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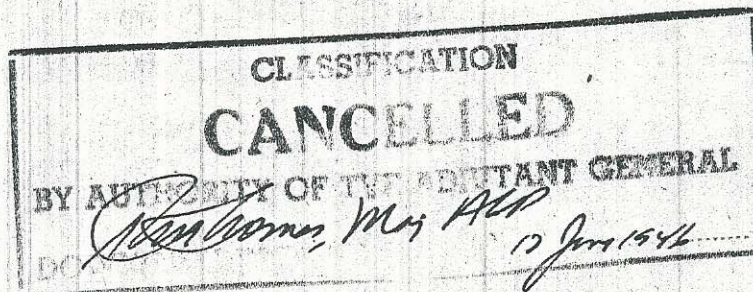
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APO 35, US ArmyInitials R.E.C.Date 12 June 1945
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INTRODUCTORY: This report covers the factual accounts of the operations of this headquarters in combat from May 1, 1945 to May 31, 1945 and is based 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 17, WO 1, EM 112.
3. Casualties:
 - Killed 1.
 - Sick, gassed, or wounded 3.
 - Evacuated 3.
4. Awards: Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) 1.
Bronze Star Medal 5.
5. Prisoners captured: 0.
6. Officers and assignments, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

35th Division Artillery:

Division Artillery Commander

Col Douglas G Dwyre

" " Executive

Lt Col Hugh Belden

" " S-3

Maj Calvin F Finn

" " S-1 & S-4

Maj Forrest H Hagenbuch

" " A-T

Maj Richard R Coffin

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Division Artillery	Air Liaison	Maj James N Davidson
"	Asst S-3	Capt Carl F Maples
"	Asst S-2	1st Lt James H Waters
"	Asst S-1	1st Lt James E Judson
"	Aide-de-Camp	1st Lt Myron Linz
"	Pilot	1st Lt Henry A Roseberry
"	Surgeon	Maj Gerrit J Bloemendaal
"	Dental O	Capt Denis F Gillooly
"	Chaplain	Capt Gerhard L Belgium
"	Chaplain	Capt Laforest E Hodgkins
"	Com O	1st Lt Lynd E Cohick
"	Asst Com O	1st Lt Henry R Seawell Jr
"	Motor Officer	CWO Clifford D Mullis

0001 1 May 45

Opening the month of May, 35th Div Arty battalions were in position on the Elbe River in the general vicinity of Cobbel, Angern, and Weissewarte, north of Magdeburg. With the infantry of the 35th Inf Div having been relieved late in April and withdrawn to an occupation area south of Hannover, the mission of Division Artillery was general support of the XIII Corps Artillery, reinforcing the fire of the 102nd Division. There was no firing by organic artillery units during the month of May, the last round having been fired April 29 by the 127th FA Bn. Division Artillery CP at this time was located at Tangerhutte, Germany, along with the attached 654th TD Bn and 446th AAA (AW) Bn. During the day AOP surveillance continued but only the movement of displaced persons was reported.

2 May 45

Following verbal orders CG XIII Corps Artillery, Division Artillery and attached units were relieved from G-S XIII Corps, reinforcing 102nd Division at 021330 B May 1945, and all units of division artillery went into rendezvous positions prepared to make a motor move to the Hannover area beginning 030700

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B May 1945. Having originally made reconnaissance for an area south of Hannover (see inclosed overlay), Div Arty area was changed to an area east of Hannover (see inclosed overlay) in which positions they were to relieve the 5th Armored Division.

3 May 45

Following a motor move to the Hannover area (see attached S-3 reports for locations of troops and times of closing), Div Arty CP closed into Gifhorn at the new CP at 1100, 3 May, and battalions of Div Arty immediately began to relieve the 5th Armored Division.

4 May 45

Relief continued in the new area with the following units taking responsibility of the new area: 161st FA Bn, 219th FA Bn, 448th AAA (AW) Bn, 654th TD Bn.

5 May 45

The 127th FA Bn and 216th FA Bn assumed control of their new areas at 1200, and Div Arty continued to occupy and govern the new area, establishing guards at DP and PW camps, and beginning road patrols throughout the area. Following Operations Memo 39 (attached), Advance parties went forward to new area vic of Mehle, Germany, while CO's and advance parties of the 196th FA Group, 202nd FA Group, 40th FA Group and 411th FA Groups made contact with Division Artillery units and prepared preliminary plans for occupation of our present area by 081200 B May 1945.

6 May 45

Plans for relief of the area by XIII Corps Artillery Groups continued, as advance parties selected CP's in the new area vic Mehle. (see attached S-3 report for CP locations).

7 May 45

The 448th AAA (AW) Bn, having been relieved completely by Corps Artillery began move to new area at 0900 7 May 45, with the 161st FA Bn moving to new area 1300 B 7 May 1945, while the 127th FA Bn moved elements to the new area

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at 1330 7 May 1945. The 216th FA Bn, 219th FA Bn, and 654th TD Bn continued to occupy and govern the old area.

8 May 45

The balance of the 127th FA Bn moved at 1345 B 8 May while the 654th TD Bn and 219th FA Bn began to move at 1500 with units closing into new area to relieve 60th Eng and 137th Inf. The 216th FA Bn was ordered to remain in present position occupying and governing the assigned area until relief by the 320th Inf was completed.

9 May 45

Div Arty CP began move to new area at 0900 and closed into new area vic of Elze in the afternoon, followed by the 216th FA Bn, less Hq and Hq Btry, closing into new area at 1800. (See attached S-3 report for locations of units in new area). The 258th FA Group with attached battalions (258th FA, 959th FA, 92nd Chemical Bn) and the 422nd FA Group with attached battalions (25th FA Bn, 65th FA Bn, and 70th FA Bn) were attached to Div Arty 8 May 1945 to continue to govern and occupy their assigned area (see attached overlay).

