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From 0001 1 May 1945
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By EM Date 1/1/00

TIME IN	CUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
		1		<p>Bn remained in present position at Zell, Germany (WY6805)</p> <p>S-2 SUMMARY: There were no major enemy actions during this period. Both Task Force Fields and Norton crossed the Laesach River and occupied Bichl and Benediktbeuern, against no opposition. Some prisoners were taken by this battalion again today. They walked into the Bn area and gave themselves up.</p>	
		2	2 May 1945	<p>Bn fired last round in combat today - total number of rounds fired, 57,594 from 5 Dec 1944 to 1st May.</p> <p>Received Msg from Div Arty at 1341 - Bn is now attached to CGV of 2d French Armored Division, awaiting orders from that headquarters.</p> <p>Btry B captured 26 Germany Pz and one officer at approx 2000.</p> <p>S-2 SUMMARY: No enemy action was observed during the day. Both Task Forces remained in present positions and operated patrols.</p>	
		3	3 May 1945	<p>Bn displaced from vic Zell at 0630, arrived Benediktbeuern (WY7507) at 1000, traveled 7.1 miles.</p>	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME INDEX	OPERATIONS
		3		S-2 SUMMARY: In the absence of any aggressive action no enemy front line could be determined. PWs at the Div cage all gave the impression that the war was over, no enemy air activity was observed.
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		4		4 May 1945 Bn remained in same position. S-2 SUMMARY: The bn remained in assy area vic Benediktbeuren. At approx 2110 an officer and MM from the 36th Div reported that a PW they had captured stated that approx 125 SS troops were going to destroy the power plant vic 708990. They were taken to CCB and a platoon of light tanks and a platoon of infantry were sent to reinforce a small group there. No enemy aircraft were observed.
		5		5 May 1945 Bn displaced from Benediktbeuren at 0745, arrived Burgau (WX9785) at 1800, traveled 101.3 miles. Bn now under Div Arty control. Btry locations: Hq - Burgau WX 9785 A - Offingen WX9490 B - Unter Knoringen WX9685 C - Jettingen WY0080 Sv - Scheppach WY 0082 Bn mission is to occupy the area surrounding Bn position - patrol roads etc.
		6		6 May 1945 Bn remained in position.
		7		7 May 1945 Bn assigned areas for reconnaissance by Div. Msg from Div Arty: A representative of the German High Command signed the unconditional surrender of all German Land, Sea and Air Forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Forces and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command at 0140 hours Central European time seven May 1945, under which all forces will cease active operations at 0001B hours 9 May 1945 Stop Effective immediately all offensive operations by AEF will cease and troops will remain in present positions Stop

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TIME		SERIAL No.	TIME ORDER	INCIDENTS, ADDRESSSES, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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		8		8 May 1945 Bn remained in position and reconnoitered the areas which Bn will patrol. B Btry moved to Haldenwang (WY0285) at 1400.	
		9		9 May 1945 Bn relieved 576 AAA Bn from patrols and stationary posts	
		10		10 May 1945 Bn received operations instructions #46, Hq 12th Armd Div, assigning new area for reconnaissance. Bn will move on Div order. Half of Div area will be taken over by 100th Inf Div.	

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To 2400 31 May 1945
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
		1		Bn will remain in present position and occupy the area - Offingen WXP490 East along Danube River to WY0200, south along river valley Dinkelschergen. WY1176 and then west to Thammhausen WY0268 north through Burgau WX3785 to Offingen.	
		2		A Btry assigned northern sector, Hq and B the center and C the southern sector.	
		3		12, 13 & 14 May 1945. Bn occupying assigned area.	
		4		15 May 1945 Operations Instruction #47, Hq, 12th Armd Div, 14 May 45 received this headquarters - changing present boundaries to German Landkreis boundary.	
		5		16, 17, 18 and 19 May 45. No change.	
		6		20 May 1945. Captain Bloom is now the Division Military Government officer acting as Liaison Officer to this battalion.	
		7		21 to 31 May 45. No change.	

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