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THRU: Commanding General, 38th AAA Brigade, APO 403, U. S. Army.

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AFO #403, U. S. Army
20 November 44.

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (through command channels)

In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 43, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Third U.S. Army, dated 21 July 44 (AG 319.1) the following report is submitted.

On 1 October 44 the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was bivouaced in the vicinity of LUNEVILLE. The battalion remained assigned to the Seventh U.S. Army, attached to the XV Corps and the 23rd AAA Group. (effective 29 September 44) Mission was support and defense of the XV Corps Artillery. The batteries were assigned to protect the following units: Battery "A" to the 182nd F.A. Bn., Battery "B" to the 961st F.A. Bn., Battery "C" to the 208th F.A. Bn and Battery "D" to the 202nd F.A. Bn.

On 2 October 44, Battery "D" moved to a position in the vicinity of MONCEL. Mission of the Batteries remained the same.

On 3 October 44, Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of CROISMARE. Mission of the Batteries remained the same. One enlisted man lost to hospital.

On 8 October 44, one platoon of Battery "A" relieved Battery "B" of its assignment to the 961st F.A. Bn. Battery "B" proceeded to CHARMES and relieved the 559th AAA AW BN protecting the bridge over the Moselle (936764) and Class III Dump in the vicinity of RAPEY. During the period LUNEVILLE was made the center of an IAZ with a 12000 yard radius and 10000 feet altitude. This was effective for night only.

On 9 October 44 one enlisted man killed by enemy artillery fire.

On 10 October 44, Battery "B" was relieved of its assignment by one battery of the 436th AAA AW BN. During the period, Battery "B" relieved Battery "A" of the 456th AAA AW BN of their assignment to the 267th F.A. Bn. Mission of the batteries remained the same.

On 12 October 44, Battery "A" CP moved to the vicinity of MARAIN-VILLER. Mission of the batteries remained the same.

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On 13 October 44, Battery "B" was relieved of assignment to the 267th F.A. Bn. During the period Battery "D" moved to a position in the vicinity of HERIMENIL. Battery "C" CP was moved to the vicinity of MARAINVILLER.

On 14 October 44, Battery "B" was assigned to the 961st F.A. Bn.

On 16 October 44, Battery "B" was relieved of assignment to the 961st F.A. Bn. by one platoon of Battery "A". During the period Battery "B" was assigned to protect the 44th Division Artillery. One enlisted man was lost to hospital.

On 20 October 44, Battery "B" was assigned to protect the 157th F.A. Bn. of the 44th Division Artillery. During the period Battery "B" moved to a position in the vicinity of MARAINVILLER. Six enlisted men. replacements were received by the battalion.

On 21 October 44, Battery "B" moved to positions in the vicinity of LA NEUVEVILLE AUX BOIS. One enlisted man was lost to hospital.

On 22 October 44, the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was relieved from attachment to the 23rd AAA Group and attached to the 44th Infantry Division. The new assignments for the battalion were as follows: Battery "A" to the 182nd and the 961st F.A. Bns. of Corps Artillery. Batteries B, C and D, to Bns. of the 44th Division Artillery and attached to battalions in this order: Battery "B" to the 156th and 157th F.A. Bns., Battery "C" to the 220th and 693rd F.A. Bns., and Battery "D" to the 217th and 242nd F.A. Bns.

On 23 October 44, Battery "C" moved to positions in the vicinity of LA NEUVEVILLE AUX BOIS. During the period Battery "D" moved to positions in the vicinity of THIEBAUMENIL.

On 24 October 44, battalion received twenty-seven (27) E.M. replacements.

On 28 October 44, battalion received two (2) E.M. replacements.

On 30 October 44, battalion received four (4) E.M. replacements.

On 31 October 44, enemy planes attacked positions protected by all batteries. All batteries went into action and claimed the destruction of two ME 109's, one FW 190 and one HE 111.



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AFO #403, U. S. ARMY
8 December 44

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : Adjutant General, Seventh U. S. Army, AFO 758, U. S. Army.
(through command channels)

In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 43, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Seventh U. S. Army, dated 8 January 44 (AG 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 November 44 the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was still assigned to the mission of protecting elements of the XV Corps Artillery and 44th Infantry Division. The following assignments were in effect: Battery "A" to the 182nd and 961st F.A. Bns., Battery "B" to the 157th and 156th F.A. Bns., Battery "C" to the 220th and 693rd F.A. Bns. and Battery "D" to the 217th and 242nd F.A. Bns.

On 4 November 44 Battery "D" located their CP in the vicinity of THIEBAUMENIL. During the period the 2nd platoon of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of EMBERMENIL. Missions of the batteries remained the same.

On 5 November 44 the 2nd platoon of Battery "A" came under enemy mortar and artillery fire and moved back to a position in the vicinity of LA NEUVEVILLE-AUX-BOIS. Missions of the batteries remained the same.

On 7 November 44 the 1st platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of MANONVILLER.

On 8 November 44 batteries A, B, C and D were in action against enemy aircraft, which were attempting to strafe F.A. positions protected by the four batteries. Two ME 109's were shot down in flames. During the period, Battery "A" was relieved of assignment to the 173rd F.A. Gp. and was assigned to protect the 44th Division Airstrip and the 156th F.A. Bn. The 2nd platoon of Battery "B" was relieved of assignment by the 2nd platoon of Battery "A" and joined the 1st platoon in defense of the 157th F.A. Bn.

On 9 November PFC James E. Tighe of Battery "B" received the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in the vicinity of MANTES-GASSICOURT on 17 September 44. PFC Tighe rescued a fellow soldier from drowning in the Seine River.

On 11 November 44 Battery "C" of the 106th AAA AW BN (SP) was attached to the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) for operations only. During the period, the 2nd platoon of Battery "B" was assigned to protect the 45th Division Airstrip in the vicinity of LONEVILLE.

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On 12 November 44 Battery "C" of the 106th AAA AW BN (SP) was located in the vicinity of DOMJEVIN. During the period, the 2nd platoon of this battery moved to the vicinity of EMBERMENIL. The 2nd platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of LUNEVILLE.

On 14 November 44 the Battalion Forward Echelon moved to the vicinity of THIEBAUMENIL.

On 15 November 44 the Battalion C.P. was established at the 2nd platoon of Battery "D" in the vicinity of FORT DE MANONVILLER. Missions of the batteries remained the same.

On 16 November 44 the 1st platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of EMBERMENIL.

On 17 November 44 Battery "C" of the 106th AAA AW BN (SP) was detached from the 398th AAA AW BN (SP). During the period the 2nd platoon of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of LEINTREY.

On 18 November 44 the 2nd platoon of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of SAUXURE. Mission of the batteries remained the same.

On 19 November 44 Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of AMENONCOURT. During the period, Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of AVRICOURT, then to FOULCRAY. Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of AMENONCOURT, then to the vicinity of RECHICOURT. Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of AVRICOURT, then to the vicinity of RECHICOURT. The Battalion was detached from the 44th Inf. Division and attached to the 14th Armored Division. The 1st platoon of Battery "A" and the 2nd platoon of Battery "B" were relieved at the air-strips by one battery of the 895th AAA AW BN and were assigned to protect Combat Command A of the 14th Armored Division. There was no change in assignments for other batteries.

On 20 November 44 the 2nd platoon of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of ST. GEORGES, then to the vicinity of BEBING. The 1st platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of ST. GEORGES.

On 21 November 44 the Battalion C.P. opened in the vicinity of FORTIEUX. The 2nd platoon of Battery "A" and the 1st platoon of Battery "B" arrived in the vicinity of FORTIEUX. Mission of batteries remained the same.

