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FIRST SERGEANT

HOWARD H. HAMILTON

From

3 June 1943 to

3 June 1943 - Entrained and left Camp Patrick Henry, Va.,
Ø7ØØ, arriving HRPE, Newport News, Va., Ø74Ø,
distance traveled by rail fourteen (14) miles.
At sea on board U.S.A.T. James O'Hara.
Embarked Ø815, sailed for destination unknown.

4 June 1943 At sea aboard U.S.A.T. James O'Hara, enroute
to destination unknown. Arrived at Oran,
22 June 1943 Algeria, 123Ø, 22 June 1943.

23 June 1943 On board U.S.A.T. James O'Hara, anchored in
harbor at Oran, Algeria.

24 June 1943 At sea, aboard the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara,
sailed for destination unknown at 134Ø.

25 June 1943 Three (3) miles SW of Saint Leu, Algeria.
Landed on beach near Saint Leu, Algeria at
1ØØØ. Marched to and established camp in
area, three (3) miles SW of Saint Leu,
Algeria. Btry doing usual camp duties.

26 June 1943 Btry still three (3) miles SW of Saint Leu,
Algeria, carrying out usual camp duties.

27 June 1943 Btry carrying out usual camp duties.

28 June 1943 Btry still in position three (3) miles SW
of Saint Leu, Algeria, carrying out usual
camp duties.

29 June 1943 Btry carrying out usual camp duties, three (3) miles SW of Saint Leu, Algeria.

30 June 1943 On board U.S.A.T. James O'Hara at Oran, Algeria; Btry left area three (3) miles SW of Saint Leu, Algeria at 2120, enroute to Oran by truck. Arrived in Oran at 2345, distance traveled by truck approximately twenty-two (22) miles. Embarked aboard U.S.A.T. James O'Hara at 2400.

1 July 1943 Aboard the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara, anchored at Oran, Algeria.

2 July 1943 Aboard the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara, anchored at Oran, Algeria.

3 July 1943 Aboard the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara, anchored at Oran, Algeria.

4 July 1943 Aboard the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara, anchored at Oran, Algeria.

5 July 1943 Lifted anchor at the Port of Oran, Algeria, at 1630; sailed for the Island of Sicily, Italy.

6 July 1943 Aboard U.S.A.T. James O'Hara at sea.

7 July 1943 Aboard U.S.A.T. James O'Hara at sea.

8 July 1943 Aboard U.S.A.T. James O'Hara at sea.

9 July 1943 Aboard U.S.A.T. James O'Hara at sea.

10 July 1943 On board the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara anchored at sea. Disembarked from the U.S.A.T. James O'Hara approximately 1000. Only personnel disembarked. Personnel established bivouac area 1300 yards NW of Scoglitti, Sicily.

11 July 1943 Materiel and remainder of personnel landed at Scoglitti, Sicily about 1400, and moved inland about 1000 yards SW of Vittoria, Sicily. U.S. Airborne troops landed in bivouac area occupied by Btry and mistaken for enemy troops and were fired upon. Investigation showed that one of these Parachusist was wounded. Wounded soldier was given first aid and then evacuated to hospital. No other casualty. Water supply and food supply good. Morale excellent.

12 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
13 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
14 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
15 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
16 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
17 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
18 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
19 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
20 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
21 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
22 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
23 July 1943	Btry located near Alia, Sicily, usual combat duties.
24 July 1943	Btry moved to position near Lascari, Sicily. Moved from location near Roccapalumba, to present position under cover of darkness. Distance traveled approximately 45 miles.
25 July 1943	Btry moved from position near Lascari, Sicily and now located near Castelbuono, Sicily. Morale excellent.
26 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
27 July 1943	Btry moved from position near Castelbuono, Sicily and arrived near the vicinity of Polline, Sicily. Usual combat duties. Morale excellent.
28 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
29 July 1943	Usual combat duties.
30 July 1943	Btry moved from Polline, Sicily and arrived in the vicinity of San Maria, Sicily. Distanced traveled approximately 13 miles.
1 August 1943	Btry left position near San Maria, Sicily and moved to 2 1/2 miles West of Cefalu, Sicily. Division relieved from combat duties and given rest. Morale excellent.
2 August 1943	Troops had rest, the first day since invasion of

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- 2 August 1943 Sicily. Cleaning and preservation of materiel. Morale excellent.
- 3 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel, and personnel equipment. Resting and swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 4 August 1943 Btry still resting in the vicinity, 2 1/2 miles West of Cefalu, Sicily. General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Resting and swimming in Mediterranean Sea.
- 5 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Men enjoying rest and swimming in Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 6 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Men enjoying rest and swimming in Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 7 August 1943 Btry enjoying rest period. General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Men enjoying swimming in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 8 August 1943 Care of personnel equipment and general cleaning of materiel. Men enjoying rest and swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 9 August 1943 Btry enjoying rest period. Morale excellent.
- 10 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel. Personnel equipment being cared for. Two (2) hours foot march. Men enjoying swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 11 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Two (2) hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 12 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Two (2) hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale excellent.
- 13 August 1943 General cleaning and preservation of materiel and personnel equipment. Two (2) hour foot march and swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Preparations were made at 1800 to assemble all materiel and personnel equipment for movement from old bivouac area to new bivouac area, place unknown. Morale excellent.

14 August 1943 Btry left bivouac area 2 1/2 miles West of Cefalu, Sicily at 0715 - distance traveled by truck approximately 48.5 miles. Arrived at present position, 1 1/2 miles NW of Capri Leone, Sicily at 1200. Established camp in new area. No enemy activity observed during move. Morale excellent.

15 August 1943 Btry arrived here, 3/4 miles South of Stazdi Zappulla, Sicily, displacing old position 1 1/2 miles NW of Capri Leone, Sicily. Cleaning and care of materiel. Two (2) hour foot march. Morale very good.

16 August 1943 Btry left position 3/4 miles South of Stazdi Zappulla, Sicily and arrived in new position in 8 miles SE of Santa Agata, Sicily. Cleaning & preservation of materiel. Two (2) hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterreanean Sea. Morale very good.

17 August 1943 Btry still in position 8 miles SE of Santa Agata, Sicily carrying out normal duties. Cleaning and caring of materiel. Inspection to be made by Division Motor inspection team. Two hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterreanean Sea.

18 August 1943 Cleaning and preservation of materiel. Two (2) hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterreanean Sea. Morale very good.

19 August 1943 Cleaning and caring for materiel. Special attention was given to motors. Two hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterreanean Sea. Morale very good.

20 August 1943 Cleaning and preservation of materiel. Personnel equipment given special care. Preparations were being made for movement to new bivouac area. EM's enjoying swimming in the Mediterreanean Sea.

21 August 1943 Btry left old bivouac area 8 miles SE of Santa Agata, Sicily at 0510 and arrived in new position 3 miles West of Trabia, Sicily at 1140 - distance traveled 73.6 miles. Established camp in new bivouac area. Morale good.

22 August 1943 Btry still in position 3 miles West of Trabia, Sicily. Completion of establishing camp in new area. Attended the "Bob Hope" show. EM's enjoying swimming in the sea. Morale good.

- 23 August 1943 Correction of location of Btry as reported on 21 August 1943 as 3 miles West of Trabia, Sicily. Should have read 3 miles SOUTH of Trabia, Sicily. Btry still in position 3 miles S. of Trabia, Sicily. Inspection of clothing and equipment. Two and one-half hour foot march. Morale good.
- 24 August 1943 Cleaning and caring of materiel. Sectional training. Three (3) hour foot march. Swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale good.
- 25 August 1943 Cleaning and care of materiel. Preparation for inspection. Attended talk given by General PATTON. Swimming in the sea. Morale good.
- 26 August 1943 Btry preparing for 7th Army inspection. EM's enjoying themselves swimming and resting. Morale good.
- 27 August 1943 Seventh Army motor inspection and Ordnance inspection. Swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. Morale good.
- 28 August 1943 Fifteen (15) foot march at night. Personnel were given day of rest. Morale very good.
- 29 August 1943 Troops attended memorial services. Rest of day was spent playing ball, swimming and resting. Morale very good.
- 30 August 1943 Specialist training during morning. Troops taken to Palermo, Sicily for afternoon to view the city.
- 31 August 1943 Unit training. Troops attended show in the afternoon sponsored by the Red Cross. Swimming and rest enjoyed by the men. Morale very good.
- 1 September 1943 Physical exercises. Unit training. Swimming classes for non-swimmers.
- 2 September 1943 Hardening up exercises. Specialist training. Classes held for non-swimmers. Morale good.
- 3 September 1943 Physical hardening up exercises and close order drill. Unit training, battalion recreation. Morale good.
- 4 September 1943 Preparation for inspection during the morning. Battalion inspection of personnel equipment and area. Results very satisfactory. Morale good.

- 5 September 1943 Personnel received inoculation for typhus fever. Morale good.
- 6 September 1943 Btry breaking up camp, loading equipment in preparation for movement. Morale good.
- 7 September 1943 Termini, Sicily: Boarded LST #161 and 415 at 1614. Posted guards. Morale good.
- 8 September 1943 Aboard LST #415 at sea: Left harbor at Termini Imerese, Sicily at 0400 enroute to Italy. Attacked by three enemy air craft at 1400, three bombs dropped. Near misses, no damage and no casualties. Morale excellent.
- 9 September 1943 Aboard LST #415 at Sea: Arrived in Italian harbor near Paestum, Italy at 0500, distance traveled by sea approximately 200 miles. No enemy activity. Morale good.
- 10 September 1943 Attacked by heavy enemy aircraft at 2030 and again at 0500, many near misses, no damage and no casualties. Attacked by three enemy planes strafing at 1415. No damage, no casualties. Unloaded at 1645. Btry in position at 1800. Morale excellent.
- 11 September 1943 Near Paestum, Italy: One peep knocked out and completely destroyed by enemy machine gun fire at 1300. No casualties. Morale excellent. Private STEPHEN J. HUSTING, shot in right arm by .30 Cal. rifle discharged accidentally during process of moving. Arm wound, ~~xxxx~~ compound fracture, accident occurred at 0910.
- 12 September 1943 2 1/2 Miles NW of Paestum, Italy: Btry in position. Counter btry fire at 1100 and 1400. No damage or casualties. Private EVERETT W. HINE, hit by shrapnel in right shoulder, left leg and neck, while driving on road from OP. Vehicle damaged slightly. Morale good.
- 13 September 1943 2 1/2 miles NW of Paestum, Italy: Btry in contact with enemy. Several 88mm shells dropped in area. Enemy aircraft in vicinity. No bombs dropped, no casualties or damage. Morale excellent.
- 14 September 1943 Approximately 1 mile NW of Paestum, Italy: Btry under fire and engaged with enemy in small arms fire. Enemy composed of approximately 25 armored vehicles. Kept in position for ten (10)

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hours. Left old position at 0500 arrived in new area at 0520. No casualties, no damage. Two peeps (1/4) ton lost when surrounded on OP. 1st. Lt. MELVIN M. SMITH, and Tec 5 JOHNNIE B. SCHATZ, injured by shrapnel while on OP. They were treated at the Battalion Infirmary. Morale excellent.

15 September 1943

1 Mile SW of Paestum, Italy: In position in combat order. Occasional burst from enemy artillery in area. Enemy aircraft overhead several times, no attack on area. No casualties. No damage Morale excellent.

16 September 1943

5 Miles NW of Paestum, Italy: Moved from old position 1 Mile SW of Paestum, Italy at 2000 arrived in new area at 2110. Set up position posted close in defense guards. No enemy air-craft in the vicinity. No casualties. Morale excellent.

17 September 1943

5 Miles NW of Paestum, Italy: Btry in position carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire landed within 500 yards. No damage. Morale good.

18 September 1943

5 Miles NW of Paestum, Italy: Btry in position carrying out normal missions. No enemy activity. Morale excellent.

19 September 1943

3 Miles SW of Eboli, Italy: Btry moved from old position 5 miles NW of Paestum, Italy, at 1610 and arrived at new position 1800. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale excellent.

20 September 1943

2 1/2 Miles West by SW of Eboli, Italy: Btry moved from old position at 1200 and arrived in new area at 1240. Few enemy shells landed in new vicinity. No casualties. Morale excellent.

21 September 1943

2 1/2 miles SW of Campagna, Italy: Moved from old area 2 1/2 miles West by SW of Eboli, Italy at 0840 and arrived in new area at 0930. No enemy air activity observed. Few enemy artillery shells fell in vicinity. No damage or casualties. Morale excellent;

22 September 1943

2 1/2 Miles West of Contursia, Italy: Btry moved from old position, 2 1/2 miles SE of Campagna, Italy at 0850 and arrived in new position at 0930. Enemy dive bombers in vicinity. Few artillery shells landed nearby.

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22 September 1943 No damage or casualties. Morale excellent.

23 September 1943 1 3/4 Miles SE of Oliveto, Italy:
Btry moved from old position 2 1/2 miles West of Contursi, Italy at 1115 and arrived in new position at 1350. Enemy artillery shells covered the area at 1400. No damage or casualties. Enemy dive bombers bombed position at 1435 and one bomb dropped near CP. One Officer and 2 EM were injured. 2nd Lt. MARVIN O. CRAIN, wounded in left hand by shrapnel, S Sgt KENNETH T. LEDFORD wounded in the left leg by shrapnel and T/5 GLEN A. BRITTON, wounded in left hand by shrapnel fragment. Above officer and enlisted men treated at Battalion Infirmary. Morale excellent.

24 September 1943 1 3/4 Miles W. of Colliano, Italy: Btry left old position 1 3/4 miles SE of Oliveto, Italy at 0900 and arrived in new position at 0945. Btry in position carrying out normal missions. No enemy air or ground activity observed in area. No casualties. Morale excellent.

25 September 1943 1200 Yards West of Colliano, Italy: Btry moved from old position 1 3/4 miles W. of Colliano, Italy at 1000 arrived new position at 1145. Btry in position carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell in vicinity of btry positions inflicting. No damage, no casualties. Morale excellent.

26 September 1943 Btry left old position 1200 yards W of Colliano, Italy at 0100 arrived in new position 4 miles N. of Valva, Italy at 0230. Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Entire battery established outpost guard to counteract enemy patrols which were reported in or near the Bn. position. No contact with enemy patrols was made. No casualties. Morale excellent.

27 September 1943 Btry still in position 4 miles N. of Valva, Italy carrying out normal missions. No enemy action observed. No casualties. Morale excellent.

28 September 1943 Btry carrying out normal duties in present position, 4 Miles N. of Valva, Italy. No enemy activity observed. Morale excellent.

29 September Btry carrying out normal duties in present

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29 September 1943 position. No enemy activity observed. No casualties. Morale excellent.

30 September 1943 Btry displaced old position 4 Miles N. of Valva, Italy at 1715 and arrived in new bivouac area, 1500 yards S. of Torella, de Lombardi, Italy at 2200. Move made under cover of darkness. No casualties. Morale excellent.

1 October 1943 Btry left old position 1500 yards South of Torella de Lombardi, Italy at 2200 and arrived in new area 1200 yards S. of Torella de Lombardi, Italy at 2230. No enemy activity observed. Morale excellent.

2 October 1943 Btry left this old position 1200 yards South of Torella de Lombardi, Italy at 1045 and arrived in new area 1/4 mile SW of Mariballa, Italy at 1430. Btry carrying out normal duties. No enemy action. Morale excellent.

3 October 1943 Btry displaced old position 1/4 miles SW of Mariballa, Italy at 1305 and arrived in new position 7 miles SE of Benevento, Italy at 1600. Btry in position carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell in the vicinity of Btry position, but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale excellent.

4 October 1943 Btry still in position 7 miles SE of Benevento, Italy. Advance echelon left for new position at 1600. Remainder of the Btry in position awaiting instructions for movement to new position. No casualties. Morale excellent.

5 October 1943 All of the Btry with the exception of the advance echelon still in position 7 miles SE of Benevento, Italy. Still awaiting orders for move. No enemy action observed at rear position. Enemy artillery reported as having fallen in the vicinity of forward positions. No casualties inflicted. Morale very good.

6 October 1943 Rear echelon of Btry moved from position 7 miles SE of Benevento, Italy at 1150 and arrived in new position, 1 mile NW of Benevento, Italy at 1345. Enemy artillery

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- 6 October 1943 reported falling in vicinity of batteries, in forward positions. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 7 October 1943 Rear echelon of btry moved from position 1 mile NW of Benevento, Italy at 0930, to forward positions of Btry, 3 1/2 Miles NW of Benevento, Italy, arriving there at 1130. Enemy artillery fire in abundance near btry position. Cpl ARLISE L. ROBINSON and T/4 LEONARD A. STIGER were wounded slightly by enemy artillery shell fragments and both were treated by Bn. surgeon. No other casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 October 1943 Btry displaced old position 3 1/2 miles NW of Benevento, Italy at 1705 and arriving in new position 3 miles E of Ponte, Italy at 1800. Btry in position carrying out normal missions. Some enemy artillery falling short and to the left of the Btry position. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 9 October 1943 Btry left old position 3 miles E. of Ponte, Italy at 1300 and arrived in new position 3 miles West of Ponte, Italy at 1400. Enemy artillery fire landed near the Btry position at approximately 1730 and no damage or casualties resulted. Morale excellent.
- 10 October 1943 Btry in position 3 miles W. of Ponte, Italy. Private CHARLES H. JONES, wounded in action about 1430 approximately 1 1/2 miles NW of S. Lorenzo, Italy enroute to OP. 1st Lt. KARL R. PETREY, killed in action, 1/2 mile NW of S. Lorenzo, Italy by enemy machine gun fire while enroute to OP. Extent of injuries of Pvt JONES were not known. Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position almost continuously during the day. Enemy planes flew over area at 1730. Morale very good.
- 11 October 1943 Btry still in position 3 miles West of Ponte, Italy. Pvt CHARLES H. JONES, WIA, on the 10th of October 1943, died of wounds about 1500, 10 October 1943. Btry carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes flew over position at 1700 and were fired upon by our anti-craft guns. No casualties. Morale good.

