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HEADQUARTERS 219TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 35 US ARMY

Initials *RAC*

Date *27 May 1945*
1 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with the provisions of par 10, C 3, AR 345-105, submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 219th Field Artillery Battalion covering the period 1-30 April 1945.

1 April 1945

Air OP observed enemy trains with troops and equip. Bn fired on trains and one was halted.

Bn fired harassing and interdiction fires during the night.

2 April 1945

Bn fired harassing and interdiction fires during the night.

3 April 1945

A TOT was fired on an enemy OCS at 1130.
Pozit shells were fired during the day with very good effect.
Bn fired mission on enemy trains at 1800.
Bn fired harassing and interdiction fires during the night.

4 April 1945

Bn fired on enemy trains and directed fire on the enemy observed digging in during the day.

Harassing and interdiction fires were used during the night.

5 April 1945

Bn fired six concentrations on an enemy attack and fired harassing and interdiction fires during the night.

6 April 1945

Bn fired one mission on an enemy tank.

7 April 1945

Bn fired missions on enemy trains.

8 April 1945

Bn fired mission on two enemy trains.

9 April 1945

Harassing and interdiction fires and observed missions were fired during the night.

11 April 1945

Harassing and interdiction fires were fired during the night after Bn had moved to new position.

13 April 1945

Bn crossed the Weser River.

16 April 1945

Bn fired mission on enemy barges on the river. Mission was observed by air.

19 April 1945

A mission was fired on enemy vehicles and five were destroyed.

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21 April 1945

Bn fired mission on enemy barge and destroyed it.
Bn fired time fire mission on an enemy patrol.

22 April 1945

Bn fired missions on small enemy targets.

23 April 1945

Pozit shells were fired during the day with very good effect.

24 April 1945

Bn fired missions on small enemy targets.

25 April 1945

Bn fired missions on small enemy targets of opportunity.

26 April 1945

Bn fired missions on small enemy targets of opportunity.

27 April 1945

Bn fired missions on small enemy targets of opportunity.

S U M M A R Y

This period covers action in the Ruhr industrial area against the last remaining arsenals of Nazi Germany, then the long but swift move toward the Elbe River on the road to Berlin. This move was in the wake of fast moving armored columns which had disrupted and disorganized the enemy, leaving many small pockets of resistance and ambushing parties.

Unusual targets for light artillery were fired upon during the period, ie. river barges and moving freight trains. At one time the situation was such that no calibers heavier than 105 mm. could shift to a rail yard where the enemy was trying to extricate personnel and materiel from the huge pincers about to enclose it.

On 27 April 1945 the battalion had fired 149,814 rounds of ammunition on its advance from Omaha Beach on D plus 31 to the Elbe River. The battalion could see at night, reflected from the heavens, the lights of fires in Berlin. For two days we had fired only observed missions because of the approaching Russians. The end of the war in Europe appears near.

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The battle casualties for the month of April are as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
KIA	0	0
DOW	0	0
SWA	00	00
SIA	0	00
LWA	0	2
LIA	0	0
MIA	0	0
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

The following number of awards were made in the battalion during the month of April:

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| Silver Star Medal | - 1 | Meritorious Service Unit Plaque | - 1 |
| Bronze Star Medals | - 9 | Purple Hearts | - 6 |
| Air Medal | - 1 | Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) | - 1 |

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