On 22 November 44 Battery "A" C.P. opened in the vicinity of MORIVILLE. During the period, the 2nd platoon of Battery "A" and 1st platoon of Battery "B" with the Battalion Exec. Officer joined other units with Combat Command A in the vicinity of CIREY.

On 23 November 44 Battery "C" C.P. opened in the vicinity of FORTIEUX.

On 25 November 44 Battery "D" was relieved of assignment to the 217th and 242nd E.A. Bns. and moved enroute to 14th Armored Division Area in the vicinity of FORTIEUX. During the period the CP's of Battery "A" and Battery "B" were established at ST. QUERIN. The 1st platoon of Battery "A" was assigned to protect 25th Train of Combat Command A. The 2nd platoon of

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Battery "A" was assigned to protect 48th Train of Combat Command A.
Battery "B" was assigned to protect 500th F.A. Bn. (SP) of Combat
Command A. The Battalion Exec. Officer was in the vicinity of BARENBACH.
Battery "C" arrived in the vicinity of CHATEL.

On 26 November 44 Battery "D" arrived in the vicinity of PORTIEUX.
Missions of the batteries remained the same.

On 27 November 44 Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of BARENBACH.

On 28 November 44 Battery "C" was assigned to protect the 499th F.A.
Bn. and trains of Combat Command B. Battery "D" was assigned to protect
elements of Combat Command Reserve. During the period, Hq. Btry. was
alerted for movement.

On 30 November 44 Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of ALTENHEIM
with Combat Command B. During the period Battery "B" moved to the vicinity
of GERTWILLER. The Battalion Exec. Officer was located in the vicinity
of GOKWILLER. The following assignments were in effect: Batteries "A" and
"B" were protecting the 25th and 48th trains and 500th F.A. Bn. of Combat
Command A. Battery "C" was protecting the 499th F.A. and trains of Combat
Command B. Battery "D" was protecting elements of Combat Command Reserve.

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AFO #403, U. S. ARMY
8 January 45

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : Adjutant General, Seventh U. S. Army, AFO 758, U. S. Army.
(thru command channels)

In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 43, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Seventh U. S. Army, dated 8 January 44 (AG 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 December 44 the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was still assigned to the mission of protecting elements of the 14th Armored Division. The following assignments were in effect: Batteries A and B were protecting the 25th and 48th trains and 500th F.A. Bn. of Combat Command A. Battery C was protecting the 499th F.A. Bn and trains of Combat Command B. Battery D was protecting elements of Combat Command Reserve. During the period the Forward Echelon of Hq. Btry. moved to the vicinity of MARMOUTIERS. Battery D moved to the vicinity of ALTENHEIM with OCR.

On 2 December 44 Battery A CP moved to the vicinity of ROSHEIM. Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of EPPHE. Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of BOSSELSHAUSEN. Battalion Executive Officer was located in the vicinity of EPPHE.

On 3 December 44 Forward Echelon of Hq. Btry. arrived at BOUKWILLER. Hq. Btry. Rear Echelon arrived at MARMOUTIER. During the period Battery A moved to the vicinity of GEISWILLER. Battery B moved to the vicinity of HOCHFELDEN. Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of MULHAUSEN. Battery D CP moved to the vicinity of NIEFFERN. Between the hours of 1200 and 1705 Battery C and D engaged three (3) ME 109's. Results of AA fire unknown.

On 4 December 44 Battery A CP moved to the vicinity of SCHERLENHEIM. First platoon moved to the vicinity of REIDHEIM. Second platoon moved to the vicinity of GEISWILLER. Battery A was assigned to protecting 62nd and 500th trains along with 25th and 48th trains. During the period Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of GEISWILLER. Battery D CP moved to the vicinity of BINGWILLER. The Battalion was attached to the 5th AAA Group and 35th AAA Brigade.

On 5 December 44 First platoon of Battery C moved to the vicinity of BISCHHOLTZ. Second platoon moved to the vicinity of *27 Nov 45*. During *17 1945*

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the period first platoon of Battery D moved to the vicinity of ENGWILLER. Second platoon moved to the vicinity of HOCHFELDEN. First platoon of Battery A moved to the vicinity of IMBSHEIM.

On 6 December 44 Battery B CP and second platoon moved to the vicinity of ZOBERSDORF. First platoon CP moved to the vicinity of GEISWILLER. During the period Battery A CP moved to the vicinity of WILWESHEIM. Half of second platoon moved to the vicinity of HOCHFELDEN. The other half of second platoon moved to the vicinity of PFAFFENOFFEN. The following assignments became effective at 1230: Battery A - one half platoon with 14th Armored Division CP, one half platoon with Division Airstrip; one platoon with Division trains. Battery B with the 500th F.A. Bn. Battery C with the 499th F.A. Bn. and OCA trains. Battery D with the 501st F.A. Bn.

On 7 December 44 Battery C CP and first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of ENGWILLER. During the period first platoon of Battery B moved to the vicinity of GEISWILLER. Battery A engaged and destroyed one (1) FW 190. At 1300 the following assignments became effective: Battery A - one platoon with the 14th Armored Division Airstrip and one platoon with the 14th Armored Division CP. Battery B - six sections with the 500th F.A. Bn. and two sections with COB. Battery C - six sections with the 499th F.A. Bn. and two sections with OCA. Battery D - six sections with the 501st F.A. Bn. and two sections with OGR.

On 8 December 44 first platoon of Battery A moved to the vicinity of PFAFFENOFFEN. Second platoon moved to the vicinity of HOCHFELDEN.

On 9 December 44 second platoon of Battery C moved to the vicinity of IMBSHEIM. During the period Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of MEITESHEIM. First platoon of Battery A moved to the vicinity of OBERMODERN.

On 10 December 44 first platoon of Battery B moved to the vicinity of GEISWILLER. At 1530 Battery D engaged three (3) ME 109's straffing F.A. positions in the vicinity of ENGWILLER. One (1) plane was destroyed.

On 11 December 44 four tracks of Battery B were protecting 48th Tank Bn. train on the road.

On 12 December 44 Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of MERTZWILLER. First and second platoon moved to the vicinity of HINTERFELD. During the period Battery D CP and second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of MERTZWILLER. Six sections of Battery B moved to the vicinity of MERKWILLER. Four tracks of the first platoon of Battery A were assigned to COB Task Force.

On 13 December 44 Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of SURBOURG. During the period first platoon CP of Battery A moved to the vicinity of HAGENNEY. Second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of SURBOURG. Hq. Btry. Rear Echelon moved to INGWILLER. Battery A CP moved to the vicinity of HAGUENAU. First platoon CP of Battery C moved to the vicinity of RITTERSHOFFEN.

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On 14 December 44 Forward Echelon Hq. Btry. moved to the vicinity of OBERBETSCHDORF. Battery A CP moved to the vicinity of HOHWILLER. Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of SCHOENENBOURG. Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of RITTERSHOFFEN. First and second platoon CP's of Battery C moved to the vicinity of TRIMBACH. Battery B CP and first and second platoon CP's moved to the vicinity of SOULTZ. During the period Battery D CP moved to the vicinity of SCHOENENBOURG. First platoon CP moved to the vicinity of RETSCHWILLER.

On 15 December 44 Battery A CP and first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of SALMBACH. Second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of HOHWILLER. Second platoon of Battery D moved to the vicinity of RETSCHWILLER.

On 16 December 44 second platoon CP of Battery C moved to the vicinity of HERMERSWILLER. During the period second platoon CP of Battery A moved to the vicinity of HOFFEN. First platoon CP of Battery D moved to the vicinity of REIDSELTZ. Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of REIDSELTZ.

