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ACTION AGAINST ENEMY, REPORT AFTER/AFTER ACTION REPORT
OF
SUPPLY BATTALION, 3d ARMORED DIVISION, APO #253
FOR
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HEADQUARTERS SUPPLY BATTALION
THIRD ARMORED DIVISION
APO #253

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT - No change.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION - None

C. STRENGTH -

31 March 45 - 20 Officers
1 Warrant Officer
413 Enlisted Men
30 April 45 - 19 Officers plus 1 attached from VII Corps
1 Warrant Officer
404 Enlisted Men
Net loss during April, 1945 - 1 Officer and 9 Enlisted Men.

D. STATIONS -

30 Mar 45 to 1 Apr 45 - Bn in bivouac at Marburg, Germany (WG7246, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
1 Apr 45 to 4 Apr 45 - Bn in bivouac at Korbach, Germany (WG7997, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
4 Apr 45 to 7 Apr 45 - Bn in bivouac at Henglarn, Germany (excluding Co. "B"), (WB7233, to WB 7234, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
4 Apr 45 to 5 Apr 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Atteln, Germany (WB7433, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
5 Apr to 8 Apr 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Haaren, Germany (WB6830, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
7 Apr 45 to 11 Apr 45 - Bn excluding Co. "B" in bivouac at Bad Driburg, Germany (WB8849, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
8 Apr 45 to 10 Apr 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Bad Driburg, Germany (WB8849, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
10 Apr 45 to 13 Apr 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Adelebsen, Germany (WC3933, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
11 Apr 45 to 14 Apr 45 - Bn, excluding Co "B" in bivouac at Duderstadt, Germany (WC7526, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
13 Apr 45 to 17 Apr 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Bielen, Germany (RD1625, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
14 Apr 45 to 24 Apr 45 - Bn, excluding Co "B" in bivouac at Sangerhausen, Germany (RD4726, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
17 Apr 45 to 24 Apr 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Sangerhausen, Germany (RD4726, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
24 Apr 45 to May 45 - Bn, excluding Co "B" in bivouac at Benningen, Germany (RD3523, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)
24 Apr 45 to May 45 - Co "B" in bivouac at Hohlstedt, Germany (RD3523, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)

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E. MARCHES -

All marches between bivouac areas (See "D - Stations" above) were made by motor convoy. There were no incidents.

F. CAMPAIGNS - No data

G. BATTLES - No data

H. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS - No important engagements.

I. LOSSES IN ACTION -

T/5 John H. Smith, 35627631, Hq Co, NBC, disease and evacuated to 44th Evac Hosp on 30 Mar 45.

Pfc William L. Mangum, 34179170, Co "A", BC, slightly wounded in action in Germany and evacuated to 51st Field Hosp on 31 March 45.

Pfc Virgil T. Weston, 37120546, Co "B", NBI, and evacuated to 51st Field Hosp on 2 Apr 45.

Pfc Delbert H. Gilbert, 6666125, Co "B", NBC, dislocation, and evacuated to unknown Hosp on 29 Mar 45.

Pvt George S. Frear, 32667100, Co "A", NBC, disease, and evacuated to 45th Evac Hosp on 3 Apr 45.

T/5 Max V. Whiting, 36167673, Hq Co, NBC, disease, and evacuated to 45th Evac Hosp on 3 Apr 45.

Pfc William M. Young, 37058608, Hq. Co., disease, NBC, and evacuated to 45th Evac Hosp on 3 Apr 45.

Pfc Joe E. Frushe, 36036083, Co "B", NBI, and evacuated to 104th Clearing Co. on 14 Apr 45. Returned to Co "B" for duty on 30 Apr 45, from 91st Med Gas Treat. Hosp.

T/5 John McArdle, 36038600, Co "A", NBC, disease, and evacuated to 103d Evac Hosp on 12 Apr 45.

1st Lt. Gleneth D. Spencer, 01593303, Co "A", KIA in action in Germany on 14 Apr 45.

Pvt Dale T. Grey, 37120524, Co "A", BC, slightly wounded in action in Germany on 14 Apr 45 and evacuated to 67th Evac Hosp on 15 Apr 45.

