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INTRODUCTORY: This report covers the factual accounts of the operations of this headquarters in combat from April 1, 1945 to April 30, 1945 and is based on a day by day account of the operations of the S-1, S-3, S-2, S-4, Anti-Tank Section, and Air Liaison Section. Operations of attached organic and separate battalions will be covered in reports from their respective headquarters.

FACTUAL DATA:

1. Organic Battalions of 35th Division Artillery:

127th FA Bn, 155mm How. M1 Medium Battalion.

CT 320th Inf with 216th FA Bn, 105mm How.

CT 137th Inf with 219th FA Bn, 105mm How.

CT 134th Inf with 161st FA Bn, 105mm How.

2. Strength: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 35th Div Arty.

T/O, Officers 20, WO 1, EM 108.Actual, Officers 20, WO 1, EM 109.

3. Casualties:

Killed 0.Sick, gassed, or wounded 1.Evacuated 1.4. Awards: Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) 1.5. Prisoners captured: 6.

6. Officers and assignments, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

35th Division Artillery:

Division Artillery Commander

Brig Gen T. L. Futch

" " Executive

Col Douglas G Dwyre

" " S-3

Lt Col Hugh Belden

" " S-1 & S-4

Maj Forrest H Hagenbuch

" " S-2

Maj Thomas W Ross (DS Hq
7th Armored Gp)

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Division Artillery A-T

"	"	Air Liaison	Maj Richard R Coffin
"	"	Asst S-3	Maj James N Davidson
"	"	Asst S-2	Capt Carl F Maples
"	"	Asst S-1	1st Lt James H Waters
"	"	Asst S-1	1st Lt James E Judson
"	"	Info-Education O	Capt Morris H Laatsch Jr
"	"	Aide-de-Camp	1st Lt Myron Linz
"	"	Pilot	Capt William F Hesselbach
"	"	Pilot	1st Lt Henry A Roseberry
"	"	Surgeon	Capt Gerrit J Bloemendaal
"	"	Dental O	Capt Denis F Gillooly
"	"	Chaplain	Capt Gerhard L Belgum
"	"	Chaplain	Capt Laforest E Hodgkins
"	"	Com O	1st Lt Lynd E Cohick
"	"	Asst Com O	2nd Lt John H Whalen
"	"	Motor Officer	CWO Clifford D Mullis

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The 35th Infantry Division continued to operate under XVI Corps, 9th US Army in the sector to the North of the Ruhr Industrial Area East of the Rhine River. Operating on the right on the Southwest was the 79th Div and on the left or north was the 75th Div. The CP of the Headquarters 35th Division Artillery continued to operate vic Buer, Germany and division artillery continued to support the attack of the division. Within the division sector the 216th FA Bn was in direct support of the 320th Inf operating on the south of the sector along the canal (see G-3 Periodic report); the 219th FA Bn direct support of the 137th Inf operating in the center of the division sector, and the 161st FA Bn reinforced by the 127th FA Bn, direct support 134th Inf on the left of the division sector. Preliminary position areas were selected on order of CG 35th Div Arty to be occupied by

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artillery battalions to support in the defense of the Division sector. Corps mission for the 35th Inf Div indicated a defense of the right flank of the Corps along the canal flanking the north of the Ruhr Industrial Area.

Prior to the attack to complete clearing of the enemy north of the canal, a heavy preparation was fired in front of the 137th Inf and numerous TOT's were placed on all towns, factory areas, and strong points in the division sector. A moving train was hit by the TD's and a large fire was started. A heavy H and I program was planned for the night 1-2 April in front of all the Regimental sectors. The AOP's continued operation being active throughout period firing on numerous enemy vehicles, MG's and personnel, trucks, SP guns, and flak guns. Division Artillery Liaison Planes received heavy flak prior to darkness but there were no casualties. Ammunition expenditure 0600 1 April was 7085 rds.

2 Apr 45

The 35th Infantry Division took up the defensive position along the North bank of the canal, facing south, and division artillery supported the attack of the division in the 134th Inf Sector. During the day the 219th FA Bn and the 127th FA Bn changed direction of fire to fulfill the mission of supporting the regiments in the defense along the canal. Several missions were fired on SP guns and enemy AA positions. One TOT with Corps Artillery reinforcing was fired on an SS barracks, AA gun and Rwy gun. AOP's were inactive due to poor visibility. Ammunition expenditure 0600 was 11,237.

