1400 Battalion displaced to positions in vicinity of Grunbach, Germany, Coor: WK2816, Sheet S-6, Germany 1:100,000. At 1900 Battalion displaced to positions in vicinity Mulde, Germany, Coor: WK3112, Sheet S-6, Germany, 1:100,000.

7 May 1945 - At 0500 Battalion received cease firing order. At 1030 Battalion displaced to position in vicinity Hammerbrucke, Germany, Coor: WK3214, Sheet S-6, Germany 1:100,000.

8 & 9 May 1945 - Battalion doing maintenance and care and cleaning of material.

10 May 1945 - At 1430 Battalion present at Battalion CP for Flag raising ceremonies. Division Band was present and played. Flag placed at half mast. Chaplin Erickson gave innovation.

11 May 1945 - 949th FA Bn relieved of reinforcing Battalion. Battalion received orders to displace to Saalfeld, Germany. Billeting party sent forward.

12 May 1945 - Battalion arrives at 1330 in the vicinity of Saalfeld, Germany. Battalion engaged in occupation duties Saalfeld, Germany and 28 towns of Landkreis.

13-30 May 1945 - Battalion doing Guard Duty and Training. Memorial Services held at 1045, 13 May 1945. Battalion relieved of Guard Duty by 197th FA Bn, 30th Div at 1200, 30 May 1945.

31 May 1945 - Battalion doing administrative duties and training.

NOTES: Morale has been extremely high throughout the month of May due to the surrendering of the enemy forces. Battalion fired 197 rounds on 14 missions.

4. SUPPLY:

a. Class I - Class I supplies were excellent during the month of May 1945. Supply depots were readily accessible and issues were adequate.

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4. SUPPLY: Con'td

b. Class II - Class II supplies were satisfactory. Very little clothing was available and most requisitions had to be back ordered. Most CWS equipment was turned in after cessation of hostilities and all excess Signal equipment was called in. Generally all excess equipment of all branches was turned in.

c. Class III - Class III supplies were excellent. Supply dumps were readily accessible and stocks were more than adequate.

d. Class IV - No activity.

e. Class V - Expenditure of ammunition ceased on 7 May 1945 and none was required after that date. A new basic load allowance was set up at 42 rounds per gun and all other howitzer ammunition was turned in.

5. LESSONS LEARNED: No comments.

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2 June 1945

Extract of Unit Journal

Location: Oberlosa, Germany
WK1416, S-6, Germany
Date : 1 May 1945

1 May 1945

0930 Bn Comdr dept for Regt CP.
1000 Bn Comdr rt to CP.
1330 Bn Comdr presents Pfc Albert S. Hester, Pvt Joseph E. Monat and T/4 John F. Farrell with Bronze Star awards. (Ribbons)
1500 Am rpt to Div Arty - 18 rounds expended, 1 H&I, 1 TO.
1530 Bn Comdr dept for all Batteries.
1330 Bn Comdr rt to CP.

2 May 1945

1300 Bn S-1 departs for div Arty and Division.
1330 Bn S-3 departs for all Batteries.
1500 Bn S-3 rts to CP
1700 Bn S-1 rts to CP.

3 May 1945

1200 Bn doing care and cleaning of material. Maintenance.
1500 Am rpt to Div Arty- 78 rounds expended, 5 H&Is, 2 TO.

4 May 1945

0930 Bn Comdr departs for Batteries and 1st Bn CP.
1100 Bn Comdr rts to CP.
1400 Bn Comdr presents Sgt Claude E. Eidson and Cpl Frank G. Lunsford and Cpl Joseph Bedrick with Bronze Star awards.
1500 Am rpt to Div Arty- 36 rds ex, 1 Reg, 1 TO.