Pfc William J. Tyson, 34078550, Hq Co, NBC, disease, and evacuated to 44th Evac Hosp on 20 Apr 45.

T/5 Elmer J. Reynolds, 34385319, NBC, disease and evacuated to 44th Evac Hosp on 23 Apr 45.

Sgt. Phoney G. Yates, 34138982, Hq Co, NBC, disease, and evacuated to 44th Evac. Hosp on 25 Apr 45.

Pvt Andy L. McClure, 36068526, Hq Co, NBC, disease, and evacuated to 44th Evac. Hosp on 29 Apr 45.

J. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN BATTLE-

1st Lt. Spencer J. Kohlmann, 0496625, Hq Co, awarded Bronze Star Medal by General Order No. 43, Hqs., Third Armd Div., APO #253, dated 6 Apr 45, for meritorious service in support of combat operations against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany from 15 Jul 44 to 18 Mar 45. Recommendation for award made by Hqs., Maint Bn, 3d Armd Div., APO #253.

Cpl. Edmund L. Lent, 37110857, Co "A", awarded the Purple Heart by General Order No. 45, Hqs., 3d Armd Div., APO #253, dated 10 Apr 45 for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 Mar 45.

K. PHOTOGRAPHS - None

L. APPENDIX AND INCLOSURES -

Appendix No. 1 - Narrative Report. Inclosures - None.

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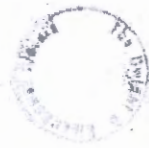
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APPENDIX NO. 1

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Bn moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Harburg, Germany (W07246, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue) to new bivouac area at Korbaek, Germany (W07997, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)

Usual camp duties.

Four trucks and eight enlisted men from Co "A", Sgt Lawrence H. Dorn in charge, assigned for duty to 23d Armd Engr Bn.

Three trucks and six enlisted men from Co "A" assigned for duty to Maint Bn 3d Armd Div.

One trucks and two enlisted men from Co "A" assigned for duty to Div Service Co, 3d Armd Div.

Two trucks and two enlisted men from Co "A" attached for dy to G-4, 3d Armd Div and assigned for duty to Hq Co, 3d Armd Div.

One truck and one enlisted man returned to Co "A" on 27 Apr 45 from Hq Co, 3rd Armd Div.

Three trucks and three enlisted men from Co "A", and two trucks and four enlisted men from Co "A" attached for duty to Div QM, 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting Class II Supplies. One truck and two enlisted men returned to Co "A" on 28 Apr 45.

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Three trucks and six enlisted men from Co "B" and two trucks and four enlisted men from Co "A" attached for duty to Provost Marshal, 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting PW's. One truck and two enlisted men returned to Co "A" on 28 Apr 45.

Thirteen trucks, one one quarter ton truck, twenty eight enlisted men and 1st Lt. Herbert L. Stoddard from Co "A" assigned for duty to Task Force Y, 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Returned to Co "A" on 3d Apr 45.

Twelve trucks, one 1/2 ton truck, twenty six enlisted and 1st Lt. Cleneth B. Spencer from Co "A" assigned for duty to Task Force R, 3d Armd Div. , assigned for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Returned to Co "A" on 3 Apr 45.

Twelve trucks, one one quarter ton truck, twenty five enlisted men and 1st Lt. John P. Van Sant Jr., from Co "B" assigned for duty to CC B, 3d Armd Div, for purpose of transporting attached Inf from 104th Inf Div. Returned to Co "B" on 8 Apr 45.

Co "B" engaged in routine duty of transporting Class III supplies from 1st Army Truckheads to 3d Armd Div Truckhead located at Co "B" areas. (See "D" Station" above) Class III supplies now obtained at Truckhead 714 at Dillenburg, Germany.

Co "B" engaged in routine duties of transporting Class I supplies from 1st Army Truckheads to 3d Armd Div Class I Truckhead usually located at bivouac areas of Div QM, 3d Armd Div. Class I supplies now transported from Truckhead 717 at Bredlar, Germany to Haren, Germany (W06830, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Pfc William L. Mangum, 34179170, Co "A", BC, slightly wounded in action in Germany and evacuated to 51st Field Hosp on 31 Mar 45. Not previously reported.