On 17 December 44 Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of TRIMBACH. During the period Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of WISSEMBOURG. Batteries A, B and C engaged two (2) ME 109's in the vicinity of WISSEMBOURG. Results of AA fire unknown.

On 18 December 44 first platoon CP of Battery C moved to the vicinity of SALMBACH. During the period a flight of two (2) ME 109's was engaged by all Batteries. Battery D claimed one (1) ME 109 shot down in the vicinity of WISSEMBOURG.

On 19 December 44 second platoon CP of Battery C moved to the vicinity of SCHLEITHEL.

On 20 December 44 Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of SCHLEITHEL. During the period Battery D CP moved to the vicinity of REIDSELTZ.

On 21 December 44 first platoon CP of Battery D moved to the vicinity of REIDSELTZ.

On 22 December 44 Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. At 1400 the Battalion was detached from the 5th AAA Group and attached to the 91st AAA Group.

On 23 December 44 Battery B CP moved to the vicinity of BARENTHAL. Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of STUNDWILLER. First platoon CP of Battery C moved to the vicinity of TRIMBACH.

On 24 December 44 first platoon of Battery D moved to the vicinity of INGOLSHEIM. During the period all Batteries were in action against two flights of ME 109's. Battery B claimed one (1) Cat. II.

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On 26 December 44 the following assignments became effective:
Battery A - four tracks of the first platoon with Division Airstrip, four tracks of first platoon with COB Task Force, four tracks of second platoon with Division CP and four tracks of second platoon with elements of OOR. Battery B - second platoon and four tracks of first platoon with 500th F.A. Bn. and four tracks of first platoon with COB trains. Battery C - first platoon and four tracks of second platoon with the 499th F.A. Bn. and four tracks of second platoon with CGA trains. Battery D - First platoon and four tracks of second platoon with the 501st F.A. Bn. and four tracks of second platoon with OOR trains.

On 29 December 44 Battery D CP moved to the vicinity of WEYER. During the period first platoon CP of Battery C moved to the vicinity of NEHWILLER. Second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of LEMBACH. Four tracks of Battery A were moved from Division Airstrip to Division CP. At 2400 the Battalion was detached from the 91st AAA Group and attached to the 5th AAA Group.

On 30 December 44 Forward Echelon Hq. Btry. established CP at BOUKWILLER. During the period Battery C CP moved to the vicinity of WOERTH. First platoon CP moved to the vicinity of NEHWILLER. Battery A CP and second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of BOUKWILLER.

On 31 December 44 second platoon of Battery B moved to the vicinity of PRINZHEIM. The following assignments were in effect: Battery A - four tracks of first platoon and four tracks of second platoon with Division CP, four tracks of first platoon with COB Task Force and four tracks of second platoon with elements of OOR. Remainder of Battery assignments as of 26 December 1944.

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(Thru command channels)

In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 43, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Seventh U. S. Army, dated 8 January 44 (AG 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 January 45 the 398th AAA AW Bn (SP) was still assigned to the mission of protecting elements of the 14th Armored Division. The following assignments were in effect: Battery "A" was protecting the 14th Armored Division CP, CCB Task Force and elements of CCR. Battery "B" was protecting the 500th AFA Bn. and CCB Trains. Battery "C" was protecting the 499th AFA Bn. and CCA Trains. Battery "D" was protecting the 501st AFA Bn. During the period Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of DIEMERINGEN. Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of LICHTENBOURG. At 1130 Battery "A" was in action against enemy aircraft in the vicinity of MOUETTERHOUSE attacking positions in that area. At 1230 Battery "B" was in ground action against attacking enemy personnel in the vicinity of BAERENTHAL. At 1430 Battery "B" was in action against two (2) ME 109's in the vicinity of BAERENTHAL. At 1400 Battery "A" was in action against twelve (12) enemy P-47's. One (1) P-47 was destroyed. During the period the following assignments were effected: Battery "A" - Four tracks with the 19th Armored Infantry, four tracks with the 94th Cavalry and eight tracks with the 14th Armored Division CP. Battery "B" no change. Battery "C" - Four tracks with CCA CP, no change in balance of battery. Battery "D" - Four tracks with the 501st AFA Bn. and eight tracks with CCA Trains and four tracks with CCR Trains.

On 2 January 45 first platoon Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of SARREINBERG. During the period the second platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of NEIDERBRONN. Four tracks of the second platoon of Battery "A" were assigned to protect the 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Battery "D" CP moved to the vicinity of REIDHEIM. Battalion was detached from the 5th AAA Group and attached to the 91st AAA Group. At 1030 Battery "A" was in action against two (2) ME 109's strafing in the vicinity of WINGEN. Both enemy aircraft were destroyed. At 1100 Battery "A" was in action against one (1) ME 109 strafing in the vicinity of GOETZENBRUCH.

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On 3 January 45 four tracks of the first platoon of Battery "A" were relieved from the 14th Armored Division CP and assigned to the 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Four tracks of the second platoon of Battery "A" were relieved from the 94th Cavalry and assigned to the 14th Armored Division CP. During the period Battery "B" CP and second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of INGWILLER. Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of la WALCK. First platoon and four tracks of second platoon of Battery "D" were assigned to the 501st AFA Bn.

On 4 January 45 the first platoon CP of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of SARREINBERG. During the period the first platoon CP of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of REICHSHOFFEN. Battery "D" CP and first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of WEMBOURG. Battalion was detached from the 91st AAA Group and attached to the 5th AAA Group.

On 5 January 45 Battery "D" CP and first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of ENGWILLER.

On 6 January 45 four tracks of the second platoon of Battery "D" were detached from OOR Trains and assigned to the 501st Service Battery.

On 7 January 45 Battery "B" CP moved to the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER. Four tracks of Battery "C" were detached from OCA CP and was assigned to OCA Trains.

On 8 January 45 at 1330 Battery "A" was in action against one (1) ME 262 in the vicinity of SARREINBERG. At 1355 Battery "B" was in action against two (2) ME 210's strafing and bombing in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER.

On 10 January 45 Battery "B" was in action against three (3) ME 109's and two (2) ME 262's which were bombing and strafing FA positions in their vicinity at 1215. At 1315 Battery "B" was again in action against one (1) ME 109. At 1330 Battery "A" was in action against one (1) P-47 with German markings which was strafing positions in their vicinity. At 1420 Battery "B" was in action against one (1) ME 262 which was strafing and bombing units of the 501st AFA Bn. Enemy aircraft was destroyed.

On 11 January 45 Battalion was detached from the 5th AAA Group and attached to the 91st AAA Group. During the period Hq. Btry. Forward Echelon moved to the vicinity of ESCHBACH. First and second platoon CP's of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of KUTZENHAUSEN.

On 12 January 45 the first platoon CP of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of DAUENDORF. During the period Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of MORSBRONN.

On 13 January 45 the first platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER. At 1200 Battery "C" was in action against one (1) ME 163 bombing and strafing in the vicinity of KUTZENHAUSEN. At 1220 and 1320 Battery "B" was in action against two (2) ME 262's bombing and strafing in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER. At 1300 Battery "A" was in

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action against one (1) ME 262, one (1) P-51, two (2) ME 109's and three (3) P-47's bombing and strafing in the vicinity of OBERBETSCHDORF. At 1600 Batteries "A" and "C" were in action against one (1) ME 262 and six (6) P-47's dive bombing and strafing in the vicinity of the Division CP at MORSEBRONN. At 1610 Battery "B" was in action against two (2) ME 262's in the vicinity of SURBOURG.

