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HEADQUARTERS 127TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
APO #35 US ARMY

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy

TO : The adjutant General, U S Army, Washington 25, D.C.

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1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10 C3, AR 345-105, submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 127th field Artillery Battalion covering the period 1-31 March 1945.

March 1-4, 1945

During this period the Battalion maintained a rapid advance toward the Rhine in direct support of T F Byrne on right flank of Canadian Army. Positions were occupied in Birgelen, Kaldenkirchen, Straelen and Oernten in succession. At 0200 2 March 45 Major George Moore Battalion Ex. Officer and driver were captured by a company of approximately 200 Germans. Major Moore escaped during a fire fight with an outpost of 137th Infantry. He then recovered his 1/2 ton 4x4 and finished mission of locating area for Battalion. A full report was made to S-2 320th Infantry which aided measurably in clearing the area. The driver Pfc Orval E. Larsen returned late on the 3 March after having been fired by a unit of 8th Armored Division.

March 5-11, 1945

Late on 4 March 45 the Battalion was relieved from attachment to TF Byrne and assigned mission of General support. Movement toward the Rhine continued with stiff resistance met in the Wesel pocket. Battalion fired several missions at barges, and naval or marine craft on the Rhine with excellent results. Harassing missions were also maintained on Rhine Traffic bridges.

On 11 March the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was awarded to Service Battery for meritorious Service from 11 July 44 to 15 February 1945.

March 12-19, 1945

On 12 March 45 the 35th Division was relieved and moved to rest area in the rear. The Battalion arrived at rest area in Heidhausen Germany and billeted in houses. Time in rest area was spent in relaxation, care of materiel, movies and passes to Brussels or other points in Belgium and Holland. On 19 March 45 all Battalion guns were calibrated.

March 20-24, 1945

On the morning of 20 March the Battalion returned to the front by infiltration and by late in the day all Batteries were in position in or near Rheinberg. On 24 March 45 preparation, 24 harassing and 7 neutralization missions were fired in support of crossing to Rhine River. During this 24 hour period a total of 3225 rounds were fired which set a new record for the Battalion for number of rounds fired in a 24 hour period.

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
*Charles E. Brown Maj apgt*  
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March 25-31, 1945

On 25 March 127th Field Artillery Battalion was attached to Task Force Miltonberger (134CT) which was in turn attached to 79th Infantry Division and at 2313 crossed the Rhine River by ponton bridge. Advance was slow but steady during the next 5 days with moderate firing. Positions were occupied in Stofkenhof and Brinkert and 31 March found the Battalion in positions in Gladbeck.

Total rounds fired during month of March 1945 12,144

Prisoners captured - None

The Battle casualties for the month of March 1945 are as follows:

	Off	EM
KIA .....	0	0
DOW .....	0	0
SWA .....	0	0
SIA .....	0	0
LWA .....	1	7
LTA .....	0	1
MIA .....	0	0
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

Awards received by members of 127th Field Artillery Battalion during March 1945 are as follows:

	DSC		Silver Star		Soldiers Medal		Bronze Star		Air Medal		Cross De Guerre with Palm	
	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc
Officers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
EM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The number of Purple Heart Medals awarded is: 6

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