2 April, 1945

No change in stations or routine duties.

3 April, 1945

No change in stations or routine duties.

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Bn excluding Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Korback, Germany and bivouaced at Henglarn, Germany (WB7233, and WB7234, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Korback, Germany and bivouaced at Attein, Germany (WB7433, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Five trucks and one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck and twelve enlisted men from Co "A", 1st Sgt William Hutton in charge sent by AGO, 3d Armd Div to Pepinster, Belgium to transport men on leave to Paris, France. Returned to Co "A" on 6 Apr 45.

Five trucks and ten enlisted men from Co "A" attached for duty to Div QM, 3d Armd Div. Returned to Co "A" 6 Apr 45.

One truck and one EM from Co "A" attached to Div QM 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting supplies from Brussels, Belgium. Returned to Co "A" on 9 Apr 45.

5 April, 1945

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Attein, Germany and bivouaced at Haaren, Germany (WB6830, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Class I supplies now transported by Co "B" to Bad Driburg, Germany (WB8849, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Thirteen trucks, one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck and twenty seven enlisted men from Co "B" under command of 1st Lt John P. Van Sant Jr. engaged for day in transporting personnel of 104th Inf Div from Lipstadt, Germany to Bad Driburg, Germany.

One $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck and one enlisted man from Co "A" attached to G-4, 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting officer personnel to Verviers, Belgium. Returned to Co "A" on 7 Apr 45.

Three trucks and six EM from Co "A" attached for duty to 67th Armd Field Artillery. Returned to Co "A" on 30 Apr 45.

6 April, 1945

No change in stations.

Class III supplies now obtained at Truckhead at No. 716 at Korback, Germany.

Four trucks and eight EM from Co "A" assigned for duty to Hqs., 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting replacements for division under direction of Div Classification Officer, 3d Armd Div. Returned to Co "A" on 7 Apr 45.

1st Lt. Spencer J. Kohlmann, O496625, Hq Co., awarded Bronze Star Medal by CO No. 43, Hqs., 3d Armd Div., APO #253, dated 6 Apr 45, for meritorious service in support of combat operations against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany from 15 July 44 to 18 Mar 45. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

7 April, 1945

Bn excluding Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Henglarn, Germany to bivouac area at Bad Driburg, Germany (WB8849, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Five trucks and ten EM from Co "B" engaged for one day in transporting replacements from 92d Replacement Bn in Frassdorf, Germany to AGO, 3d Armd Div at Bad Driburg, Germany.

Three trucks and six EM from Co. "B", ten trucks, one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck and twenty two EM from Co "A" under command of 1st Lt Gleneth D. Spencer assigned for duty to CC "R" 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Returned to Co "A" and Co "B" on 25 Apr 45.

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Five trucks and ten EM from Co "A", S/Sgt James F. Hanson, 37110737 in charge, attached for duty to CC "A", 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Returned to Co "A" on 25 Apr 45.

Five trucks and ten EM from Co "A", Cpl Quentin C. Shoup, 33150310, in charge attached for duty to CC "B", 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. One trucks and two EM returned to Co "A" 11 Apr 45 due to mechanical failure of truck. Remainder returned to Co "A" on 22d Apr 45.

8 April, 1945.

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Haaren, Germany and bivouaced at Bad Driburg, Germany (WB8849, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

No change in routine duties.

9 April, 1945

No change in stations, or routine duties.

10 April, 1945

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Bad Driburg, Germany and bivouaced at Adelebsen, Germany (WC3933, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Class I supplies now transported by Co "B" trucks from Truckhead No. 719 at Gottingen, Germany to 3d Armd Div Class I Truckhead at Duderstadt, Germany (WC7526, Nord de Guerre Zone Blue).

Cpl Edmund L. Lents, 37110857, Co "A", awarded the Purple Heart by GO #45, Hqs., 3d Armd Div., AGO 253, dated 10 Apr 45 for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 Mar 45.

