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Subject: Unit History

To: Commanding General
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1. In compliance with Memo, Hq, 14th Armd Div, dated 4 Jan 45, the attached "Unit History" is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

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- Incl 2 - "Unit Journal" - Month of December

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UNIT HISTORY
125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION
for
Month of December
1944

The major portion of the personnel in the 125th Armored Engineer Battalion were baptized in fire during the month of December, 1944. The month found the battalion operating under six separate circumstances. Reserve status, vicinity of Hochfelden; Wissembourg operation; Reserve, vicinity of Leiterswiller; Task Force Huddleston, Bitche operation; CCA, XV Corps Reserve; Support, vicinity of Bouxwiller.

I

On 1 December 1944, Battalion Headquarters and Company "A" arrived in Wilshausen and secured billets in the homes and barns of townspeople. Company "B" (under GCB control) was billeted in Gottesheim. The mud-caked veterans of Portieux La Verriere acted as if they had received accommodations in the Waldorf-Astoria. On 3 December 1944, Company "C" arrived in Bossendorf. They had just completed the successful "Vosges Mountains" operation with CCA.

The first ten days in December were spent in performing normal administrative and supply duties.

One movie was shown at Wilshausen. Hot chow was served at all meals. BSO acquired a large supply of shaped charges in the event we would be required to breach the Siegfried and Maginot lines. A large number of men in the battalion were afflicted with Diarrhea during this period. The battalion was five men under strength.

Little engineer activity was carried on. Company "A" painted unit signs, acted as guards at an Engineer depot in Pfaffenhoffen, experimented with mesh wire protective device for tanks (Anti-rocket launcher protection), and maintained roads. Company "B" officer reconnoitered routes leading to the vicinity of Hagenau. The division Engineer Section and S-2 section made overlays of Maginot defenses.

II

On 13 December 1944, the division jumped off on its mission to capture Wissembourg, however, on 12 Dec 44, the 1st platoon of Company "A", with a troop of Rcn, prepared the way for this advance by clearing a route through the Hagenau Forest. By nightfall, on the 12th, the 1st platoon had cleared a road block, pushed aside a strip of abatis, and bridged a 35 foot stream with treadway. During the night, the 2nd and 3rd platoon of Co "A", cleared nine miles of road through the forest between Hagenau and Surbourg.

Bn Hq, Hq Co, and Co "A" moved into Hagenau on the 13th and were billeted in homes at the north edge of town.

Company "C" moved with CCA toward Wissembourg. They stayed at Surbourg on the 13th, Soultz on the 14th, Riedseltz on the 15th and Wissembourg on the 16th. During this period, the 2nd platoon operated

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with the 25th Tanks and the 3rd platoon with the 62 AIB. A Total of five bridges were built, two road craters filled, and one road block demolished. A 500 lb bomb was also deactivated, thereby saving a bridge.

After the capture of Wissembourg, Company "C" advanced several kilometers into Germany and reconnoitered defensive positions. On 22 Dec 44, Co "C" moved back to Retschwiller and Division Reserve. Seven men were evacuated due to illness during the operation and one man was lost, MIA. Hot chow was served to the troops almost every meal. Mail and PX supplies arrived regularly. Capt Wallace received the Bronze Star on 20 December 1944 in recognition of his leadership at Gertwiller during the Vosges operation.

Company "B" left Gottesheim on 13 Dec 44 and moved through the Hagenau Forest as far as Niederbetschdorf. The next day it moved to Trimbach. The 1st platoon operated with the 19th AIB and the 2nd platoon worked with the 48th Tanks. During CCB advance to the Lauter River and during its reconnoitering activities across the stream into Germany, Company "B", did the following Engineer work: Built four bridges (two of these were over the Lauter River), and went on a Task Force Reconnaissance Mission into Germany. Two men were evacuated during the operation, both non-battle casualties. The men had hot meals 90% of the time. On 23 Dec 44, Company "B" left Trimbach and moved to Surburg and came under the control of CCR.

Bn Hq, Hq Co, and "A" Co moved from Hagenau to Hunspach, to Wissembourg during the operation. BSO continued to build up a supply of explosive for the battalion. It also obtained 19 flame throwers in case the division was ordered to breach the Siegfried line.