3 Apr 45

The defense of the Division sector was taken over by the 320th Inf on the right or West, and the 137th Inf on the left or East, all units facing to the South. The 134th Inf went into reserve and the artillery was regrouped as follows: 219th FA Bn direct support 137th Inf; 216th FA Bn direct support 320th Inf reinforced by the 161st FA Bn, and the 127th FA Bn general support. GOP and AOP's continued to fire normal missions with particular emphasis to enemy flak locations south of the Emischer Kanal within the

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division sector. TOT's were fired on enemy strong points, and buildings housing enemy Bn CP's. Other targets consisted of an enemy train and several enemy battery positions, with posit fuzes being used on the enemy flak positions. The 219th FA Bn and 127th FA Bn increased their intensity of H and I fires during early hours of the 4th April as a feint in conjunction with the attack of the 75th Division on the left. Ammunition expenditure 0600 was 6755 rds.

4 Apr 45

During the night 4-5 April the 134th Inf was committed into the defensive line between the 137th Inf and the 320th Inf resulting in a change in combat organization making the 161st FA Bn direct support of the 134th Inf. TOT's were fired throughout the period on active factories, enemy CP's, enemy personnel, and several enemy freight trains. Normal H and I missions were planned throughout the night of 4-5 April with the assistance of the 349th FA Group and the 34th FA Brigade. The AOP continued to be active firing nine missions on enemy personnel and vehicles, all with good effect. Ammunition expenditure was 5372 rds.

5 Apr 45

There was no change in the organization for combat and artillery battalions continued in the support of the infantry in defense of the division sector. Normal defense missions were fired throughout the period including H and I fires night of 4-5 April, TOT's on factories which continued to operate, CP's, enemy MG installations, and houses containing snipers and automatic weapons. Corps artillery responded to calls for additional fire and was very effective in the destruction of certain buildings. H and I fires continued night 5-6 normal in 320th Inf sector and increased in the 137th sector. Ammunition expenditure for period 0600 was 4559 rds.

6 Apr 45

There was no change in the organization for combat, however, effective

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at 062400 the 216th FA Bn was given the mission of reinforcing the 161st FA Bn. All artillery battalions continued in support of the regiments in defense of the division sector with TOT's being fired on enemy vehicles, personnel, artillery positions and assembly points in the division sector. One enemy 88 gun was knocked out by our artillery fire as a result of one of the TOT's. Heavy artillery fire was placed on an enemy assembly area when a group of the enemy refused to surrender. Corps Artillery assisted on all TOT's within their capabilities, and the AOP's were active throughout the period adjusting fire on factories and possible enemy CP's in the division zone. Heavy H and I fires continued in the sector night 6-7 April 1945. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 5421.

7 Apr 45

The 216th FA Bn and one battery 127th FA Bn were given the mission of assisting the fires of the 79th Division Artillery in the attack 7 April, while the 219th FA Bn and one battery of 127th FA Bn were to assist the 75th Division Artillery in the attack 7 April 1945. Fulfilling this mission, the 216th FA Bn and 127th FA Bn fired a preparation beginning at 070245 for 15 minutes in support of 79th Division attack, and answered additional calls for fire throughout the period. TOT's were fired on enemy CP's, personnel and trucks in the open, enemy batteries, and enemy AAA positions. The 216th FA Bn was ordered to displace forward as soon as the front lines displaced forward in the 79th sector past the range capabilities of the 216th FA Bn. Ammunition expenditure for period was 5611.

8 Apr 45

Normal support missions continued during the period with TOT's on 2 enemy batteries and several buildings containing strong points, enemy vehicles and 2 locomotives. H and I fires during the night 8-9 April 1945 were increased in intensity until H Hour 090630 at which time the 134th Inf was to establish a limited bridgehead across the Kanal. One battery of 8" Hows (745th FA) reinforced the 161st FA Bn during the attack and one battery of

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8" Hqws (743rd FA) reinforced the 219th FA Bn during the attack of the 137th Inf to secure a limited bridgehead across the Kanal. H and I fires during night included besides division artillery, 8" Howitzers, 240 Howitzers, and 8" guns of Corps artillery firing within the Division sector. Ammunition expenditure 0600 was 4266.