11 April, 1945

En excluding Co "B" moved by motor convoy from its bivouac area at Bad Driburg, Germany and bivouaced at Duderstadt, Germany (WC7526, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue)

Four trucks and eight EM from Co "A", S/Sgt James F. Hanson, 37112737, in charge assigned for duty to CC "A" 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Returned to Co "A" on 25 Apr 45.

12 April, 1945

No change in stations.

Kitchen truck and one other truck and 4 enlisted men from Co "A" assigned to Div QM 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting Class III supplies. One truck and two EM returned to Co "A" on 16 Apr 45. Remainder returned to Co "A" on 17 Apr 45.

Four trucks and eight EM from Hq and Hq Co assigned to Div QM 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting Class III supplies. Returned on 18 Apr 45.

13 April, 1945

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Adelebsen, Germany and bivouaced at Bielen, Germany (RD1625, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

No changes in routine duties.

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By excluding Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Duderstadt, Germany and bivouaced at Sangerhausen, Germany (RD4726, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

No change in routine duties.

1st Lt. Gleneth D. Spencer, 01593303, Co "A", KIA at approximately 2000 hours on 14 April, 1945 while commanding ten trucks, one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck and twenty two EM of Co "A" attached to CC "R" 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Lt Spencer was leading his convoy a short distance behind the lead tanks of CC "R" when German mortar fire zeroed in on it, necessitating abandonment of the lead vehicles in order to find cover. Lt Spencer was instantly killed by an exploding mortar shell while directing his men to cover. Command of the detail was then assumed by S/Sgt Joseph L. Loughran, 361008936, of Co "A".

Pvt. Dale T. Gray, 37120524, Co "A" BG, slightly wounded in action in Germany at the time of Lt Spencer's death (See immediately above) and evacuated to 67th Evac Hosp on 15 Apr 45.

15 April, 1945

No changes in stations.

No change in routine duties.

16 April, 1945

No change in stations.

One truck and two EM from Co "A" assigned for duty to AGO, 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting men on leave to Verviers, Belgium. Returned to Co "A" on 22 Apr 45.

17 April, 1945

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area at Bielen, Germany and bivouaced at Sangerhausen, Germany (RD4726, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

~~Class I supplies now transported by Co "B" from Truckhead No. 721 at Klostermensfeld, Germany to 3d Armd Div Class I Truckhead at Sangerhausen, Germany.~~

Class I supplies now transported by Co "B" from Truckhead No. 721 at Klostermensfeld, Germany to 3d Armd Div Class I Truckhead at Sangerhausen, Germany.

Class III supplies now transported by Co "B" from Truckhead No. 718 at Göttingen, Germany to 3d Armd Div Class III Truckhead at Sangerhausen, Germany.

1st Lt. Herbert L. Stoddard of Co "A" took command of detail of ten trucks, one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck and twenty two EM of Co "A" assigned 7 Apr 45 to CC "R" 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting attached Inf. Lt Stoddard replaced Lt Spencer who was killed in action on 14th April 45 (See above).

18 April, 1945

No change in stations.

One $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck and two enlisted men from Co "A" assigned for duty to AGO, 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting to Liege, Belgium, men assigned to Officers Candidate School. Returned to Co "A" 23 Apr 45.

Class III supplies now transported by Co "B" from Truckhead No. 720 at Esperstedt, Germany to 3d Armd Div Class III truckhead at Sangerhausen, Germany.

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19 April, 1945

No change in stations.

Co "B" ceased transporting Class III supplies from Army Truckhead to 3d Armd Div Class III truckhead. Class III supplies now obtained by units of 3d Armd Div direct from Army Truckheads.

Five trucks and ten EM from Co "B" attached for duty to ACP 3d Armd Div. Returned to Co "B" on 22 Apr 45.

20 April, 1945

No change in stations.

No change in routine duties.

Five enlisted replacements joined Co "B" from Hqs., 92d Reinforcement Bn., APO 151

21 April, 1945

No change in stations.

One truck and two EM from Co "A" assigned for day only to Hq 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting replacements under direction of Div Classification Officer.

22 April, 1945

No change in stations.

One truck and two EM from Co "A" assigned for day to Hq 3d Armd Div for purpose of transporting replacements under direction of Div Classification Officer.