Company "A" served in a reserve capacity during the operation, however, it did more actual engineer work and suffered more battle casualties than either Co "B" or Co "C". In ten days, Co "A" built nine bridges (two of which were 80 feet long), built one by-pass, demolished three road blocks, and searched Div Hq for booby traps. It suffered seven battle casualties.

On the 22d of December, Hq & Hq Co moved to Surbourg. Co "A" came under control of CCR and moved to Hunspach.

III

Bn Hq & Co "C" did little of anything during their stay at Surbourg and Retschwiller. On 29 Dec 44, Co "C" moved to Schalback with CCA. Co "B" came back to the battalion from Task Force Huddleston on 29 Dec 44 and moved into Retschwiller. On 29 Dec 44, VI Corps ordered personnel to carry gas masks at all times.

IV

Co "A" left Hunspach on 22 Dec 44 with Task Force Huddleston (94(-), 62 AIB, 117 Cav, 1st Bn of 540th Engr Regt) to take over a part of the 45th Div sector in the vicinity of Bitche. Major Williams, Battalion Executive Officer, went along as Task Force Engineer. Co "A"

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encamped at Forneau Neuf.

Co "B" left Surbourg on 24 Dec 44 and arrived at its billets outside of Phillipsbourg that afternoon.

Co "A" built defensive works in front of the 117th Cav and Co "B" did the same for the 62 AIB. Most of the work consisted of notching trees for abatis, laying double apron and high wire, making concertinas, putting in anti-personnel mines and trip flares, and preparing road craters. Co "A" also built a 600 yard landing strip for Artillery Observation planes. Co "A" lost one man when an M-3 AP mine went off accidentally. Sgt O'Rourke and Tec 5 Powell received Bronze Stars for their meritorious service during the Wissembourg operation. On the 29th December 1944, Co "B", finished preparing the 62 AIB area and moved back to Retschwiller.

V

CCA moved across the Vosges Mountains into the XV Corps area as a reserve force on 29 Dec 44. Co "C" was billeted at Schalbach. The company had no activity during the last two days of December.

VI

Bn Hq, Hq Co, and Co "B" moved westward with Div (-) on 31 Dec 44 to become a Corps support force guarding the exits from the Vosges mountains.

Bn Hq and Hq Co occupied houses and a school building in Weinbourg and Co "B" went to Weiterswiller.

On New Years Eve, a heavy guard was placed in operation in both towns because of the unsettled condition at the front.

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125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION
for
Month of JANUARY
1945

The dawn of the New Year found the Battalion and its companies in various localities and circumstances. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company were in Weinbourg along with Company "B" whose headquarters was in Weiterswiller all under Division control forming a Corps support guarding the exits from the Vosges Mountains. Company "C" was still attached to Combat Command "A" with the company moving to Oermingen on New Year's Day. Company "A" was a part of Task Force Middleton in the vicinity of Bitché and were encamped at Forneau Neuf. Under these situations and circumstances, the Battalion faced a New Year.

Company "A" was subjected to a very hectic reception early in the new year. Before the year was one hour old, orders were received to move out at 0230 and reinforce our positions held by the 62d Armored Infantry Battalion at Bannstein. The third platoon was forced to withdraw before it could take up its previously prepared positions. The 2d platoon reached its object and with the 62d Armored Infantry Battalion were in contact with the enemy until they withdrew the afternoon of 1 January 1945. The first platoon was used as a reserve and for executing the demolitions of prepared road blocks and craters as the enemy advanced. Company "A" withdrew to Weinbourg at dusk 1 January 1945 to hastily reorganize and depart for Reiperswiller where they arrived at 0100 2 January 1945 taking billets for the remainder of the night. At dawn they took up defensive positions to the north of town. The area was under enemy artillery and mortar fire. They were relieved the afternoon of 2 January 1945 and arrived back at Weinbourg at dusk where they were billeted. The final check on casualties and equipment showed that 17 men and 1 officer were missing in action, 6 men evacuated to hospitals while one jeep, one half track and three 2 1/2 ton dump trucks were lost.

