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On the 29th of October 1944, the 515th Field Artillery Battalion, consisting of 26 officers, 2 warrant officers and 509 enlisted men, departed by rail from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and embarked on the troopship U.S.S. Argentina, at pier 13, Staten Island, New York.

The troopship, U.S.S. Argentina departed in convoy on the 30th of October 1944, and docked at Liverpool, England at 1330, 12 November 1944. No enemy activity was witnessed during the 13 days that the convoy was on the seas.

The Battalion debarked from the troopship, U.S.S. Argentina, at 0010, 13 November 1944, and entrained for Camp Greystone, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, England.

The Battalion detrained at Dalton-in-Furness at 0530 on 13 November 1944.

The advanced detachment, which originally landed at Omaha Beach on 1 October 1944, were on hand to greet the Battalion. Unknown to all but the advanced detachment, the Battalion, on 9 October 1944, was assigned to the Third United States Army with area 100 at Omaha Beach assigned as its bivouac area.

On 9 November 1944, the Battalion was relieved of assignment to the Third United States Army and assigned to United Kingdom Base, and the advance detachment was sent to England.

By mere coincidence, the Battalion was staged at the same camp and sailed on the same ship as the 411th Field Artillery Group, under whom it was assigned and trained under at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Battalion was attached to the 411th Field Artillery Group upon its arrival in England.

On 22 November 1944, the Battalion was relieved of assignment to United Kingdom Base and again assigned to the Third United States Army. On the 23d of November 1944, the Battalion was attached to the XXI Corps.

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On 23 December 1944, the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the XXI Corps and 411th Field Artillery Group and attached to the XXIII Corps and 224th Field Artillery Group. Also, on 23 December 1944, the Battalion was placed on a 12 hour alert and given the mission of protecting the Glasgow area against any anticipated prisoner of war breaks or other uprisings. The Battalion remained on this alert status until 15 January 1945.

On 13 January 1945, the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 224th Field Artillery Group and attached to the 220th Field Artillery Group.

On 19 January 1945, the Battalion was relieved from assignment to the Third United States Army, 12th Army Group and assigned to the Seventh United States Army, 6th Army Group, and attached to the Fifteenth United States Army, 12th Army Group.

The Battalion was shipped overseas with minimum essentials plus its 155mm guns. This meant that the big job, upon arrival in England, was to get all of the T/O and E items and other spare parts and accessories. Every effort was exerted to get releases from the various supply depots scattered all over England as soon as possible. With transportation difficulties on the continent about this time, the Battalion could only procure 10% of its general purpose vehicles. With 10 3/4 ton weapon carriers and 1 2-1/2 ton truck, the Battalion S-4 kept on the go trying to obtain this equipment. The closest supply depot was in Liverpool, 85 miles away, and it became quite a transportation problem to go to all of these scattered supply depots to pick up equipment as the releases came in. Trips as far as Carthage, a distance of 240 miles, had to be made in order to pick up 2 range deflection fans.

On Leaving Camp Greystone, Dalton-in-Furness, on 28 January 1945, the Battalion had only 75% of its T/O and E equipment and about 40% of its spare parts and accessories. The majority of these releases were obtained from one to five days prior to the Battalion's departure.

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An intensive training program as outlined by the XXI Corps and XXIII Corps was carried on by the Battalion while it was stationed at Camp Greystone, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, England.

On 25 January 1945, an advance billeting party departed from Camp Greystone by motor convey from Dalton-in-Furness for the far shore.

On 26 January 1945, the Battalion received word that the ordnance depot at Tidworth, England had released the 18 M-4 tractors and 6 M-23 trailers (10 ton ammunition) and immediately sent all tractor drivers by rail to Tidworth with instructions to report to R.C.R.P.D. No. 14 on 28 January 1945.

On 27 January 1945, the motorized column of all remaining general purpose vehicles left Camp Greystone, Dalton-in-Furness for R.C.R.P.D. No. 14, part of the 14th port area near Southampton, England.

