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HEADQUARTERS 35TH DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 35, US Army

L-587
1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, Report after Action No. 9.

TO: The Adjutant General, US Army, Washington, D. C. (thru Channels).

1. Reference to Par 10, c 3, AR 345-105; the following after battle report covering Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 35th Division Artillery, APO 35, 2 MI, New York, N.Y. is submitted for period 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 2400, 31 Mar 45.

T. L. Futch
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Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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1. G-3 Reports ✓
2. G-3 Reports ✓
3. TD Report ✓
4. G-3 Journal ✓
5. G-3 Messages ✓
6. Air Liaison Report ✓
7. Misc: Opns Memo 23, 3 Mar 45, Opns Memo 24, 4 Mar 45, Opns Memo 27, 21 Mar 45, FO 36, Mar 26, 1945, Opns Memo 28, 27 Mar 45.
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INTRODUCTORY: This report covers the factual accounts of the operations of this headquarters in combat from March 1, 1945 to March 31, 1945 and is based on a day by day account of the operations of the S-1, S-2, S-3, 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 107.

3. Casualties:

Killed 0.Sick, gassed, or wounded 0.Evacuated 0.4. Awards: Croix de Guerre 2.

5. No prisoners were captured.

6. Officers and assignments, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

35th Division Artillery:

Division Artillery Commander

" " Executive

" " S-3

" " S-1 & S-4

" " S-2

Brig Gen T. L. Futch

Col Douglas G Dwyre

Lt Col Hugh Belden

Maj Forrest H Hagenbuch

Maj Thomas W Ross *6143*

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Division Artillery A-T

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

0001 1 Mar 45

After exploiting the crossing of the Roer River, the 35th Div and Div Arty continued the advance to the North toward Venlo, Holland, operating under the XVI Corps 9th US Army. This advance was aimed toward a link up with Canadian and British Forces on the North. A Task Force consisting of the 320th Inf with the 275th FA Bn and 216th FA Bn attached, was ordered to proceed north to Venlo. CT 137th with 692nd FA and 219th FA attached was to follow Task Force 320th Inf, followed by CT 134th with 127th FA and 161st FA attached. Div Arty Headquarters and Headquarters Battery had just completed a move across the Roer River to Wassenberg. Against light opposition Task Force Byrne (320th Inf) proceeded north. Artillery activity was limited to registrations by 161st FA, 219th, and 127th FA. These units continued to protect the bridgehead across the Roer vic Hilfarth by continuous interdiction and harassing missions.

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Task Force Byrne continued to Venlo without opposition other than road blocks and scattered resistance. This headquarters moved to Kaldenkirchen, 4 kilometers south of Venlo, closing into new area at 1100. Task Force Byrne continued the attack to the Northeast with one battery of 275th FA in the advance guard. The 161st FA, 219th FA and 127th FA closed into position vic south of Venlo late 2 Mar 45, each artillery battalion organized for combat as of 1 Mar 45. 161st FA and 127th FA were ordered by CT 134th to choose positions vic of Straelen as soon as road clearance could be obtained. Other than registrations, the only firing during the period was on two enemy batteries by 275th FA. The AOP continued to report the progress of TF Byrne during the period. At 0600 2 Mar a total of 15 rounds had been fired.

3 Mar 45

Light opposition vic of Nieuwerk brought the commitment of part of the 134th Inf on the left flank to make contact with the British and Canadians and to protect the advance of the 320th Inf toward the Northeast. The organization for combat was as follows: 216th FA and 275th FA attached to Task Force Byrne, 161st FA Bn (less A Btry), and 127th FA under Div Arty control enroute to positions vic of Nieuwerk, A Btry 161st FA attached to 1st Bn 134th Inf vic Geldern, 219th FA and 692nd FA CT'd and attached 137th Inf enroute at close of period to assembly area S of Straelen. Missions during the period included 3 enemy batteries and vehicles in the woods, and 1 single gun installation, which was destroyed. This headquarters and Headquarters Battery closed into new CP at Venlo at 1000. Ammunition expenditure 0 rounds.

