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HEADQUARTERS 216TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
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2 July 1945
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SUBJECT: Report of Operations.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D C (Thru: Channels)

In compliance with Par 10 C3, AR 345-105 submitted below is report of operations for the 216th Field Artillery Battalion covering the period 1-30 June 1945.

1 June 1945

The 216th Field Artillery Battalion was relieved of its temporary mission of occupation vicinity of Coesfeld, Germany on 31 May 1945 by elements of the 107th Med Reg R A (British) at 010505 the battalion displaced and moved to Oberkirchen, Germany, Kries Birkenfeld, arriving at 012320, the mission being to occupy this area.

2-30 June 1945

The 216th Field Artillery Battalion relieved elements of the 66th Infantry Division Artillery on 2 June 1945 and took over occupational duties in the southern portion of the Birkenfeld Kries. Battalion headquarters was established at Oberkirchen. Able Battery was located at Offenbach, Charley battery at Thaillichtenberg, and Service Battery at Friesen, Germany.

The Battalion assisted the military government unit located in Birkenfeld, Germany in governing its assigned area. Targets of military value were guarded until disposed of. Displaced persons had previously been removed from the area.

Charlie Battery was designated as an MP unit for the Battalion and assumed all MP and patrol duties in the battalion area. No civilian, DP, or PW disturbances of any consequence

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have been reported. One instance of cutting wire communications in the vicinity of Able Battery was reported, presumably by German civilians.

The area has presented no particular administrative problems or difficulties due in part of its sparse populations and the lack of large cities and industrial areas. Civilians have been busily engaged in farming and crop harvesting. No improvisations were necessary.

The mission of the Battalion remained unchanged at the end of the period.

Awards received by members of 216 F A Bn are as follows:

	DSC		Silver Star		Soldier's Medal		Bronze Star		Air Medal	
	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc	Reg	Olc
Officers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Enlisted Men	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0

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