On 14 January 45 Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of WALBOURG. At 0920 Battery "B" was in action against one (1) ME 262 bombing and strafing in the vicinity of SCHWABWILLER. At 0905 and 0921 Battery "A" was in action against one (1) ME 262 bombing in the vicinity of SCHWABWILLER. At 0920 and 0930 Battery "C" was in action against four (4) ME 262's strafing and bombing in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER. At 1144 Battery "A" was in action against one (1) ME 109 strafing in the vicinity of MORSEBRONN. Enemy aircraft was destroyed. At 1145 Battery "C" was in action against one (1) ME 109 in the vicinity of KUTZENHAUSEN. At 1155 Batteries "A", "B" and "C" were in action against one (1) ME 262 bombing and strafing in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER and BIBLESHEIM. At 1505 Battery "B" was in action against two (2) ME 262's in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER. At 1540 Battery "B" was in action against one (1) ME 262 bombing and strafing in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER.

On 15 January 45 four tracks of Battery "A" were relieved from assignment to the 19th Armored Infantry and assigned to the Division Advance CP. During the period the first platoon CP of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of SURBOURG.

On 16 January 45 Battery "D" CP moved to the vicinity of ZUTZENDORF. Second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of ZINSWILLER. At 1615 Battery "B" was in action against two (2) ME 262's bombing positions in the vicinity of REIMERSWILLER.

On 17 January 45 the first and second platoon CP's of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of OFFWILLER.

On 18 January 45 the first platoon of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of HOELSCHLOCH.

On 20 January 45 Hq. Btry. Forward Echelon moved to the vicinity of BOUKWILLER. Four tracks of the first platoon of Battery "A" were relieved from the Division Advance CP and assigned to the Division Airstrip.

On 21 January 45 Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of MARMOU-TIERS. Battery "A" CP moved to the vicinity of WILWISHEIM. Battery "B" CP moved to the vicinity of ALTENHEIM. Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of WILSHAUSEN. Battery "D" CP moved to the vicinity of MELSHEIM.

On 22 January 45 Hq. Btry. Rear Echelon moved to the vicinity of les QUATRE VENTS. Hq. Btry. Forward Echelon moved to the vicinity of SAVERNE. Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of HUTTENDORF.

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On 23 January 45 Battery "B" CP and second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of GEUDERTHEIM. Battery "A" CP moved to the vicinity of DETTWILLER. First platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of BRUMATH. First platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of LITTENHEIM. First and second platoon CP of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of WEITBRUCH. At 1100, 1125, 1210, 1415 and 1515 Battery "B" was in action against three (3) ME 262's and two (2) ME 109's bombing and strafing in the vicinity of GEUDERTHEIM. One enemy aircraft was shot down during these engagements. At 1420 Battery "C" was in action against one (1) ME 262 in the vicinity of BRUMATH. At 1420 Battery "D" was in action against three (3) ME 262's strafing positions in their vicinity. One ME 262 was destroyed.

On 24 January 45 the second platoon CP of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of KUTTOLSHEIM.

On 26 January 45 Battery "B" CP moved to the vicinity of LIXHAUSEN and then to the vicinity of UTTWILLER.

On 27 January 45 Sergeant GUSTAVE L. SHERWINSKY, Corporal JACOB MANDEL, Technician Fifth Grade JEWEL C. SHARP, Private First Class CHARLES J. MOALLI, and Private ELTON W. JOHNSON, all of Battery "B" and Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM L. MARLOW of Battery "A" were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement near BAERENTHAL, FRANCE on 1 January 45.

On 29 January 45 Battery "D" CP and first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of WEITBRUCH. Second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of MELSHEIM. Second platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of DUNTZENHEIM. At 1426 Battery "D" was in action against two (2) ME 109's in the vicinity of WEITBRUCH.

On 31 January 45 the first platoon of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of SCHWINDRATZHEIM. The following assignments were still effective on this date. Battery "A" with the 14th Armored Division CP and 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn. and CCB Trains. Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn. and CCA Trains. Battery "D" with the 501st AFA Bn.

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APO #403, U. S. Army
7 March 45

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : Adjutant General, Seventh U. S. Army, APO 758, U. S. Army.
(Thru command channels)

In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 43, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Seventh U. S. Army, dated 8 January 44 (AG 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 February 45 the 398th AAA AW Bn (SP) was still assigned to the mission of protecting elements of the 14th Armored Division. The following assignments were in effect: Battery "A" with the 14th Armored Division CP and 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn. and OCB Trains. Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn. and OCA Trains. Battery "D" with the 501st AFA Bn. During the period Battery "D" CP moved to the vicinity of BISCHWILLER.

On 2 February 45 the first platoon of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of BISCHWILLER and the second platoon moved to the vicinity of BRUMATH. At 1110 two (2) ME 109's on a reconnaissance mission circled the area protected by this battalion. Fire units of Batteries "B", "C" and "D" engaged the enemy. During the action one (1) ME 109 was seen to crash, and the other one began smoking and losing altitude as it headed for enemy territory. At 1420 two (2) ME 109's flew over positions protected by Battery "B". Several fire units of the battery opened fire but the enemy aircraft succeeded in escaping without significant damage.

On 5 February 45 Battery "D" CP and first platoon moved to the vicinity of KURTZENHAUSEN. No enemy aircraft appeared in the area during the entire period.

On 6 February 45 four tracks of the first platoon of Battery "A" were assigned to protect the 242nd FA Bn. and four tracks of the second platoon were assigned to protect the 634th FA Bn. At 1330 a flight of enemy flown P-47's operating on a strafing mission attacked the area protected by Batteries "A" and "D". Fire units of each battery engaged these planes and several hits were observed.

During the period 7 February 45 to 17 February 45 activity over the sector protected by this battalion was extremely light. Several

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enemy jet-propelled aircraft were observed in the vicinity but flew at such high altitudes as to be constantly out of range. Enemy ground activity was reduced to patrolling.

On 11 February 45 Technician Fifth Grade JAMES F. BROWN, of Battery "A" was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement near SAINT-LOUIS LES BITCHE, FRANCE on 3 January 45.

On 18 February 45 Battery "B" CP and second platoon moved to the vicinity of ETIENDORF. Battery "D" CP and first platoon also moved to the vicinity of ETIENDORF. The first platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of GRASSENDORF.

On 19 February 45 four tracks of the first platoon of Battery "A" were relieved from assignment to the 242nd FA Bn. and assigned to the 634th FA Bn. During the period the second platoon of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of SCHERLENHEIM. Enemy air activity continued to be light. Enemy jet-propelled planes were again observed in the area but at extremely high altitudes.

On 24 February 45 four tracks of the first platoon of Battery "A" were relieved of assignment to the 634th FA Bn. and assigned to the 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Four tracks of the second platoon of Battery "A" were relieved of assignment to the 634th FA Bn. and assigned to the 14th Armored Division CP. Enemy air activity during the period was restricted to high flying reconnaissance planes. Patrols marked the only activity of enemy ground forces.

On 26 February 45 four tracks of the second platoon of Battery "A" were relieved from assignment to the 14th Armored Division CP and assigned to the 405th FA Group Airstrip.

During the month of February the area protected by this battalion was on several occasions subjected to enemy artillery fire from 380 millimeter railway guns located in the vicinity of SOULTZ. Aerial activity for the entire monthly period was extremely light and enemy ground activity reduced to a minimum of patrolling.