The remainder of the Battalion, some 300 men and officers, entrained at Dalton-in-Furness, at 0220, 28 January 1945, and arrived at Eastleigh, England at 1430. From Eastleigh, England, the Battalion was taken by truck convoy to staging area, R.C.R.P.D. No. 14, arriving at 1545 the same day.

The motorized column from Camp Greystone, and the tractor column from Tidworth arrived at R.C.R.P.D. No. 14 late the same evening.

Two other trucks that were after equipment which had been released on 26 January 1945, also joined the Battalion at R.C.R.P.D. No. 14 on 28 January 1945.

On 28 January 1945, the Battalion was relieved of attachment to the 220th Field Artillery Group.

The complete motorized column, with tractors, left R.C.R.P.D. No. 14, 29 January 1945, and embarked on two LST's at Weymouth, England, arriving in LeHarve, France on 30 January 1945. The remainder of the Battalion embarked at Southampton, England on 30 January 1945, aboard the troopship H.M.S. Monowai.

The troopship, H.M.S. Monowai, docked at LeHarve, France, 31 January 1945. The Battalion debarked at 1815 and were taken by truck convoy to Camp Twenty Grand, staging area, near Rouen, France, arriving at 2340, 31 January 1945.

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The Battalion spent its time in the mud of Camp Twenty Grand, checking and servicing all of its wheeled vehicles, tractors, radios and other equipment.

On 9 February 1945, the 155mm guns of the Battalion arrived at Camp Twenty Grand. Because of the distance from Camp Greystone, Dalton-in-Furness, to Weymouth, England, and since the Battalion had no tractors or other vehicles to utilize as prime movers, it was necessary to ship the 155mm guns by rail. A rear detachment was left at Camp Greystone to stay with the guns until they arrived at their destination. The guns were loaded at Barrow-in-Furness by the Transportation Corps, and departed on 2 February 1945. They arrived in Weymouth, England, on 3 February 1945, but were not loaded on an LST until 6 February 1945, due to the fact that the Transportation Corps would not unload them until notified by the XXIII Corps. A similar experience occurred at LeHarve, France, when the guns were to be unloaded from the LST.

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Again at Camp Twenty Grand, the Battalion found it impossible to get all of its T/O and E items, spare parts and accessories deemed essential for combat until the Fifteenth United States Army, realizing the importance of the situation, ordered releases on fire control instruments, watches, ammunition racks, and other major items of T/O and E equipment.

On 4 March 1945, the Battalion moved from Camp Twenty Grand to a German air field, approximately 4 miles east of Dieppe, France, where it was again attached to the 224th Field Artillery Group. Here, all radio and wire equipment were given a thorough check. Radio frequencies, the first that it had been possible to obtain, were borrowed from the 61st Field Artillery Brigade in order to effectively test all radio equipment. Also for the first time in four months, the Battery Commanders were able to see their gun sections occupy a position and prepare pieces for firing. No firing was permitted.

By 7 March 1945, the Battalion had received at least 95% of its T/O and E items of equipment and about 70% of its spare parts and accessories and was reported ready to perform its primary mission.

On 9 March 1945, the Battalion received orders from Commanding General, 61st Field Artillery Brigade, that the Battalion was to be in Lunnéville, France, on 12 March 1945. The Battalion, on 10 March 1945, was relieved of attachment to the 224th Field Artillery Group and left its bivouac area east of Dieppe, France at 0935, arriving in Soissons, France at 1810, 10 March 1945, after having traveled a distance of 123 miles. The Battalion's basic load of 155mm ammunition was picked up at Soissons, France, during the evening of 10, 11 March 1945. At 0900, 11 March 1945, the Battalion was again on the march, arriving at Revigny, France, at 1545, having traveled a distance of 89 miles.

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On 12 March 1945, the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the Fifteenth United States Army and 12th Army Group and reverted to the control of the Seventh U.S. Army, 6th Army Group.

The Battalion left Revigny, France, at 0936, 12 March 1945, for an easy journey to Lunnéville, France. While on the march, the Battalion received orders at Nancy, France, that it was attached to the XV Corps, and further attached to the 194th Field Artillery Group and that it would go into position on the front line. After considerable delay due to changes in routes, the Battalion arrived at Sarreinsming, France at 0110, 13 March 1945, after having traveled a distance of 139 miles.