9 Apr 45

The 407th FA Group was given the mission of reinforcing the fires of 35th Division Artillery and the organization for combat included the 219th FA Bn direct support 137th Inf with 758th FA reinforcing; the 161st FA Bn direct support 134th Inf reinforced by 216th FA Bn and 127th FA Bn; 211th FA remained in General support. Normal support missions continued to be fired and included TOT's on factory areas, railway yards and enemy assembly points in front of the advance of the 134th Inf and 137th Inf. AOP's were active throughout the period with visibility varying from fair to good. Ammunition expenditure was 4805.

10 Apr 45

Combat organization was changed to include the 211th FA and 758th FA reinforcing 219th FA Bn direct support 137th Inf, and 216th FA Bn reinforcing 161st FA Bn direct support 134th Inf, with the 127th FA in general support. The period was marked by a rapid advance of the infantry with very few targets presenting themselves as the infantry proceeded south. Ammunition expenditure for period was 6310.

11 Apr 45

Division Artillery CP closed at Buer and moved to Herne, south of the Kanal, closing into new area at 1430. The infantry proceeded to attack without a preparation and rapidly moved to the South toward the Ruhr River. The majority of the FA targets were South of the River and AOP's fired on numerous concentrations of enemy troops and vehicles withdrawing to the South and East of the advancing troops. Three artillery battery positions were fired upon with areas being neutralized and fires started. TOT's were fired on

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vehicular traffic, enemy personnel, and enemy batteries, one target being enemy personnel in a boat escaping across the Ruhr River. The boat was hit and Capsized. H and I fires during the night 11-12 April covered all routes of approach and withdrawal South of Ruhr River within fire possibilities. Ammunition expenditure was 1085.

12 Apr 45

Normal support missions were fired including fire on enemy batteries, 2 factories, and vehicles and personnel in the open. One tank was fired on and disabled. No shell reps were received during the period. The 216th FA Bn CT'd with the 320th Inf moved at 1700 hours to join the 320th Inf at Brambauer, to be CT'd for further movement. The division consolidated along the Ruhr River and prepared to take a new mission, being alerted for movement East to the XIX Corps sector. See attached movement order and overlay covering routes for movement. Ammunition expenditure was 5467.

13 Apr 45

Units of Division Artillery (less 161st FA Bn) were enroute during the day to assembly areas in XIX Corps zone West of the Elbe River. The Division was attached to the XIX Corps for operations. The CT 134th remained in position along the Ruhr River until 14 April 1945 at which time elements of the 79th Division relieved them. This CP moved from Herne, Germany in the Ruhr to Grasleben, Germany, NW of Madgeburg, closing into new area at 1930 13 Apr. The balance of Division Artillery was CT'd for the move and Division Artillery was enroute during the period. Ammunition expenditure was 4278.

14 Apr 45

The 127th FA Bn, 219th FA Bn, and 216th FA Bn closed into new assembly areas vic of Grasleben and effective immediately the 127th FA Bn was attached to the CT 137th to move from their present position to an area selected in the 137th Zone during the night 14-15 April 1945. The 137th CT was given the mission of proceeding Northeast to the Elbe river to take up a sector generally

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south of Tangermunde, and clearing enemy in that area. CT 320th Inf was ordered to move to the sector of the 83rd Division during the night of 14-15 April. CT 134th Inf was expected to close into assembly area prior to 2400 14 April and was given mission of patrolling the division area up to the River Elbe, and clearing Germans from that sector. At this time elements of the 5th Armored Division were on the North vic of Tangermunde, and the 30th Infantry Division was operating on the South vic of Magdeburg. The 35th Infantry Division in this move passed to the control of the XIII Corps. Ammunition expenditure was 1361.