- 12 October 1943 Btry left old position 3 miles W. of Ponte, Italy at 1250 and arrived in new position 2 miles S. of Guardia, Italy at 1630. Btry in position carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes flew over position during the day and were fired upon by our anti-aircraft guns. Bombs were dropped about 200 yards from the Btry position. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 13 October 1943 Telese, Italy: Btry left old position 2 miles S. of Guardia, Italy at 1500 and arrived in new position in Telese, Italy at 1545. Btry in position carrying out normal duties. No enemy action. Morale excellent.
- 14 October 1943 Telese, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes flew over position about 1700 and were fired upon by our anti-aircraft guns. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 15 October 1943 Telese, Italy: Btry still in position here, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes again over Btry position approximately at 1600 and were fired upon by our anti-aircraft guns. No damage or casualties resulted. Morale very good.
- 16 October 1943 Btry still in position and carrying out normal missions. No enemy action. Morale very good.
- 17 October 1943 1 Mile West of Fiacchio, Italy: Btry left old position in Telese, Italy about 1130 and arrived in new position approximately at 1230. Installations established. No enemy action encountered. Morale excellent.
- 18 October 1943 1 Mile West of Fiacchio, Italy: Btry in position here carrying out normal functions. Enemy arty shells fell in the vicinity of the Btry position approximately 1700. One shell landed extremely close causing sudden drop in the morale. Morale reached its high attitude when shell caused no casualties.
- 19 October 1943 1 mile West of Fiacchio, Italy: Btry left this position at 1500 and arrived in new position 300 yards SW of Auduni, Italy about 1600. No enemy action encountered. Morale excellent.
- 20 October 1943 300 Yards SW of Auduni, Italy: Btry in position here carrying out normal duties. No enemy action. Morale excellent.

21 October 1943 Btry still in position 300 Yards SW of Auduni, Italy, carrying out normal missions. No enemy action. Morale excellent.

22 October 1943 Btry in position here 300 yards SW of Auduni, Italy, for a few days rest. EM's cleaning and maintenance of material being cared for. Troops enjoying rest period. Morale very good.

23 October 1943 Cleaning and preservation of material. Troops enjoying this rest period. Morale excellent.

24 October 1943 Troops resting and in good spirits. Church services were held for both Protestant and Catholic men of the Bn. at 1400. Men were entertained by Division Artillery Band at 1500. Morale excellent.

25 October 1943 EM's and Officers enjoying rest period. Cleaning of equipment. Btry fired small arms and fifteen (15) rounds of ammunition was issued per man. Time of firing was about 0900. Morale excellent.

26 October 1945 Btry in position, resting and cleaning and care of equipment. No enemy activity. Morale excellent.

27 October 1943 Troops enjoying rest period. Morale excellent.

28 October 1943 Cleaning of equipment. Troops enjoying rest. Morale excellent.

29 October 1943 Troops enjoying this rest period. Morale excellent.

30 October 1943 Btry in position 300 Yards SW of Auduni, Italy. Cleaning and preservation of equipment. Troops enjoying resting period. Officers and EM's were paid today at 1700. Morale excellent.

31 October 1943 Troops and Officers still enjoying rest period. Morale excellent.

1 November 1943 Btry left old position 300 yards SW of Auduni, Italy at 1230 and arrived in new position 1 1/2 miles SW of Ailano, Italy approximately 1415. Private JOSEPH E. Cayer, was knocked off truck he was riding, which was side-swiped by a 2 1/2 ton truck. Pvt CAYER was thrown across the road, extent of injuries unknown. Cpl STEVE DEMETER, STEVE, Private First Class MATTHEW MUSIAL, JOHN T. SALWACH and Private BONG W. LIM, were wounded

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- 1 November 1943 by shrapnel, when strafed by enemy planes. Injuries to the above enlisted men were slight and they were treated by the Bn. Surgeon, time approximately 1600. Morale very good.
- 2 November 1943 Btry in position 1 1/2 Miles SW of Ailano, Italy: carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes flew ~~xxx~~ over position about 0930 but did not attack. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 3 November 1943 Btry left position 1 1/2 miles SW of Ailano, Italy about 1400 and arrived in new position in 1 mile East of Presanzano, Italy at 1530. No enemy action observed. Morale excellent.
- 4 November 1943 1 mile East of Presanzano, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Troops were read the AW 107 approximately 1300. Morale excellent.
- 5 November 1943 Btry left old position 1 mile E. of Presanzano, Italy about 1200 and arrived in new position 4 miles N. of Presanzano, Italy approximately 1245. Enemy artillery fire falling to front of Btry position, quite continuously during the day. Enemy planes strafed and bombed road in front of our position. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 November 1943 4 Miles N. of Presenzano, Italy: Btry in position carrying out normal duties. T/5 ALLEN L. PARK, wounded in right hand by enemy shell fragments. Injuries were slight and T/5 PARK was treated by the Bn. Surgeon, time of incident was about 1400. Morale very good.
- 7 November 1943 Btry still in position 4 miles N. of Presenzano, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over position, but no damage. Morale very good.
- 8 November 1943 1/2 Miles West of Venafro, Italy: Btry displaced from old position 4 Miles N. of Presenzano, Italy about 1840 and arrived in this position 1/2 miles West of Venafro, Italy about 1930. Movement was made under cover of darkness. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position. Enemy machine gun and small arms fire approximately 200 yards North of Btry position almost continuously during the day. No casualties. Morale good.

- 9 November 1943 1/2 miles West of Venafro, Italy: Private First Class THOMAS H. MEHAFFEY and Private JOHN P. WAGNER, were KIA, about 1600 by enemy bombing in Bn. area. Cpl ANTHONY J. BLACHUT, Pfc. ANTHONY J. KOSINSKI, was WIA about 1600, by enemy bombing in the area. Pvt HARRY C. SCHULER, WIA, about 1700 by enemy artillery shell fire in the Bn. area. Morale good.
- 10 November 1943 1/2 Miles West of Venafro, Italy: Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Captain RENDER L. CROWDER, JR., WIA, during enemy bombing and strafing attack. Captain CROWDER was wounded in the right hand. Private ROBERT C. BLAIR, was also wounded in the right hand and both men were treated by the Bn. Surgeon at 1530. Enemy arty fire falling near the Btry position. Enemy planes bombed and strafed area approximately 1300. It was reported that all the planes in this group were show down. Morale good.
- 11 November 1943 Two drivers of 2 1/2 ton wire trucks, maintenance truck, radio 3/4 ton truck and supply truck including supply Sgt. left Btry position 1/2 mile W. of Venafro, Italy at 2130 for alternate position to the rear, due to anticipation of large scale bombing attack on area by enemy planes. The remaining portion of the Btry and trucks left the position of Venafro, Italy approximately 1730 and arrived in new position in Pozzillo, Italy about 1800, no casualties. Morale very good.
- 12 November 1943 Pozzillo, Italy: Btry in position here carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over, did not attack. Enemy artillery fire falling in near vicinity of Btry position. 1st Lt. MELVIN M. SMITH, air observer and S Sgt JOSEPH J. GARDY, pilot, WIA, time unknown, were fired upon by enemy troops, while on a flying mission, this incident happened on November 8/43. Extent of injuries were unknown. Morale good.
- 13 November 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy carrying out normal functions. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position during the day and night. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 14 November 1943 Btry still in position carrying out normal duties. Enemy arty fire falling near position but inflicting no damage or casualties. Morale good.

- 15 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry still here carrying out normal duties. One (1) 2 1/2 ton wire truck and maintenance truck brought up from rear positions at about 2000. Enemy arty fire falling near Btry position day and night. Rain today. No casualties. Morale good.
- 16 November 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy arty fire falling near Btry position during the night. No casualties. Still continues to rain. Morale good.
- 17 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery fire falling in vicinity of Btry position during the day but no damage inflicted. Morale very good.
- 18 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy planes flew over area about 0845. Enemy artillery fire fell near Btry position during the day but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale good.
- 19 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery started falling in Btry position approximately 2030 and continued through the night, causing sleepless night for all. T/4 HERBERT P. LAMBERT, WIA, by enemy shell fragments in right thigh, he was evacuated to hospital unknown about 2100. Pvt ROBERT C. BLAIR, WIA, in right hand by enemy shell fragment and treated by Bn. Surgeon. Things were sure hot for awhile. Morale good.
- 20 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery fire fell near Btry position during the day. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 21 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position, during the day and night. Several near misses. No casualties. Morale good.
- 22 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery continued to fall near Btry position but luckily no damage or casualties resulted. Morale good.
- 23 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position. No damage or casualties. Morale good.
- 24 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position but causing no damage or casualties. Morale good.

- 25 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery barrage fell near the Btry position but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale good.
- 26 November 1943 Btry still carrying out normal duties in present position in Pozzilli, Italy. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position during day and night but no damage resulting. Capt. CROWDER JR, and six (6) enlisted men were given five day pass to rest themselves at Naples, Italy at the rest camp of Dante School. Morale good.
- 27 November 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. No enemy action today. Morale good.
- 28 November 1943 Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position. Two (2) enemy planes flew over the area at 1600 causing no damage. Morale good.
- 29 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry carrying out normal duties. No enemy action today. Morale good.
- 30 November 1943 Btry still here in Pozzilli, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire falling near Btry position, causing no damage or casualties. Morale good.
- 31 November 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery fire still continues to fall near battery position but no damage or casualties resulting. T/4 JOHN I. CERTALIC, LEONARD A. STIGER, PFC MELVIN G. DETWILER, and Pvt JOHN W. KLUN and ROBERT CONLON, given permission for five (5) days to rest camp Dante, school at Naples, Italy. Morale good.
- 1 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire continues to fall near Btry position. No casualties. Morale good.
- 2 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery continues to fall in near the Btry position. T/5 HAAKON N. VALAND, WIA, by enemy shell fragments Ø645 extent of injuries unknown, was evacuated to hospital. Pfc CHARLES E. RUSH, KIA, by shell fragment Ø645. Today was payday for the boys. Morale good.
- 3 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire continues to drop in and around Btry position but causing no damage or casualties. Morale good.

- 4 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy: Carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire still falling in vicinity of Btry causing no damage or casualties. Rained all day making things very uncomfortable. Morale good.
- 5 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Artillery fire falling near the Btry position, causing no casualties or damage. Major OTWA T. AUTRY and driver left Btry for rest camp, Dante School in Naples, Italy. Morale very good.
- 6 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry still in position carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery continues to fall in vicinity of Btry position, but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale good.
- 7 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Enemy artillery still falling near Btry position. No casualties. Morale good.
- 8 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire still coming in. No casualties or damage. Morale good.
- 9 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy: No damage or casualties as enemy artillery continues to fall in the vicinity of the Btry position. Morale good.
- 10 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire still falling in vicinity of Btry position. No casualties or damage. Morale good.
- 11 December 1943 Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire continues to fall in the vicinity of the Btry position but inflicting no damage or casualties. S Sgt MYRLE T. WOOD, Sgt. LOUIS R. GARD, Pfc JOHN M. LOUGHERY, Pfc ANDREW R. KING, and Pvt ROBERT B. ARCHER, returned from Naples, Italy from a five (5) day rest there and the following men were given a four day pass to visit Naples: S Sgt LESTER T. SNOW, T/5 CLAYTON, GEORGE L., T/5 LEWIS E. HENRY and Pvt GERALD L. ARMSTRONG. Morale good.
- 12 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy arty fire still falling in vicinity of Btry position. Major AUTRY and driver returned to Btry from Naples. Morale good.

13 December 1943

Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Pfc CARL E. ALCORN, WIA, by shell fragments. Shell burst approximately five (5) feet from where EM was sleeping and also missed the CP tent about six (6) feet. Extent of injuries to Pfc ALCORN unknown. On date of 7 November 1943, Pvt VERNAL C. BROWN, WIA, by shell fragment, injuries were slight, time and place unknown. On date of 10 November '43 Cpls. ELMER E. SCHWAB, and RICHARD F. NEWKIRK, were WIA, by aerial bomb fragments, time and place unknown, injuries were slight. The three above mentioned EM were treated by the Bn. Surgeon and duty status remained unchanged. Morale good.

14 December 1943

Pozzilli, Italy, Btry still in position carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire continues to fall in and near Btry position. No damage or casualties. Enemy air-craft were about during the day but did not molest our Btry. Morale good.

15 December 1943

Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire still continues to fall in and near the Btry position, some of these shells fell mighty close, in fact too close for comfort. Pvt ROBERT B. ARCHER, WIA, by shell fragments, and received slight injuries in buttock. He was treated by the Bn. Surgeon, duty status of this EM remained unchanged. Morale good.

16 December 1943

Pozzilli, Italy, Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire still falling in and around Btry position but no damage or casualties resulting. T/4 DeFORREST W. ROBERTS, Cpls RAYMOND, WARNER, SAM J. KAZARICK, WILLIAM P. HOLLAND, Pfc EDWARD T. KOSTEK, SHERMAN COLLINS and Pvs. LEROY W. LANGEVIN, WOODROW W. LEWIS, and Btry Commander WILLIAM L. YUELL left Btry for rest period in Naples, Italy. Morale good.

17 December 1943

Pozzilli, Italy, Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position several times during the course of the day but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale good.

- 18 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy arty fire still continues to fall in and around Btry position, late in the evenings but no damage or casualties resulting. Morale good.
- 19 December 1943 Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in the Btry area about 1900 but no damage or casualties resulted. Lt. Col. HAL L. MULDRON, JR., left for seven (7) day rest period at rest camp in Sorrento, Italy. Morale good.
- 20 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry carrying out normal duties. No damage or casualties inflicted, though enemy artillery fire continued to fall in and around the Btry position.
- 21 December 1943 Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Rained again today. Enemy artillery fire fell near Btry position and no damage or casualties resulted. M Sgt THEROLD D. BRACKEN, and T/5 JOHNNIE B. SCHATZ, left Btry for rest camp in Naples, Italy. Captain WILLIAM L. YUELL, T/4 DeFORREST W. ~~KORREKSTX~~ ROBERTS, Cpls. WILLIAM P. HOLLAND, SAM J. KAZARICK, Pfc SHERMAN COLLINS, Cpl. RAYMOND WARNER, and Pvts. LeROY W. LANGEVIN, LEWIS W. WOODROW, returned to the Btry after spending several days at the rest camp in Naples, Italy.
- 22 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry still carrying out normal combat duties. Raining again today. No enemy action. Morale good.
- 23 December 1943 Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal combat duties. No casualties. Still raining. Morale good.
- 24 December 1943 Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy carrying out normal duties. No enemy action and no casualties. Still the rain comes down. Morale good.
- 25 December 1943 Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy shot a few rounds of artillery shell fire into Btry area about 2100 to let us know they were still there. No damage or casualties however. Protestant and Catholics services were held in En. area at 1100. Morale good.

26 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy arty fire fell in Btry position during the night, no casualties or damage resulted. M Sgt. THEROLD D. BRACKEN, and T/5 JOHNNIE B. SCHATZ, returned to Btry after spending 5 days of good rest at rest camp in Naples, Italy. Cpl HAROLD W. HUTT, T/5 MAX JURIST, and Pfc FRED MAZITELLI, left the Btry on pass to rest camp in Naples. Lt. Col. HAL L. MULDROW, JR. and driver returned from pass. Btry was innoculated for typhoid, smallpox and various other diseases. Morale good.

27 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. No enemy action today. Morale good.

28 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry carrying out normal functions. No casualties. Morale good.

29 December 1943 Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. No enemy action today. Morale good.

30 December 1943 Pozzilli, Italy, Btry still carrying out normal combat functions. No enemy action today. Morale good.

31 December 1943 Btry still carrying out normal duties in Pozzilli, Italy. Captain JAMES E. TINDLE, S Sgt ALBERT W. GOOD, Cpls. FRANK PAGE, JR, JAMES C. BUTLER, Pfc's HERBERT R. EWING, MATTHEW MUSIAL, left Btry at 0600 for rest period in Naples, Italy. Cpl. HUTT, HAROLD W., T/5 MAX, JURIST, and Pfc FRED MAZZITELLI, returned from rest camp in Naples, Italy at 1800. Today was payday and the personnel was paid in spite of all the rain. No enemy action. Morale good.

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1 January 1944

Btry still in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position at 0800. No damage or casualties. Morale good. Happy New Year boys.

2 January 1944

Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Catholic mass was held at Venafro, Italy for the men at 1100, transportation was furnished. Protestant services conducted by Chaplain RECTOR in vicinity of CP at 1100. 2 1/2 ton truck (wire truck) and supply truck were brought up to Btry position from Service Btry today. No casualties. Morale good.

3 January 1944

Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes flew over position twice today at 1200 and again at 1600 and were fired upon by our AA installations. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position about 1600 causing no damage or casualties. Morale good.

4 January 1944

Pozzilli, Italy, Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position during night but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale good.

5 January 1944

Btry in position in Pozzilli, Italy carrying out normal duties. S Sgt ALBERT W. GOODE, Cpl. JAMES C. BUTLER, FRANK PAGE, JR. Pfc's HERBERT E. EWING, WILLIAM B. HORTON, and MATTHEW MUSIAL, returned to Btry from rest camp in Naples, Italy. 1st Sgt. HOWARD H. HAMILTON, Sgt. GLEN A. LAW, T/5 DAVID L. JOHNSON, Pfc's MELVIN C. ANDERSON and JOE DANIELSON left Btry on pass to rest camp in Naples, Italy. Btry was not fired upon by enemy this date. Weather was cloudy and cold with a very little snow falling at times. Morale good.

6 January 1944

Btry spent day in preparation for movement to rest area. Morale good.

7 January 1944

Btry left position in Pozzilli, Italy at 0845, and arrived in present position, 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy at 1130. Distance traveled approximately 48 miles. Convoy came thru in good shape. No trucks fell out. Morale good.