The Battalion was laid and ready to fire at 0530 from positions near Sarreinsming, France, which had been previously selected and surveyed in by the 194th Field Artillery Group.

At 1540, 13 March 1945, Number One piece of Charlie Battery fired the first round in combat when it was registered on a base point by air observation. Two OP's were established, and enemy activity was observed, but no fire was adjusted by either OP.

The Battalion fired long range fires, and counterbattery, in general support of the XV Corps and assisted the 100th Division in the attack of Maginot Ports on 13 and 14 March 1945.

At H hour, 0100, 15 March 1945, the Battalion was one of 5 Battalions attached to the 194th Field Artillery Group in general support of the 45th Division Artillery as the XV Corps launched its attack to penetrate the Siegfried Line and to seize the west bank of the Rhine River and to confine the advance to the northeast.

At 0118, the Battalion started firing its counterbattery program and at the close of the period ending 0600, 15 March 1945, the Battalion had conducted 4 registrations, 2 harrassing missions and 36 counterbattery missions and had expended 379 rounds of ammunition. From 0600, 15 March to 0600, 16 March 1945, the Battalion fired 100 missions and expended 547 rounds of ammunition. Of these, 90 were harrassing missions, 8 counterbattery, and 2 registrations.

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By this time, all guns of the Battalion had been watched carefully for any equilibrator or other minor defects. Able Battery's Number 3 piece, which was first damaged by unloading at Fort Lewis in November 1944 and later cannabalized in order to get parts for other guns from other Battalions, fired its first round for the 515th Field Artillery Battalion and proved itself to be in satisfactory condition.

Considerable excitement took place at Charlie Battery's ammunition dump at 2112, 15 March 1945, when 40 155mm propelling charges were destroyed by fire. All indications seemed to point toward sabotage, yet no positive evidence of this fact was ever established.

The Battalion's first inspection in combat came on 16 March 1945 when the Chief of Staff, Army Ground Forces, inspected Baker Battery's gun position in the vicinity of Sarreinsming, France.

With strong resistance coming from the town of Blicastle, the Battalion was called upon twice, on 16 March 1945, to have one battery fire 1 volley of white phosphorous, thus marking the town for our bombers.

At 1830, 16 March 1945, the Battalion made its first displacement from Sarreinsming, France, to Frauenberg, France, a distance of 4 1/2 miles.

One gun from Charlie Battery was moved forward early in the afternoon and was registered by the 3d Field Artillery Observation Battalion.

The Battalion, and Able Battery in particular, suffered a severe loss at 2100, 16 March 1945, when both 1st Lt. Jones, the Battery Executive Officer and 2d Lt. Davis, the Battery Motor Officer, were wounded by an enemy mine when they ran into a trip wire while attempting to set up the aiming circle on the orienting line to lay the battery. 1st Lt. Jacks, Able Battery reconnaissance officer,

took over as executive officer and 2d Lt Arthur, Charlie Battery Motor Officer was transferred to Able Battery to take over the reconnaissance Officer's duties.

The Battalion area at Frauenberg, France, was very heavily covered with enemy mine fields, and the Battalion was fortunate that it had no other losses from mines while it remained in these positions. At 0515, the Battalion fired a 30 minute intensive preparation at enemy defenses. The 3d Infantry jumped off at 0545 and at this time the Battalion commenced firing on enemy batteries.

On 17 March 1945, two marking missions were again fired on the town of Bliescastle, Germany. On the same day, the Battalion fired counterbattery missions and harrassing fires continued during the night 17-18 March 1945 in support of the 3d Infantry Division. Also, on 17 March 1945, the Battalion moved from Frauenberg, France, and at 1955 crossed the border into Germany. The Battalion went into position at Wittersheim, Germany, having traveled a distance of 4 miles from Frauenberg, France.

From 0600, 18 March to 0600, 19 March 1945, the Battalion fired 55 missions and a total of 814 rounds into the Seigfried Line. Of these, 39 missions were counterbattery, 14 harrassing, and 2 interdiction. This was the largest expenditure of ammunition that the Battalion fired in any 24 hour period during the month of March.