In this same thrust by the enemy on 1 January 1945, Company "B" was called upon to prepare obstacles in front of the enemy advance. They also outposted the Division Headquarters located at Bouxwiller. This mission of outposting was theirs for the first two days of the new year. In that time they moved into Bouxwiller on 2 January 1945 and the same day back to Weiterswiller. No casualties were suffered.

The 2d platoon of Company "C", attached to the 48th Tank Battalion, also outposted the city of Bouxwiller on 2 January 1945. That same day the company left Oermingen and moved to Weiterswiller.

The Battalion and its companies remained in these locations reorganizing and maintaining their equipment until 4 January 1945, the attached companies reverting back to Battalion control.

On 4 January 1945, Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Company "A" moved to Steinbourg, companies "B" and "C" moved to Hattmatt. There they continued to resupply and maintain the roads in the Division area. Several moving picture shows were shown to the entire Battalion. Some mail arrived and the men cleaned up and rested.

Company "C" was again attached to Combat Command "A" on 6 January 1945 and moved the company CP to Surbourg. The remainder of the battalion remained behind until 11 January 1945, maintaining roads and vehicles and equipment. On 11 January 1945, Company "B" was attached to Combat Command "B" and moved out to Oberdorf moving on to Hohwiller on 11 January 1945. Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters company and Company "A" moved to Griesbach the same day. After arriving there, Company "A" was placed in support of Combat Command Reserve and moved on to Kutzenhausen the morning of 12 January 1945, then to Schwabwiller the morning of 13 January 1945. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company remained at Griesbach carrying on administrative duties.

The Jerries were attempting to advance in the Division sector. A hasty minefield was laid by the line companies across the Division front in the Hatten-Rittershoffen area. Company "C" had moved to Kuhlendorf setting up a company CP in a French pillbox. Units of the companies were used also as infantry besides the engineer work.

During the operation, Company "A" suffered one man KIA, two WIA, and two NBC. Company "B" had two men evacuated NBC, and Company "C" lost two men KIA, and five WIA.

Orders for a general withdrawal came on 19 January 1945 and the Battalion and its units prepared to withdraw. Company "C" being attached to Combat Command "A" which acted as a covering force, blew bridges and craters in the Oberbetschdorf-Surbourg area, laying mines and booby traps and rear guard action. The company reverted to Battalion control and joined the Battalion 22 January 1945 at Schweinheim where it had moved with "A" and "B" companies on 20 January 1945 after a cold, snowy, slippery trip. Snow had covered the roads to a depth of approximately six inches.

Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Company "A" remained in Schweinheim the remainder of the month. Company "C" was attached to Combat Command "A" 25 January 1945. The 1st and 2d platoons moved out of Schweinheim but Combat Command "A" was not committed. They returned to Schweinheim, 27 January 1945, where they remained the rest of the month, still attached to Combat Command "A". Company "B" was attached to Combat Command "B" on 23 January 1945 and moved out, Combat Command "B" acting as support to the 79th Division. They established their CP in Wahlenheim where they remained the remainder of the month.

During this period of stay in Schweinheim, roads were constantly maintained and some training programs executed. More movies were

shown and the mail improved somewhat.

And so as the first month of the year 1945 closes we find the Battalion - minus Company "B" in Wahlenheim - settled in the small town of Schweinheim.

11 March 1945

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To: Commanding General
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1. Transmitted herewith "Unit History" of the 126th Armored Engineer Battalion for the month of February, 1945.

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11 March 1945

UNIT HISTORY
(February)

The tactical activities of the Battalion were limited during the month of February. Company "B" was the only unit participating in combat. Therefore, this narrative is divided into two sections.

I

Bn Hq, Hq Co, Co "A", and Co "C", remained in Schweinheim the entire month with normal administrative and supply duties being carried on by Bn Hq and Hq Co.

Due to the melting snow and intermittent showers early in the month, the network of roads in the division area, required constant maintenance. Companies "A" and "C" employed the major portion of their time repairing and maintaining these roads. Small unit training was also carried on throughout the Battalion. Orientations were given to each company weekly also every available "movie" was shown at the town's theatre. One stage show was produced utilizing local talent. Incoming mail was normal for the period. There were no battle casualties suffered by any unit of the Battalion during the month of February.