10 May 45

Units continued relief of the 60th Eng and 137th Inf in new area completing relief during the day.

11 May 45

All units continued the occupation and governing of their respective areas, safeguarding all target installations (see attached list of targets in area) and conducting training. Remainder of the 216th FA Bn closed into new area at 1500 having been relieved by the 320th Inf in the old area.

The 92nd Cml Bn detached from the 258th FA Group was attached to 35th Div Arty at 1500, while the 19th AAA Group (132 Gun Bn, 135 Gun Bn, 556 AA Bn, 559 AW Bn) was attached to Div Arty 111200 B May 45. Attached S-3 Report 297 covers activities of troops during this period.

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Div Arty and attached troops continued to occupy and govern the assigned area, with those troops not engaged in guard details continuing training. Elements of the 19th AAA Gp, ordered to relieve the 258th FA Gp and 422nd FA Groups continued to relieve those troops, relief expected to be completed by 141200 May 45.

13 May 45

Units continued to govern and occupy assigned area. One officer was killed and one officer evacuated from injuries sustained in a routine air flight over the area. The plane was turned in for salvage.

14 May 45

As units of the 19th AA Group continued to relieve the FA Groups, the advance party for the 84th Div Arty arrived in the area and made temporary plans to take over the area, pending move of 35th Inf Div and 35th Div Arty to the Munster Area.

15 May 45 - 16 May 45

Continuing to occupy and govern the area assigned, Div Arty sent advance details to the Munster Area vic of Iudinghausen preparatory to relieving the 95th Div in that area.

17 May 45

Having been relieved by the 84th Inf Div Arty, Div Arty less 654th TD Bn and 448th AAA (AW) Bn, relieved from attachment, proceeded by motor move to the Munster Area, with Div Arty CP closing into new area at Ubbenhagen, near Bork at 1530. Immediately upon arrival the 216th, 161st, and 219th FA Bns furnished 25 trucks each to transport the infantry to the new area. Div Arty Bns immediately made contact with elements of 379th Inf Regt of the 95th Div in preparation for relief of area.

18 May 45

Div Arty Bns assumed responsibility for security within their respective areas at 18 2215 May 1945, and continued training, occupation and security within their areas.

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19 - 28 May 45

Div Arty continued to secure the Munster area, vic of Ludinghausen making preliminary plans for beginning of the Information and Education program, stressing motor maintenance, controlling Displaced Persons and Prisoners of War, and cooperating with established military government units in controlling the area, and consolidating the DP and PW Camps. (See inclosed Target reports covering Ludinghausen and Coesfeld Kreis).

29 May 45

As Div Arty continued to occupy in the Ludinghausen and Coesfeld Kreis, the 35th Div received orders to move from present area to sector of the 15th Army (1-4 June 1945) to relieve elements of the 66th InfDiv in the Koblenz area. Following Operations Memo 42 (attached) first elements of the 1st Belgium Brigade made contact with units in the Ludinghausen Kreis preparatory to relieving those units, while Div Arty units in Landkreis Coesfeld were contacted by the 9 AGRA. Movement by train to new area with entraining point at Hamm was authorized for the 127th FA Bn and 448th AAA (AW) Bn, with 127th FA Bn planning on sending 6 trailers, 17 tractors, 11 Howitzers and 180 men, while the 448th AAA (AW) Bn made arrangements to load 16 Hal ftracks, 16 one ton trailers, 8 M51's and 106 men.

30 May 45

As units of the British 3rd Division began relief of Div Arty units, taking over the guard posts in DP and PW Camps, an advance detail to the new area, South of Koblenz, was sent out. This new area (see Opns Memo 42) included Kreuznach and Birkenfeld Kreis, now occupied by the 66th Div Arty.

31 May 45

Relief of Div Arty units continued in the area. The 448th AAA (AW) Bn continued on plans of loading units by rail, however the 127th FA Bn being delayed because of rail difficulties was ordered to remain in the area until their cars arrived and they were loaded. Other elements of Div Arty, less 127th FA Bn, prepared to make motor move to new area, leaving 1 Jun 45. Div

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Arty furnished 45 trucks 2½ Ton (9 per battalion) to move rear echelon to new area with these trucks reporting to rear echelon after 1800 and before 2100 31 May 1945. Rations having previously been drawn for PW and DP Camps up to the 5th of June, some elements of Div Arty prepared to leave behind sufficient personnel, if the Belgium and British units so desired, to handle such details necessary to insure smooth occupation of area.

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HEADQUARTERS 354TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

18 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : 35th Division Artillery; (Attn: S-3)

Following report covers period from 111600 May 45 to 181600 May 45:

	For Week (111600-181600 May)	Average Per Day
(1) Number of troops engaged in training.	3303	472
(2) Number of troops engaged in resting.	210	30
(3) Number of installations being guarded.	93	13
(4) Number of troops being engaged in security missions.	821	117

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Sec VII GO 34 Hq 35th Inf Div 22 May 45.

VII -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. 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 fourth Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

First Lieutenant Henry A Roseberry, O1173438, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 9 March to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Sec II GO 37 Hq 35th Inf Div 27 May 45.

II -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Major Gerrit J Bloemendaal, O227111 (Then captain), Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Chaplain (Captain) Gerhard L Belgen, O4611450, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Chaplain (Captain) Laforest E Hodgkins, O538869, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Lynd E Cohick, O515650, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant James H Waters, O1182479, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 12 December 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.