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HEADQUARTERS 219TH FA INFTY BATTALION  
APO 35, US ARMY  
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
*Annul Comm. Col. 1240*  
**DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE** 16 July 46 June 945

SUBJECT: Report of Operations

TO : The Commanding General, 35th Infantry Division, APO 35, US Army.  
ATTENTION: PRO (Thru Channels).

1. The Battalion moved 1 June 1945 from Stockum, Germany, and vicinity, to an area in the vicinity of Birkenfeld, Germany. Our mission was the security of the northern half of the Birkenfeld Kreis. The Battalion CP was located in the town of Birkenfeld, with the battery CPs located in the following towns of the Kreis: "A" Btry in Nohfelden, "B" Btry in Kirschweiler, "C" Btry in Fischbach, Sv Btry at a former Nazi Party rest camp, four miles southwest of Birkenfeld, and Hq Btry in Birkenfeld.

2. Patrolling the assigned Birkenfeld area constituted the main duty for the Battalion during this period. On the 7th of June "C" Btry was designated a Military Police organization, relieving troops of the 134th Inf Regt of traffic control in larger towns of the Kreis, and expanding the 219th FA Bn's security forces.

Sunday 3 June 1945

Bn CP moved into Birkenfeld Mil Govt building, located on General Eisenhower Strasse.

Monday 4 June 1945

Nine (9) trucks from the Bn left, with armed guards, to haul FWS.

Thursday 7 June 1945

"C" Battery has been designated to furnish MPs for Bn area.

Sunday 10 June 1945

1 Lt Etchison is investigating crash of twin motored American plane, reported to have occurred during evening of 9 June 45, about eight (8) miles from Bn CP.

Monday 11 June 1945

Articles of War being read to all men of Bn.

Tuesday 12 June 1945

Bn authorized pass quota for Esch, Luxembourg rest camp.

Friday 15 June 1945

Bn Officers' softball team lost to Bn EM team by score of 14 - 7.

Monday 18 June 1945

Bn sent EM to see USO show starring Grace Moore and Nino Martini, at XXIII Corps in Oberstein.

Wednesday 20 June 1945

Bn softball team defeated the 2nd Bn of 134th Inf by score of 8 - 0.

Thursday 21 June 1945

Bn softball team defeated the 60th Engr Bn by score of 5 - 1, and now enter the quarter finals of the tournament.

Friday 22 June 1945

Bn team defeated 161 FA Bn team in softball tournament, but lost out to the 1st Bn of 320 Inf in the semi-finals; the Bn team finished 3rd in the tournament held by the 35th Inf Div at Coblenz, Germany.

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Tuesday 26 June 1945

2d Lt Karl K Baron was wounded in his left hand when pistol he was holding discharged. Accident occurred in Btry C Officers' quarters in Fischbach, Germany.

Bn received word that high point EM and Officers would be transferred to another organization soon for redeployment.

Thursday 28 June 1945

Bn received orders from Div Hq for transfer of EM with 85 service points and higher to 448 AAA (AW) Bn.

3. Summary of activities:

1 June 1945 - Bn left position of Stockum and vicinity, moved south of Koblenz to Birkenfeld, travelling 240 miles. Coord. 1-5816, Map Neunkirchen Sheet UL. Men billeted in hotel and houses. Bn assigned to XXIII Corps of the Fifteenth Army.

4. Civilians generally cooperative and no difficulties were encountered.

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 Lt Col, FA  
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