II

Company "B" was attached to CCB of the 14th AD on 1 Feb 45. CCB was in support of the 79th Infantry Division. Co "B" moved from Wahlenheim to Marienthal the same day. They continued to provide engineer support to CCB until 8 February 1945 when they reverted to battalion control and returned to Schweinheim, France.

They remained at Schweinheim, France until 19 Feb 45, participating in training activities and road maintenance of the battalion. Again being attached to CCB, they moved to Bossendorf and supported the combat command in its mission as a holding force in the division sector of the Corps front, west of Hagenau. Company "B" did the engineer work required consisting largely of road repair. On 22 Feb 45, they moved to Ringendorf where they remained throughout the month performing normal engineer duties, largely road maintenance.

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UNIT HISTORY
(March)

The first eleven days of March found the battalion, with the exception of Company "B", still in Schweinheim, France. During this period, unit training continued with Companies "A" and "C" engaged in daily road maintenance. It was at this time that Company "A" constructed a landing strip for Field Artillery Observation planes.

Company "B" was billeted at Ringendorf, France from the 1st to the 15th of March during which time they maintained roads and gave engineer support to CCA and CCB. Company "B" was attached to CCB until the third of March at which time they were switched to CCA.

On the 11th of March, Company "C", under CCB, moved from Schweinheim to Berstheim, France. At Berstheim, the company maintained roads in their Combat Command area and provided general engineer support.

On March 15th, Companies "B" and "C" were parties concerned in an unusual maneuver. These two companies switched both Combat Commands and exact geographical locations. Both companies remained at their new locations until 18 March 45, Co "B" at Berstheim and Co "C" at Ringendorf.

Company "A" departed from Schweinheim on 18 Mar 45 and reached their destination, Schwabwiller, France, late that night.

Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved from Schweinheim to Oberbetschdorf, France on 19 Mar 45.

Due to the constant movement and intensive engineer activities of the various engineer companies in the latter part of March, the actions of each company will be dealt with separately.

Company "A"

Company "A" operated under Battalion control for the entire month of March. They were exploited as engineer reserve performing various engineer tasks as the need for them arose.

They were called on to build bridges, construct bypasses, fill craters, and to clear roads of mines and rubble. Company "A"s route of advance in the latter part of March was Oberbetschdorf-Oberseebach-Schweighofen-Altenstadt and on the last day of March they were at the German Military Camp in the vicinity of Dierbach.

Company "B"

Company "B" moved from Berstheim on 18 March 1945 supporting CCB in the attack. They maintained roads, repaired blown bridges, and filled or bridged road craters throughout period of advance until their release from CCB on 26 March 1945. Platoons and squads were attached out on various missions and to other units in the Combat Command. The 1st plat was attached to the 19th AIB and the 2d plat with the 47th Tk Bn.

Primary activities of the company were the clearing of roads and all engineer work necessary to make advances possible. Their route of advance was Berstheim-Reimerswiler-Seigen-Selz-Herxheim-weyher and Bellheim where they were returned to battalion control and moved to the German Military Camp in the vicinity of Dierbach, Germany. On 30 March 1945, the company was attached to CCB in preparation for crossing the Rhine.

Company "C"

Company "C" moved from Ringendorf under CCA which jumped off on 18 March 1945. For the greater portion of the time, the line platoons were attached out to different units in the Combat Command. During the advance, the platoons were exceptionally active in performing engineer work. This work consisted of building and repairing bridges, clearing road blocks, gapping a minefield and constructing a bypass.

The outstanding engineer activities of Co "C" for the month of March took place in the attack on the Siegfried line. In the Siegfried operation, Co "C" made several gaps in the dragons teeth, bridged a crater, and made a fill in the anti-tank ditch. Road blocks in the first towns over the gaps were cleared of road blocks and in one instance, a machine gun nest that was preventing the removal of a block was wiped out. Casualties in these operations were extremely heavy in comparison with past engineer operations of this battalion.