On 28 February 45 the following assignments were in effect:
Battery "A" - First platoon with the 14th Armored Division Airstrip, four tracks of the second platoon with the 14th Armored Division CP and four tracks of the second platoon with the 405th FA Group Airstrip. Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn. and OCB Trains. Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn. and OCA Trains. Battery "D" with the 501st AFA Bn. The Officers and enlisted men of this battalion were authorized battle participation awards for the Northern France Campaign (No. 2) and the Germany Campaign

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(No. 1). The authorization for the Northern France Campaign (No. 2) was made under letter AG 200.6, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, dated 31 January 1945. The authorization for the Germany Campaign (No. 1) was made under letter AG 200.6, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, dated 24 December 1944.

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APC #403, U. S. Army
17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : Adjutant General, Seventh U. S. Army, APO #758, U.S. Army.
(Thru command channels)

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In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105 dated 9 March 1943, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Seventh U. S. Army, dated 8 January 1944 (AG 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 March 45 the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was still assigned to the mission of protecting elements of the 14th Armored Division and to elements of VI Corps Artillery. Battery "A" was with the 14th Armored Division CP and the 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn and CC "B" Trains. Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn and CC "A" Trains. Battery "D" with the 501st AFA Bn. During the period 1 March 45 and including 5 March 45, there was no action or movement on the part of any of the batteries of the unit. Action along the entire Corps front was limited to patrols. A few enemy jet propelled planes were observed but remained out of range at all times.

On 6 March 45, four (4) tracks of the 1st Platoon of Battery "B" were relieved from assignment to CC "B" Trains and assigned to Service Battery of the 500th AFA Bn. The 1st Platoon CP was moved to the vicinity of WICKERSHEIM.

On 7 March 45, four (4) tracks of the 2nd Platoon of Battery "C" were relieved of assignment to the CC "A" Trains and assigned to the Service Battery of the 499th AFA Bn. The 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "C" was moved to the vicinity of MOMMENHEIM.

Again during the period 8 March 45 to and including 10 March 45 there was no action or movement on the part of any of our batteries. Enemy aerial activity was negligible and never within range of our fire.

On 11 March 45, Battery "D" CP and the 1st Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of NIEDERALTDORF. The 1st Platoon CP and 1st Platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of WINTERSHOUSE. Four (4) Tracks of the 2nd Platoon moved to the vicinity of OHLUNGEN.

On 12 March 45, four tracks of the 1st Platoon of Battery "A" relieved two sections of the 443rd AAA AW BN at the VI Corps Artillery Airstrip.

On 13 March 45 four tracks of the 1st Platoon of Battery "B" were attached to CC "B" Trains and moved to the vicinity of LITENHEIM. The 1st Platoon CP of Battery "A" with four tracks protecting the VI Corps Artillery Airstrip moved to the vicinity of WAHLENHEIM.

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On 14 March 45, Lt. Col. ALBERT A. MOREN, Commanding Officer of the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in ALSACE, FRANCE from 21 November 44 to 1 February 45.

On 15 March 45, four tracks of the 1st Platoon of Battery B were relieved of assignment to CC "B" Trains and assigned to 14th Armored Division CP. Four tracks of the second Platoon of Battery C were relieved of assignment to the Service Battery of the 499th AFA Bn and assigned to the 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Four tracks of the 1st Platoon and four tracks of the second Platoon of Battery "A" were relieved of assignment to the 14th Armored Division CP and Airstrip and Assigned to Division Trains. Battery "B" CP and 2nd Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of PFAFFENOFFEN. The 1st Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of DETTWILLER. The 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "A" located in the vicinity of LITTENHEIM. Battery "C" CP and 2nd Platoon CP arrived in the vicinity of HOCHFELDEN.

On 16 March 45, four tracks of the 1st Platoon and four tracks of the 2nd Platoon of Battery "A" were relieved of assignment to 14th Armored Division Airstrip and VI Corps Artillery Airstrip and placed in Battalion Reserve subject to the formation of Division Trains. Battery "D" CP and 1st Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of GRASSENDORF. 2nd Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of NIEDERMODERN. Captain JAMES R. DE GROAT, Battalion Chaplain, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in FRANCE from 22 June 44 to 20 February 45.

On 17 March 45, 1st Platoon CP of Battery "C" located at FORSTHEIM. Battery "B" CP and 2nd Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of EBERBACH. The 2nd Platoon of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of FORSTHEIM.

On 18 March 45, twelve tracks of Battery "B" and the Battery CP located in the vicinity of HATTEN. Twelve tracks of Battery "C" and the 1st Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of SURBOURG. Twelve tracks of Battery "D" and the 2nd Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of HOELSCHLOCH. Four tracks of Battery "D" and the Battery CP arrived in the vicinity of FORSTHEIM. Four tracks of Battery "C" and the Battery CP moved to the vicinity of HEGENEY. Four tracks of the 2nd Platoon of Battery "D" were relieved of assignment to the Service Battery of the 501st AFA Bn and assigned to the 14th Armored Division CP. The 1st Platoon CP and the 1st Platoon located in the vicinity of SURBOURG. The 2nd Platoon moved to the vicinity of HAGUENAU.

On 19 March 45, Forward Echelon of Headquarters Battery moved to the vicinity of NEIDERBETCHDORF. The 1st Platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of NEIDERBETCHDORF. The Battery CP and the 2nd Platoon CP arrived in the vicinity of SCHLEITHAL. Battery "D" CP moved to the vicinity of NEIDERBETCHDORF. The 2nd Platoon CP moved to the vicinity of OBERSEEBACH. Battery "A" CP and the 2nd Platoon CP's located in the vicinity of HAGUENAU as did the 1st Platoon CP. During the period Battery "D" CP Moved to the vicinity of GEITERSHOF.

On 20 March 45, the first Platoon of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of OBERSEEBACH. The 2nd Platoon of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of ALTENSTADT. During the period Battery "C" CP located in the vicinity of OBERSEEBACH with four tracks of the 2nd Platoon. The 1st Platoon and four tracks of the 2nd Platoon moved to the vicinity of SCHWEIGHOFFEN. Battery "B" CP and four tracks of the 1st Platoon arrived in the vicinity of OBERSEEBACH.

On 21 March 45, Battery "A" CP and the 1st and 2nd Platoon CPs were in the vicinity of SOULTZ. Enemy air activity continued light and all enemy aircraft appearing in the areas protected by this unit were out of range of our guns. Ground activity had increased with the enemy giving way before the continuous forward movement of friendly elements.

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On 23 March 45, the 2nd Platoon of Battery "D" and 4 tracks of the 1st Platoon moved to the vicinity of KAPSWEYER. The 2nd Platoon of Battery "A" was relieved from the 14th Armored Division Trains and attached to the 69th AFA Bn. Four tracks of the 1st Platoon of Battery "D" were relieved from the 14th Armored Division and attached to Division Trains. Four tracks of the 2nd Platoon of Battery "C" were relieved from the Division Airstrip and attached to Division Trains. At 1425 one (1) P-47 bombed and strafed positions in the vicinity of ALTENSTADT. Twelve fire units of Battery "D" and two units of Battery "C" opened fire on the plane and succeeded in driving it off. No damage was inflicted on any installation in the area.

On 24 March 45, the Forward Echelon of Headquarters Battery crossed the fortifications of the SIEGFRIED LINE and established a CP in the vicinity of STEINFELD. Four tracks of the 2nd Platoon of Battery "C" were relieved from Division Trains and attached to Division Airstrip. During the period, Battery "D" CP moved to the vicinity of KAPSWEYER, Battery "C" located their CP in the vicinity of KANDEL and Battery "B" moved their CP to the vicinity of BELHEIM. Battery "A" CP and the 1st Platoon arrived in the vicinity of STEINFELD. The 1st Platoon and 4 Tracks of Battery "D" set up in the vicinity of STEINFELD.