- 8 Jan '44 1 1/2 Miles SW of San Salvador, Italy: Cleaning and caring for equipment. Rifles were cleaned and heavily oiled in preparation for turn in to receive Carbines. Morale excellent.
- 9 Jan '44 Btry in position 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy, resting and cleaning equipment and materiel. Catholic and Protestant services were held for the Bn. at 1030. Morale good. Rifles were turned in and Carbines were issued in lieu thereof. 1st Sgt. HOWARD H. HAMILTON, Sgt. ~~XXXXX~~ LAW, GLEN A., T/5 DAVID L. JOHNSON, Pfc's MELVIN C. ANDERSON, JOE W. DANIELSON returned to the Btry at 1600 after spending enjoyable rest in Naples, Italy.
- 10 Jan '44 1 1/2 Miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. EM's cleaning and caring of equipment. Morale good.
- 11 Jan '44 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy.. Men enjoying this rest period, care of equipment and cleaning of personnel equipment. Morale good.
- 12 Jan '44 Cleaning and caring for equipment. Men signed the payroll today. Ordnance inspection of all small arms. Morale good.
- 13 Jan '44 Btry located 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy, men cleaning and caring of equipment. Left Btry position about 0715, in trucks to take disinfectant shower and exchange of clothing for renovated clothing. Returned at 1015. Morale good.
- 14 Jan '44 Btry located 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. Cleaning and caring of equipment. Entire Btry took typhus shots at 1030. No casualties. Morale good.
- 15 Jan '44 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy: Btry took a foot march today lasting one and one-half hours. Canteen rations were purchased. Morale good.
- 16 Jan '44 Btry located 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. A memorial service was held at 1000 by the Bn. in the Bn. Headquarters area for the men lost since our entry into combat. There was a concert by the 45th Div. ~~Bx~~ Artillery Band, followed by "ROLL CALL" by Chaplain Rector. This was followed by a "Memorial Address" by our Bn. Commander Lt. Col. HAL L. MULDROW, JR. and then Chaplain Carney concluded the ceremony with "Our Tribute". Church services were held for both Catholic and protestants by Chaplains Carney and Rector immediately after the memorial services. Morale good.

- 17 Jan '44 Btry 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. The btry marched to San Salvatore at 1245, to see a show sponsored by HUMPHREY BOGART, screen, stage and radio star. After waiting two hours announcement was made that actor failed to arrive, so Btry marched back to Btry area. Two Red Cross girls came to the area at 0930, and served doughnuts to the Bn. Morale very good.
- 18 Jan '44 Btry 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. Btry went to the firing range and fired the Carbines from 0830 to 1200. Cleaning and cring of equipment. Morale good.
- 19 Jan '44 Btry went to San Salvatore to see the stage show "Stars and Gripes" at 1330. Morale good.
- 20 Jan '44 Btry enjoying this rest period. On a foot march for 1 1/2 hours. Sectional schools completed the program for the day. Morale excellent.
- 21 Jan '44 Btry 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. Btry went to see the "JOE E. BROWN" stage show. Morale very good.
- 22 Jan '44 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. Btry struck tents and preparing to evacuate. Morale good.
- 23 Jan '44 Btry 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy. Preparing to evacuate. Morale good.
- 24 Jan '44 Btry left this position, 1 1/2 miles SW of San Salvatore, Italy at 1800 and arrived in new area 1/4 mile NE of Casa Puzzano, Italy at 2130. Trip was made without incident. Morale good.
- 25 Jan '44 Btry located 1/4 mile NE of Casa Puzzano, Italy. Awaiting further orders. Morale good.
- 26 Jan '44 1/4 miles NE of Casa Puzzano, Italy: Btry left this area at 1745, enroute to bivouac area preparing to load ships. Morale good.
- 27 Jan '44 Btry arrived in new position 5 miles N. of Pozzouli, Italy at 2100. Distanced traveled 17.3 miles, movement made under cover of ~~dark~~ darkness in order that they would be loaded for embarkation.
- 28 Jan '44 Pozzouli, Italy: Left concentration area 5 miles N. of Pozzouli, Italy at 1200 for embarkation point in Pouzilli, Italy. Afternoon spent in loading on LST #4517 and 4518. Completed loading operations at approximately 2200. Morale good.
- 29 Jan '44 Pozulli, Italy: Btry departed for embarkation point at Pouzilli, Italy approximately 0800 arrived at

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- 29 Jan '44 debarkation point at Anzio, Italy about 2400. Trip made without incident. Morale good.
- 30 Jan '44 Debarked from LST #4517 and #4518 approximately 0230 and bivouaced in area 2 1/2 miles NE of Anzio, Italy until 0900, and Btry moved to bivouac area 1 1/2 miles NE of Nettuno, Italy at 0930. Morale good.
- 31 Jan '44 Btry in position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy: Btry left bivouac area 1 1/2 miles NE of Nettuno, Italy 1700 and arrived in this present position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy approximately 1800. Pfc HANS, RAYMOND E., bruised when a vehicle ran into vehicle he was riding, duty status remained unchanged. Morale good.
- 1 Feb '44 Btry in position in combat, 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy. Morale good.
- 2 Feb '44 Btry in position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over area approximately at 1700 and they were fired upon by our atchd AAAA unit. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 3 Feb '44 6 1/2 Miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. WOJG Richard G. Bard arrived at Btry position with Bn. payrolls and Officers and EM's were paid. No casualties. Morale good.
- 4 Feb '44 Btry in position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Little rain fell throughout the day. No casualties. Morale good.
- 5 Feb '44 Btry 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal combat duties. No enemy action. Morale good.
- 6 Feb '44 Btry 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes were over several times during the day. Enemy artillery shells bursting near position, about 1600. No casualties. Morale good.
- 7 Feb '44 Btry 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy: Carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes were over several times during the day. Entire Btry was awakened at 0400 since an attack of some nature was expected, everyone arose and on the alert for any unusual happenings. No casualties. Morale good.

- 8 Feb '44 Btry 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over several times during the day., but did not molest the Btry. Morale good. No casualties.
- 9 Feb '44 Btry in position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell very near Btry position during the day. Enemy planes were over the area several times during the course of the day. No casualties. Morale good.
- 10 Feb '44 Btry 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. No casualties. Morale good.
- 11 Feb '44 Btry in position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes overhead again today but did not drop any bombs. No casualties. Morale good.
- 12 Feb '44 Btry in position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Wire and Survey sections of the Btry went forward to new position, prior to movement of Btry. Morale good.
- 13 Feb '44 Btry left position 6 1/2 miles NW of Anzio, Italy, at 1900 and arrived at new position 7 miles N. of Anzio, Italy at 2130. Btry was caught in bombing raid during movement. Sgt. DeARMOND MOSS and T/5 DEWEY C. LESTER, were KIA, by direct bomb hit. 1st. Lt. MARVIN O. CRAIN, Pvt VIRGIL J. PLYMIRE, Pfc GLEN A. KIMPEL, were WIA, by same bomb. This bomb practically demolished the twp (2) 1/4 ton Liaison peeps. The three wounded men received bomb fragments in their legs and extent of injuries was ~~known~~ not known, they were evacuated to a hospital. This incident took place in the area of the 160th Field Artillery Bn. S/Sgt JOSEPH J. GARDY, was KIA, when enemy plane forced him to land the liaison plane, he was piloting and then strafed the plane. 1st. Lt. BARR, CLIFTON F., was WIA, and evacuated to a hospital. Lt. BARR was observing from the plane when it was forced to land. Observation plane was completely demolished by fire. Morale good.
- 14 Feb '44 Btry in position, 7 miles North of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. No casualties. Morale good.
- 15 Feb '44 7 Miles North of Anzio, Italy, Btry carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over several times during the day and at night. They dropped flares and bombs. No casualties. Morale good.
- 16 Feb '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Immense enemy air activity during

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16 Feb '44

the day and some during the night. Drivers Pfc MELVIN C. ANDERSON, Pfc ROBERT J. HENDERDONG, T/5 JOHNNIE B SCHATZ, and Pfc CALVIN TREADWAY left position with supply truck and medics 2 1/2 ton truck for Naples to haul ammunition on Feb. 14/44, left btry about 0500. Morale good.

17 Feb '44

Btry, 7 miles North of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Allied air activity during the day was immense. Enemy planes were out in some force and one of the enemy planes was shot down in our area by our anti-aircraft guns. Enemy planes were over again during the night. No casualties. Morale good.

18 Feb '44

Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. 2 1/2 ton FDC truck was wrecked when enemy plane dropped a bomb in the back end of the truck, where it was parked during the night. Pfc WILLIAM DURBIN, WIA,, badly shaken up by a bomb that dropped near the anti-tank gun section. His 3/4 ton WC was pretty well demolished. About 1640, ten (10) men besides the wire section went to position in the rear, to dig in CP, FDC, etc, returning to Btry position approximately 2000 this was in case of a forced move. Morale good.

19 Feb '44

Btry, 7 Miles N. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over during the night dropping personnel bombs. No casualties. Morale good.

20 Feb '44

Btry, 7 miles N. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over during the day and night. Captain RENDER L. CROWDER, JR., S-2 section was injured by an exploding ack-ack shell when it exploded near him. Extent of injuries unknown. Duty status remained unchanged. Captain CROWDER, was treated by the Bn. Surgeon. Morale good.

21 Feb '44

Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal missions. Capt. CROWDER JR., WIA, as previously reported on Feb 20/44 morning report, except that he was hit in the shoulder by fragment of personnel bomb and by ack-ack shell burst, during an air raid by enemy planes. He was treated by the Bn. Surgeon, duty status remained unchanged. Enemy bombers over during the night dropping bombs. No casualties. Morale good.

- 22 Feb '44 Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes were over during the day and night, dropping bombs. No casualties. Morale good.
- 23 Feb '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Rained during the day causing a decrease in the air activity. Enemy artillery fire fell close to Btry position during the day but no damaged or casualties. Morale good.
- 24 Feb '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over dropping bombs during the night. Enemy artillery fell in and near Btry position, during the night. No casualties. Morale good.
- 25 Feb '44 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy, Btry carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell in and around Btry position. No casualties. Morale good.
- 26 Feb '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Air activity was light, due to rainy weather. Enemy artillery fire continued to fall near Btry position occasionally. No casualties. Morale good.
- 27 Feb '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Rain thru the day decreased air activity somewhat. No casualties. Morale good.
- 28 Feb '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Cloudy and rainy weather prevailed over the beachhead during the day and enemy air activity was somewhat at a minimum. No casualties. Morale good.
- 29 Feb '44 Btry in position 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over beachhead during the night, bombing the beach, where a large fire was started. No casualties. Morale good.
- 1 March '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Rain most of the day kept the air activity to a minimum. No enemy activity noted. No casualties. Morale good.
- 2 Mar. '44 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy, Btry carrying out normal missions. Allied air activity during the day was immense. Enemy air activity during the night, but caused no damage or casualties. Morale good.

- 3 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Rain continues to fall. No casualties. Morale good.
- 4 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Cloudy and rainy weather prevailed throughout the day. Very little air activity. Morale good.
- 5 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal missions. Practically no air activity during the day ~~because~~ of heavy rain. No casualties. Morale good.
- 6 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Mail was received during the day, and welcomed by all. No enemy air activity noted during the day. No casualties. Morale good.
- 7 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Considerable allied air activity during the day. Some enemy. No casualties. Morale good.
- 8 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the day were fired upon by our anti-aircraft and planes were over again during the night. Allied planes were out in number during the day. Mail was delivered today. No casualties. Morale good.
- 9 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over during the night and they were over once during the day. No casualties. Morale good.
- 10 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Considerable air activity during the day. No casualties. Morale good.
- 11 Mar '44 Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. WOJG Richard G. Bard arrived at Btry position about 1600, 10 March 1944. Enemy planes were over beachhead during the day and night. No casualties. Morale good.
- 12 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Rain throughout the day. No casualties. Morale good.
- 13 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during night dropping bombs but causing no damage or casualties. Morale good.

- 14 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery shell fire fell in Btry position about 0100. Enemy planes over area about 0700 and were fired upon by our anti-aircraft guns. All men of Btry desirous of taking a bath were transported by trucks, throughout the morning. No shower units. Canteen rations, including candy and cigars were purchased by the Btry today. Mail was received in abundance. No casualties. Morale good.
- 15 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. WOJG Richard G. Bard left Btry position approximately 1000 to return to Personnel Section. Rain during the night. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 16 Mar '44 Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, carrying out normal missions. No enemy activity observed. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles North of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs and were over again in the morning but causing no casualties. Morale very good.
- 18 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night again dropping bombs but no damage or casualties resulted. Some mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 19 Mar '44 Btry still located 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Mail came in again today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 20 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over area about 0730 were fired upon by our AAA unit. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 21 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Mail came in today. Enemy planes over area during the night. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 22 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Mail came in again today. No enemy action. Morale excellent.
- 23 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale excellent.

- 24 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night. S/Sgt ALBERT W. GOODE left Btry 1000 enroute to United States on rotation under military plan of U.S. Personnel. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 25 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over area during night. No damage or casualties resulted. Morale excellent.
- 26 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Mail came in today. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 27 Mar '44 Btry still in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over area today and fired upon by our AAA guns. No damage or casualties. Morale excellent.
- 28 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Mail was received again today. Enemy planes over during the day, but causing no casualties. Morale excellent.
- 29 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the afternoon and were fired upon by our AAA. No damage or casualties. Morale excellent. Enemy planes over again during the night.
- 30 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell near the Btry position during the day. Mail was received. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 31 Mar '44 Btry, 7 miles No. Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Very little air activity during the day. Enemy artillery shells fell near Btry position today during the afternoon. Mail was received. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 1 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell near the Btry position approximately 0400. Mail came in again today. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 2 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Catholic services were held at Div. Arty 1000 and transportation was furnished to Div. Arty for men desiring to attend the services. General McLAIN had lunch with the Btry and spoke before the Btry at 1220. Canteen rations were

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- 2 Apr '44 purchased for and by the Btry today. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs. Mail was received today. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 3 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs. Enemy artillery fell near the Btry position during the night, but caused no damage or casualties. Mail was received again today. All members of Bn. started taking atabrine. T/4 QUINCY C. WELDON, Btry Mechanic, left Btry 0745 enroute to United States under rotation plan of military personnel.
- 4 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery barrage fell in Btry position during the night but caused no damage or casualties. Enemy planes were over during the night bombing and strafing. Morale excellent. Mail came in again today.
- 5 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. WOJG Richard G. Bard, arrived 0800 at Bn. CP. Officers and EM's were paid today. Mail came in again. Enemy artillery fell near Btry position during the night. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 6 Apr '44 Btry still in position, 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery barrage of approximately 60 rounds fell in Btry position about 0030 slightly damaging Bn. Comdr. 1/4 ton C&R. Mail was received today. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 7 Apr '44 Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell in Btry position during the night, but causing no damage or casualties. Enemy planes over during the night, dropping bombs and strafing. Morale excellent.
- 8 Apr '44 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy, Btry carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs, but no casualties or damage resulted. Captain RENDER L. CROWDER, JR., and Pvt EVERETT W. HINE, left Btry at 0530, enroute to Personnel Center awaiting shipment enroute to United States under rotation plan of military personnel. Morale excellent.

- 9 Apr '44 Btry, 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal missions. Rain throughout most of the day. Church services were held at Div. Arty this Easter Sunday and transportation was furnished for men wishing to attend. WOJG Bard left Btry at 0830. Mail was received today. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 10 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell in and around Btry position during the night but no damage or casualties resulted. Mail came in again today. Morale excellent.
- 11 Apr '44 Btry, 7 Miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell in Btry position during the night and enemy planes were over. S Sgt WILLIAM B. PERKINS, returned to duty after spending a few days at the rest camp. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 12 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Canteen rations were purchased for and by Btry today. Enemy artillery fire fell in the Btry position during the night. Enemy planes were over about 1630 and were fired upon by our AAA. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 13 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell in and around the Btry position and enemy planes were over and dropped bombs during the night, but causing no damage or casualties. Mail came in today. Morale excellent.
- 14 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. EM's improving dug-outs and various odd jobs. A quiet night, quite a change from the usual routine of shelling and bombings. Mail came in again today. Morale excellent.
- 15 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes were over between 0430 and 0500 dropping bombs. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position during night but causing no damage. Morale excellent.
- 16 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night, dropping bombs. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position during the night but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale excellent.
- 17 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out

- (continued) normal duties. Time spent improving position. Enemy activity slight. No enemy aircraft, over during the day or night. Enemy artillery shell fire going over Btry position. Morale excellent. Payroll was signed today.
- 17 Apr 44
- 18 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery shells fell harmlessly in the area. No enemy air activity. Sgt CLOREN M. COLLYAR and T/5 HARRY S. REYNOLDS left the Btry at 0700 for a weeks rest at the rest center in Caserta. Btry received playing cards and some baseball equipment. Morale excellent.
- 19 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Part of the day spent in improving position and dug-outs. Pvts ARLISE L. ROBINSON and DONACE H. CHANY attended malaria school. Small streams are being cleared as a prevenative measure. Enemy activity slight. Enemy artillery shells continue to go over the Btry position. No air activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 20 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy air and artillery shell fire activity slight. Morale excellent.
- 21 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal missions. Enemy aircraft, estimated strength 15 planes raided Btry position dropping bombs at 0500 to 0520 causing no damage or casualties. Enemy aircraft over the area at night again at 0700 but no damage or casualties resulted. Enemy artillery shells fell in the area at 0500 - 1600 - and 2200 but again no damage or casualties. Tec 5 GEORGE S. BLANKENCHIP left Btry at 0700 for six day rest at the rest center. Each man received one candy bar and a cigar through canteen rations. Morale very good
- 22 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Class II supplies were drawn and issued. Enemy artillery very active. Barrages were laid in this area 0100, 0500, 2200 and 2400, but no damage or casualties. Many shells have been going over our area throughout the day, Mail was received today. Two Air Corps Officers that had been visiting the Btry for several days departed for their respective bases. They were very impressed by the way ground forces functioned. Morale very good.