4 Mar 45

The artillery organization for combat remained the same with the exception of the 161st FA and 127th FA now in General support. The 349th FA Group consisting of the 754th FA, 777th FA was attached to Div Arty for General Support. Div Arty Headquarters moved from Venlo to Nieuwerk, closing into new CP at 0900. Heavier opposition East of Nieuwerk was met and during the period normal support missions were fired. During the night 4-5 Mar a heavy H and I program

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was planned to include Alpon, Wesel Highway, Orsoi, Ossenbergs and Rhine River ferries. The AOP's were inactive during the period due to poor visibility. During this period there was attached to Div Arty, in the absence of a Corps FDC, the 349th FA Group, the 407th FA Group, and 252nd FA Group. This assignment as attached Corps Artillery was ceased at 2200 5 Mar 45. Ammunition expenditure as of 0600 was 1794.

5 Mar 45

During this advance to the Rhine the 320th Inf with 216th FA and 275th FA reinforcing, occupied the left of the division sector, now flanked by the British and Canadians on the left or north, and the 137th Inf occupied the right or south. The 219th FA and 692nd FA were in direct support of the 137th Inf, while the 161st FA and 127th FA remained in General support. The 349th, 407th, and 252nd Groups remained under Div Arty control until 2200 and were used extensively on the Wesel Highway H and I program and on long-range targets picked up by the AOP. The H and I program for the night 5-6 Mar continued to be heavy. The AOP's continued to be active during the period locating and neutralizing 8 enemy batteries and numerous other targets consisting of a lucrative target of 30 enemy vehicles and 200 Germans who were located and dispersed. The effect on this target was reported to be devastating. Just before dark the AOP located 20 enemy barges along the Rhine River and all Corps artillery fired for effect. Large explosions and numerous fires were reported. At 0600 the ammunition expenditure was 2713 rounds.

6 Mar 45

This Headquarters and Headquarters Battery moved to Lintfort CP closing at 1345. The Wesel pocket of Germans West of the Rhine had now been narrowed at the south vic of Ossenbergs in the division sector and complete contact and encirclement by the British and Canadian forces on the West and North. Normal support missions were fired during the period. AOP's located and fired on three enemy gun batteries on barges attempting to cross the Rhine. TOT's were placed on these targets and the AOP estimated that from 10-15 of these targets were sunk.

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Other TOT's were placed on Ossenberg, Bauern-Schaft. H and I program during the night of March 6-7 included all possible avenues of advance and displacement for the enemy within the Div zone. The noose around the Wesel pocket continued to tighten but resistance had stiffened. Corps FDC fired effectively on several enemy batteries in the 35th Div sector, and answered other calls for fire outside the range capabilities of 35th Div Arty across the Rhine River. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 1788.

7 Mar 45

There was no change in the organization for combat with the exception of the 691st FA Bn reinforcing the 899th FA Bn upon arrival in the area. One CT of the 75th Div took over the sector of the 137th from South of Rheinberg, along the Rhine River to the South. The 137th continued the attack north of Rheinberg toward Ossenberg. During the period 20 enemy batteries, covering the withdrawal of the Germans in the Wesel pocket, were fired upon and all available artillery including Corps artillery was fired on these batteries. Fire was also placed on troop assembly areas and vehicles on the roads and barges attempting to cross the river Rhine. Several targets were marked for the fighter bombers and counter flak missions were fired by organic, attached, and Corps artillery prior to the time the fighterbombers hit their targets. TOT's were placed on enemy troop assembly areas, the towns of Borth and Wallach and also the town of Ossenberg. As usual a heavy H and I program during the night 7-8 Mar was instituted especially covering the routes of withdrawal to the barges and ferries in operation evacuating troops from the Wesel pocket. A total of 4022 rounds was fired as of 0600.

8 Mar 45

The organization for combat for the period was as follows: 692nd FA Bn reinforcing 219th FA Bn direct support TF Murray (137th Inf); 275th FA reinforcing 216th FA, direct support TF Byrne (320th Inf), 399th Armd FA Bn attached to CCB 8 Armd Div attached TF Byrne. 161st FA and 127th FA General support, and the 691st FA reinforcing 899th FA Bn CT'd 291st Inf. The attack of the division

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was supported by a 30 minute preparation including 11 FA Bns from Corps, organic, attached and reinforcing units, beginning at 0600, and with 9 battalions beginning at 0630. Numerous TOT's were placed on Drupt, Borth, Wallach, and assembly points for barges across the Rhine, also including known mortar and enemy battery locations. Three TOT's were placed on Ossenberg prior to the preparation. H and I fire continued on approaches to RR Bridge and vehicular bridge across the Rhine at Wesel. AOP's were inactive during the period because of poor visibility. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 reached 3879 rounds.