15 Apr 45

This CP moved from Grasleben to Burgstall Germany, closing at 1600 15 April 1945. Within the division sector at this time holding a thin line along the Elbe River was the 137th Inf on the north and the 134th Inf on the south. The organization for combat included the 127th FA Bn attached to the 137th Inf with the 219th FA Bn direct support of the 137th Inf; the 161st FA Bn direct support of the 134th Inf, and the 216th FA Bn direct support of the 320th Inf (operating in the sector of the 83rd Div). The balance of the period was spent in cleaning out the area of pockets of resistance and reconnaissance for artillery positions. The 219th FA Bn and 127th FA Bn prepared to occupy position vic Weissewarte and Bolsdorf (respectively) early 16 April in support of the defense of the sector. Ammunition expenditure was 0.

16 April 45

The division continued in a defensive position on the West bank of the Elbe in a sector generally from the south of Tangermunde to the South to a general E-W line through Burg, operating and patrolling throughout the sector. There was considerable activity E of the river and fire was placed on tugboats, barges, convoys, enemy troops, and single and small groups of vehicles E of the river. The AOP continued surveillance missions throughout the period. Ammunition expenditure was 69.

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17 Apr 45

There was no change in the organization for combat and targets for the period consisted of enemy personnel, vehicles and a few tanks moving on the road. All targets were air observed and normal H and I fires continued. A new division boundary called for the regrouping of the artillery requiring the 161st FA Bn, 127th FA Bn, and 219th FA Bn to move in the following respective localities; Angern, Cobbel, and Weissewarte, Germany. The 216th FA Bn remained CT'd with the 320th Inf operating in the sector of the 83rd Division vic of Madgeburg. Ammunition expenditure was 2725.

18 Apr 45

The 654th TD Bn was given the secondary mission of reinforcing the fires of the 35th Division Artillery as follows: One plat B Co tied in by survey to the 219th FA Bn for secondary mission. One plat A Co reinforcing 161st FA Bn, and 127th FA Bn in General support reinforced by one plat of C Co. Normal defensive missions consisting of 5 enemy battery positions, marshalling yards, vehicular activity, and personnel were fired. Two air strikes were marked during the period, one being a bridge and the other a marshalling yard. Ammunition total was 3743.

19 Apr 45

The platoons of TD operating on secondary missions continued to perform H and I during the period while divisional artillery concentrated on personnel digging in, vehicles, bridges, warehouses and other activity. A total of 5 vehicles were knocked out during the period by the AOP. The AOP patrolled the N boundary of the Division Z West as per Division Order looking for signs of enemy movement moving south into the Division Z. No movement was reported. Moderate H and I fires were planned for night 19-20 April. Ammunition expenditure was 798.

20 Apr 45

Division Artillery CP closed into new area at 0940 at Tangerhutte, Germany. Enemy targets during the period included more troops digging in, traffic on roads, and one small vehicle motor pool upon which a direct hit

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was scored on an oil storage dump. One factory was also left burning. Late in the afternoon numerous missions were fired on vehicular activity on roads between Jerichow South through Kietznick, Ferchland, and Derben. The 654th TD Bn less Co C and 1 Plat Recon was atchd to the 44 Cav Group with C Company less 1 platoon on secondary mission in division reserve. The 256th FA and 265th FA upon arrival in zone 21-22 were given the mission of General support 35th Division Artillery, operating under the 34th FA Brigade. The CT 320th having passed back to division control were enroute to division area where the 320th Inf would be in reserve and responsible for patrolling of rear areas, while the 216th FA Bn with mission of reinforcing the 161st FA Bn would occupy positions vic of Loitsch.

Since this division entry in action, the second instance of friendly aircraft straffing artillery troops occurred. At 201800 2 planes identified as P-47's left a formation of 10 planes and strafed the 127th FA Bn with 50 cal MG and cannon. The planes swooped low, circled, and came in and strafed, after which elements of the 448th AAA Bn fired flares identifying themselves. The planes however circled and strafed again, resulting in the death of one man, and three being wounded. Ammunition expenditure during period to 0600 was 533.

21 Apr 45

The organization for combat was as follows: The 129th FA Bn direct support 137th Inf; the 216th FA Bn reinforcing the 161st FA Bn direct support the 134th Inf, and the 127th in General support, reinforced by one plat Co C 654th TD Bn surveyed in for secondary mission. Very few enemy targets were fired upon due to limited visibility. Enemy trains running between B-urg and Genthin were fired upon with one hit, the RR being at the extreme range of our artillery. Enemy vehicles were also fired upon and set on fire during the period. The AOP remained inactive for a 7 hour period due to rain, and an H and I program was instituted during the time the planes were grounded.