- 23 Apr '44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal mission. Enemy aircraft in vicinity ~~0400~~ estimated strength of enemy planes about 18, but no bombs were dropped in our area. Enemy artillery exceptionally active, the area was shelled periodically from ~~0100~~, ~~0600~~, continuously but no damage or casualties resulted. Cpl ELMER E. SCHWAB was wounded in his upper left arm when his rifle was accidentally discharged, bullet passed thru his arm but did not hit the bone. One casualty. Morale very good.
- 24 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Sgt CLOREN M. COLLYAR and T/5 HARRY S. REYNOLDS returned from rest camp in Caserta at 1145, a good time was had by both EM. Men of the Btry wishing to attend the movie, held in the afternoon on the beachhead were given transportation. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 25 Apr 44 Btry 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night and enemy artillery fire fell in and around the Btry position, during the night but no damage or casualties. Morale very good.
- 26 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, carrying out normal duties. A few rounds of enemy artillery fire fell near the Btry position during the night but no damage. Rain throughout most of the day. Mail was received. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 27 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Pfc MELVIN C. ANDERSON returned to the Btry from duty with Fifth Army Ammunition and Supplies detail at 1500. Pfc OTIS M. FAIN left Btry at ~~0700~~ for rest camp. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 28 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over dropping bombs and about 2245 enemy artillery shell fire fell in the area. No damage or casualties. Tec 5 JOHNNIE B. SCHATZ and Pfc ROBERT J. HENDERLONG returned from duty with the Fifth Army Ammunition and Supplies detail. T/5 GEORGE S. BLANKENCHIP returned from rest camp to duty with the Btry. Canteen ~~ations~~ including Beer and Cokes were received today. No casualties. Morale excellent.

- 29 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Each EM received his portion of Beer and Cokes today. Enemy planes over area during the night but caused no damage. Morale excellent.
- 30 Apr 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Pvt ERWIN W. PEZAN, left Btry at 0700 to go to the rest camp at Caserta. Enemy planes over area about 1800 but nothing happened. Mr. Richard W. Bard arrived with payrolls and Officers and Enlisted Men were paid. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 1 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in the Btry position during the night and also some enemy propaganda leaflets. Enemy planes were over during the night dropping bombs. Cpl THEODORE T. WILLIAMS and Pfc JOHN KLIMKOWSKY, returned to the Btry after spending a few days at the rest camp. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 2 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over about 1800 no damage. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 3 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes were over between 0345 and 0430 dropping bombs. No damage or casualties resulted. Pfc FAIN, returned to the Btry from his rest period at Caserta. Morale excellent.
- 4 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. No enemy action today. The Battalion softball team played 158th FA.Bn at Division Artillery and winning by the score of 1 to 0. During the night, enemy artillery shell fire fell in the Btry area ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ no damage or casualties. Morale excellent.
- 5 May 44 Btry 7 miles North of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in and around the Btry position during the night. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 6 May 44 Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal missions. Enemy activity light today. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 7 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Pvts PEZAN and MATARESE both returned from rest camp at 0700. Church services were held at Div. Arty and transportation was furnished for those desiring to attend. Enemy artillery fell in Btry position during the night but no damage or casualties resulted. Morale excellent.
- 8 May 44 Btry in position 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Most of the men went to new position to dig in installations which took all day. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 9 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over about 2230. Some of the men returned to new position today to complete their work of diggin in for new position. Morale excellent.
- 10 May 44 Btry, 7 miles North of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Btry improved new position during the morning. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 11 May 44 Btry 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Still working on improving new position. Morale excellent. No casualties.
- 12 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Cpl DEMETER returned to duty from rest period spent at Caserta. Morale excellent. No casualties.
- 13 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell in Btry position approximately 1300. Pvt CHANAY, Donace H., was WIA, by shell frgment during the shelling. Injuries suffered to left leg slightly above the knee. Pvt Chanay was getting to his dug-out when incident happened. He was immediately evacuated to a hospital. Morale excellent.
- 14 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes were over about 0430. Enemy artillery shell fire fell in Btry position, but no damage or casualties resulted. Formation of NCO's was held at 1400 and medals were presented to Capt. McKAY, William H., and 2nd Lt. SNOW, Lester T., Lt. Snow received the Silver Star award. Our Commanding General made the presentation and inspection of rank was made and also of the area. Canteen supplies including beer and Coco Colas were purchased by the Btry today. No casualties. Morale excellent.

- 15 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire fell in and around the Btry position during the night. Enemy planes were over the area about 2200. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 16 May 44 Btry, 7 miles North of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell in the Btry area in abundance at 0045, 0210, 0445 and 1500. One (1) 1/4 ton truck C&R was hit, causing considerable damage. No one injured. Morale excellent.
- 17 May 44 Btry in position, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fire fell in the area during the night. More canteen rations were purchased today. Some special service equipment was issued to the Btry. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 18 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. 1/3 litre of beer was issued per EM today. Enemy artillery fire fell in Btry position and enemy planes over the area during the night. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 19 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fell in and around the Btry position. Some mail came in today. No casualties.
- 20 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, carrying out normal missions. Enemy artillery fire continues to fall around Btry position but ~~causing~~ causing no damage. Morale excellent.
- 21 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Slight enemy action today. Some more mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 22 May 44 Btry, 7 miles No. of Anzio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Markers were sent out from the Btry at 2100 to mark route to new position, in preparation for move. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 23 May 44 Btry now 1 1/2 miles No. of Padiglione, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Forward party left old position at 0030 arriving at new position 1 1/2 miles No. of Padiglione, Italy at 0115 distanced traveled approximately 2 1/2 miles. Remainder of Btry left old position about 0830 and arrived in new position at 1000. Both moves were made without mishaps. Considerable air activity during the day. Allied planes over in great strength. No casualties. Morale excellent.

- 24 May 44 Btry in position 1 1/2 miles SE of Padiglione, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night. Enemy artillery fire fell in and around the Btry position, but caused no damage or casualties. Morale excellent
- 25 May 44 Btry in position 1 1/2 Miles SE of Padiglione, Italy, carrying out normal mission. Reconnaissance was made for new positions. No unusual occurrences. Morale excellent.
- 26 May 44 Btry, 2 1/2 miles SE of Padiglione, Italy, carrying out normal mission. Enemy artillery fell in Btry position during the night. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 27 May 44 Btry, 2 1/2 miles SE of Padiglione, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Btry left this position with few personnel for movement to new position about 2000 and arrived at new position 2000 meters SE of Torre di Lazzaria, Italy at 2100. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 28 May 44 Btry, 2000 meters SE of Torre di Lazzaria, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Remaining party arrived at this position about 1200. Enemy artillery fell near Btry position during the day. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 29 May 44 Btry, 1 1/8 miles SE of Torre di Lazzaria, Italy carrying out normal missions. Reconnaissance was made for new position. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 30 May 44 Btry, 1 1/8 miles SE of Torre di Lazzaria, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy planes over during the night. Reconnaissance was made for a new position. Canteen supplies were purchased for Btry today. This included beer. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 31 May 44 Btry, 1 1/8 miles SE of Torre di Lazzaria, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Btry stayed here until 1000 when forward party moved to new position 4000 meters SE of Lanuola, Italy (89.5 - 37.4) arriving there at 1130 distance traveled 8 miles. SSGT MORGAN, WIA, by enemy shell fragment, scratch on leg, duty status remained unchanged. This happened when remainder of Btry moved up to new position about 1800. Enemy planes over during the night dropping bombs. WOJG Bard arrived at the Btry position about 1600 Morale excellent.

- 1 Jun 44 Btry in position 1 1/2 Miles S. of Lanuvio, Italy carrying out normal mission. Enemy artillery fell in the Btry position and enemy planes were over during the night. Coca cola's were issued. Men were paid and mail received today. No casualties Morale excellent.
- 2 Jun 44 Btry in position ~~in~~ 1 1/2 miles S. of Lanuvio, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Enemy planes over during the night and enemy artillery fire fell near the Btry position. First and second class mail arrived today. Morale excellent.
- 3 Jun 44 Btry, 1 1/2 Miles So. of Lanuvio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery fell in Btry position during the day, no damage or casualties. More mail came in. Morale excellent.
- 4 Jun 44 Btry, 1 1/2 Miles So. Lanuvio, Italy, carrying out normal duties. Reconnaissance was made and preparations were made for move. No casualties. Morale excellent.
- 5 June 44 Btry now 6 Miles S. of Vatican City, Rome, Italy carrying out normal duties. Btry left old position ~~xxxxxx~~ 1 1/2 Miles S. of Lanuvio, Italy at 0530 and arrived at new position 6 miles S. of Rome, Italy at 0700. Distance traveled approximately 16 miles. Coordination of new position (693-550) movement made in good order. Left position 6 miles of Rome, Italy at 1640 and arrived in new position 5 miles S and W of Rome, Italy at 1730. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 Jun 44 Btry 5 miles S&W of Rome, Italy, carrying out normal missions. Our guns out of range. Btry in state of readiness. Two enemy aircraft over during early hours. No damage or casualties. Morale excellent.
- 7 Jun 44 Btry now 4 1/2 miles So. of Rome, Italy carrying out normal duties. Btry moved from old position 5 miles S&W of Rome, Italy to new position and arrived here at 1630 distance traveled approximately 5 miles. Btry bivouac in buildings to carry out program of cleaning equipment and material ~~xxxx~~. Enemy planes over area during hours of 2200 to 2400 but no bombs were dropped in our area. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 Jun 44 Btry 4 1/2 miles So. of Rome, Italy carrying out normal missions. Btry spent day in cleaning all equipment and material. Minor repairs were made to trucks and all in working condition. Men swimming and cleaning personal equipment. Morale excellent.

- 9 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 Miles S. of Rome, Italy, Btry continues to clean equipment. Rifle inspection was held at 1000. Orientation lecture held for the Btry at 1330. Morale very good.
- 10 Jun 44 Btry 4 1/2 miles S. of Rome, Italy. Btry continues cleaning equipment. Motor inspection held at 1000 and physical inspection given at 1330 by Bn. Surgeon. Men spend evenings playing sports. Morale excellent.
- 11 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 Miles S. of Rome, Italy: Btry continuing a enjoyable rest period. Fourteen men were sent to Rome to attend Catholic church services. Protestant Services were held in the Btry area at 1000. Afternoon spent playing sports. Morale excellent.
- 12 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 miles S. of Rome, Italy: Btry had a complete check of all equipment and material. Forty men given twelve hour passes into city of Rome. Remainder of btry attended lecture and movie. Pfc LEARY, JOSEPH W., left Btry at 0645 enroute to United States under rotation plan of military personnel. Morale excellent.
- 13 Jun 44 Btry 4 1/2 miles S. of Rome: Btry sent another forty men to Rome for the day. The remainder of the Btry spent so time on a foot march approximately four miles. Men continued to clean material and equipment. Swimming and volley ball games are played by the men during the evenings and a good time by all. Morale excellent.
- 14 Jun 44 Btry 4 1/2 miles S. of Rome: Btry continuing daily training program. Property check made on all personnel equipment. Remainder of Btry were given a day pass to Rome. Dental inspection held at 0900. Morale excellent. Men continue to enjoy volley ball games during the early part of the evenings. Morale excellent.
- 15 Jun 44 Btry 4 1/2 Miles S. of Rome: Btry spent entire morning checking shortages and consolidating lists. Afternoon Btry attended U.S.O. show. Evening sports were played. Morale very good.
- 16 Jun 44 Btry 4 1/2 Miles S. of Rome: Btry spent ~~in~~ day in Rome with the exception of necessary guards for the Btry area.
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16 Jun 44 3, and 4.

- 17 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 miles So. of Rome, Italy: Btry on a foot march, 2 hours. Personnel section moved and joined us. Much time being spent on trucks getting them in top order. Men coming in from shuttle were given a day pass in Rome. Ten men were given a ticket to attend the show "This is the Army" starring Irving Berlin. Remainder of Btry went to USO show at 1330. Morale Excellent.
- 18 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 Miles So. of Rome, Italy: Btry continuing maintenance of motor trucks and material. Four 2 1/2 ton trucks left on shuttle. Church services held at 1000 men of Catholic faith were given permission to attend church services in Rome and they were taken in by trucks leaving Hq. Btry area. Red Cross brought doughnuts to Btry at 1700. Evenings spent in playing sports.
- 19 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 Miles So. of Rome, Italy: Btry continuing with motor maintenance and preparation for move. Ninety-six EM and one Officer attended stage show "This is the Army" in Rome. Six men given day passes in Rome. Evenings spent playing sports. Morale excellent.
- 20 Jun 44 Btry, 4 1/2 Miles So. of Rome, Italy: Btry continues making preparations for move. Light trucks loaded and heavier trucks held in readiness for shuttle. Three EM and one officer left as advance party to Salerno, Italy. Evenings spent in playing ball games. Morale excellent.
- 21 Jun 44 Btry finished loading and re-checked all trucks for move. Btry left area in tip top shape. Area was thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Left this position 4 1/2 miles So. of Rome, Italy enroute to Salerno, Italy. Convoy still traveling at 2400 hours. Distance traveled approximately 180 miles. Morale very good.
- 22 Jun 44 Btry arrived in new position 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy at 0200, distance traveled approximately 220 miles. Day spent making camp area and motor park laid out, tents pitched and installations established. Morale very good.
- 23 Jun 44 Btry 2 Miles North of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry continued making camp and ~~improvements~~ improvements being made. All trucks were washed and greased. Men cleaning equipment. Early part of the evenings spent playing volley ball and baseball. Morale excellent.

- 24 Jun 44 Btry 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry continued maintenance on trucks an establishing camp, making new improvements. Foot march at 1300 hours, attended a training film. Baseball and volley ball games played furing the evenings. Morale very good.
- 25 Jun 44 Btry 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Troops given a day of rest. Church services held at Div. Arty for both Catholics and Protestant. Men were taken their by trucks. Thirty EM and one officer given day pass for Salerno, Italy. Morale very good.
- 26 Jun 44 Btry, 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry left area on foot march at 0800 hours walked to the beach covering approximately 11 miles. Men went in swimming and then were brought back to the Btry by trucks. Volley ball game was played with Btry "C". Movies were held in the evenings. Morale very good.
- 27 Jun 44 Btry, 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry carrying out training schedule and continuing maintenance of trucks. Evenings spent playing ball games. Movie show "Battle of Russia" was shown. Morale excellent.
- 28 Jun 44 Btry, 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry left area at 0800 for foot march to the beach. Men enjoyed swimming for about one hour and were brought back to the area by trucks. Physical inspection held during the afternoon. Men spending evenings playing volley ball and baseball games. Morale excellent.
- 29 Jun 44 Btry, 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry continuing training schedule. Physical training and maintenance of material. Btry attended talk on security by Captain ARTHUR E. LARGE, Div. Arty S-2 Sports played by men in the evenings. Morale very good.
- 30 Jun 44 Btry 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Twenty-four enlisted men attending Motor school. Remainder of Btry in rest camp near Paestum, Italy leaving the Btry area by trucks at 1100 hours arrived at rest camp at 1120 hours. Distanced traveled approximately 22 miles. Morale excellent.

- 1 Jul 44 Btry, 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry still in rest camp near Paestum, Italy. Twenty-three EM left 1830 from rest camp enroute to Btry area to attend Motor School. Twenty-three EM that had been attending school arrived in rest camp at 1830. Men enjoying themselves very much. Morale excellent.
- 2 Jul 44 Btry still 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy, still in rest camp enjoying themselves. Ten EM left rest camp at 1930 enroute to service area to attend Mine School. Morale excellent.
- 3 July 44 Btry left rest camp enroute to Btry area at 1900 and arriving at the area about 2000. Very enjoyable rest for all. Morale excellent.
- 4 Jul 44 Btry still 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry continuing with water-proofing school and loading school. Remainder of the Btry working on motors and vehicles. Canteen rations were distributed to the Btry. Men enjoying volley ball and base ball games in the evenings. Morale excellent.
- 5 Jul 44 Btry still 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy: Btry continuing hardening up exercises. Motor maintenance stressed. Btry fired small arms this afternoon. Sports played in the evenings. Morale excellent.
- 6 Jul 44 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy. Btry continuing with hardening up program. Remainder of Btry fired small arms. Area inspected during the day by Div. Artillery Surgeon. Evenings spent playing sports and some attending a stage show in the Engineers Area. Morale excellent.
- 7 Jul 44 Btry 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy, continuing hardening up exercises. Some motor vehicles turned in to Service Btry. Machine Gun Section fired .50 on record course. Sports played during the evenings. Morale excellent.
- 8 Jul 44 Btry 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy, continuing training schedule. Non-swimmers taken to the beach for instructions. Sports being played during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 9 Jul 44 Btry still 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy; Btry gave passes to 5% of men to spend a day in Pompeii, Italy. Church services held for men at 1000 hours. Men enjoying themselves during the evenings playing ball. Morale excellent.

- 10 Jul 44 Btry 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy continuing hardening up schedule. Motors stressed. Non-swimmers given instructions. Sports played in the evenings. 2nd Lt. CROTTY and Pvt ROBERT F. BROWN, went to rest camp for 5 days rest. Morale very good.
- 11 Jul 44 Btry 2 Miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy, continuing hardening up program. Btry received instructions on operations of Machine Gun. Non-swimmers given instructions at the beach. Morale very good.
- 12 Jul 44 Btry 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy. Btry on a two hour foot march. Remainder of day spent packing and loading for move. Six drivers went to Naples to deliver old trucks and bring back new vehicles. Sports played during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 13 Jul 44 Btry 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy. Btry continued marking all equipment and making preparations for unknown destination. Swimming instructions for non-swimmers. Volley ball and baseball enjoyed by the men during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 14 Jul 44 Btry 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy, Btry continuing hardening up program and preparations for movement. Some new trucks were received by the Btry. Fifty gallons of ice cream served to Btry today. Sports played during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 15 Jul 44 Btry 2 miles No. of Battipaglia, Italy. Btry went on a two hour foot march and upon return they continued loading for move. Canteen Rations drawn for Btry. Very little was received. Morale very good.
- 16 Jul 44 Btry loaded trucks broke up camp. Left this area, 2 miles North of Battipaglia, Italy enroute to new position at 1832 hours. Convoy in good order. Arrived in ~~xx~~ new position, 8 Miles NW of Qualiano, Italy, at 0020. Guard established. Btry bedded for night. Distance traveled approximately 65 miles. Morale very good.
- 17 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy. Btry spent day making camp. No mail received. Morale very good.
- 18 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy. Btry had inspection on completeness of gas mask, dog tags, pay-books and service ability of their carbines. Remainder of day spent preparing for inspection of material. Sports played. No mail. Morale very good.