On the evening of 18-19 March 1945, the Battalion received its first counterbattery fire from enemy positions along the Seigfried Line. Most of this counterbattery, some 45 rounds, fell in the town of Wittersheim, Germany, at irregular intervals throughout the night.

An OP was established on 18 March 1945, overlooking the Seigfried Line, ready to assist the 2d Battalion, 180th Infantry, 45th Division in assaulting pill boxes near Laverbach, Germany, and in taking the town itself.

On 19 March 1945, an OP was established and was able to accomplish 3 registrations in spite of bad visibility from smoke and weather. No observed missions were fired by the observation post, but it had continuous observation on our advance and witnessed the destruction of bridges by the enemy.

On order from the Group Commander, the Battalion, on 19 March 1945, increased its basic load of ammunition from 1284 rounds to 2109 rounds.

On 20 March 1945, the Battalion moved from Wittersheim, Germany, to Limbach, Germany, a distance of 18 miles, and as part of the 194th Field Artillery Group, was again placed in general support of the XV Corps. The Battalion's air observation post adjusted the 989th Field Artillery Battalion on enemy traffic with excellent results. While at Limbach, Germany, the Battalion lost the help of the Assistant Communication officer, when he had to be evacuated to a field hospital to have his eyes treated.

On 22 March 1945, the Battalion moved from Limbach, Germany, to Sipperfeld, Germany, a distance of 50 miles. At Sipperfeld, the Battalion remained in a bivouac area until 24 March 1945, when it moved a distance of 25 miles into positions at Hessloch, Germany.

At 0100, on 23 March 1945, Charlie Battery captured six German prisoners who had infiltrated into their area.

On the evening of 24 March 1945, three German prisoners were taken by Headquarters Battery wire crew, as they were out servicing the 194th Field Artillery Group line, and on 25 March 1945, Service Battery took two German prisoners.

On 25 March 1945, road harrassing and interdiction fires continued in support of the XV Corps advance. At 1330, Baker Battery captured two German soldiers as they immerged from a nearby haystack.

At 0030 on the night of 26 March 1945, the 798th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, which was attached to the Battalion, shot down a Messerschmidt which exploded in the air and landed about 200 yards in front of Able Battery's Number 4 piece.

On 26 March 1945, the Battalion moved from Hessloch, Germany, to Eich, Germany, a distance of 8 miles.

On 26 March 1945, the Battalion was relieved of attachment to the 194th Field Artillery Group and attached to the 413th Field Artillery Group.

From 21 March 1945, to 25 March 1945, no ammunition was expended. The situation moved so fast and the front line was so uncertain that the Battalion found itself racing from one position to another. Most of the time these position areas were found behind

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the armor but ahead of the infantry. On several occasions, the Battalion found itself occupying a town which had been by-passed by the armor or infantry and had to clear it of prisoners.

On 27 March 1945, the Battalion moved a distance of 28 miles from Eich, Germany, to Scharhof, Germany. The Battalion crossed the Rhine River at Worms, Germany, on a heavy pontoon bridge and went into position near Scharhof, Germany, on the east side of the Rhine River.

On 28 March 1945, the Battalion was relieved of attachment to the 413th Field Artillery Group and attached to the 6th Field Artillery Group and placed in general support, reinforcing the 44th Division. The Battalion left Scharhof, Germany, and went into position near Viernheim, Germany, after travelling a distance of 8 miles.

A forward observation post was established on 28 March 1945 near Wallstadt, Germany, for observing the assault on Mannheim, Germany. Enemy activity was observed but no observed fire was conducted.

On 29 March 1945, the Battalion was relieved of attachment to the XV Corps and attached to the XXI Corps.

On 30 March 1945, the Battalion left Viernheim, Germany, and moved a distance of 8 miles to Schriesheim, Germany, where it went into position to support the XXI Corps.

At 1800, the Battalion was relieved of attachment to the 6th Field Artillery Group and again attached to the 413th Field Artillery Group and placed in general support, reinforcing the 63d Divisional Artillery.