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The 216th FA Bn closed into the division area at 211415 April 1945.

Ammunition expenditure was 392.

22 Apr 45

There was very little activity during the day. Targets consisted of small groups of enemy personnel and an enemy train running from Burg to Genthin. The AOP's maintained Surveillance throughout the day. A moderate H and I program was instituted throughout the night. The 654th TD Bn having completed their mission with the 44th Cav Group returned to the division area at 221700 B. Ammunition expenditure was 490.

23 Apr 45

Trains continued to run from Burg to Genthin and were fired on by our artillery with several hits scored. Approximately 50 enemy troops were fired on while attempting to cross the Elbe River. Six vehicles were fired upon in the area and four were destroyed. Groups of enemy infantry were fired upon throughout the period. The ADP maintained constant surveillance. Ammunition expenditure was 696.

24 Apr 45

Normal defensive missions continued on enemy batteries, enemy AA Positions, personnel, vehicles in the open and RR trains as well as suspected enemy CP and strong point locations. The AOP continued to maintain the rear area patrol during the period. Effective at 241800 all artillery fire on the division front was to be observed, by order of the XIII Corps Commander. All units were ordered to do no firing night of 24-25 April unless crossings of the Elbe River were attempted in the zone. Ammunition expenditure was 2786.

25 Apr 45

There was no change in the organization for combat and all missions were observed as per order of XIII Corps Commander, and included RR trains in the Burg area, assembly areas and patrols. All units including the AOP were instructed to fire only on targets positively identified as German and all units were alerted to report the first positive information concerning the

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movements of Russian troops E of the Elbe River. Ammunition expenditure was 601.

26 Apr 45

The 35th Infantry Division (less 35th Division Artillery) was relieved by elements of the 102nd Inf, and moved to occupy and govern an area vic of Hannover, Germany leaving the 35th Division Artillery and 654th TD Bn to reinforce the fires of the 102nd Inf Division and XIII Corps. The control of the area passed to the 102nd Inf Division at 261900. Direct support battalions were instructed to relieve FO's when requested by relieving units. No missions were fired unless identification of target was definitely German. Artillery battalions were instructed to do no firing on German soldiers attempting to cross or negotiating to cross the Elbe River under white flag during daylight hours. Firing of organic battalions subsequent to 261900 hours was only at request of 102nd Inf Division, XIII Corps Artillery, or 34th FA Brigade. Ammunition expenditure was 289.

27 Apr 45

The 35th Division Artillery remained in position with mission of general support XIII Corps reinforcing fires of 102nd Inf Division. There was no firing with exception of two registrations and AOP's performed normal surveillance missions in accordance with orders from CG XIII Corps Artillery. Ammunition expenditure was 313.

28 Apr 45

The mission of 35th Division Artillery remained the same and no missions were fired during the period. AOP's reported little activity other than scattered groups of Germans attempting to cross the Elbe to surrender. All vehicles of Division Artillery returned to their organizations after transporting infantry and division units to Hannover area. Indications were that the mission of 35th Division Artillery would continue at least until 30 April. Ammunition expenditure was 16.

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29 Apr 45

There was no change in the organization for combat, and one mission on enemy trucks was fired by the 127th FA Bn at request of 102nd Div Arty. Only movement reported by AOP was movement of displaced persons and liberated American prisoners being escorted to river banks. This time of inactivity throughout division artillery was utilized in foundation and organization of the Information and Education program for operation "Eclipse" prior to VE day. Ammunition expenditure was 0.

30 Apr 45

No missions were fired and only movement E of the Elbe was that of displaced persons and groups of German soldiers desiring to surrender. Normal patrol missions by division artillery AOP continued to be flown. Ammunition expenditure for period was 24, bringing a total for the month to 87,087, and a total since commitment into combat last July 1944 to 497,940 rounds. In addition the 216th FA Bn expended 3,170 rounds while attached to CT 320th Inf with 83rd Division. Morale and efficiency was at the highest level since entry into combat and remained 100% throughout the month.