- 19 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy. All signal equipment, motors, small arms inspected by team from 171st FA. Bn. (Officers) In turn our officers inspected their unit. Quite a bit of mail was received. Morale very good.
- 20 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy, Btry continuing hardening up program. Motor maintenance and care of material. Thunderbird insignas were seged on clothing again. Identification put on vehicles. Some mail arrived. Ten EM given passes to Naples. Morale very good.
- 21 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy. Btry on foot march, and hardening up exercises. Cleaning and care of material. Btry party in the evening, and a good time had by all. Morale very good.
- 22 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy and continuing hardening up program. Gas masks water-proofed. Some trucks loaded. Beer and coca colas drawn for men. Very little mail received. Stage show in near area. Morale very good.
- 23 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy. Btry had a day of rest. Church services held in area. Four trucks left to be loaded on board ship and 7 EM were sent along for loading. Stage show and movie in the evening. Mail arrived. More beer given to the men. Morale very good.
- 24 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy, went on foot march. Inspection of arms and lecture on use of life belts and abandon ship. Mail arrived again today. Morale very good.
- 25 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry practiced formation for Awards to be made by General EAGLES. Care of material rest of the day. Ice cream served to the Btry for dessert for supper meal. Court-Martial held during the morning. Some mail received today. Morale very good.
- 26 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry held formation for presentation of Awards by General Eagles. Rest of day spent in cleaning and care of material. Mail arrived. Morale very good.
- 27 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry on a two hour foot march, continuing hardening up exercises, Maintenance of material, instructions in security. Mail arrived today. Morale very good.

- 28 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy continuing hardening up program. Btry on the mock-ups during the morning. Afternoon spent swimming at the beach. Mail arrived. Captain BEAVERS, VONUAL D., and Tec 5 HERBERT P. LAMBERT, left Btry at 0800 enroute to United States on rotation plan of military personnel. Morale very good.
- 29 Jul 44 Btry still 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy continuing hardening up exercises. Two hours of swimming instructions at the beach. Mail came in today. Canteen rations distributed to the Btry. Morale very good.
- 30 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy; Church services held at 1000. Memorial Services held in the area of 189th FA. and 171st FA. Rest of day spent what ever men chose to do. Morale very good.
- 31 Jul 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry on 2 hour foot march. Sectional schools held. Evenings spent swimming and playing ball. Morale very good.
- 1 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Hardening up exercises. Mock-up drill. Sectional training in demolition. Swimming and ball games during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 2 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry on a three hour foot march and climbing mock-ups. Swimming and organized athletics in the evenings. Mail arrived today. Morale very good.
- 3 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry continues hardening up exercises and sectional schools. Sports played during the evenings. Morale very good. Mail again today.
- 4 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Btry held inspection of personnel equipment, loading of trucks. Water-proofing radios; swimming 3 hours during the day for men unable to swim. Ball games during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 5 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: Twenty non-commissioned officers went to the sand table to study terrain problems for operations. Day was spent in loading and water-proofing. Games were played during the evenings. Men were given ship number and place to ride. Morale very good.

- 6 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: All trucks were loaded and serialized for the movement. One Officer~~x~~ and two EM left Btry and joined 180th Inf. as liaison. Sports played during the evenings. Morale very good.
- 7 Aug 44 Btry 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy: All trucks with drivers and assistant drivers left area enroute to Port of Embarkation at 1030. Remainder of Btry breaking camp and cleaning area in preparation to leave. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 8 Aug 44 Btry began its move. All personnel except nine EM, who were to go on troop transport, left area 8 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy and arrived in rendezvous area 4 1/2 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy spent night here. Morale very good.
- 9 Aug 44 On board ship: Left rendezvous area 4 1/2 miles NW of Qualiano, Italy at 0815 enroute to Port of Embarkation and arriving in Naples at 1030, boarded ship at 1130. Hot meals were served. Money taken from the EM for exchange. Various posts aboard ship necessary were established. Morale very good.
- 10 Aug 44 On board Ship, LST: LST still anchored in bay. The men attending swimming parties twice daily. The mess has been improved somewhat. Morale very good.
- 11 Aug 44 LST still anchored in bay. Food excellent. Two swimming parties held daily. Morale very good.
- 12 Aug 44 LST lifted anchor at 1600 hours. Set sail for destination unknown. Lots of rumors though. Morale very good.
- 13 Aug 44 At Sea aboard LST: Maps and etc given out to show EM beach to be attacked. Very few surprised at location of landing. This is indeed a large convoy. As far as the eye can see there seemed to be an endless line of ships. Quite a breath taking sight. Morale very good.
- 14 Aug 44 At sea Board LST: Passed the islands of Corsica and Sardinia. Picked up more of the convoy. Few of our planes flying overhead. Weather clear and smooth sailing. Everyone showing a little nervousness. Morale very good.
- 15 Aug 44 1 1/2 Miles W. of St. Pierre, France: Troops from forward units hit the beach at 0800. Our ship hit at 1200 hours. Very good landing. No shell fire. No air activity. People encountered friendly. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 16 Aug 44 Btry 10 miles SE of Vidauben, France: Left old position 1 1/2 miles W of St. Pierre, France at 1200 hours and arrived at new position 10 miles SE of Vidauben, France at 1400. No enemy activity. Our airplanes giving perfect cover. Remainder of Btry trucks on Liberty ships joined the Btry at 1700. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Aug 44 Three miles NW of Vidauben, France: Left old position 10 Miles SE of Vidauben, France at 1600 and arrived in new position at 1800. Nothing unusual happened., all quiet. Morale very good.
- 18 Aug 44 3 miles East of Varages, France: Btry left old position 3 miles NW of Larges, France at 0830 arrived in new position 6 miles West of Salones, France at 1000 left this position at 1900 and arrived in a new position 3 miles East of Varages, France at 2015. No enemy activity happened, although nine enemy planes were observed during the day. Morale very good.
- 19 Aug 44 Btry left area 2 miles East of Varages, France at 1230 arrived in new area at 1330, 2 Miles East of Rians, France. Two enemy shells passed over our area. 106th AAA unit joined the Btry this morning at 0700. No casualties. Morale very good .
- 20 Aug 44 Btry 4 1/4 miles NW of Rians, France: Left old position 2 miles East of Rians, France at 0745, and arrived in new position 4 1/4 miles W of Rians, France at 0830. In this position for a few hours. Left this position at 1250 and arrived at new position 4 1/4 miles NW of Rians, France, 130. Much enemy equipment and material laying beside road destroyed. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 21 Aug 44 Btry 4 Miles NE of Pertuis, France: Left position 4 1/4 miles NW of Rians, France at 0745 crossed river and arrived at new position 4 Miles NE of Pertuis, France at 0835. Installations established. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 22 Aug 44 ~~Btry left old position 4 1/4 miles NW of Rians, France~~ Btry left old position 5 miles NE of Pertuis, France at 0710 arrived in new position 1 Mile SE of Pertuis at 0745. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 23 Aug 44 Btry in position 1 mile SE of Pertuis, France, awaiting further orders. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 24 Aug 44 Btry left old position 1 mile SE of Pertuis, France, 1210 and traveled a distance of 142 miles arriving in new area, 2 miles SE of Grenoble, France, at 2020. Installations established. Little enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 25 Aug 44 Btry in position 2 miles SE of Grenoble, France carrying out normal missions. All motor vehicles given a thorough going over. Men washing clothes and care of equipment. Mail went out but nothing came in. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 26 Aug 44 Btry still 2 miles SE of Grenoble, France, carrying out normal missions. Fourteen EM given eight hour pass to visit Grenoble, France. No enemy activity. Mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 27 Aug 44 Btry left old position 2 Miles SE of Grenoble, France at 1015 and arrived in new position, 3 miles South of Voiron, France at 1135. Installations established. One enemy airplane observed some distance away. No activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 28 Aug 44 Btry in position 3 miles So of Voiron, France, carrying out normal missions. Two enemy planes over area. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale very good. Mail came in today.
- 29 Aug 44 Btry in position 3 miles So. of Voiron, France, carrying out normal duties. Mail arrived again today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 30 Aug 44 Btry left old position 3 miles South of Voiron, France at 2035 and arrived in new position 2 1/2 miles SE of Bourgoin, France at 2358. Installations established and Btry carrying out normal duties. No enemy activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 31 Aug 44 Btry in position 2 1/2 miles SE of Bourgoin, France, carrying out normal duties. Little mail arrived. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 1 Sep 44 Btry left old position 2 1/2 miles SE of Bourgoin, France at 0750 and arrived in rendezvous area at 0925, left this area and arrived in new position 1 1/2 miles NW of St. Julie, France approximately 1130. Enemy at close range. Entire day was filled with noises from artillery and other types of firing. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 2 Sep 44 Btry left position 1/2 miles NW of St. Julie, France at 1625 arrived at new position, 1/4 miles So. of Varabom, France at 1810. Rain all night and still raining reining, trucks having very difficult time maneuvering in mud. Very little mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 3 Sep 44 Btry left position 1/4 miles So. of Varabon, France at 1800 and arrived in new position, 1/2 miles So of LeMuty, France at 1830 distanced rumbling can be heard & huge flashes can be seen, which seem to be enemy ammunition dumps burning. No enemy air activity. No mail arrived. Morale very good.
- 4 Sep 44 Btry left position 1/2miles So. of LeMuty, France, at 1900 and arrived in rendezvous area at 2100. Left this area at 2315 and arrived at Mantry, France at 0240. Mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 5 Sep 44 Btry in Mantry, France awaiting call to move forward. Men resting and cleaning equipment. No mail today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 Sep 44 Btry 3 1/2 miles North of Orsans, France: Btry left rendezvous area in Mantry France at 0600 and arrived at Chantrans, France at 0850, wento rendezvous area again and left this new area at 1400 and arrived 500 meters E. of Orsans, France at 1630 going into position and establishing installations. Left this position at 2010 for a better position and arrived in new position 3 1/2 miles No. of Orsans, France. No mail today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 7 Sep 44 Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Two ME's flew over our area very low but did not bother us. Rumbling and artillery fire heard in the distance. No mail or casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 Sep 44 Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Two enemy again over the area but caused no damage. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 9 Sep 44 Btry still in position 3 1/2 miles No. of Orsans, France, carrying out normal missions. No enemy activity. Some packages and mail arrived today. Raining again. Morale very good.
- 10 Sep 44 Btry left position 3 1/2 miles No. of Orsans, France at 0810 and arrived in position at Baume, France 0850,

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- 10 Sep 44 left this position at 1650 going into position 3/4 miles No. of Vergranne, France. On our travels, we seen a great deal of German equipment and many dead Germans were also seen. Evidence of fighting seen everywhere. Mail and packages arrived today. Morale very good.
- 12 Sep 44 Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Much rumbling heard in the distance. No mail. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 12 Sep 44 Btry in position 3/4 miles No. of Vergranne, France, carrying out normal duties. No enemy activity. No mail received. Class II supplies drawn and issued to the Btry. Morale very good.
- 13 Sep 44 Btry left position 3/4 miles No. of Vergranne, France at 0805 and arrived at Nans, France at 0840. Carrying out normal missions. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 14 Sep 44 Btry left position at Nans, France, 0820 arriving in new position, 1 1/4 miles East of Pointour Orgnon, France at 0900. No enemy activity observed. All quiet. Little rain during the day. Morale very good.
- 15 Sep 44 Btry in position 1 1/2 miles SE of Pontour I'Oegnon, France, carrying out normal duties. Mail and packages arrived today. Men washing clothes and drying out from the previous rainy days. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 16 Sep 44 Btry in position carrying out normal duties and awaiting further orders for move. No mail today. Still raining. No enemy action. Morale very good.
- 17 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal duties, still awaiting orders to move forward. Rain continues. Some first class mail arrived. No enemy action. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 18 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal missions and anxiously waiting for orders so we can move forward. Mail arrived. No enemy action. Morale very good.
- 19 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. No moving orders as yet. Two trailers arrived at the Btry from the rear echelon. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 20 Sep 44 Left area 1 1/2 miles East of Pointsur I'Oegnon, France at 1010 and arrived in rendezvous area (Ailleviillers, France) at 1335. Left this area at approximately 1600 and arrived in new position at Buzegney, France, at 1950. Normal installations established. Morale very good. No casualties.

- 21 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Nice sunny day, the first in some time. EM washing clothes. Very little mail. Morale very good.
- 22 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal duties.. On the alert for further orders. Lt. Col., HAL L. MULBROW, Jr., re-joined the orgn at noon. Several planes over our area during the night, identiy unknown. Morale very good.
- 23 Sep 44 Btry left old position at Buzegney, France at 1110 and arriving at this position, 1 3/4 miles SE of Vieux, St. Laurant, France. Raining all day and night. Few packages arrived. No casualtis. Morle very good.
- 24 Sep 44 Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Continued to rain throughout the day and night. No mail arrived. Two enemy planes close by the area during the day. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 25 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal duties, awaiting fubther orders for move. Still continues to rain day and night. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 26 Sep 44 Btry left position 1 3/4 miles SE of Vieux, St. Laurent, France at 1530 arriving at present position. No mail again. Still some rain. Morale very good.
- 27 Sep 44 Morning Report for this date missiong and no Record of Events is known.
- 28 Sep 44 Btry in position carrying out normal duties, still waiting for orders to go forward. Very little rain today. Some first class mal came in today. Pvt ~~XXXXXX~~ COLVIN and PEZAN, CASTIGLIONE raided the kitchen during the night stealing several loaves of bread, several cans of Spam and a gallon can of butter. Evidence found in their tents. Little enemy gun fire, which is at our left heard throughout the night. Morle very good.
- 29 Sep 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Two enemy plaes over area but causing no damage. Beautiful day, sun shinning brightly. No rain for a change. No mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 30 Sep 44 Btry left position at Doyvillers, France at 1725 and arrived in new position in Menenil, France, at 1750 Normal installations established. German artillery heard to our front, none fell in our area. Morale very good.

- 1 Oct 44 Btry in position in Memenil, France, carrying out normal duties. Enemy artillery heard falling in our front. Entire Btry in building keeping dry and warm. Btry waiting for orders to move on. Morale very good.
- 2 Oct 44 Btry in position in Memenil, France, carrying out normal duties. Sgt GLEN A. LAW, Pfc LOWELL L. QUEEN, and Pvt JOE W. DANIELSON, KIA, and Pvt GEORGE A. CUDDY, WIA, trying to disarm a mine in the area of Btry "C". Upper part of Sgt LAW and lower part of Pfc Queen blown to bits. Pvt Cuddy was believed to have lost his right eye. Pvt Danielson lost his right leg and left arm and also received numerous wounds on the body. Pvt Danielson died shortly after the incident. Some enemy planes close by during the day. Papers and packages arrived today, no first class mail. Morale very good.
- 3 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France. No rain today. Everyone cleaning up and getting dried out. No mail again today. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 4 Oct 44 Btry still 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France carrying out normal duties. Clothing shortages arrived and issued to the men of the Btry. No mail again. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 5 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties in Memenil, France. Btry waiting for orders to move ahead. Little mail arrived. Mine squad re-organized and studying different types of mines and operations. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal missions. Day clear and cool. Enemy shell fire to our front very heavy and was continuous throughout the day. None of the shells came in our area. Very little mail came in. Morale very good.
- 7 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Day clear and warm. AAA unit atchd left the Btry. 8 EM of Btry "C" 106th AAA atchd. Payroll signed today. 5 men given court-martial (summary) No casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Beer given all men during the day. Summary court martial held. Very little mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 9 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Captain WILLIAM L. YOUELL, and 5 EM left at 0900 for Division Rest Camp for two days. Guard in area doubled. Day cloudy and cold. No mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.

10 Oct 44 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France, Btry still in position
E carrying out normal duties. All trucks given check.
Cold weather continues and rain stills falls all thru
the day making things damp and cold. A lot of mail
came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.

11 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Captain Youell,
and 5 EM returned from rest camp. Trucks were spot
checked by Ordnance. Very little mail received.
Morale very good.

12 Oct 44 Btry still in position 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France
carrying out normal missions. Day clear and warm. No
enemy activity. Morale very good.

STATION OF RECORD AND EVENTS FOR 27 SEPTEMBER 1944
WAS RECEIVED ON THIS DATE.

Btry left position 1000 meters S of Dogenville,
France at 1610 arriving at present position at
1655. Established necessary installations.
No enemy activity observed. No casualties. No
mail. Morale very good.

13 Oct 44 Btry still 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France, carrying
out normal duties. Special Courts-Martial held for
four (#4) EM this morning. Chaplain Rector visited the
Btry. Weather cloudy and cool. No mail. No casualties.
Morale very good.

14 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Payroll received and
the men were paid. No mail today. No casualties.
Morale very good.

15 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Prestone came in all
trucks ready for winter weather. Weather clear and cool.
No mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.

16 Oct 44 Btry 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France, carrying out
normal duties. Rain and cold weather. Some 4th class
mail came in today. Morale very good.

17 Oct 44 Btry still 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France carrying out
normal duties. Btry awaiting further orders to move on.
Payroll arrived today and ready for signatures. No
casualties. Morale very good.

18 Oct 44 Btry still in position carrying out normal duties.
Continues to rain and everything wet and muddy, making
things very difficult to maneuver. No casualties.
No mail. Morale very good.