During the month of March, the Battalion found most of its fires were unobserved. Considerable difficulty was experienced at times in obtaining registrations due to weather conditions. Twice, when the Battalion was forced to occupy new positions after dark, it was registered by flash ranging by the 3rd Field Observation Battalion.

During the month of March, the Battalion travelled a distance of 557 miles, 404 of which were travelled in going across France to the front.

In 19 days of combat, the Battalion travelled a distance of 153 miles, expended 3122 rounds of ammunition, and had no materiel losses.

On 1 March 1945, the Battalion's strength was 26 officers, 2 Warrant officers and 499 enlisted men, and on 13 March 1945, the Battalion's strength was 26 officers, 2 warrant officers and 499 enlisted

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men. On 31 March 1945, the strength had changed to 23 officers, 2 warrant officers and 492 enlisted men. These losses included 2 officers lost as a result of enemy mines, 1 officer and 6 enlisted men non-battle casualty hospital cases, and 1 enlisted man discharged for dependency.

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STAFF ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
HOWELL, LYLBURNE M	LT COL	0191580	Bn Comdr
HILMES, EDWARD R	MAJ	0294391	Ex O
FRISBEE, CHARLES V	MAJ	0298731	S-3
BEISEL, ERVIN E	CAPT	01169018	Asst S-3
WRIGHT, VERNON W	CAPT	0359308	S-2
VICTOR, ROYALL Jr	1st Lt	01170592	Asst S-2

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Capt	PRUETT, FLOYD W.	01166357	Com O
1st Lt	FICK, CHARLES B.	01300012	Ln Pilot
1st Lt	HERBOLD, CLYDE L.	01183880	Ln Pilot
1st Lt	PSURNY, EDWARD S.	01183949	Asst Com O
2d Lt	HARDAKER, PAUL H.	0536176	Mtr O
CWO	CACKOWSKI, JOHN P.	W2111574	Pers O
M Sgt	Frather, Boyd C.	20918272	Bn Sgt Major
1st Sgt	O'Banion, Allan C.	20918715	1st Sgt
T Sgt	Makinson, Don E.	39301581	Pers Sgt
T Sgt	Minette, Raymond F.	39601857	Opns Sgt
T Sgt	Randolph, Robert M.	39156686	Com Chief
S Sgt	Alexander, Frederick A.	31298415	Radio Section Chief
S Sgt	Delaney, Frank A.	36118692	FDC Section Chief
S Sgt	Jackson, Richard B.	31121979	Wire Sec Cf
S Sgt	Kunsky, John	36343407	Pers Tec
S Sgt	Looney, Mark H.	38022408	Supply Sgt
S Sgt	Wallesverd, Charles C.	6931281	Meas Sgt
S Sgt	Willet, Neal B.	37048333	Wire Sec Cf
Tec 3	Krusey, Edwin A.	33147673	Airplane Mech
Sgt	Johnson, Roy T.	39302220	Mtr Sgt
Sgt	Tidwell, Maxwell O.	34589323	Survey Sec Cf
Tec 4	Bastron, Roland A.	39217288	S-3 Clerk
Tec 4	Broadhurst, Charles W.	6253025	Msg Center Cf
Tec 4	Clark, Howard L.	39723933	VCO
Tec 4	Epstein, Leonard	31298342	Pers Clerk
Tec 4	Foss, John H.	31267169	Mtr Mech
Tec 4	Gantert, Thomas S.	17108660	Radio Opr
Tec 4	Gates, Thomas L.	38602477	HCO
Tec 4	Gray, John Jr.	39601783	Cook
Tec 4	Lewandowski, John J.	20656328	Radio Repairman
Tec 4	Major, Harry X.	31324156	Radio Opr
Tec 4	Moore, Willard S.	6969528	Radio Opr
Tec 4	Fimental, August W.	31298304	Cook
Tec 4	Westphal, Robert W.	39202104	Survey Inst Opr
Cpl	Bias, Charles C.	35639045	Machine Gun Cpl
Cpl	Brown, Winnie E.	39343476	Radio Repairman
Cpl	Eachus, Franklin C.	39121572	Msg Center Clerk
Cpl	Hay, Donald E.	35215709	Btry Agent
Cpl	Horn, Hollis T.	20479918	Wire Cpl
Cpl	Marweg, Melvin F.	39217273	Wire Cpl
Cpl	McCrarey, Paul E.	39140044	Wire Cpl
Cpl	Miller, Luckey D.	38546766	Wire Cpl
Cpl	O'Toole, Patrick H.	39915591	Btry Clerk
Tec 5	Allbritten, John B.	36686644	Bn Mail Clerk
Tec 5	Bailer, Robert W.	6555897	WT Lineman
Tec 5	Beerworth, Clayton V.	20918179	Cook
Tec 5	Bloch, George M.	39726562	Radio Opr
Tec 5	Breaux, Bertin J.	38602182	Radio Opr

