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HEADQUARTERS 219TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
APO 35, US ARMY

Date *12 June 1945*

CLASSIFICATION

1 June 1945

**CANCELLED**

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE *16 July 46*

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : Commanding General, 35th Inf Div, U.S. Army.  
(ATTN: G-1)

1 May 45

Unit in position at Weissewarte, Germany in support of the 137th Inf Regt in position on Elbe River.

3 May 45

Bn arrived in new position in town of Oppershausen, Germany. Coordinates X-673-463, Map Hannover, Sheet N4. Bn travelled 120 miles. MG and CP set up in large house. Men billeted in houses throughout town.

4 May 45

Bn took over its first military government assignment. Guards were placed at all important points in the Bn sector and roving patrols were established. The hours during which MG office would be open to German citizens were set as 1300 - 1500 daily.

5 May 45

The Bn was informed that it would move to a new sector; this sector to be taken over from us by the 651st FA Bn.

8 May 45

Bn arrived at new position after travelling 64 miles. CP was set up in one office building and the MG in another. Town of Lauenstein, Germany. Coordinates 252-882, Map Hildesheim, Sheet P4, L:100,000.

9 May 45

V-E Day, officially ending hostilities in Europe, announced as of 0001 hours. Personnel section called in a list of 38 men in this Bn who are eligible to return to the United States as they have 85 or more service points. These men must remain in the Bn area at all times till further notified.

15 May 45

13 men of this Bn, with better than 85 service points, left for the United States this day.

17 May 45

Bn arrived at new positions after travelling 112 miles. Bn CP is in town of Walstedde, Germany. Coordinates B-0451, Map Munster, Sheet P2, L:100,000.

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18 May 1945

Bn left on short move to take up positions in new sector. Travelled 12 miles. Arrived at town of Stockum, Germany. Men billeted in a hotel and houses. CP set-up in a large brick home. Coordinates A-977417, Map Dortmund, Sheet Q2, 1:100,000.

21 May 1945

Major Finn informed all batteries that unit censorship will cease immediately. Only base censorship still exists.

22 May 1945

Medical profiling of men in the Bn was started.

23 May 1945

A three day school was begun for Div Arty, attached TD's, and AAA officers who have been commissioned in combat, under the direction of Major Finn, the Bn Executive.

30 May 1945

Advance party left for new position south of Koblenz, Germany.

This period marked the end of ten months of combat for the Battalion. A recapitulation shows the following casualties for the ten months period.

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Killed in action	3	14
Seriously wounded in action	2	3
Missing in action	2	2
Died of wounds	1	3
Lightly wounded in action	10	78
Purple Hearts	16	98
Returned to duty with this org	11	55

The battalion ammunition records show 150,476 of 105 mm ammunition expended since landing in France. Sixty-seven (67) motor vehicle casualties as a result of enemy action are recorded. (TE motor vehicles, 87).

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