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HEADQUARTERS 216TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
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1 June 1945

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DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE *18 July 45*

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

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

In compliance with Par 10 C3, AR 345-105 submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 216th Field Artillery Battalion covering the period 1-31 May 1945.

1 May 1945

The 216th Field Artillery Battalion was in position at Loitsche, Germany approximately 5000 yards west of the Elbe River south of Stendal, Germany. Its mission was general support of the 102nd Infantry Division Artillery, XIII Corps. Friendly front lines were along the west bank of the Elbe River. Enemy activity was negligible and no missions were fired.

2 May 1945

This battalion was relieved of its mission of general support 102nd Infantry Division Artillery at 1400 hours and made preparations to move to the vicinity of Hannover, Germany.

3 May 1945

The battalion displaced from Loitsche, Germany at 0730 and marched westward to the vicinity of Wathlingen, Germany, arriving at 1315.

4-8 May 1945

The 216th Field Artillery Battalion relieved elements of the 5th Armored Division on 4 May in an area approximately 8 miles square centered at Uetz, Germany. The battalion CP was located approximately one mile south of Wathlingen, Germany. The mission of the battalion was to occupy and govern the area. Batteries were dispersed so as to secure a maximum coverage of the area. Guards were established on all enemy military installations and factories. Road control points and roving patrols were established at Uetz, Germany on 5 May 1945. Activities of displaced persons and allied prisoners of war were supervised. Food for displaced

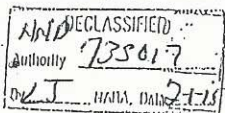
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persons and allied prisoners of war were supervised. Food for displaced persons was obtained through local burgomeisters.

9-10 May 1945

Units of XIII Corps Artillery relieved elements of the 216th Field Artillery Battalion beginning May 9, 1945. As individual batteries were relieved in their sectors they displaced to the vicinity of Banteln, Germany south of Hannover, Germany. Battalion Headquarters was established at Banteln, Germany at 101125 B. The new area assigned to the battalion was approximately 6 miles square and centered at Banteln, Germany. Elements of the 60th Engineer Battalion, 35th Infantry Division, were relieved by the 216th Field Artillery Battalion in this sector.

11-16 May 1945

The battalion was engaged in occupying and governing its sector. All Western European displaced persons were evacuated from the area during this period.

17 May 1945

The battalion was relieved in its sector by units of the 84th Infantry Division Artillery, the relief being completed by 170800 B. At 0930 the battalion displaced and marched to Coesfeld, Germany west of Munster, Germany arriving at 171740 B.

18-31 May 1945

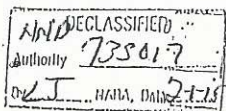
The 216th Field Artillery Battalion relieved elements of the 379th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division in a sector of approximately 9 square miles located south, east, and west of Coesfeld, Germany on 18 May 1945. In this new sector responsibility for military government rested with an established MG unit already operating the sector. The mission of the battalion was to occupy the area and assist the Military Government in every way possible. The battalion established guards at important military installations, maintained roving patrols, and guarded and serviced displaced person camps.

On 30 May 1945 elements of the 107th Medium Regiment (British Royal Artillery) relieved the 216th Field Artillery Battalion in its sector. The battalion was prepared to move to the vicinity of Coblentz, Germany at the end of the period.

There were no battle casualties for the month of May 1945.

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Awards received by members of 216th Field Artillery Battalion
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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
ENLISTED MEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

There were no purple heart medals awarded to personnel of
216th Field Artillery Battalion for the month of May 1945.

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