

HEADQUARTERS
54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO 253,
1 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Through channels).

1. In accordance with AR 345-105, the following report is submitted:

a. Original Unit: 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

b. Changes in Organization: None.

c. Strength: 1 April 1945 Off - 41
W/O - 2
EM - 636

30 April 1945 Off - 39
W/O - 2
EM - 622

d. Stations: APO 253, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

e. Marches: See Narrative Report (Appendix #1).

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name of: Germany

(2) Duration: 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

(3) Purpose: Continuation of attack against German Army.

(4) Authority: Commanding General, European F of Ops.

g. Battles: See Narrative (Appendix #1).

h. Commanding Officers: Lieut. Colonel MONT HUBBARD.

i. Losses in Action:

(1) Killed in Action:

Tec 5 Parvin E. Peters, 20 259 662 18 April 1945

(2) Wounded in Action:

Pfc. John A. Ivanouski, 33 033 332 17 April 1945

Tec 5 Arthur A. Solomon, 6 916 395 18 April 1945

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

Name	Award	ID No.
1st Lt. RALPH E. SPENCER, O-1996487	Silver Star	43
Tec 5 Edgar A. Bigbie, 38 041 878	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	43
S/Sgt Marvin R. Rothstein, 33 136 830	Bronze Star	43
Sgt. James R. Latham, 36 119 234	" "	43
Pfc. Encarnacion Galindo, 18 102 953	" "	43
Pfc. Earl S. Green, 37 039 365	" "	43
1st Lt. WILLIAM B. TALLANT, O-2044968	Ninth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	44
1st Lt. WILLIAM B. TALLANT, O-2044968	Tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	44
1st Lt. ROLAND F. HARDING, O-1168270	Eighth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	44
1st Lt. ISONIDAS R. BEST, O-1176255	Sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	44
Sgt. Houston L. Crews, 38 022 548	Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal	44

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Name	Award	G.O. No.
Capt PAUL R. KAUFMANN, O-1166752	Silver Star	50
1st Lt. FRANCIS C. HILKS, O-1176168	" "	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. Oglesby, 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-413612	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:

Leslie W. Hamilton
LESLIE W. HAMILTON
1st Lieut. 54th Armd. F.A. Bn.
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 Nenner, to continue the support of CCR 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 CCA, 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 CCR on 8 April 1945, crossed the Weser River, and marched fifty miles to Immen. From 9 April to 11 April, a number of enemy tanks were encountered as the force advanced to Maredrode. 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 Selleben, 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 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 Robben Steinfurth, and Jessnitz on the Mulde River. The 183rd Field Artillery was included in a 54th Armd. F. A. Groupment.

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

On 25 April 1945, CCR 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.