During this period of the month our batteries reported the capture of more than one hundred Pws. Favorable weather brought an increase in friendly air activity over the front, while friendly ground forces stepped up their drive. The capture of large numbers of enemy personnel were reported throughout the area.

On March 26, the 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of MORZHEIM. Battery "B" CP and the 2nd Platoon CP located in the vicinity of DIERBACH.

On 27 March 45, the 2nd Platoon of Battery "B", the 1st Platoon of Battery "C" and the 2nd Platoon of Battery "D" were relieved from Division Artillery and assigned to protect the Main Supply Route from BERGZABERN to LANDAU. This was a night mission as enemy aircraft, reportedly JU 88's, had been strafing convoys along this route on several previous nights.

On 28 March 45, the 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "B" located in the vicinity of NOR HORBACH. The 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "D" arrived in the vicinity of IMPFINGEN and the 1st Platoon CP of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of APPENHOFFEN. During the period the 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "A" arrived in the vicinity of OGGERSHEIM.

On 29 March 45, the 2nd Platoon of Battery "B", the 1st Platoon of Battery "C" and the 2nd Platoon of Battery "D" were relieved from protecting the Main Supply Route and reverted to their previous assignments with the 14th Armored Division Artillery. The 2nd Platoon of Battery "B" was moved to the vicinity of DIERBACH. The 1st Platoon CP of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of VOLLMERSHEIM. The 2nd Platoon CP of Battery "D" located in the vicinity of VOLLMERSHEIM.

On 30 March 45, the 2nd Platoon of Battery "A" was relieved of assignment to the 69th AFA Bn and assigned to protect Division Trains. Four tracks of the 1st Platoon of Battery "D" were relieved of attachment to Division Trains and were attached to the Division CP. During the period the 1st Platoon of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of SCHWEIGHOFFEN. The 2nd Platoon of Battery "A" located in the vicinity of STEINFELD. The 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was relieved from operational attachment to the 35th AAA Brigade and the 91st AAA Group and attached to the 23rd AAA Group.

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On 31 March 45, Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of BOBENHEIM. The month closed with friendly troops increasing pressure and advancing rapidly along the entire front. Enemy air activity continued to be negligible. On the last day of the month the following assignments were in effect. Battery "A" with the 14th Armored Division Trains. Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn and the 14th Armored Division CP. Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn and the 14th Armored Division Airstrip. Battery "D" with the 501st AFA Bn and the 14th Armored Division CP.

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On 5 April 45, the 398th AAA BN (SP) was still assigned to the mission of furnishing AA protection to elements of the 14th Armored Division. Battery "A" was with the 14th Armored Division trains. Battery "B" was protecting the 14th Armored Division OP and the 500th AFA Bn. Battery "C" was with the 14th Armored Division airstrip and the 499th AFA Bn. Battery "D" was with the 14th Armored Division OP and the 501st AFA Bn. Battalion headquarters and Bq Battery moved from the vicinity of SIEDENBACH, crossed the RHINE RIVER and established the Battalion OP at NEMBACH. During the period all other batteries were in movement to new positions and at the close of the period were still in movement with positions unreported.

APO 403, U. S. Army
14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against enemy, report after.

TO: Adjutant General, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U. S. Army.
(Thru command channels)

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In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 1945, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Third U. S. Army, dated 24 September 1944 (AI 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 April 45 the 398th AAA BN (SP) was still assigned to the mission of furnishing AA protection to elements of the 14th Armored Division. Battery "A" was with the 14th Armored Division trains. Battery "B" was protecting the 14th Armored Division OP and the 500th AFA Bn. Battery "C" was with the 14th Armored Division airstrip and the 499th AFA Bn. Battery "D" was with the 14th Armored Division OP and the 501st AFA Bn. Battalion headquarters and Bq Battery moved from the vicinity of SIEDENBACH, crossed the RHINE RIVER and established the Battalion OP at NEMBACH. During the period all other batteries were in movement to new positions and at the close of the period were still in movement with positions unreported.

On 2 April 45, the Battalion OP was opened in the vicinity of HAUSEN. At 1428 three tracks of Battery "A" engaged one Me 262 while enroute to new position of Division trains. Because of limited field of fire, enemy aircraft was able to escape with slight damage. During the period Battery "A" was deployed in the vicinity of RUCK. All other batteries were still in movement.

On 3 April 45, Battalion OP opened in the vicinity of HEUNTERN. Twelve tracks of Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn were still in movement but the four tracks with the Division OP set up in the vicinity of PARTENBACH. Twelve tracks of Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn arrived in the vicinity of RECHENBACH but the four tracks with the Division airstrip were still in movement. Twelve tracks of Battery "D" with the 501st AFA Bn were deployed in the vicinity of WILDERSBRUNN and the four tracks with the Division OP were in the vicinity of PARTENBACH.

On 4 April 45, Battery "A" OP and the first platoon OP moved to the vicinity of LOHR. Later in the period, the second platoon OP also moved to the vicinity of LOHR.

On 5 April 45, Battalion OP moved to the vicinity of LAUBACH. Battery "D" OP and second platoon OP moved to the vicinity of LAUBACH. The first platoon OP of Battery "C" was established in the vicinity of LAUBACH while the second platoon OP moved to the vicinity of LAUBACH. Air activity was

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confined to high altitude reconnaissance missions well beyond the range of our guns. Enemy ground resistance in the area stiffened but friendly forces continued deep penetrations at all points along the front.

On 6 April 45, four tracks of Battery "A" were temporarily relieved of assignment to Division trains and assigned to protect the bridge at GERUNDEN. Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of BURGHEIM. Twelve tracks of Battery "B" with the 500th AFA Bn moved to the vicinity of OBERBACH. The first platoon CP of Battery "D" moved to vicinity of LADENPROZELTEN. During the period, the second platoon of Battery "A" was relieved of assignment to Division trains and assigned to protect the 69th AFA Bn located at VOLKERSLEIER. The second platoon of Battery "D" was relieved from 501st AFA Bn and assigned to protect the 975th FA Bn in the vicinity of GRAFENDORF. The four tracks of the first platoon assigned to the Division CP were relieved and joined the other four tracks in protection of the 501st AFA Bn.

On 7 April 45, Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of WEIERSFELD. There was no report of any enemy air activity over the area.

On 8 April 45, Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of HANDELBURG, in the area of the MILITARY CAMP that had housed several thousand allied PW's. These were released when the 14th Armored Division overran this sector. Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP opened in the vicinity of WUPERSHAUSEN. The first platoon CP moved to RAFFELHAUSEN. Battery "C" CP moved to vicinity of HANDELBURG. The first and second platoon CP's arrived in the vicinity of ABDECKER. The first platoon CP of Battery "B" opened in the vicinity of HANDELBURG.

On 9 April 45, Battery "B" CP and the second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of BRENDLORNSHEIM. Battery "A" CP and the first platoon CP opened in the vicinity of NEUSTADT. The second platoon CP moved to REYERSBACH. During the latter part of the period all elements of Batteries "C" and "D" were in movement to new positions.

On 10 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of LABANHAN. Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP and the second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of OBR. SIEBU. Battery "C" CP located at WOHLENSWISSEL, while the first platoon CP of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of UNSIMMEN.

On 12 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of ROMHILD. During the period, the first platoon CP of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of ROMHILD. Battery "B" CP and the second platoon CP moved to the vicinity of DORINSSTADT. Battery "A" CP and first platoon CP located in the vicinity of HELLSBURG. All other elements of the battalion were in movement.