- 19 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Weather cool and still raining. Many enemy planes over area during night and they were fired upon by our AAA. No damage or casualties resulted. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 20 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. 1st and 4th class mail came in today. No casualties. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 21 Oct 44 Btry still in position 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France, carrying out normal duties. Three EM left Btry at ~~0900~~ for two day rest at the rest camp. Very little mail. Morale very good.
- 22 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Church services held in another area. Truck furnished for those desiring to attend the services. Personnel section here for the day working on T/O. Alerted for reconnaissance and later postponed till morning. No mail. Morale very good.
- 23 Oct 44 Btry left position 1/3 miles SE of Memenil, France, at 1457 and arrived in new position at Gradvillers, France at 1530 distance traveled approximately 4 miles. Regular installations established. No mail arrived. Morale very good.
- 24 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties in Gradvillers, France. Twenty-seven EM left Btry enroute to 2nd Replacement Depot, APO 776, U.S.Army. Section Chiefs re-organizing their sections. Weather damp and miserable. Loads of mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 25 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Wire, mine and survey went forward cleared out and layed installations for next position. No mail. Rain stopped for awhile and getting colder. 2 EM returned from rest camp and three were given pass to go to rest camp. Morale very good.
- 26 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Many allied aircraft planes over during the day and what a pretty sight. Red Cross served doughnuts to Btry. Some mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 27 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Mine, Survey and wire detail again went forward. Mine and wire detail left at new position. Btry to move as soon as orders are given. Morale very good.
- 28 Oct 44 Btry left position in Grandervillers, France at 1140/ and arrived in new position in Autrey, France at 1222. Distance traveled approximately 5 miles. Normal installations established. 37 sacks of mail came in. Morale very good.

- 29 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties in Autrey, France: Many allied planes out today. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 30 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Day cloudy and cold. More mail arrived today. No casualties. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 31 Oct 44 Btry carrying out normal duties in Autrey, France. Truck sent to rear to bring clerks and payroll to the Btry. Enlisted men and Officers received their pay and issued Battle Star for the Italian Campaign, (Naples-Foggia Italian Campaign fr 9 September 43 to 21 January 1944 and Rome-Arno Italian Campaign fr 22 January 1944 to 21 June 1944: Division Dates). Four EM left Btry at 0900 for rest camp and four EM returned to the Btry at 0400. More mail in today. Morale very good. No casualties.
- 1 Nov 44 Btry left position in Autrey, France in sections. The first group left in trucks at 1315 arriving at present position 1 1/4 miles SE of Bru, France at 1430. Second group left at 1430 and arrived at 1530. Installations established. Tec 4 HARRY L. LAYTON and T/5 NEAL E. DODDS, WIA, by mine. T/4 Layton stepped on box mine buried in hay pile and his right leg was believed to be a compound fracture and he suffered shock. T/5 Dodds, received minor wounds on leg and perforated ear drum. No mail arrived today. Morale very good.
- 2 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties 1 1/4 miles SE of Bru, France. Part of men received new type of field jackets. Mail arrived today. Raining today. Morale very good.
- 3 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties 1 1/4 miles SE of Bru, France. Day clear and cool. Mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 4 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Officers of the 100th Division visited the area. Forward units went forward to select positions. Returned to area late in the evening. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 5 Nov 44 Btry left position 1 1/4 miles SE of Bru, France at 0933 and arrived in new position at St. Barbe, France at 1005 distance traveled approximately 12 miles. Necessary installations established. All men under cover. Situation normal, no casualties. Little mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 6 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Weather continues to remain cold and damp. Mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 7 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties in St. Barbe, France. Still continues to rain and remain cold. Mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Btry Commander, Wire Sgt and 1st Sgt left with Lt. Col. Muldrow on reconnaissance. Put positions approximately thirty miles distant, in support of another Division. Mail arrived today. Morale very good. No casualties.
- 9 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Wire, Survey section went out to new position making ready for Btry to occupy. Btry "D" 106 AAA returned to this orgn. Btry "C" AAA being released. Snow fell during part of the day. Situation well in hand. Some mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 10 Nov 44 Btry left position in St. Barbe, France, at 1300 and arrived in present position Domjevin, France at 1500 distance traveled approximately 33 miles. Trip made in good order and no mishaps. Btry carrying out normal duties. All men under cover. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 11 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties in Domjevin, France. Enemy artillery shells going over area, knocking out our communication wire system several times during the day. At approximately 2000 two peeps were damaged by three rounds of motor fire. Mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 12 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Some shoe packs arrived for part of the men. All received heavy socks. Some mail arrived. Friendly artillery carrying out many missions preparing for push. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 13 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Lt. Col. MULDROW, went forward on reconnaissance. Continued heavy pounding by allied artillery. Weather continues to be cold and some snow and rain falling. No mail. Sweaters issued to all men. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 14 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Continues to rain and damp. Very little mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 15 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Each man was issued a blanket. Still continues to rain and some snow. Area and roads very muddy. Very little mail. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 16 Nov 44 Btry carrying out normal duties. Forward parties, Btry Comdr, 1st Sgt., Comm. Sgt, Wire & mine Sgts went forward on reconnaissance at 1130 encountered rough terrain, no position suitable. Reconnaissance group recalled back to CP at 1430 and announcement was made that we were released and ready to leave at 1630, when close station was given at 1710. Btry told to remain for night here. Weather cloudy and cold. No mail. Morale very good.
- 17 Nov 44 Btry in rest period. Left old position at Domjevin, France at 1530 arriving here in Dombasle, France at 1630 distance traveled 24 miles. Spirits of EM high. Morale excellent.
- 18 Nov 44 Btry in rest, cleaning and care of equipment. Motors given special care, and put into good shape. Enlisted men given passes and many privileges. Very little mail. Morale excellent.
- 19 Nov 44 Btry in rest in Dombasle, France and enjoying themselves. Church services held in Btry area at 0900 Continuation of motor maintenance, care and tuning of radios. Showers available for all EM and officers. French people doing laundry for the men. Excellent chicken dinner served to Btry. Some mail and packages arrived. Men enjoying rest and given passes. Morale excellent.
- 20 Nov 44 Btry in rest. Continued maintenance of all materiel and in preparation for inspection. All vehicles washed. Small arms inspection by Bn. Exec. at 1300. Dental inspection at 1400 by Div. Arty Dental Officer. Showers available for men. Several movies shown each day. 50% of men allowed on pass. Everyone well pleased with location and enjoying themselves and resting. Morale excellent.
- 21 Nov 44 Btry still resting in Dombasle, France. All motors were inspected by Bn. Motors in good condition. Small arms inspection conducted by Btry Comdr and found to be in good order. Men enjoying rest and attending movies. 50% of men on pass. Morale excellent.
- 22 Nov 44 Btry in rest. Ordnance group here repairing small arms, inspecting instruments and motors. Equipment and materiel in good shape. Thirty EM from Btry stood formation when General EAGLES presented medals. EM left Btry 1310 and arrived in area where formation was to be held at 1320. Men stood in rain and stiff cold wind until 1425 when General arrived. Presentation was made and completed at 1455. Men were thoroughly wet and chilled. The EM from this Btry receiving Bronze Stars were:: S Sgt JESSE D. WEST, Cpl RICHARD F. NEWKIRK, Tec 5 MELVIN G. DETWILER, Sgts. GEORGE J. KOSKOVICH and CLOREN M. COLLYAR. Btry was alerted and expected to

- (continued) move late in the afternoon, but alert was cancelled. Men attending shows and enjoying themselves. Little mail arrived. Morale excellent.
- 22 Nov 44
- 23 Nov 44 Btry in rest at Dombasle, France. Troops enjoying movies. 50% of EM given passes. At noon today a delicious turkey dinner with special trimmings was served in observance of Thanksgiving. Very little mail arrived. Morale excellent.
- 24 Nov 44 Btry left rest area at Dombasle, France at 0800 hours and forward parties left to locate rendezvous area. Btry arrived in rendezvous area in Ibigny, France at approximately 0930, left this area at 1500 enroute to present position of Rohr, France arriving here at 2045, distance traveled 73 miles. Much enemy equipment and material seen during move. Move was made in good order. Normal installations established. Morale very good.
- 25 Nov 44 Btry in position at Rohr, France, carrying out normal duties. Immediate area crowded with infantry. All men under cover, awaiting further orders for move forward.. No mail today. Rain and cold. Morale very good.
- 26 Nov 44 Btry in position in Rohr, France, carrying out normal duties. Left Rohr, France at 1420 arriving at new position in Bosselshausen, France at 1510. Traveled approximately 14 miles. All men under cover. People of village friendly and greater part of them speak German. Men on their toes observing activities. Three air raids during the afternoon, no casualties. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 27 Nov 44 Btry in position in Bosselshaven, France, carrying out normal duties. Non-com meeting held and topic of discussion was about entrance to Germany, local security, means and methods of handling German civilians. Very interesting and all agreed. Continues to rain and stay cold. No mail. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 28 Nov 44 Btry in position in Bosselshaven, France, carrying out normal duties. Forward section alerted to leave at 1300 Parties went forward picked a position in town of Zutzendorf, France. Infantry, mortar and rifle men in position there. Town suffered some destruction. People not at all friendly. We left twelve EM in this place to lay communications and hold position. Rest of the Btry expected to move up soon. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 29 Nov 44 Btry in position in Bosselshaven, France, carrying out normal duties, and awaiting further orders. Btry was ready to move to new area but we were told that we would spend another day here. EM left to guard new area were sent rations. All personnel received new type bedroll. No casualties. Mail and packages arrived today. Morale very good.
- 30 Nov 44 Btry left old position of Bosselshaven, France, at 0900 and arrived in new position in Zutzendorf, France at 0945. Move made in good order, distanced traveled approximately five miles. Position in readiness when Btry arrived. Normal installations established. Very little mail arrived. Weather continues to be cloudy and cold. Personnel section here for the day with payrolls and EM and Officers were paid. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 1 Dec 44 Btry in position in Zutzendorf, France carrying out normal duties. Two Christmas cards per man were delivered to Btry for distribution. No unusual activities. Very little mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 2 Dec 44 Btry in position in Zutzendorf, France, carrying out normal duties. Bn. Comdr and Btry Comdr. went forward to select positions for next move but turned back because enemy still occupied area. A few packages and very little first class mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 3 Dec 44 Btry still in Zutzendorf, France, carrying out normal duties. Church services had at 0900 Canteen rations distributed to the EM and Officers and each received a bottle of beer and a can of peanuts. Enemy aircraft over area twice and were fired upon by our AAA. No casualties. Morale very good. Some mail today.
- 4 Dec 44 Btry in position in Zutzendorf, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry Comdr and fwd parties went on reconnaissance at 0900, picked positions in Engwiller, France. Some shells went over town during stay in town. Wire & Mine detail left their overnight to lay communications and hold position. Enemy aircraft over our area from 2000 to 2130. Four rounds of artillery fire went over our position and falling near firing Btry. Many flashes seen to our front during the evening, cause unknown. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 5 Dec 44 Btry in new position in Engwiller, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry did not move in convoy. Trucks started leaving old position in Zutzendorf, France at 0940 and last truck left there at a short time later. Final truck reached new position at 1505

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- 5 Dec 44 Move made in good order and no mishaps. All Installations established. Men in buildings. Some mail arrived. Weather continues rainy and chilly. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 Dec 44 Btry in position in Engwiller, France carrying out normal duties. Weather continues rainy and cold. No unusual activities. Little mail came in. Morale very good.
- 7 Dec 44 Btry in position in Engwiller, France, carrying out normal duties. Men who desired taking a hot shower were taken back to Service Btry by truck. Showers enjoyed by all EM. Weather continues to be cold. Enemy shells falling in front of town. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Engwiller, France carrying out normal duties. EM were taken back to Service Btry for hot showers. Weather continues to be cold and rain falling. A quite a bit of mail and packages came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 9 Dec 44 Btry in ~~new~~ position in Engwiller, France, carrying out normal duties. Two trucks of EM were taken back for hot showers. A few PX rations were received and each EM received a cigar and each section received a cans of orange juice. Little snow fell today and weather remains to be cold. Very little mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 10 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Engwiller, France, carrying out normal duties. Major OTWA T. AUTRY left for TD in Paris, France for the purpose of attending the Army Information-Education Staff school at Cite Universitaire, 19 Boulevard Jourdain for a period of six days. Cpl FRANK PAGE JR, driver accompanied Major Autry. Packages and mail arrived. No unusual activity. Rain and snow during the day. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 11 Dec 44 Btry left position in Engwiller, France at 1500 and moved to new position in Reichshoffen, France. Btry did not move in convoy. Move completed at 1615. Btry under cover. Normal installations established. No activity. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 12 Dec 44 Btry in position in Reichshoffen, France, carrying out normal duties. Weather continues to be cold. Some mail and packages arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 13 Dec 44 Btry in position in Reichshoffen, France, carrying out normal duties. Forward party left this position at 0800, reconnaissance completed and new position selected at 1130/ Btry closed station at 1230 left area in Reichshoffen at 1240 and arrived in new position in Langensoultzbach, France at 1345. Convoy in good order and no mishaps. Enemy artillery fired on town at 1550 approximately six rounds fell in and near the vicinity. No casualties. No mail today. Weather continues to be cold and cloudy. Morale very good.
- 14 Dec 44 Btry in position in Langensoultzbach, France; Btry Comdr., Bn. Comdr., 1st Sgt., Wire Sgt, left on reconnaissance at 1300. Proceeded approximately 5 Km NE could not reach area desired for position because of enemy fire. A truck load of mail arrived, mostly 4th class matter. Weather cloudy and cold. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 15 Dec 44 Btry in position in Lembach, France. Left old position in Langensoultzbach, France at 1135, convoy arrived at new position at 1220/ Distance traveled approximately seven miles. Troops immediately dug in. Weather still cold and getting colder. Morale very good.
- 16 Dec 44 Btry in position at Lembach, France, carrying out normal duties. Bn. Comdr completed reconnaissance at 1035. Wire section and mine section left at 1230 for new position, to ready position for occupancy by Btry. Some mail came in. Weather continues to remain cold. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Dec 44 Btry in position at Wingen, France. Btry left old position in Lembach, France at 0730 arrived at new position at 0800 Move was made in fast time and good order. Many of our aircraft have been overhead most of the day. Some mail and packages received. Morale very good.
- 18 Dec 44 Location of Btry unchanged. Btry carrying out normal duties. Btry expecting to move, but no orders received as yet. Continued heavy pounding by allied artillery is being observed, with friendly aircraft of all sorts going over area. Major AUTRY and driver and Cpl Page returned from TD at Education-Staff school at Cite Universitaire, Paris. Weather cold and rain. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 19 Dec 44 Location of Btry remains unchanged. Carrying out normal duties. No unusual activity. Mail arrived. Continued to rain and remain cold. Morale very good. No casualties.

- 20 Dec 44 Btry still in position at Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry Comdr., and Wile Sgt visited 160th FA. Bn. choosing a wire route. 160th was 4000 yards inside Germany. Some PX rations were drawn and issued to the men. Little enemy activity in our area. Weather cloudy and cold. Morale very good.
- 21 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. EM who desired taking showers were taken back to Service Btry in trucks. one 21/2 ton used to shuttle infantry. Guard doubled approximately at 2100. Higher headquarters ordered that guard be doubled. Some mail and packages arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 22 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry Comdr., and entire wire section left at 0700 hours to lay a line to "POLISH" Bn. Also sent liaison section to same outfit. All trucks were put into buildings under cover and a few were left out well camouflaged. More mail and packages came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 23 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. Non-Commissioned officers held meeting discussing plans on entrance to Germany and security measures. Day very cold, everything frozen. Mail & packages came in again today. Morale very good.
- 24 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. No unusual enemy activity. Many allied aircraft over today. Continued heavy artillery pounding. Very little mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 25 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, carrying out normal duties. Very good turkey dinner served at noon. Christmas services being held through the day. Day clear, sun shining. Everybody feeling good. The sky full of allied bombers and fighters on their way to deliver Christmas gifts to Krauts. Guard situation being tightened. Some mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 26 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France carrying out normal duties. EM hauling and cutting wood for Btry use. Road-blocks established and maned by the Btry. Artillery pounding being carried on by Allies. Again, hundreds of aircraft over today headed for enemy territory. Some mail and packages arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 27 Dec 44 Btry carrying out normal missions at Wingen, France. Wire section laying wire to OP's. Weather still cold. Allied aircraft and artillery busy pounding at enemy troops and installations. Some mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 28 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. Artillery continues heavy pounding on the enemy. Btry Comdr., Wire Sgt and 1st. Sgt., made reconnaissance for two alternate positions. Little ~~air~~ activity, no damage. Some snow falling. Little mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 29 Dec 44 Btry still in position at Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. Again, many allied planes in the air pounding enemy troops and installations. Artillery activity normal. Two EM sent to air OP as guards. Very little mail. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 30 Dec 44 Btry still in position at Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. Weather cloudy and cold. Very little mail. Four EM and 1 Officer attended school on sabotage. Personnel section arrived about 1600 to spend the night and take care of administration details and to pay the EM's and Officers, on the 31st of December 1944. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 31 Dec 44 Btry still in position in Wingen, France, carrying out normal duties. EM and Officers paid at 0900. PTA's and Soldier Deposits collected from EM and Officers. ~~Personnel~~ Personnel Section returned to rear upon completion of administration work. Church services held at 0900 and at 1000. One truck used to shuttle men to Div Arty area where services were held. Day clear and cold and little snow covered the ground. No mail. No casualties. Morale very good. Captain JAMES E. TINDLE, left the Btry enroute to the United States.

The year of 1944 left behind, and the 1945 year approaching, the men and Officers look forward the beginning of a new year and new adventures.

