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<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>G.O. No.</u>
Capt PAUL N. KAUMANN, O-1166752	Silver Star	50
1st Lt. FRANCIS C. HEKS, O-1178188	" "	50
Capt EARL L. STRIPLING, O-1168484	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	50
1st Lt FRANCIS J. STEVENS, O-1168481	Bronze Star	50
Tec 5 Walter L. Ogleby, 34 138 528	" "	50
Tec 5 Robert G. Smith, 14 045 053	" "	50
Capt EARL L. STRIPLING, O-1168484	Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	51
Capt BILLY H. WATSON, O-413812	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	51

- k. Photographs: None.  
 l. Inclosures: #1 - Narrative Report.  
 #2 - Unit Journal.  
 #3 - S-3 Work Sheet.

For the Commanding Officer:

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 Adjutant

## NARRATIVE

### To Accompany After Action Report, 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion April 1945.

At the beginning of the period, the Battalion displaced to firing positions near Weser, to continue the support of OGR in their mission of securing the ground southwest of Paderborn. Numerous missions in support of local actions were fired.

On 5 April 1945, the Battalion was placed in support of OGA, and marched to Bruchhausen where active firing was done in support of operations toward the objective at the Weser River.

The Battalion reverted to the support of OGR on 8 April 1945, crossed the Weser River, and marched fifty miles to Imben. From 9 April to 11 April, a number of enemy tanks were encountered as the force advanced to Marederode. Many displaced persons and allied prisoners of war were liberated.

On 12 April 1945, the Battalion marched in column thirty-seven miles to Obersdorf, occupying position twice to fire on enemy resistance.

On 13 April 1945, the Battalion marched to Belleben, occupying positions to fire fifteen missions during the day.

On 14 April 1945, the Saale River was crossed, and the Battalion moved on to Blendorf firing seventeen missions during the day. The enemy began extensive use of bazookas and small arms to delay the advance of the Task Forces, and the Battalion fired much time fire on targets of that nature.

On 15 April 1945, the Battalion moved to firing positions at Leau, firing thirty missions there and enroute.

On 16 April 1945, Battery C was detached to support a special Task Force with the mission of clearing the area north of Kothen, in the vicinity of Aken. The Battery occupied position southeast of Kothen.

On 17 April 1945, the Battalion moved to firing positions at Kothen. Battery C moved to firing position northeast of Kothen.

On 18 April 1945, the Battalion, less Battery C, moved through Mosigkau to firing positions at Wadendorf to support TF R's attack on Bobban Steinfurth, and Jessnitz on the Mulde River. The 183rd Field Artillery was included in a 54th Arm'd. F. A. Groupment.

On 20 April 1945, the Battalion, less Battery C, moved to firing positions at Mosigkau to support the attack of OGR on Dessau. Battery C rejoined the Battalion. The 183rd Field Artillery reverted to Division control.

On 25 April 1945, OGR was relieved by the Ninth Infantry Division, and the Battalion marched to Wallhausen to a rest and rehabilitation area. The unit trains rejoined the Battalion, and the period ended with the Battalion still in rest and rehabilitation status.