9 Mar 45

Fierce fighting around the outer perimeter of the Wesel pocket continued. The organization for combat remained the same with the following exception. With the commitment of the 134th Inf through the sector of the 320th Inf the 161st FA, beginning 100630 Mar 45 was in direct support 134th Inf, reinforced by the 275th FA and 216th FA Bn. A 30 minute preparation was fired beginning at 0630 with TOT's placed on Drupt, Borth and 5 enemy artillery locations. Prior to darkness the AOP picked up 2 battalions of enemy artillery vic of Winkeling and a heavy TOT with Pozit fuze was placed on this target. The town of Borth and a large RJ were marked by colored smoke prior to dark for an air strike. The AOP's were active throughout the period firing at enemy batteries, MG's and personnel, barges on the river, and a 6 car train, with excellent effect reported on all targets. As usual a heavy H and I program was fired during night of 9-10 Mar 45. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 1120.

10 Mar 45

No preparation was fired by artillery preparatory to the jump-off of the 134th Inf and 137th Inf in an effort to clear the Wesel pocket west of the Rhine. Two TOT's were placed on enemy batteries E of the Rhine and direct support missions continued during the attack although few targets were found on this west side of the river. Corps Artillery, at request of Div Arty, fired three smoke missions during the period and also several TOT's on enemy installations. It was believed most of the German equipment and personnel had

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evacuated during the night Mar 9-10 as only scattered opposition was encountered. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 6,760.

11 Mar 45

The organization for combat was as follows: 219th FA Bn direct support 137th Inf, 275th FA and 216th FA reinforcing 161st FA, direct support 134th Inf, and the 127th FA in General support. The 692nd FA was attached to 75th Div Arty at 110600 while the 899th FA, and 691st FA were detached from 35th Div Arty at 102400 and attached 75th Div Arty. During the day mopping up continued West of the Rhine, with the Wesel pocket now fully reduced. Normal defense missions were fired in the division sector East of the Rhine, consisting of enemy digging in, and suspected enemy mortar and MG positions. One TOT was fired on enemy infantry and tanks East of the Rhine. First indications of a move to a division rest area was discussed with unit commanders. Ammunition expenditure was 866 at 0600.

12 Mar 45

Elements of the 75th Div continued to take over the Div sector while the division by CT moved to an assembly area South of Venlo. CT 320th Inf moved to new assembly with 216th FA closing in new area at Belfeld at 1500, followed by the CT 134th with 161st FA closing into position near Kaldenkirchen at 1845 and 127th FA closing in at 12 1100 Mar 45. CT 137th remained in the line and the 219th FA fired on observed targets E of the Rhine throughout the day. Ammunition expenditure 0600 was 866 rounds.

13 Mar 45

This headquarters closed into Kaldenkirchen at 1030 followed by the CT 137th with 219th FA closing in new area at 1015. The Div began a training and rehabilitation program, with emphasis on maintenance and recreation. Increased passes were authorized and movie programs were instituted throughout Div Arty. There were no other operations during the period. Ammunition expenditure as of 0600 was 240.

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There were no operations or ammunition expenditures during this period and Div Arty continued in a period of rest and rehabilitation.

19 Mar 45

A target area was surveyed in and battalions of Div Arty engaged in calibration, following which the 105 Howitzers were regrouped in Div Arty in groups of like characteristics. Ammunition expenditure for this operation was 373. 35th Div Arty was attached, for operations only, to the 30th Div Arty.

20 Mar 45

Having been attached to the 30th Div Arty for operations, the 35th Div Arty moved into positions during the night of Mar 20-21 vic of Rheinberg, prepared to support the attack of the 30th Inf Div across the Rhine River. 35th Div Arty FDC moved to Ossenberg, closing in at 1500. The remainder of Hq Btry remained at Kaldenkirchen. See times of closing into new positions in Unit Journal attached number 141. These artillery positions, having been previously reconnoitered and surveyed in were completely prepared for a night occupation. There was no ammunition expenditure.