- 1 Jan 45 Btry in position carrying out normal duties, in Wingen, France. Little activity. Men who desired taking showers were taken back to Service Btry by truck. Little mail today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 2 Jan 45 Btry in position in Woerth, France, carrying out normal duties. Reconnaissance party left Wingen, France at 1330. Btry ~~xxxx~~ started moving from Wingen, France at 1715, completed move at 2100 and move made in good order. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 3 Jan 45 Btry in position in Woerth, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry Comdr, 1st. Sgt and Wire Sgt made reconnaissance in the rear for positions. Expected to move during early evening, but remained in present location. No enemy activity. Awaiting for orders to move. No mail. Morale very good.
- 4 Jan 45 Btry in position in Woerth, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry Comdr, 1st Sgt. and Wire Sgt went 30 miles SW, selecting new positions. Positions that were selected yesterday will not be used. Enemy activity unknown. Some mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 5 Jan 45 Btry in position in Woerth, France, carrying out normal duties. Standing by for further duties or orders. Only one firing Btry here. Two of our computers with each of the firing Btry's. Weather cold and clear. Mail came in today. ~~xx~~ No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 Jan 45 Btry in position in Woerth, France, carrying out normal duties. Expecting to move anytime. Day cold and clear. Some mail. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 7 Jan 45 Btry left position in Woerth, France, at 0900 and arrived in new position at Erkartswiller, France at 1030. Weather cold and roads very icy and slippery. Btry carrying out normal duties. Very little mail arrived. Morale very good. No casualties.
- 8 Jan 45 Btry left position in Erkartswiller, France, at 1415 and arriving in new position in Zittersheim, France, at 1450, distance traveled approximately 4 miles. Roads icy and slippery. Continued snow and cold. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 9 Jan 45 Btry in position in Zittersheim, France, carrying out normal duties. Btry turned in one 3/4 truck and received a new one in return. PX rations issued to Btry and distributed to the men. Roads very dangerous while driving. Morale very good. Little mail today.

- 10 Jan 45 Btry in position in Zittersheim, France, carrying out normal duties. Heavy artillery fire and small arms fire to our front and flank. We continue heavy pounding on enemy positions. Many allied aircraft going over several hours during the day. Weather clear and cold. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 11 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Zittersheim, France, carrying out normal duties. Much activity going on to our front, both of allied and enemy. Day cloudy and cold. Little mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 12 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Zittersheim, France carrying out normal duties. Weather cloudy and snow fell most of the day. Two guards at Air OP relieved and returned to the Btry. No mail today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 13 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Zittersheim, France, carrying out normal duties. Day clear and cold. Hundreds of Allied aircraft over position during the day and they make a beautiful sight. No mail, and no casualties. Morale very good.
- 14 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Zittersheim, France carrying out normal duties. Btry Comdrs went forward with Commanding Officer looking for positions. Markers put out and forwarding parties returned. Btry standing by awaiting further orders. Day clear and cold. Some fourth class mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 15 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Zittersheim, France, carrying out normal duties. One radio Opr returned from 501st FA. Some 4th class mail in today. Morale very good.
- 16 Jan 45 Btry left old position in Zittersheim, France at 0800 and moved to new position in Wingen (Sur Mader), France, new position arrived at 1000. Necessary installations established and Btry carrying on normal duties. The approximate distance of this move was 2 miles. One Officer and 3 EM fr Personnel Section arrived at the Btry for over-night stay to complete some administration work. No mail today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Wingen, (Sur Mader), France, carrying out normal duties. Day cloudy and snow falling. Two rounds of artillery fire fell in position but no damage or casualties resulted. No mail. Morale very good.

- 18 Jan 45 Btry left position in Wingen, France and arrived in new position in Sparsbach, France. Move made in good order and no mishaps. Little mail arrived. Weather cloudy and cold. Roads slippery. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 19 Jan 45 Btry in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Snowing again. Received two alerts believing that the enemy had infiltrated to our position. Much enemy artillery falling to our front. No casualties. Tec 5 Abbott returned from Paris, France on pass after spending several enjoyable days there. Our liaison sections were relieved of their duties and all returned to the Btry. Morale very good.
- 20 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France carrying out normal duties. Captain DANIEL S. LEVEY, left HQ. at 0900 enroute to Paris, France for the purpose of attending Army Information-Education Staff School at cite Universitaire, 19 Boulevard, Jourdain for 6 days. Road blocks established. Battalion of Infantry moved into village under the cover of darkness. Some mail came in today. No casualties. Morale good.
- 21 Jan 45 Btry in position carrying out normal missions in Sparsbach, France. Reconnaissance party left Btry at 0900. Three positions were selected to be occupied at a later date. Day very cold and snow fell most of the day. No mail today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 22 Jan 45 Btry in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Captain and reconnaissance party left on another recon at 0900. Possible positions were selected. Mail arrived today. Day cloudy and cold. PX rations received and distributed to the Btry. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 23 Jan 45 Btry in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day cloudy and cold and more snow falling. S Sgt MYRLE T. WOOD, motor sergeant completed light plant which is to be used by the Btry. Some mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 24 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Wire crews busy laying wire to units we support. Day cloudy and cold. Some mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 25 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Wire section laying lines to 274th Infantry, we are in support. Forward switchboard established in Wimmenau, France. Eight EM at that point. Tec 5 Abbott, Cecil F. returned to the Btry at 1500 after spending several enjoyable days in Paris, France on pass. Day cloudy and cold. Mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 26 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day clear and cold. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 27 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Weather cold and snow still ~~fix~~ falling. Very little mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 28 Jan 45 Btry still in position carrying normal duties in Sparsbach, France. Snow continues to fall and weather continues to be cold. Mail arrived. Morale very good.
- 29 Jan 45 Btry in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Forward switchboard returned to Btry. Two atchd Liaison sections returned to their units. Day cloudy and cold. Some mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 30 Jan 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. No enemy activity noticed. Weather cold and snow falling most of the day. A small amount of mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 31 Jan 45 Btry in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Weather warm and cloudy and snow slowly melting away. Mail came in today. Personnel Section arrived with payrolls and staying overnight so that necessary administration work can be completed. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 1 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Officers and EM received the Bronze Star Ribbon at 1000, presented by Lt. Col., HAL L. MULBROW, JR., Major DELBERT S. KING was in charge of all preparations and formations. Bronze Star Ribbons were awarded to Captains WILLIAM L. YUELL, MORRISON LOEWENSTEIN, 1st, Lts. ROGER L. DAVIS and LEON C. MAC MULLEN, JR. 1st. Sgt. HOWARD H. HAMILTON, Sgts. CLOREN M. COLLYAR, GEORGE J. KOSKOVICH, RAYMOND WARNER, Cpls. RICHARD F. NEWKIRK, LILBURN K. DURBIN, Tec 4 PAUL SHERER, Tec 5 MELVIN G. DETWILER. Weather cloudy and warm and snow slowly melting away. Some mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.

- 2 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day clear and warm. Two EM, Wayne Van Voris and Samuel P. Pimm, Jr left on pass to Brussels, Belgium and left Btry at 0600. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 3 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Captain DANIEL S. LEVEY and driver returned to HQ at 1400, 1 Feb. 1945, from Paris, France, after spending six days for the purpose of attending Army Information-Education Staff School at cite Universitaire, 19 Boulevard, Jourdain. Day cloudy and some rain fell. A training film was shown to the Btry in groups of three. Very interesting. Some mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 4 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day cloudy and some rain now and then. Thirty EM went to see movies at Div. Artillery. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 5 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day cold and raining. Non-commissioned officers and Section Chiefs held a meeting discussing over situation. Sme mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 6 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day cloudy and warm with some rain. Some mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 7 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Day cloudy and continues to rain. Cpl. Van Voris and Pfc Pimm, Samuel P. Jr. returned to the Btry from pass in Brussels, Belgium at 2000. Both EM's had a enjoyable visit. A very small amount of mail was received. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 8 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Training schedule in effect today. Btry was read the Articles of War and all EM attended with the exception of those EM who are sick in hospital. Three hour school on various subjects is being held. Day clear and warm. Very little mail came in today. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 9 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Three hour classes being held during the afternoons. Trucks being worked on continuously. More rain during the day. Little mail arrived today. No casualties. Morale very good. Major OTWA T. AUTRY, Commandant for the Division Artillery NCO school left the Btry at 1800. School located at Schoenbourg (6526) France

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- 9 Feb 45 and studies will continue for a period of two weeks. Staff Sergeant FIANDT, Robert F. left the Btry at 1800 to attend this school.
- 10 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Most of morning spent in cleaning up the area and hauling trash. Sex morality course read to the EM and all attended, ~~with~~ with the exception of those sick in the hospital. School held in the afternoon. Continues to rain and stay damp. Continuance of maintenance on vehicles. Some mail came in today. Six quarts of gin received and divided among the EM. Morale very good.
- 11 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, carrying out normal duties. Job was completed today of policing up and hauling trash away in the village of Sparsbach, France, which we occupy. Weather continues to be cold most of the time. School continues each afternoon. Maintenance section kept busy working on trucks. Cpl PAGE, FRANK left Btry at 1300 for Serv Btry to attend NCO school. Little mail came in today. Casualties. Morale very good.
- 12 Feb 45 Btry still in position carrying out normal duties. Schools being continued. Weather still bad, raining most of the time. Payroll received and being signed by the EM. Some mail came in today. Morale very good. No casualties.
- 13 Feb. 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France carrying out normal duties. Weather cloudy and warm. Schools being continued. Some mail came in. Pfc GERALD L. ARMSTRONG, left the Btry at 0600 enroute to England on pass. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 14 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Weather today was a typical spring day, clear and sun shining brightly. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 15 Feb 45 Btry still in position in Sparsbach, France, carrying out normal duties. Captained EDWARD C. WEGENER, reported to the Btry. Captain WILLIAM L. YUELL reported to "B" Btry, 189th FA. Bn. All EM were anxious to meet the new Btry Commander. Capt. WEGENER visited each Section Chief getting acquainted and familiarizing himself with Hq. Btry. He impressed all the EM by his speech of his explanation of his policies and what he expected of his EM. Weather clear and warm. Some mail arrived. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 16 Feb 45 Btry spent day loading and preparing to leave. Btry left Sparsbach, France at 1830 and arriving at new position Portieux la Verrerie at 2400, distance traveled approx-

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- 16 Feb 45 imately twenty miles (70). All Officers and EM under cover. Little mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Feb 45 Btry in rest period in Verrerie de Portieux, France, enjoying this rest session. Making camp, and establishing motor pool and necessary installations. Everyone well pleased with location. Weather cold and cloudy. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 18 Feb 45 Btry in rest in Verrerie de Portieux, France, all work necessary in the area completed today. Thirty EM went on pass to Epinal, France. Some of the EM attended movie held in the local town movie hall. Men getting showers and cleaning of personnel equipment. Very little mail came in. No casualties. Major Otwa T. Autry, commandant for the Div. Arty NCO school at Schoenbourg (6526) France and S Sgt Flandt, Robert F. and Cpl. Page, Frank who were attending the school returned to the Btry. Morale very good.
- 19 Feb 45 Btry in rest at Verrerie de Portieux, France. Trucks given priority, cleaning and making ready for use. Equipment being cleaned. Thirty EM on pass to Nancy, France. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 20 Feb 45 Btry resting at Verrerie de Portieux, France. Trucks being worked on. 25 EM on pass to Nancy, France. Show held in the evening at local town movie hall. Men enjoying themselves. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 21 Feb 45 Btry enjoying rest period at Verrerie de Portieux, France, all trucks and trailers thoroughly cleaned and ready for inspection. PX rations issued to the EM. Five EM went on pass. some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 22 Feb 45 Btry still enjoying rest period at Verrerie de portieux, France; Twenty EM and one Officer went to Div. Arty to attend formation where awards were presented. Eight EM went to stage show at 1300. Band and stage show had another performance in the evening. Four EM on pass. Movies being shown at the local town hall movie house. Some mail came in. Morale very good.
- 23 Feb 45 Btry in rest at Verrerie de Portieux, France. Five EM on pass. Movies being shown at the local town movie hall, during the afternoons and evenings. S Sgt WEST, Jesse D. returned from pass in Paris, France. Men cleaning and personnel equipment being carefully taken care of. Inspection to be held. Ordnance inspection in the afternoon. Little mail came in. Morale very good.

- 24 Feb 45 Btry still in rest in Verrerie de Portieux, France. Five EM on pass. Btry preparing for inspection. Day clear and warm. Very little mail came in. Morale very good.
- 25 Feb 45 Btry still in rest area at Verrerie de Portieux, France. Btry inspected by Brig. General MEYER of Div. Arty at ~~0900~~. He looked at each man's gun and asked some questions. Btry passed very good. A few packages came in, but no first class mail. A movie was held in the evening. No casualties. Morale very good. Pursuant to Letter Headquarters Seventh Army, 11 Feb 1945 AG 322-C, Subject: Re-organization of Field Artillery Units, and to GO 55, Hq 45th Inf. Div. 20 February 1945, this organization is re-organized in the vicinity of Verrerie de Portieux, France, under T/O 6-336 dated 27 September 1944.
- 26 Feb 45 Btry in rest area at Verrerie de Portieux, France,; S/Sgt HAZEN, George L., left on pass to Paris. Sgt. Collyar, Cloren, M. left on pass to rest camp in Nancy, France. Day clear and warm. Very little mail came in. Morale very good.
- 27 Feb 45 Btry in rest at Verrerie de Portieux, France. Five EM on pass. Personnel Section arrived at 1230 to be with the Btry several days to pay Officers and Enlisted Men, and to complete any administration necessary. Very little mail came in. Morale very good.
- 28 Feb 45 Btry still in rest in Verrerie de Portieux, France. Officers and EM were paid. Soldier Deposits and PTA's collected. USO show had a afternoon and evening performance held in the town movie hall. Movies were also shown. Mail came in today. Morale very good.
- ~~XXXXXX~~ Btry enjoying rest at Verrerie de Portieux, France. Bazooka teams on firing range. USO show held in the afternoons and movies during the evenings. S/Sgt Hazen, George L. returned from pass in Paris, France. Some mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 1 Mar 45
- 2 Mar 45 Btry still in rest in Verrie de Portieux, France. Inspection of small arms by Btry Comdr. Vehicles given thorough inspection in preparation for the real thing. Sgt Collyar, Cloren M. returned from rest camp in Nancy, France. M SGT WALTER McGOWAN, left for rest camp in Nancy, France. Day clear and warm. Some mail came in. Morale very good.

- 3 Mar 45 Btry still in rest in Verrerie de Portieux, France, Inspection team from the 158th FA. Bn. inspected all ordnance material, motors and everything was found to be in good order. Day cool and cloudy with little snow falling. Little mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 4 Mar 45 Btry still resting at Verrerie de Portieux, France; Carbines and pistols fired by the Btry. Each EM was given 20 rounds. Day cloudy and cold with some snow falling. Tec 5 McCREERY, Jimmy A. left the Btry on pass to Paris, France. Some mail came in. Morale very good.
- 5 Mar 45⁷ Btry still resting at Verrerie de Portieux, France: Btry busy painting trucks and equipment getting ready for review. Day cloudy and cold. Lt. WILLIS E. GARD, and Sgt SAMUEL S. STAVICH returned from pass spending an enjoyable trip in Brussels, Belgium. Some mail came in. Morale very good. NCO's of the first three grades had a party in Epinal, France and a good time was had by all.
- To correct error 25 February 45: Reported as re-organized under T/O 6-336 dated 27 September 1944. Should be T/O 6-36 dated 27 Sep 1944.
- 6 Mar 45 Btry still resting at Verrerie de Portieux, France: All trucks painted and tools and equipment in first class shape. Weather continues to be cold and rain falling most of the time. M SGT MC GOWAN, WALTER A., returned from rest camp in Nancy, France. Small arms inspection held by Btry. Comdr. Some mail came in. Morale excellent.
- 7 Mar 45 Btry still in rest in Verrerie de Portieux, France: Seventh Army inspection team here inspecting radios. Five EM's on pass to Luneville, France. Day cold and still raining. Btry party held in town hall. Movies shown during the evening. Lt. Col HAL L. MULDROW, Jr. and his driver Tec 5 Collins, Sherman left for Paris, France. Morale very good. Very little mail ~~may~~ today.
- 8 Mar 45 Btry resting at Verrerie de Portieux, France: A road block was established at Chapel sur Magella, France. NCO's and Drivers attended a demonstration in crossing river on raft. Movies was shown in town hall movie house. Tec McCreery, Jimmy A., returned from pass in Paris, France. Five EM given pass to Luneville. Little mail came in. Morale very good.

- 9 Mar 45 Btry still enjoying rest period in Verrerie de Pobieux, France. Btry continues maintaining road block. Five EM on pass to Luneville, France. Day clear and cold. Movies shown in the evenings at the town hall movie house. Morale very good.
- 10 Mar 45 Btry in rest in Verrerie de Portieux, France. Five EM on pass to Luneville, France. Lt. Col., HAL L. MULDROW, JR and T/5 SHERMAN COLLINS, returned from Paris, France. T/5 McCARTER, JOHN L. JR., left Btry on pass to Paris, France. Day cold and cloudy. ~~xxx~~ Movies being held during the evenings at the town movie hall. Some mail received. Morale very good.
- 11 Mar 45 Btry still resting in Verrerie de Portieux, France: Preparations being made for move and all trucks being loaded. Btry Comdr and Communication Chief on reconnaissance, returned to Btry at a late hour. Div. insignas removed from all clothing and all identifications on trucks blackened out. T/5 JAMES E. HURD returned from pass in Brussels, Belgium. Little mail came in. Morale very good.
- 12 Mar 45 Btry left rest area in Verrerie de Portieux, France at 1420 and arriving in new position Sarreinsming, France at 2200. Distance traveled approximately 95 miles. Convoy made in good order and no mishaps. All installations established. T/5 McKENNA, John E left Btry for England. Pfc Timothy O'Shea and Lamar G. Donnell left for Brussels, Belgium. Morale very good.
- 13 Mar 45 Btry in position in Sarreinsming, France, carrying out normal duties. All Officers and EM under cover. Town appears to be crowded. Day clear and warm. Some mail came in. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 14 Mar 45 Btry in position at Sarreinsming, France. Pvt Holland, William P., sent to air section at 1000 to assume duties as guard. Captain DANIEL S. LEVEY and Sgt GEORGE J. KOSKOVICH, and Pvt JOE F. LOFTON left Btry at 1300 enroute for "POST" as Liaison. Day clear and warm. One round of enemy artillery fell during the day in the area. No casualties. T/5 McCarter, John L. Jr. returned to the Btry from pass in Paris, France. Morale very good.
- 15 Mar 45 Btry still in position in Sarreinsming, France, carrying out normal duties. Quite a bit of activity going on, ~~xxx~~ guns roaring all throughout the day and night. Many friendly planes over-head today. Some mail received. Morale very good.