Co "C"s axis of advance was Ringendorf-Oberseebach-Wissembourg-Schweighofen-Steinfeld-Schaidt-Altenstadt and on the 25 Mar they were released from CCA and moved to the German Military Camp in the vicinity of Dierbach, Germany. On the 31 Mar 45, they moved out with CCA to cross the Rhine.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Bn Hq and Hq Co continued supply, maintenance, and administrative duties. Active engineer reconnaissance was made by Rcn sections. Bn Hq and Hq Co moved to the German Military Camp in the vicinity of Dierbach, Germany by way of Oberbetschdorf-Oberseebach and Altenstadt.

Casualties for the Battalion during the month of March
were

One (1) officer and two (2) EM KIA

Two (2) officers and fourteen (14) EM WIA

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HEADQUARTERS
125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION
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12 May 1945

UNIT HISTORY

First day of May, 1945, found the Battalion on its way, in motor convoy, to cross over the Rhine River. Company "A", Hq, and Hq Co moved with division troops while Company "B" was attached to and moved with CCB. Company "C" was also attached out to CCA and moved along with CCA.

The month of April was filled with much activity and moving. As the companies had different missions throughout the period, they will be dealt with separately.

COMPANY "A"

Company "A" closed into the town of Rossdorf, Germany, 1 May 45, after crossing the Rhine River. Early the morning of the 2d, Co "A" was attached to CCR and departed from the town. The platoons were attached out as follows: 1st platoon attached to the 62 AIB; 2d platoon to 25th Tk Bn; remainder of the company stayed under company control. The company moved into the woods in the vicinity of Brunnbach.

On the morning of the 3d, the company moved to Luhr. These locations were very temporary as the division was moving fast and the 6th found them in Aschfeld, the 7th in Burghausen, the 8th in Wuleershausen, the 9th and 10th in Meilrichstadt, and moving to Bedheim on the 11th.

Continuing their fast advance, Company "A" moved from Bedheim, 12 May 45, to Grossheirath and then to the town of Wonsees on the 13th. Their mission being engineer support of the combat command. The 15th found them motoring to and closing in bivouac at Trockau where they stayed for three days.

Still advancing, Co "A" moved to Unt Rohrenstadt, to Stockelsberg, and on to the vicinity of Altenfelden. The town of Altenfelden was hotly contested by the enemy and the company suffered two EM WIA.

Early on 23 April 1945, the company was again on the move going to the town of Hilpolstein. On 24 April the company was moving to the small town of Hirnstetten.

On the morning of 26 April 1945, Co "A" completed a steel tread-way bridge across the Altmuhl River and enabled the combat command to move. The company's destination turned out to be the town of Linting, Germany.

Still in CCR's column, Co "A" moved through the town of Ingolstadt, crossed the Danube River and closed in the small town of Unt Mettenbach on 28 April. The company moved to Furth, Germany 29 Apr 45, where they were located for the remainder of the month.

COMPANY "B"

Co "B" moved with CCB in column into Germany and across the Rhine river on the first day of April, closing in bivouac at Gr Zimmern.

In the very early morning of 2 April, they moved with the CCB column, advancing toward the city of Lohr. Lohr was reached on the 3d of April.

Again on the 4th, Co "B" moved with the CCB column up the Main River advancing on the town of Germunden, stopping off at Neuendorf. Germunden was a strong point of the enemy, our column meeting blown bridges and road blocks at the entrance to the city. It was Co "B"'s mission to provide passage for the advance. This they did.

On 6 Apr 45, Co "B" moved through Germunden to a German prison camp two kilometers SE of Pfaffenhausen near Hammelsburg, Germany. From the prison camp, they moved to Munderstadt on 8 April and to Ebertshausen on the 9th.

Co "B" departed from Ebertshausen on the 13th, arriving at Rossbach and again, in CCB's attack, moved out late that night arriving at Konigsfeld on the 14th. After another move, 15 Apr 45, the company set up its C.P. in Kirchahorn.

After a two day stay at Kirchahorn, they departed on the 17th and moved to Altensitten. Leaving there the next day, the company CP was set up at Rasch on 18 April. At this location, Co "B" lost 3 EM WIA, 4 EM KIA, and 18 men taken as prisoners of war. These men were all recaptured at a later date by our own troops.