21 Mar 45

Secrecy cloaked the presence of the 35th Div Arty in the sector and liaison planes were ordered grounded until further notice. 35th Div Arty battalions were registered by ground observer of the 30th Div Arty using platoon volleys for each battalion, and platoon volleys were maintained throughout the day on the BP to camouflage the registration of the four battalions. The organization for combat included the 35th Div ^{Arty} in General support of the 30th Div Arty with the 161st FA reinforcing the fires of the 197th FA Bn. During the night hours ammunition trains built up the ammunition supply within the battalions to 3½ units of fire.

22 Mar 45

Preparations continued on operation "Flashpoint", the crossing of the Rhine, with preparation fires and fires on call received from the 30th Div Arty. There were no other operations during the period with the exception of registrations

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by battalions. No firing was done other than this. At 0600 a total of 386 rounds had been expended in registrations.

23 Mar 45

During the day final registrations were performed and completed and last minute changes to the preparation were perfected. Up until 240100 82 rounds were fired by Div Arty.

24 Mar 45

This being D-Day, H-Hour, to cross the Rhine, marked a period of activity for 35th Div Arty. 35th Div Arty supported the crossing of the Rhine by the 30th Inf Div with a one hour preparation beginning at 0100 hours March 1945, and continued after H hour (0200) for several hours. Scheduled fires consisted of enemy strong points, mortar and MG positions, and infantry dug in along the dikes and barriers of the Eastern banks of the Rhine. Method of fire ranged from Battalion TOT's to platoon volleys. From 0100 to 0600 a total of 11,134 rounds were fired in the preparation and subsequent firing. During the day calls for fire from the 30th Div Arty were answered. Div Arty furnished 70 2½ Ton 6x6 trucks for the movement of the balance of the 35th Div to an assembly area vic of Nieukerk. Only two casualties resulted from enemy shell fire during the period of D-Day. Devastating effect of the preparation was reported by all observers. At the close of the period each battalion of Div Arty had one unit of fire in addition to basic load, and were ordered to maintain 400 miles of gasoline and two days rations, preparatory to crossing the Rhine.

25 Mar 45

During the early part of the period there was no change in organization for combat; however, at 1500 the 35th Div Arty was released from attachment to the 30th Div Arty. Task Force Miltonberger (CT 134th Inf with 161st FA and 127th FA Bn attached) was alerted for movement across the Rhine. During the early part of the period calls for fire from the 30th Div Arty were answered by 35th Div Arty. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 6,065.

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26 Mar 45

During the night 25-26 TF Miltonberger crossed the Rhine, with the first unit of Div Arty to cross being the 161st FA Bn. During the morning of 26 Mar the 137th Inf followed by the 219th FA Bn moved East of the Rhine. This Hq and Hq Btry moved East of the Rhine and closed into a new CP at Dinslaken at 1500. The organization for combat this time included the 161st FA direct support of the 134th, reinforced by the 127th FA, and the 219th FA, reinforced by the 216th FA and 666th FA (attached to Div Arty - 155 How Battalion), direct support of the 137th Inf. Taking over a sector between the 30th Inf Div on the left or north, and the 79th Inf Div on the right or south, the 35th Div attacked East toward Gladbeck with the 134th on the left, the 137th on the right, and the 320th Inf in reserve. During the day the AOP located and neutralized 4 enemy batteries and numerous other targets consisting of enemy personnel assembly areas and enemy vehicles. A heavy H and I program in the sector of the 134th Inf was planned during the night 26-27 Mar 45. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 306.

27 Mar 45

There was no change in the organization for combat with the exception of the 216th FA in direct support of the 320th Inf, now committed on the right flank of the division. Div Arty supported the attack of the division throughout the period firing numerous missions on enemy mortars, SP guns, MG's and enemy infantry assembly areas. AOP's were grounded during the period because of poor visibility. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 2223.