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4 Apr 45	1	1:00	2	2:30	3	3:35
5 Apr 45			3	2:45		
6 Apr 45	2	2:00			2	3:25
7 Apr 45	2	2:30	1	:35	3	4:10
8 Apr 45			3	2:30		
9 Apr 45	1	:30	1	1:00	2	2:35
10 Apr 45	1	1:30	1	1:15	1	2:10
11 Apr 45	3	3:00	3	3:50	2	3:00
12 Apr 45	4	5:25				
13 Apr 45	2	2:20				
14 Apr 45	5	5:30	1	2:00		
15 Apr 45	1	1:00	3	1:00		
16 Apr 45	2	1:00			4	6:10
17 Apr 45	3	4:50			2	3:20
18 Apr 45			4	3:00	2	4:00
19 Apr 45			2	2:45	2	3:00
20 Apr 45			7	6:50		
21 Apr 45	2	:45	1	:30	1	2:00
22 Apr 45			6	5:40	1	1:25
23 Apr 45			7	6:10		
24 Apr 45	8	6:55	4	4:55		
25 Apr 45	2	1:50	5	6:00		
26 Apr 45	5	3:45	5	4:50		
27 Apr 45	3	2:10	3	3:35		
28 Apr 45	3	2:45	1	2:00		
29 Apr 45	5	4:50	1	1:05		
30 Apr 45	3	2:35	2	2:30		
TOTALS	59	57:25	70	71:30	31	48:25

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22 Apr 45	3	2:05
23 Apr 45	1	:30
24 Apr 45	1	:20
25 Apr 45	5	2:35
26 Apr 45	1	:50
27 Apr 45	2	1:35
28 Apr 45	1	:45
TOTALS	14	8:40

127TH FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Apr 45			2	2:50	1	1:10
2 Apr 45			1	1:20	2	2:50
3 Apr 45					2	2:45
4 Apr 45			2	2:45	3	4:50
5 Apr 45			2	2:10	3	4:15
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11 Apr 45	2	1:05			3	2:55
12 Apr 45	1	:20	2	1:45	1	2:00
13 Apr 45	3	4:20				
14 Apr 45	2	1:45	1	1:25		
15 Apr 45	1	:50	1	1:25	1	2:05
16 Apr 45	4	3:55	2	2:30	3	5:40
17 Apr 45	1	2:00			4	6:20
18 Apr 45	1	:20			2	3:40
19 Apr 45			2	2:40	3	5:15
20 Apr 45	1	1:00	5	6:45	2	3:40
21 Apr 45	1	:45	2	2:40	1	1:15
22 Apr 45	3	2:30	4	4:40	1	1:20
23 Apr 45			3	3:50	2	3:00
24 Apr 45			3	3:35	3	3:20
25 Apr 45			3	4:05	1	1:30
26 Apr 45	1	1:25	3	3:45	1	1:45
27 Apr 45	1	1:00	2	2:25		
28 Apr 45			3	2:55		
29 Apr 45	1	1:20	2	2:35		
30 Apr 45			4	4:20		
TOTALS	29	30:50	52	64:15	43	69:40

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Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Apr 45			2	2:30	2	4:15
2 Apr 45					2	2:55
3 Apr 45					2	3:35
4 Apr 45			1	1:30	3	4:15
5 Apr 45			2	2:50	2	2:50
6 Apr 45			3	3:55	2	2:50
7 Apr 45			1	1:25	7	10:20
8 Apr 45			2	1:00	2	3:00
9 Apr 45	1	:45	1	1:05	2	2:45
10 Apr 45			3	2:20	1	2:00
11 Apr 45			1	:30	3	5:10
12 Apr 45	1	1:05			1	2:00
13 Apr 45	1	:35	1	1:25		
14 Apr 45	6	8:15				
15 Apr 45	1	:40	3	4:15		
16 Apr 45			1	:35	4	8:15
17 Apr 45					3	4:55
18 Apr 45					3	5:35
19 Apr 45			2	2:35	3	4:55
20 Apr 45			8	8:15	1	1:35
21 Apr 45			3	4:20	1	:45
22 Apr 45	1	1:25	1	1:40	4	5:25
23 Apr 45			2	3:15	3	5:20
24 Apr 45	1	1:15	4	5:20	1	1:40
25 Apr 45	1	:30	3	4:35	1	1:30
26 Apr 45	1	:30	2	1:45	1	1:20