On 13 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of SEUBELSDORF. Battery "C" CP arrived in the vicinity of SCHOENBRUNN. Four tracks of Battery "C" were relieved from assignment to the 499th AFA and assigned to protection of the bridge at BANZ. Four tracks of Battery "A" were relieved from assignment to the 500th AFA and assigned to the protection of bridge at UNTERSCHORF. The first platoon CP of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of LICHTENFELD. Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP located in the vicinity of WOHLENS.

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The second platoon OP of Battery "A" arrived at ALLADORF. At 1555 four FW-190's strafed positions protected by the second platoon of Battery "C" in the vicinity of SCHOTTENSTEIN. One plane was damaged in the resulting action. At the same time three FW-190's flew over tracks of Battery "D" in convoy and were engaged. One plane was damaged and the planes driven off. At the close of the period the second platoon OP of Battery "C" was established at BANZ.

On 14 April 45, the Battalion OP moved to the vicinity of HOLLFELD. Battery "A" OP and the first platoon OP moved to the vicinity of WATERSDORF. Battery "B" OP and the second platoon OP were established in the vicinity of KOGELSTEIN. At 1300 the four tracks of Battery "B" protecting the bridge at UNTERADORF were relieved of that assignment by a unit of the 23rd AAA Group and reverted back to their previous assignment with the 500th AFA Bn. Battery "B" OP and the second platoon OP moved to DROSENDORF. The first platoon OP located in the vicinity of HOLLFELD. Battery "C" OP moved to KOGELSTEIN. At 1145 six ME-109's attacked positions protected by two sections of the second platoon of Battery "B". All fire units engaged the enemy aircraft and during the action two of the planes were definitely hit and probably destroyed. At 1240 four ME-109's strafed installations protected by units of Battery "D". Six sections engaged the enemy aircraft and destroyed one. From 1255 to 1330 installations protected by units of Batteries "B" and "D" were strafed by eight FW-190's and five ME-109's. All units opened fire with the result that three enemy aircraft were destroyed. At 1640 one ME-262 on a reconnaissance mission flew over positions protected by units of the first platoon of Battery "B". Units opened fire and although enemy aircraft was damaged it managed to escape. Another ME-262 flew over positions of Battery "D" which were protecting the Division OP. The plane was engaged but results of the AA fire were unknown. During these actions no damage was inflicted on AA or Division installations.

On 15 April 45, the second platoon of Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of HAAS. Battery "C" OP opened in the vicinity of FOPPENDORF. The second platoon of Battery "A" made a second move during the period and went into position at GOSSEN. Battery "D" OP located in the vicinity of MUEHMANNBOTH. The first platoon OP moved to WORDER while the second platoon OP was established in the vicinity of LEUPF. At 1645 one ME-262 on a reconnaissance mission flew over positions protected by both platoons of Battery "D". During the engagement definite hits were observed on the plane but when last seen was still sustaining full flight.

On 16 April 45, Battery "B" OP and the second platoon OP moved to the vicinity of RAGENHALL. Battery "A" OP and the first platoon OP were established in the vicinity of FOPPENDORF. The first platoon OP of Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of WALDENWELD. At 1342 the four tracks of Battery "B" protecting the bridge at BANZ were relieved of this assignment and reverted back to their previous assignment with the 499th AFA Bn. From 0804 to 0807 one ME-109 flew from west to east on a reconnaissance mission over positions defended by the first platoon of Battery "D". These fire units engaged the enemy plane. From 0806 to 0809 two FW-190's on an observation mission flew over positions protected by the second platoon of Battery "D" and were engaged by seven fire units. From 1059 to 1110 four ME-109's flew over positions protected by elements of the first platoon of Battery "B" and

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the second platoon of Battery "C". During the ensuing engagement one ME-109 was destroyed. From 1100 to 1105 five ME-109's on a reconnaissance mission flew over the vicinity of NEUDORF. Elements of Battery "B" engaged these planes and one of them was probably destroyed. 4771

On 17 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of GOSSENSTEIN. The first platoon CP of Battery "B" located in the vicinity of GOSSENSTEIN. The first platoon of Battery "D" arrived in the vicinity of BODENDORF. Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of REGENHALL. The second platoon CP of Battery "A" located at DESLOBBEN. At 1230 four FW-190's flew over positions protected by the second platoon of Battery "A" at an altitude of 800 feet. Four units opened fire. One plane was burning when last seen. Between 1245 and 1330 two ME-109's strafed and bombed positions protected by the first platoon of Battery "C". All units opened fire. One enemy plane was destroyed, crashing in the vicinity of REGENHALL. From 1225 to 1305, four ME-109's bombed positions in the vicinity of KORBELCOFF. Engaged by Battery "D", one plane was destroyed. From 1945 to 2000 nineteen ME-109's strafed and bombed positions defended by the first platoon of Battery "D". Two planes were destroyed and three others damaged in the ensuing engagement. From 1950 to 2000 two ME-109's strafed positions in the vicinity of ALTDORF. Battery "B" engaged them and one plane when last seen was smoking and losing altitude.

On 18 April 45, Battery "A" CP and the first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of HERSBRUCK. Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP were established at GRUB. From 1100 to 1145 one ME-109 and sixteen FW-190's strafed positions protected by the first platoon of Battery "C". Four units opened fire and hits were observed on several of the enemy aircraft. Between 1615 and 1635 three ME-262's flew over positions protected by the first platoon of Battery "A", first and second platoons of Battery "D", and the first platoon of Battery "B". While over positions of Battery "A" bombing and strafing were carried out by these enemy aircraft. Units of Batteries "A", "B" and "D" engaged the enemy. During the action one ME-262 was hit and when last seen was smoking heavily and losing altitude. From 1620 to 1622 one ME-262 flew over elements of the first platoon of Battery "D". Three fire units engaged the enemy aircraft. From 1910 to 1918 two ME-262's bombed positions protected by elements of Batteries "C" and "D". During the action, several hits were observed.

On 19 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of HALBELBACH. During the period, Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP opened at SINDLBACH. Battery "C" CP located in the vicinity of ALTDORF. At 0935 one ARADO 234 flew over positions protected by Battery "B". Seven fire units engaged with results of AA fire unknown. From 1000 to 1018 one ME-262 flew a reconnaissance mission over the area defended by elements of Batteries "C" and "D". Units of both batteries opened fire and several hits were observed.

On 20 April 45, Battery "B" CP and the first platoon CP arrived in the vicinity of ALTDORF. The first platoon CP of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of ALTDORF. At 2255 the first platoon of Battery "A" engaged in ground firing to silence enemy mortars, self-propelled guns and small arms

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fire. Casualties were inflicted on a number of enemy personnel and enemy gun fire was eliminated. From 0650 to 0655 the first platoon of Battery "D" engaged two H-262's bombing and strafing in the vicinity of ALBENDORF. One H-262 was destroyed. At 1100 and continuing until 1115 the same units engaged one H-262 which was bombing the same area. Results of the action are unknown.

On 21 April 45, Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of REUDT while the first platoon CP moved to ALBENDORF. Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP located in the vicinity of REUDT. During the period, Battery "B" CP and the second platoon CP arrived in the vicinity of HAUSHEIM. The first platoon of Battery "D" moved to HAUSHEIM.

On 22 April 45, four tracks of Battery "A" were relieved from assignment to the 300th AFA Bn and assigned to the Division Airstrip. The four tracks of Battery "C" which were protecting the Division Airstrip, were thereby relieved and assigned to the 250th FA Bn. Four other tracks of Battery "D" were relieved of assignment to the 499th AFA Bn and assigned to the 250th FA Bn. Battery "C" now had a full platoon with the 250th FA Bn.