28 Mar 45

Div Arty supported the attack of the division firing 12 missions on anti-aircraft installations in the sector of the 320th Inf and the 79th Div between 0500 and 0600. AOP's during the day neutralized 4 enemy battery locations totaling 15 enemy guns. Three rocket gun installations were also fired upon, and one vehicle was knocked out during a registration. A heavy H and I program in the sector of the 134th Inf was requested from Corps artillery consisting of

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12 missions. Satisfactory progress continued by infantry units. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 5246.

29 Mar 45

There was no change in organization for combat. The AOP's were unable to operate effectively due to the weather overcast and fog. Heavy H and I programs using posit fuze was continued during those times when the AOP's were forced down. A heavy TOT was placed upon a factory and slag pile hindering the advance of the 320th Inf. Ammunition expenditure 5790.

30 Mar 45

This headquarters opened a new CP vic Kreul, Germany at 0800. Firing continued on numerous strongpoints and mortar positions in the division sector. AOP's located and fired on 7 enemy artillery positions and numerous other targets during the period. The 666 FA Bn was relieved attachment 35th Div Arty at 1000. A heavy H and I program was maintained during the night using the aid of a group of reinforcing Corps artillery. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 6070.

31 Mar 45

There was no change in the organization for combat. During the early morning several TOT's were placed on the town of Buer-Erle. AOP's located and fired on 4 flak guns, two missions on enemy tanks, 4 vehicles, 3 MG positions, and 1 SP gun emplacement, all with good effect. Following completion of present mission, preliminary plans for position areas were made for artillery battalions supporting the division in the defense of the right flank of Corps, facing south toward the industrial Ruhr area. Five TOT's were placed on strong points, factories and towns during the afternoon hours. Ammunition expenditure at 0600 was 6282, bringing a total on 0600 1 Apr for the month of Mar to 67,587 rounds. Accumulative total since commitment of the division in July 1944 now reached the peak of 410,853 rounds.

The high standards of efficiency and morale were maintained throughout the month in division artillery.

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6 Mar 45	1	:10				
7 Mar 45			4	3:10	1	1:00
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9 Mar 45			3	2:00	1	1:00
10 Mar 45			2	1:30	1	1:10
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25 Mar 45			1	:45		
26 Mar 45			2	1:45		
27 Mar 45						
28 Mar 45			1	1:25	1	2:15
29 Mar 45	1	:30				
30 Mar 45			1	:25	3	4:50
31 Mar 45			1	1:00	3	5:15
TOTALS	44	26:15	34	25:00	11	17:00

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17 Mar 45	1	1:10				

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27 Mar 45						
28 Mar 45			1	1:30	2	3:40
29 Mar 45					1	2:30
30 Mar 45	1	1:15	1	:45	1	2:05
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TOTALS	28	35:45	22	25:15	20	35:45

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6 Mar 45			1	1:10	2	2:15
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26 Mar 45	1	:40	1	2:00	2	3:25
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29 Mar 45					1	1:05
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31 Mar 45	1	:15	1	1:25	3	4:30
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22 Mar 45	1	2:00				
23 Mar 45						
24 Mar 45	1	:30	2	2:15		
25 Mar 45	1	:45	3	3:35		
26 Mar 45			1	1:20	2	2:25
27 Mar 45					3	3:35
28 Mar 45						
29 Mar 45			1	:40		
30 Mar 45			1	1:40	2	3:05
31 Mar 45			2	3:05	2	3:10
TOTALS	15	17:20	20	25:45	25	34:10

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2 Mar 45	1	:45	1	:30	1	1:15
3 Mar 45			2	2:45	1	1:00
4 Mar 45	1	:30				
5 Mar 45			1	1:05	2	3:45
6 Mar 45	1	:15	1	1:00	1	1:45
7 Mar 45	1	:15	1	1:30	2	3:05
8 Mar 45						
9 Mar 45					1	1:15
10 Mar 45						
11 Mar 45			1	1:10		
12 Mar 45	1	:15	3	3:55		
13 Mar 45	1	:30				
14 Mar 45	1	:35				
15 Mar 45	5	4:20				
16 Mar 45						