5 May 1945

0930 Bn comdr dept for Regt CP.
1030 Bn Comdr rt to CP.
1300 Bn Comdr presents Major Charles E. Capron and S/Sgt Harry J. Johnson with Bronze Star awards. OLC presented to Lt Esparo.
1500 Am rpt to Div Arty - 8 rds ex, 1 TO.

6 May 1945

1030 Bn displace to new positions in vicinity Bergen, Germany, Coord: WK8218, Sheet S-6, Germany, 1/100,000.

6 May 1945 (Con't'd)

1400 Bn displace to new positions in vicinity Grunbach, Germany, Coord: WK2816, Sheet S-6, Germany, 1/100,000.
1900 Bn displace to new positions in vicinity Mulde, Germany, Coord: WK3112, Sheet, S-6, Germany, 1/100,000.
~~2000~~ 0500 Bn receives cease firing order.

7 May 1945

1030 Bn displace to new positions in vicinity Hammerbrucke, Germany, Coord: WK3214, Sheet S-6, Germany, 1/100,000.
1400 Bn Comdr departs for Regt CP.
1500 Bn Comdr rts to CP.
1500 Am rpt to Div Arty- 57 rds ex, 2 H&Is.

8 May 1945

0930 Bn Comdr departs for Batteries.
1100 Bn Comdr rt to CP.
1200 Bn doing care and cleaning of material and maintenance.

9 May 1945

1000 Bn Comdr inspects Hq Btry area and Cannon Co area.
1200 Bn doing care and cleaning of material and maintenance.

10 May 1945

1200 Bn doing care and cleaning of material and maintenance.
1430 Flag raising ceremonies. Chaplin Erickson gave innovation. Division Band played. Bn Comdr presents Pfc Theodore B. Smith and Cpl Thomas Raynor with Bronze star awards.(Ribbon) Lt Epsaro presented the OLC. Flag placed at half mast.
1800 Bn Comdr departs for 949th FA Bn CP.
1830 Bn Comdr rts to CP.

11 May 1945

0900 949th FA Bn relieved of reinforcing Battalion.
1100 Bn Comdr departs for Div Arty.
1200 Bn Comdr rts to CP.
1300 Bn Comdr departs for Div Arty.
1400 Bn Comdr rts to CP. Has BC meeting. Orders to move.
1430 Billeting party departs.

12 May 1945

0900 Bn cross IP.
1330 Bn arrives at destination. Coord: of Batteries. Hq Btry CP-Saalfeld, Germany, WK5632, Sheet S-6, B Btry-Saalfeld, Germany, WK5435, Sheet S-6, C Btry -Crosten, Germany, WK5631, Sheet S-6. A Btry-Weischitz, Germany WK5929, Sheet S-6, Sv Btry-Wittmansgerutch, Germany, WK5332, Sheet S-6.

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13 May 1945

1200 Sunday services held for the Battalion. Memorial services held at 1045.

14 May 1945

0930 Bn Comdr checks town. Takes 79 PWs from jail and forwards them to Plauen, Germany.
1200 Bn doing guard and training.

15-30 May 1945

Bn doing Guard duty and training. On the 19th of May 1945 at Retreat Formation the Bn Comdr presented the following with Bronze Stars: Pfc Frank G. Roberts, T/5 Lawrence J. Eckenberger, Capt Albert J. Foisy, Capt Willard R. Nussbaum, S/Sgt Richard J. Chamberlain. On the 30th of May 1945 the Bn Comdr presented Bronse Stars to the following at retreat formation: Cpl Jack E. Barton, T/5 Melvin C. Johnson, T/5 Walter W. Larson, 1st Lt James R. Fussell, Capt Willard D. Dickerson, M/Sgt Henry A. Hester. S/Sgt Joseph H. Horvath presented Bronze Star by Bn Comdr on the 21st of May 1945. Battalion relieved of Guard Duty of Saalfeld, Germany by 197th F. A. Bn., of the 30th Division at 1200, 30th of May 1945. On 31 May 1945 Battalion Doing administrative duties and training.

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