S/Sgt James F. Hanson, 37110737 and Pfc Clyde D. Sedam, 36313935, of Co "A" were taken prisoners by German forces which overran the command post of CC "A" of 3d Armd Div. S/Sgt Hanson and Pfc Sedam were not registered as prisoners by the Germans and were freed twelve hours later by elements of 83d Recn Bn. Sgt Hanson was in charge of a detail of nine trucks and 15 EM from Co "A" assigned for duty to CC "A" 3d Armd Div. for purpose of transporting attached Inf.

23 April, 1945

No change in stations.

No change in routine duties.

24 April, 1945

Bn excluding Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area in Sangerhausen, Germany and bivouaced at Bonnungen, Germany (RD3523, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

Co "B" moved by motor convoy from bivouac area in Sangerhausen, Germany and bivouaced at Hohlstedt, Germany (RD3823, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue).

No change in routine duties.

25 April, 1945

No change in stations.

1st Lt. Harry P. Rutflas, 01110676, attached and joined Co "A" from Hq VII Corps.

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26 April, 1945

No change in stations.
No change in routine duties.

27 April, 1945.

No change in stations.

Three trucks and one wrecker and seven enlisted men from H₂ Co, ten trucks and twenty enlisted men from Co "B", seventeen trucks, two $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks and thirty eight enlisted men from Co "A", ten trucks from 33d Armd Regt and eight trucks from Sary Co, 3d Armd Div under command of 1st Lt Herbert L. Stoddard and 1st Lt Harry P. Hutflas of Co "A" attached for duty to 1st Inf Div for purpose of transporting personnel and materiel of the division from Ziegelrode, Germany to Hof, Germany and to points in Czechoslovakia near vicinity of Hof, Germany. Two round trips were made and trucks and men returned to their respective units on 29 Apr 45.

S/Sgt Donald C. Bobo, 14023810, T/5 Robert A. Dixon, 33114036, and T/5 Paul J. Heilman, 33136811, captured nine German soldiers in a dugout near the command post of Co "B" at Hohlstedt, Germany (RD3623, Nord de Guerre Zone, Blue) and discovered a diary telling of the formation and activities of the Wehrwolfs, a German Army organization designed to disrupt communications and supply in the rear of the American lines. As a result, of the capture of this document various members of the Wehrwolfs were separated from ordinary prisoners of war, interrogated and much valuable information obtained.

28 April, 1945

No change in stations.

One truck and two enlisted men from Co "A" assigned to AGO, 3d Armd Div., for the purpose of transporting to Warburg, Germany, men on leave to the United States. Returned to Co "A" on 29 April 45.

One $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck, two enlisted men and Lt. Ivo G. Binder of Co. "B", assigned for duty to AGO, 3d Armd Div., for purpose of arranging facilities at Montauban, Germany for billeting men enroute to and from leave centers in Verviers and Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France. Returned to Co "B" on 1 May 45.

29 April, 1945

No change in stations.
No change in routine duties.

30 April 1945

No change in stations.

Ten trucks and twenty enlisted men from Co "A", in charge of Sgt. Junior J. Fynewever, 36158253, engaged for day in transporting Class I supplies from Truckhead No. 721 at Klostermansfeld, Germany to 3d Armd Div Class I Truckhead at Sangerhausen, Germany under direction of Div Subsistence Officer.

Four trucks and eight enlisted men from Co "A" assigned to Hqs, 3d Armd Div., for day, for purpose of transporting replacements under direction of Div Classification Officer.

Two $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks and three enlisted men from Co "A", twenty four trucks, one wrecker and fifty two enlisted men from Co "B", twelve trucks from 32d Armd Regt.,

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three trucks from 57th Armd Field Artillery Bn., three trucks from 54th Armd Field Artillery Bn., three trucks from 391st Armd Field Artillery Bn., and three trucks from 83d Armd Recon Bn, under command of Capt. William D. Wall Jr., and 1st Lt. Harry P. Hutflas of Co "A" attached for duty to 2d Inf. Division for purpose of transporting personnel and materiel of the division to unknown destination in Czechoslovakia. One enlisted man replacement joined Co "B" from 91st Med. Gas Treatment Hosp.



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