- Btry located in Bleisbolchen, Germany:
- 16 Mar 45 Party left Btry at 0930 on reconnaissance. Reconnaissance completed at 1100. Btry moved at 1305 arriving in position at 1335. Move made in good order covered approximately 7 miles. Complete destruction seen everywhere. Sgt Warner left for "Polish" as Liaison Sgt. Reconnaissance party left this area at 1730, selected position in Erfweiler, Germany, returned to this area at 1920. No mail. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Mar 45 Btry in position in Erfweiler, Germany carrying out normal duties. Left position at Bleisbolchen, Germany at 1330, arriving here at 1410. Distance traveled 7 1/2 miles. People moved out of Military positions. Area well guarded. No casualties. Very little mail. Morale very good.
- 18 Mar 45 Btry in position in Erfweiler, Germany carrying out normal duties. Day clear and warm. Truck sent to move Air OP forward. Pfc Donnell and D'Shea returned from pass in Brussels. Very little ~~received~~ mail received. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 19 Mar 45 Btry still in position in Erfweiler, Germany carrying out normal duties. Our airplanes over area all day. Some enemy fire falling to our front at a distance. Two high bursts near position. Pvt Holland returned to the Btry from Air OP. One NCO and three men sent to guard ammo dump. Mail came in today. Day clear and warm. Morale very good.
- 20 Mar 45 Btry left position in Erfweiler, Germany at 1700 and arriving in new position in Alsechbach, Germany at 1720 distance traveled approximately three miles. Move made in good order. Btry in position carrying out normal missions. Some mail received. One (1) NCO and three (3) EM who were guarding ammo dump returned to the Btry at 1100. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 21 Mar 45 Btry left position in Alsechbach, Germany at 1230 and arrived in new position in rendezvous area at 1630 distance traveled thirty-five (35) miles. Guards posted. Officers and EM under cover. Men eager to go on forward. No casualties. Roads very crowded and much destruction seen. Morale very good.
- 22 Mar 45 Btry left rendezvous area at 1400 and arrived in new rendezvous area at 2100. Distance traveled twenty-five (25) miles. Roads very crowded. Weather clear and warm. All Officers and EM under cover. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 23 Mar 45 Btry still in rendezvous area in Hettenleidelheim, Germany awaiting further orders to move on. Day clear and warm. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 24 Mar 45 Btry left rendezvous area in Hettenleidelheim, Germany,

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- 24 Mar 45 at 1440 and arrived at new rendezvous area three (3) miles West of Westhofen, Germany. Distance traveled about fourteen (14) miles. At approximately 2000 the Btry left this rendezvous area and arrived in Herrensheim, Germany at 2035. All personnel under cover. Some mail came in. No enemy activity. Day clear and warm. Morale very good.
- 25 Mar 45 Btry still in position in Herrensheim, Germany carrying out normal duties. Day clear and warm. Enemy aircraft over area several times and fired upon by our ack-ack. No damage or casualties inflicted by the enemy planes. Cpl HAROLD W. HUTT, left Btry at 1215, for the Administration Center, where preparations were being made for his departure for the United States. Cpl HUTT is to guard POW who are being taken to the United States. Liaison Section left the Btry about 1300. Morale very good.
- 26 Mar 45 Btry still in position in Herrensheim, Germany carrying out normal duties. Lt. Col., HAL L. MULBROW, JR., and forward parties left early in the evening crossing the RHINE RIVER to pick positions and lay wire. No enemy activity. Some mail came in. Morale very good.
- 27 Mar 45 Closed station in Herrensheim, Germany at 0200. Btry crossed the RHINE RIVER at 0230. Btry went into position at Wattensheim, Germany at 0300. Closed station here at 0940 and moved to the Gross Rohrhaim, Germany. Closed station here at 1840 and Btry moved to present position in Ebnshausen, Germany at 2000. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 28 Mar 45 Btry left position in Ebnshausen, Germany at 0910 hours and arrived in rendezvous area at 1100 hours in Niedenhausen, Germany and left this area at 1715 and arriving at Sandbach, Germany at 1915 hours. Btry in position carrying out normal duties. Some mail received. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 29 Mar 45 Btry left position in Sandbach, Germany at 0900 and arriving in present position, Momlingen, Germany at 0925. Officers and EM under cover. Liaison party with "Patience" returned to Btry at 1000 hours. No mail today. Morale very good. No casualties.
- 30 Mar 45 Btry in position in Momlingen, Germany carrying out normal missions. Closed station here at 1315. Left this position and arrived in new position in Hausen, Germany at 1435. Officers and EM under cover. Day cloudy and cold. Some mail received. No enemy activity. Morale very good.

- 31 Mar 45 Btry still in position in Hausen, Germany, carrying out normal duties. Several air raids during the day but no damage inflicted by the enemy planes. Day clear and warm. Mail came in today. Morale very good.
- 1 Apr 45 Btry left Hausen, Germany at 1300 and arrived in new position in Sulzbach, Germany at 1350. Btry carrying out normal duties. Day clear and warm. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 2 Apr 45 Btry left position in Sulzbach, Germany at 1300 and arrived in rendezvous area in Strasse Bessenbach, Germany at 1350. Left this area and arrived in new rendezvous area in Weiberhof, Germany at 1540. Btry had supper and then proceeded to new position in Blankenbach, Germany arriving here at 1935. Normal installations established. Officers and EM under cover. Day cloudy and rain. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 3 Apr 45 Btry left position in Blankenbach, Germany and arrived in new position in Pfaffenhausen, Germany at 1945. Btry traveled all day and roads jammed with traffic. Liaison returned to Btry from "Polish" at 0700. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 4 Apr 45 Btry left position in Pfaffenhausen, Germany and arrived in new position in Barachenhof, Germany at 1740. Mail received today. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 5 Apr 45 Btry left old position in Barachenhof, Germany and arrived in new position, Uttrichshausen, Germany at 1905. Normal installations established. Day cold and rainy. No mail today. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 6 Apr 45 Btry left old position in Uttrichshausen, Germany at approximately 1700 and arrived in new position in Wustensachen, Germany at 1940. Day very cold and rainy. Snow covered part of the ground in the area. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 7 Apr 45 Btry still in position in Wustensachen, Germany carrying out normal duties. No enemy activity. No mail. Morale very good.
- 8 Apr 45 Btry left old position in Wustensachen, Germany at 0930 and went into rendezvous area. Btry had dinner and at approximately 1300 hours left this rendezvous area and proceeded to another rendezvous area. Btry arrived in Konigshofen, Germany at 1940. Normal installations established. All Officers and EM under cover. Day clear and warm. Morale very good.

- 9 Apr 45 Btry still in position in Konigshofen, Germany, awaiting further orders for move. All EM busy cleaning equipment. Small arms inspection was held and all vehicles being worked on. Day clear and warm. No enemy activity. Mail received. Morale very good.
- 10 Apr 45 Btry still in position in Konigshofen, Germany. Men working on trucks and cleaning of equipment. Day clear and warm. Some mail received. No enemy activity. Morale very good.
- 11 Apr 45 Btry left position in Konigshofen, Germany at 1900 and arrived in new position in Ebern, Germany at 2035. Distance traveled approximately 23 miles. WOJG Bard arrived with payrolls and vouchers and Officers and EM were paid. Day clear and warm. No enemy activity. No mail today.
- 12 Apr 45 Btry left position in Ebern, Germany at 1010 and arrived in new position in Baunach, Germany at 1100. Btry area shelled at 1125 wounding 3 men of our AAA unit. Btry shelled throughout the day. Tec 5 ABBOTT, CECIL F., was WIA by shell fragment, injuries to right hip and he was evacuated to the hospital. Pfc EDWARD T. KOSTEK, WIA, by shell fragment, injuries received were slight and he was treated by the Bn. Surgeon and duty status remained unchanged. Several of our trucks were hit by fragments blowing out tires, damaging radiators and windshields. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 13 Apr 45 Btry in position in Baunach, Germany on the alert, awaiting further movement orders. Reconnaissance party left at noon and selected new positions; one wire crew left there to lay lines; Btry expects to move within 12 hours. The area we are occupying was attacked by enemy planes several times between 2100 and 2230 but no damage resulted. Morale very good.
- 14 Apr 45 Btry left position at Baunach, Germany at 1100 and arrived here in Bamberg, Germany at 1300. Move a long one and made in good order. No mail. No casualties. Weather clear and warm. Morale very good.
- 15 Apr 45 A correction is made regarding the location of the Btry as reported on M/R of 14 April 1945. Location should have been Oudelsheim, Germany. Btry left position in Oudelsheim, Germany at 1600 arriving in present position Weilersbach, Germany at 1940 hours. The enemy shelled our position several times during the day. Cpl. Sam J. Kazarick was wounded in hand and foot by shell fragments and was immediately evacuated to the hospital. Enemy aircraft were over our area in strength but did not attack in this immediate vicinity. Small amount of mail received. Weather cloudy and cold. Morale very good.

- 16 Apr 45 Btry left position in Weillersbach, German, at 1600 and went into rendezvous area. Btry had supper at 1715 and at 1900 Btry proceeded to move on and arriving in new area, Rathenbach, Germany at 2045. Column attacked by enemy aircraft twice during the move but no damage resulted. Some artillery fire falling close by. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 17 Apr 45 Enemy planes were over our position several times during the day and night, but did not do any damage in this vicinity. Little artillery action except our own. A small amount of mail was received. Day clear and warm. Morale very good.
- 18 Apr 45 Btry left Rathenbach at 0930 and arrived in Attenfurth, Germany at 0955. No enemy action observed. Weather remained clear. Morale very good.
- 19 Apr 45 Btry carrying out normal duties in present location of Attenfurth, Germany. Awaiting for orders to move on ahead. Day clear and warm. Some mail came in. Morale ~~ahead~~. *Very good.*
- 20 Apr 45 Btry still waiting for orders to move on. There was no enemy action encountered this day and very little was observed. Weather remains clear and warm. A small amount of mail received. Morale is very good.
- 21 Apr 45 Btry still in position in Attenfurth, Germany, carrying out normal duties. Btry still waiting for orders to move ahead. Day cloudy and some rain during the day. Liaison parties left Btry at 1800. Some mail came in today. No enemy action. Morale very good.
- 22 Apr 45 Btry left position in Attenfurth, Germany, carrying out normal duties, leaving this area at 1100, moving to rendezvous area in Pfaffenhofen, Germany. Btry had supper here and forward parties left at 1600. Btry left this area at 2000, and arrived in new position in Rottenbach, Germany at 2050. Installations established. Day cold and raining. No mail received. Morale very good.
- 23 Apr 45 Btry left position in Rottenbach, Germany at 1400 hours arriving in present position at 1830 hours. Roads were very crowded with troops, but move was made without incident. No enemy action encountered. Day cool with some rain. Morale very good.
- 24 Apr 45 Btry left position in Weisemburg, Germany at 1845 and arrived at present position in Rietzenhof, Germany at 2020 Roads very crowded. Mr. Bard arrived at the

- 25 Apr 45 Btry still in position in Rietzenhof, Germany, carrying out normal duties. Forward parties left this position at 1030 and Btry followed shortly afterwards., arriving in rendezvous area at 1155. Left this area at 1600 and arrived in present position in Wellheim, Germany at 1800. While on reconnaissance Lt. Col. HAL L. MULDROW, JR and part were caught in small arms fire. No one was injured. Lt. Col. Muldrow's car was damaged slightly. Day clear and warm. Some mail came in. Morale very good.
- 26 Apr 45 Btry left position in Wellsheim, Germany at 1015 arriving in present position in Bergen, Germany at 1035. Installations established. Day clear and warm. No mail received today. Pfc EDWARD T. Kostek, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal on 18 April 45. Presentation was made by Lt. Col., Hal L. Muldrow, Jr. in the Bn. CP, which was located in Rathenbach, Germany.
- 27 Apr 45 Btry still in position in Bergen, Germany carrying out normal duties. Reconnaissance party left this position at 1750, crossing the DANUBE RIVER to select positions. Btry closed station and left this position and arriving in this position of Oberhausen, Germany at 2215. Move made without incident. Day clear warm. No enemy action. No mail today. Morale very good.
- 28 Apr 45 Btry left old position in Oberhausen, Germany at 1000 and arrived in rendezvous area at 1430. Left this area and proceeded to new position in Doderhof, Germany approximately 1 1/2 miles NW of Pfaffenhofen, Germany at 1800. Move made without incident. No enemy action encountered. No mail received. Morale very good.
- 29 Apr 45 Btry left old position in Doderhof, Germany at 1250 and arrived in Lenhardsech, Germany at 1335. Left this position at 1525 and arrived in present position in Hetzenhausen, Germany at 1540. Moves made without mishaps. No casualties. No enemy action encountered. Morale very good.
- 30 Apr 45 Btry left position in Hetzenhausen, Germany at 1240 and arrived in present position in Garching, Germany at 1310. Move made without mishap. Mr. Bard arrived at the CP with payrolls and Officers and EM were paid. PTA'S and soldier deposits collected from the EM. No mail today. No enemy activity observed. Morale very good.

- 1 May 45 Btry left old position in Garching, Germany at 0920 and arrived in present position, Munchen, Germany at 0955. Day very cold with some snow falling. A patrol consisting of 16 EM was furnished to patrol a sector of Munich, Germany. Some mail arrived today. Morale very good.
- 2 May 45 Btry still in position in Munchen, Germany. Radio communications closed. Battalion ceased firing. One truck used to shuttle prisoners all day. Seven (7) EM on guard at concentration camp. Road block established consisting of one machine gun and six (6) EM. Roving patrol around our area and no civilians permitted to leave the area. No mail today. Day cloudy and cold. Liaison party returned to the Btry at 0800. No casualties. Morale very good.
- 3 May 45 Btry in position in Munchen, Germany. EM busy cleaning equipment and working on vehicles. Day clear and warm. Morale excellent. Some mail received today.
- 4 May 45 Btry in position in Munchen, Germany: EM on various jobs and guard details. Many trucks, cars and bicycles have been policed up from the civilians and set aside until orders have been received for disposal. Many prisoners have been taken in. Day cloudy and some rain fell. Little mail. Morale excellent.
- 5 May 45 Btry still in position in Munchen, Germany: EM's guarding various sections and patrolling in and around Btry area. Day cold and some rain. Mail came in today. Morale excellent.
- 6 May 45 Btry still in position in Munchen, Germany: Btry hauling food supplies to Russians, Polish and etc refugees. Still maintaining road block. Day clear and warm. Some mail arrived today. Battalion returned to the Battalion. Morale excellent.

- 7 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Training schedule in effect at 0800. Close order drill and practicing of formal guard mount by the Btry. Day clear and warm. Mail received today. Everyone happy over announcement of End of War. Morale excellent.
- 8 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry had two (2) hours drilling and practicing of formal guard mount. Trucks are being used on shuttles. Day clear and warm. Some mail received. Morale excellent.
- 9 May 45 Btry still at Munchen, Germany. Btry carrying out training schedule and practicing of formal guard mount. Checking property and maintenance of trucks. Twenty (20) EM to attend afternoon and evening performance of movie to be shown at Div. Arty. Ten (10) EM were on sight tour of Munich, Germany. Day clear and warm. Very little mail received. Morale excellent.
- 10 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry having two (2) hours drill and practicing of formal guard mount. Cleaning and washing of vehicles. Equipment cleaned and checked. Guard house was set up and formal guard at 1800. Movies being shown at Div. Arty. Morale excellent.
- 11 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry carrying out training schedule. Day clear and warm. Trucks being washed and all equipment being cleaned in preparation for inspection. Formal guard mount in order. "PX" rations drawn and distributed to the Officers and EM's. Little mail received today. Morale excellent.
- 12 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry having inspection of small arms, vehicles and all equipment. Personnel section here checking each EM and Officers certifying the number of points they are entitled to and making all corrections necessary to service records. Day ~~clear~~ clear and warm. Some mail received. Morale excellent.
- 13 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry went to Div. Artillery for Memorial Service formation. Small arms and instruments inspected by Ordnance. New sector and guard areas assigned to us. EM on guard a good share of the time. Day clear and warm. Some mail received. Morale excellent.

- 14 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry continues various duties during the day, guarding the area and EM's manning road block. Day clear and warm. Little mail received. Morale excellent. Five EM's: T/4 JOHNSON, JAMES C., T/5 BLANKENCHIP, GEORGE S., Cpl. BEAUFORD, HARRY J. JR., Pfc's STRAIN, LEONARD L., AND DURBIN, WILLIAM D., were transferred this date to the United States for discharge from the service.
- 15 May 45 Btry still in Munchen, Germany. Three (3) drivers returned from Worms. No mail received. Morale excellent.
- 16 May 45 Btry in Munchen, Germany, carrying out various guard details. Formal guard mount at 1800. Very little mail received. Day clear and warm. Morale excellent.
- 17 May 45 Btry still in Munich, Germany, carrying out various guard duties, day and night. Formal guard mount at 1800. Day clear and warm. Very little mail received. Morale excellent. Pfc Gerald L. Fitzgerald on furlough to the United Kingdom.
- 18 May 45 Btry located in Munchen, Germany carrying out various guard duties. Pfc Vernal C. Brown left on pass to Paris, France. Morale excellent.
- 19 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry was relieved of two (2) guard posts by the 157th Inf. Btry has roving and Btry area guard duties. Day clear and warm. Little showers during the afternoon. Very little mail received. Reconnaissance made in our new sector we are to take over soon. Morale excellent.
- 20 May 45 Btry still in Munchen, Germany. Btry continues patrols and Btry guard duties. Weather clear and warm. Some second class mail received, no first class came in. Morale excellent.
- 21 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Btry on two (2) hour training schedule. Captain EDWARD C. EGNER, Btry Comdr., and Pfc HAMLING, IVAN P. on pass to Paris, France. Day partly cloudy and little mail received. Some showers fell during the evening. Morale excellent.
- 22 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Training schedule postponed due to inclement weather. To be continued as soon as weather permits. Some mail received. Morale excellent.
- 23 May 45 Btry still located in Munchen, Germany. Training schedule started again today. Day clear & warm. Some mail received today. Morale excellent.