On 23 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of HILFOLDSHEIM. Battery "A" CP and the first platoon CP arrived in the vicinity of HILFOLDSHEIM. Battery "D" CP also located in the vicinity of HILFOLDSHEIM. The second platoon CP moved to PIRAS. The second platoon of Battery "C" was relieved of assignment to the 250th FA Bn and reverted back to their assignment with the 499th AFA Bn. The first platoon of Battery "D" was relieved of assignment to the 975th FA Bn and assigned back to the 501st AFA Bn.

On 24 April 45, Battery "B" CP moved to the vicinity of HEUBERG, the first platoon CP was at HILFOLDSHEIM and the second platoon located at PATERSHOLEN. Battery "D" CP and the first platoon CP arrived in the vicinity of HAUSHEIM.

On 25 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of KRAFISBUCH. Battery "D" CP and the first and second platoon CP's located in the vicinity of SCHAFHAUSEN. Battery "C" CP arrived in the vicinity of WISSENHAFEN. Battery "B" CP moved to LINDEN while the second platoon CP was established in the vicinity of PFANDORF. The first platoon of Battery "C" arrived in the vicinity of KALSORF. The first platoon of Battery "D" was relieved of assignment to 501st AFA Bn and assigned to the 809th FA Bn.

On 26 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of NEUSUS. Battery "A" CP and the first platoon CP located in the vicinity of PAULSROFEN. Battery "C" CP moved to the vicinity of LOBBING.

On 27 April 45, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of RASCHMILL. Battery "D" CP and the first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of LOBBING. The second platoon CP located at KUCHING. Battery "B" CP arrived in the vicinity of HILLHANSBERG. The first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of RASCHMILL and the second platoon CP set up in HILFOLDSHEIM. The second platoon

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OP of Battery "A" was at PAULSHOFEN.

On 28 April 45, from 0630 to 0655 six fire units of Battery "D" engaged one ME-109 which circled over their positions. From 0645 to 0730 ten ME-109's and two ME-262's circled the sector defended by Battery "C" and elements of the first platoon of Battery "B". Units of both batteries engaged the enemy aircraft and several hits were observed. From 0700 to 0705 two ME-109's flew over the area defended by elements of the second platoon of Battery "B". Two fire units engaged the enemy but results of AA fire were unknown.

On 29 April 45, the Battalion OP moved to the vicinity of INGELSTADT. Later in the period the Battalion OP moved again this time to the town of FROHNBERG. Battery "A" OP and the first platoon OP moved to the vicinity of HAINBURG.

On 30 April 45, Battery "C" OP moved to the vicinity of LINDEN. The first platoon OP was established in PRATRACH. Later in the period Battery "C" OP moved to the vicinity of VOLKSMANNSDORF and the first platoon OP to THULBACH. The second platoon OP arrived in the vicinity of NEDIAOFEN. Battery "D" OP and the second platoon OP arrived in the vicinity of BUESBACH. The first platoon OP set up in the vicinity of FURCH. Battery "B" OP moved again during the period and established the OP in the vicinity of ATTENSHAISEN. The second platoon OP of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of WANG. On this, the last day of the month, the following assignments were in effect. Battery "A" with the 14th Armored Division Trains. Battery "B" with the 14th Armored Division OP and the 500th AFA Bn. Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn and Battery "D" with the 809th FA Bn and the 501st AFA Bn.

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AG 314.7

APO #403, U. S. Army
5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : Adjutant General, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U. S. Army.
(Thru command channels)

In accordance with paragraph 10, change 3, AR 345-105, dated 9 March 1943, and letter, same subject as above, Headquarters, Third U. S. Army, dated 24 September 1944 (AG 314.7) the following report is submitted.

On 1 May 45, the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was assigned to the mission of furnishing AA protection to elements of the 14th Armored Division and attached Field Artillery Battalions. The assignments by batteries were as follows: Battery "A" with the 14th Armored Division Trains, Battery "B" with the 14th Armored Division CP and Airstrip, Battery "C" with the 499th AFA Bn and Battery "D" with the 809th FA Bn and the 501st AFA Bn. During the period the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of REICHERSDORF. Some enemy troops still occupied sections of the town, but these were rounded up and taken prisoner. Battery "B" CP moved to the vicinity of WANG. Battery "C" established their CP at HOFSTARRING.

On 2 May 45, the Battalion CP moved to BURGHARTING. Battery "B" CP located at FORSTAIBACH while the first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of STRAUBING. Battery "A" CP and the first platoon CP were established at HILPOLDING. Later in the period the second platoon CP also moved into the same area. One platoon of Battery "A" was assigned to protect bridge or river crossing over the INN RIVER in CC"B" sector. One platoon of Battery "C" was assigned to protect bridge or river crossing over the INN RIVER in CC"A" sector. At 1245 one enemy bi-plane, with single engine and fixed landing gear, flew over positions protected by Battery "A". One section engaged and destroyed the plane. The plane carried no armament but grenades and small arms were found in the wreckage. Both occupants of the plane were killed. At 1817 one unidentified enemy plane flew over positions of Battery "A" on a reconnaissance mission. Although units of Battery "A" engaged the enemy aircraft, results of fire were unknown.

On 3 May 45, the Battalion CP moved to VELDEN. Battery "C" CP opened in HAGERLOH while the first platoon located in the vicinity of ASCHAU and the second platoon moved to the vicinity of MUHLDORF. The first platoon of Battery "B" moved to the vicinity of VELDEN. Battery "D" CP and the second platoon CP located in the vicinity of RANOLDSBURG. The first platoon moved to GLATZBURG. At 1055 two enemy bi-planes on an observation mission

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flew over positions protected by batteries "C" and "D". Batteries opened fire when planes came down to an altitude of 2000 feet. Battery "C" obtained hits through the fuel line of the plane and it crashed in the vicinity. Pilot and co-pilot were captured. At 1630 one enemy bi-plane flew over the area protected by the first platoon of Battery "D". Units opened fire and the plane was destroyed. During the period the first platoon of Battery "A" engaged one JU-87 and the second platoon of Battery "B" engaged one ME-108. The results of fire in both of these actions was unknown.

On 4 May 45, the first platoon of Battery "A" which had been protecting the river crossing over the INN RIVER in the sector of CC"B", was relieved from this assignment and reverted back to the protection of Division Trains. Battery "C" CP and first platoon CP moved to the vicinity of STEEG. Battery "B" CP located in the vicinity of GEILSBACH. The second platoon CP opened in ERHARTING. The first platoon CP of Battery "D" moved to the vicinity of EIBUTH.

On 5 May 45, the second platoon of Battery "C", which had been protecting river crossing over the INN RIVER in the sector of CC"A" was relieved from this assignment and reverted back to assignment with the 499th AFA Bn. There was no enemy air activity over the entire area protected by the Battalion during the period.

On 7 May 45, the first platoon of Battery "D" was relieved from assignment to the 809th FA Bn and reverted back to the assignment with the 501st AFA Bn.

On 8 May 45, Private WAYMEN F. McDONALD of Battery "A" was awarded the SILVER STAR for gallantry in action near HAGENAU, FRANCE on 21 March 1945. While driving his truck past a demolished railroad bridge in the town, Private McDONALD learned that two American soldiers had stepped on mines and were in dire need of medical aid. Without regard for his own safety, he traversed on foot approximately thirty yards through an enemy mine field to the two injured men and administered emergency medical treatment. Upon the arrival of medical assistance, he directed and supervised the evacuation of the casualties from the mine field.

On 9 May 45, the 398th AAA AW BN (SP) was relieved from AA assignment and assigned to security duty under Division Artillery control. All units of the Battalion prepared to move to the vicinity of LANDSHUT and the new area assigned to the Battalion.

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