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<u>Date</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Time</u>
17 Mar 45	3	4:15	1	1:00		
18 Mar 45	2	1:35				
19 Mar 45	3	2:10				
20 Mar 45	3	2:45				
21 Mar 45	4	4:20				
22 Mar 45	3	2:30				
23 Mar 45	2	1:15				
24 Mar 45			2	2:30		
25 Mar 45			4	4:30		
26 Mar 45	2	1:10	1	1:15	1	1:20
27 Mar 45						
28 Mar 45	2	1:15	1	1:30	2	3:00
29 Mar 45						
30 Mar 45	1	:25	2	1:25	2	4:00
31 Mar 45			1	1:40	4	7:20
TOTALS	38	30:05	25	29:25	17	27:45

I. Air Fields during Month of March:

- 1 - 2 Wassenberg
- 2 - 3 Kaldenkirchen
- 3 - 4 Venlo
- 4 - 6 Nieuwerker
- 6 - 13 Lintfort
- 13 - 23 Kaldenkirchen
- 23 - 26 Lintfort
- 26 - 30 Dinslaken
- 30 - 31 Kreul

II. Missions flown during Month:

	<u>Total Time</u>	<u>Div Arty</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>219</u>	
Administration	138:00 hrs	44	39	28	15	38	664
Reconnaissance	126:15 hrs	34	17	22	20	25	118
Fire Missions	157:40 hrs	11	28	20	25	17	101
					Total		883

Total time flown during month: 421:55 hrs.

III. Awards during March:

- 1st Lt John L Cecil, 216th FA Bn, Croix de Guerre
- 1st Lt Charles J Fitzgerald, 127th FA Bn Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
- 1st Lt Warren G Terhorst, 127th FA Bn Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
- 1st Lt John P Yates, 127th FA Bn Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

IV. Pilot and Observers - Losses:

- 1st Lt John P Yates - 127th FA Bn.
- 1st Lt Donald W Foe - 161st FA Bn.

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RESTRICTED TYPE MISSIONS DURING MONTH MARCH

The following type and number of missions were fired during the month of March by 35th Division Artillery:

Mar 1 Air OP: 4 Registration
 GOP : 1 " 1 Counter Btry
 Unobs : 22 H & I
 Fire Missions 4, Recon M 20.

Mar 2 Air OP:
 GOP : No firing. Recon Missions 6.
 Unobs :

Mar 3 Air OP: 3 Counter Btry
 GOP : 1 Counter Btry
 Unobs :
 Fire Missions 3, Recon M 12.

Mar 4 Air OP: 1 Counter Btry, 4 Neut, 4 Regist.
 GOP : 1 H & I, 1 Regist.
 Unobs : 28 H & I, 1 Neut.
 Fire Missions 9, Recon M 14. 327 Pozits by Jockey 8% Premature.

Mar 5 Air OP: 5 Counter Btry, 5 Neut, 1 Dest, 8 Regist.
 GOP : 4 Close support, 15 Neut, 3 Regist, 2 smoke
 Unobs : 5 Counter Btry, 105 H & I, 4 Neut.

Mar 6 Air OP: 5 Counter Btry, 5 Neut, 3 Dest, 4 Regist, 1 Smoke.
 GOP : 3 H & I
 Unobs : 54 H & I, 1 Neut
 Fire Missions 18, Recon M 8.

Mar 7 Air OP: 6 Counter Btry, 1 H & I, 14 Neut, 11 Regist.
 GOP : 2 Counter Btry, 4 Counter Flak, 4 Close Support, 9 H & I, 31 Neut, 1 Regist, 2 Smoke.
 Unobs : 3 Counter Btry, 88 H & I, 18 Neut.
 11 Reg AOP, 1 GOP, Smoke 2 GOP, Fire Missions 32, Recon M 3.

Mar 8 Air OP: 15 Counter Btry, 2 Counter Flak, 1 Close Support, 4 Neut, 2 Dest, 4 Regist, 3 Smoke.
 GOP : 4 Country Btry, 6 Close Support, 4 H & I, 30 Neut, 1 Dest
 Unobs : 2 Counter Btry, 3 Counter Flak, 85 H & I, 52 Neut, 44 Prep, 7 Misc.
 Remarks: *4 Reg; 3 Smoke. ** 44 Prep Missions (127, 161, 216, 219, 692, 275, 899). Air OP, Fire Missions: 31, Recon Missions: 8.