From Rasch, Co "B" moved to Unterferreden on the 22d, then to Jarsdorf on the 23d, and on to Hirschberg the next day, still with CCB, spearheading into enemy held territory.

At Hirschberg, the column was held up by the Altmuhl River crossing. After small arms, artillery and mortar fire had been cleared, Co "B" constructed a steel treadway bridge over the Altmuhl River and the column moved on 26 Apr 45. In this action, 1 EM KIA, 2 Officers WIA and 2 EM WIA. Company "B" moved to Forchheim with the column.

The day Co "B" crossed the Danube River was 28 Apr 45. They departed Forchheim and arrived in Geisenfeld, crossing at Ingolstadt. On 29 Apr 45, they were moving on to Schatzhofen. The last day of the month, Co "B" departed from their area late in the day and closed the month on the road with CCB.

The total casualties for the company were 1 officer KIA, 3 officers WIA; 6 EM KIA, and 9 EM WIA.

COMPANY "C"

The 1st day of April, Co "C" was attached to CCA and on the road to cross the Rhine. The 1st platoon was attached to the 68 AIB, and the 2d platoon attached to 48th Tk Bn.

April 2 found Co "C" in Dieburg. Moving out early 3 April and advancing to Bitchofstein. On the 4th of April, they left Bitchofstein and arrived at Bad Bruckenau where the CP remained until the 7th.

On 7 Apr 45, they advanced to Brendlorenzen. One EM was KIA and 1 EM was WIA. Here they remained until 11 Apr 45 doing maintenance of weapons, vehicles and so forth.

On April 11, Co "C" advanced to Gleichamberg and on to DOUNGSTADT on the 12th. The company moved on to Hollfeld the 13th; Bronn on the 15th; Betzenstein on the 16th; Altdorf on the 17th; Unter Olsbach on the 18th, and on the 19th to BERG. 1 EM WIA ~~in action~~ on 20 April.

On 21 Apr 45, Co "C" moved to vicinity of Dillberg where they maintained roads and repaired bridges for passage of CCA column. On 23 Apr 45, they moved to Echemuhlen and on the 25th to Altdorf. From Altdorf, they moved to Demling on the 26th; Strasshausen on the 27th; Puttenhausen on the 28th; Gamelsdorf on the 29th, and on the 30th of April to Moosburg.

The total casualties for Company "C" for April was 1 EM KIA and 2 EM WIA

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

On 1 Apr 45, Bn Hq and Hq Co marched with Division troops, east across the Rhine to the city of Rossdorf, Germany to the Divisional assembly area. Their duties for April consisted of administration, supply, and reconnaissance for the battalion. To keep in contact with the line companies, they were forced to make many moves during the month.

Starting off in good shape, Bn Hq and Hq Co moved from Rossdorf to Sommerau and Wiesthal on the 2d and 3d of April in that order. On 6 April, they moved to Rieneck, Germany and the next day, 7 April, to a prison camp 2 kilometers south east of Pfaffenhausen near Hammelsburg.

On 9 April Bn Hq and Hq Co moved to Lebenhan. Three officers and one EM were known to have been taken prisoners of war. One EM was killed, and 1 EM wounded in action.

Again on the road, they motored to Haina, 11 April, and to Lichtenfels on the 13th. The next day, the 14th, they moved to Moggendorf, a small town SE of Holdfels, Germany. From there, they moved to Sachsendorf, Germany. From there, they moved to Sachsendorf on 16 Apr and to Altdorf, 18 Apr 45.

After a 5 day stay at Altdorf, Bn Hq and Hq Co moved to Hilpoltstein on 23 April; to Kraftsbuch on the 25th; to Neuses on the 26th;

and Mindelstetten on the 27th of April. During this period, the Battalion Commander was fatally wounded by a land mine. Two EM were also killed at the same time.

On 28 Apr 45, Bn Hq and Hq Co crossed the Blue Danube river and moved to the town of Manching, moving to Reichersdorf, 29 Apr 45. There they remained the remainder of April.

With the closing of the month of April, we find Bn Hq and Hq Co in Reichersdorf; Co "A" attached to CCR in Furth; Co "B" with Combat Command "B", moving with that unit south of Schatzhofen, and Co "C" attached to CCA in Moosburg, Germany.

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