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AIR LIAISON SECTION (Contd)

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
27 Apr 45	3	1:10	2	3:25		
28 Apr 45			3	4:35		
29 Apr 45	1	1:00	2	2:05		
30 Apr 45			2	3:05		
TOTALS	18	16:50	55	68:15	54	87:10

216TH FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Apr 45			2	3:15	3	3:45
2 Apr 45					2	4:00
3 Apr 45						
4 Apr 45					3	4:30
5 Apr 45					4	6:05
6 Apr 45			1	:40	2	3:00
7 Apr 45			2	2:05	3	4:45
8 Apr 45					1	1:30
9 Apr 45			1	1:30	1	1:10
10 Apr 45			1	1:20	1	2:45
11 Apr 45	2	2:40			3	4:30
12 Apr 45			1	1:00	4	6:00
13 Apr 45	4	4:30				
14 Apr 45	2	3:00	1	1:30		
15 Apr 45	2	3:05			3	5:00
16 Apr 45			1	1:20	6	10:05
17 Apr 45			4	5:25	5	7:40
18 Apr 45			2	2:55	2	2:55
19 Apr 45			1	1:20	1	1:10
20 Apr 45			2	3:45	2	3:00
21 Apr 45	3	2:50	1	1:20		
22 Apr 45			4	4:55	1	1:25
23 Apr 45	2	1:25	2	2:45	2	3:05
24 Apr 45			2	2:40	3	3:35
25 Apr 45			3	3:35	2	2:45
26 Apr 45	1	:30	2	2:40		
27 Apr 45			3	3:45		
28 Apr 45			1	1:15		
29 Apr 45	2	2:20	4	4:15		
30 Apr 45			2	2:00		
TOTALS	18	20:20	43	55:15	54	82:40

219th FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Apr 45			1	1:10	3	4:35
2 Apr 45			1	1:30	2	2:40
3 Apr 45			1	1:30	1	1:15
4 Apr 45			2	2:30	3	4:35
5 Apr 45			1	1:35	3	4:30
6 Apr 45			1	1:20	1	1:15
7 Apr 45					5	7:35
8 Apr 45	2	1:45	1	:40	3	4:25
9 Apr 45			1	1:05	2	2:45

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AIR LIAISON SECTION (Co.)

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
10 Apr 45	1	1:20			2	3:35
11 Apr 45						
12 Apr 45	1	1:15				
13 Apr 45	4	4:40				
14 Apr 45	3	2:45	1	1:15		
15 Apr 45	1	:45	3	4:10		
16 Apr 45	1	1:10	2	2:05	3	5:10
17 Apr 45	2	1:00	1	1:25	2	3:40
18 Apr 45					2	3:50
19 Apr 45			2	2:35	3	4:55
20 Apr 45	1	1:00	1	1:20	2	2:55
21 Apr 45			4	6:25	1	1:40
22 Apr 45			2	2:45	3	3:55
23 Apr 45			5	6:05	1	1:45
24 Apr 45	1	1:00	3	4:20		
25 Apr 45	2	:50	4	5:35	1	1:20
26 Apr 45			7	7:20		
27 Apr 45			3	4:10		
28 Apr 45			2	3:00		
29 Apr 45			3	2:50		
30 Apr 45	1	1:05	2	2:10		
TOTALS	20	18:35	54	68:00	43	66:20

Missions during month:

Administration ... 144
 Reconnaissance ... 274
 Adjustment Fire ... 225
 Photo Missions ... 1
 Training Missions ... 15

Totals Missions: 659

Awards During Month: Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
 1st Lt Henry A Roseberry
 1st Lt John L Cecil
 Capt Robert E Philbeck
 Capt George W Cumming
 1st Lt John L Venable
 1st Lt Warren G Terhorst

Fields during Month:

1 - 2 April	...	Boye, Germany
2 - 10 "	...	Buer-Hassel, Germany
10 - 13 "	...	Herne, Germany
13 - 14 "	...	Hildersheim, Germany
14 - 15 "	...	Grasleben, Germany
15 - 20 "	...	Sandbeiendorf, Germany
20 - 30 "	...	Tangerhutte, Germany

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VIII — AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 2. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Henry A Roseberry, O1173438, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 18 November 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

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