Mar 9 Air OP: 1 Neut, 3 Regist.
 GOP : 6 Counter Btry, 3 Close Support, 7 H & I, 10 Neut, 9 Regist.
 Unobs : 104 H & I, 66 Neut, 42 Prep.
 Reg 3 AOP, 9 GOP - Prep 42 Un. Fire Mis. 5, Recon 5.

Mar 10 Air OP: 5 Counter Btry, 14 Neut, 2 Dest, 12 Regist, 5 Prep 5 Smoke.
 GOP : 3 Counter Btry, 7 Close Support, 1 H & I, 24 Neut, 2 Dest, 1 Regist, 2 Prep.
 Unobs : 3 Counter Btry, 175 H & I, 46 Neut, 48 Prep.
 43 Air Fire Mis, 4 Recon (Air) 127, 161, 216, 219, 692, 275, 899, 691 (1 Co T/D)

Mar 11 Air OP: 1 Counter Btry, 51 H & I, 21 Neut
 GOP : 6 Close Support, 6 H & I, 20 Neut, 16 Dest.
 Unobs : 128 H & I, 9 Neut.
 Remarks: Nine registrations AOP, Recon 5 AOP.

Mar 12 Air OP:
 GOP : 14 Neut,
 Unobs : 24 H & I, 1 Neut.
 127, 161, 216, 219, 275 FA Bns.

Mar 21 Air OP:
 GOP : 2 Dest, Regist.
 Unobs :
 2 Ck Pt Reg.

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Mar 22 Air OP: 4 Regist.
 GOP : 2 Regist.
 Unobs : 2 H & I
 Air OP: 1 Regist.
 Mar 24 GOP : 2 Neut, 2 Regist, 4 Smoke.
 Unobs : 83 H & I, 6 Neut, 15 Prep, 4 Smoke, 6 Propaganda.
 AOP: 7 Recon Missions
 Air OP:
 Mar 25 GOP : 1 Neut.
 Unobs : 23 H & I, 26 Neut, 7 Prep
 APO: 6 Recon Missions.
 Air OP: 3 Counter Btry, 5 Neut, 3 Regist.
 Mar 27 GOP : 2 Counter Btry, 20 Neut, 2 Regist
 Unobs : 9 Counter Btry, 39 H & I, 14 Prep.
 AOP: 11 Fire Missions, 2 Recon M.
 Air OP: 1 Neut, 2 Regist.
 Mar 28 GOP : 2 Counter Btry, 31 Close Support, 1 H & I, 30 Neut, 2 Dest, 4 Regist,
 16 Prep.
 Unobs : 22 Counter Btry, 96 H & I, 5 Neut, 12 Prep.
 AOP - 3 Fire Missions, 1 Recon Mission.
 Air OP: 1 Counter Btry, 3 Neut, 7 Regist, 1 Smoke.
 Mar 29 GOP : 1 Counter Flak, 1 H & I, 33 Neut, 1 Regist
 Unobs : 3 Counter Btry, 164 H & I, 37 Neut, 6 Dest, 37 Prep.
 AOP - 12 Fire Mis, 3 Recon.
 Air OP : 1 Neut, 6 Regist.
 Mar 30 GOP : 2 Counter Btry, 2 H & I, 13 Neut, 2-1 Prep.
 Unobs : 177 H & I, 18 Neut, 10 Prep.
 Air OP: - 7 Fire Missions, 2 Recon.
 Air OP: 4 Counter Btry, 12 Neut, 7 Regist.
 Mar 31 GOP : 14 Close Support, 1 H & I, 20 Neut
 Unobs : 2 Counter Btry, 110 H & I, 5 Neut, 1 Prep.
 AOP: - 23 Fire Missions, 10 Recon.

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Le President du Gouvernement Provisoire de la Republique
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*pour services exceptionnels de Guerre rendus au cours *
* des operations de liberation de la France *

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Lt Col Douglas G. DWYRE	017535	161st FA Bn
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Les Presentes Citations comportent l'attribution de la Croix de Guerre avec
Palme.

FAIT A PARIS, le 29 Jan 1945.

Signe: de GAULLE

P.A. LE Colonel MISSONIER
Directeur de Cabinet de L'E.M.G.D.N.

/s/ MISSONIER.

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