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O Position</u>
Capt	REISER, JOHN R.	0451193	Btry Comdr
1st Lt	JACKS, GORDON L.	0530133	Rcn O
1st Lt	JONES, DUDLEY M., JR.	01165880	Ex O
2d Lt	DAVIS, THOMAS E.	0529820	Mtr O
1st Sgt	Suytar, William E.	20918129	First Sgt
S/Sgt	Bellande, John L.	31317302	Ch of Detail
S/Sgt	Curl, Opal J.	20840161	Mess Sgt
S/Sgt	Greer, Edward D.	14104785	Mtr Sgt
S/Sgt	McMeekin, Alexander	6943511	Ch Gun Sect
S/Sgt	Samanich, John R. (SD w/SvBtry)	32328305	Mtr Sgt
Sgt	Aderman, Russell V.	16130831	Ch of Sect
Sgt	Koch, Robert J.	20918212	Supply Sgt
Sgt	Seim, Harold G.	39677269	Ch of Sect
Sgt	Spain, Cyril M.	39005217	Ch of Sect
Tec 4	Bilodeau, Roland J.	31267170	Gun Mech
Tec 4	Bryant, Ernest R.	31298563	Radio Repairman
Tec 4	Duane, James A.	31298574	Tractor Mech
Tec 4	Moore, Howard L.	39419722	Cook
Tec 4	Reynolds, John B.	36033914	Field Wire Ch
Tec 4	Zawalski, Walter J.	31260242	Cook
Cpl	Bliss, James N.	38417203	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Chambers, Cecil V.	38561396	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Clevenger, William R.	35632852	Instr Cpl
Cpl	Egyhazi, John	35348643	Tele Oper
Cpl	Hestand, George W.	39217318	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Hunt, Garland I.	20918076	Ch of Sect
Cpl	McNees, Arthur R.	37460765	Instr Cpl
Cpl	Miller, Emory N., Jr.	33871638	Btry Clerk
Cpl	Nelson, Herman A.	39217248	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Ptaschnick, Irving	32825712	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Reed, Walter H.	39324580	Mach Gunner
Cpl	Saunders, Max A.	39343443	Survey Cpl
Cpl	Sitton, Morgan R.	6271224	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Stitt, John T.	39864672	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Stroud, William W.	6270404	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Finck, Osker M.	37463976	Gunner Cpl
Tec 5	Buscher, James C.	39217219	Mail Clerk
Tec 5	Carnessali, Joseph W.	35918256	Cook
Tec 5	Casey, Orvel E.	36645592	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Conklin, Frank	39217329	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Conrad, Karl L.	35592895	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Denney, Cleon L., Sr.	39217229	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Graves, Jerold D.	39723702	Wireman
Tec 5	Henry, James E.	35477808	Auto Mech
Tec 5	Keogh, Russell F.	39723815	Field Lineman

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BATTERY ROSTER

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Capt	REISER, JOHN R.	0451193	Btry Comdr
1st Lt	JACKS, GORDON L.	0530133	Rcn O
1st Lt	JONES, DUDLEY M., JR.	01165880	Ex O
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Tec 4	Moore, Howard L.	39419722	Cook
Tec 4	Reynolds, John B.	36033914	Field Wire Ch
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Cpl	Ptaschnick, Irving	32825712	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Reed, Walter H.	39324580	Mach Gunner
Cpl	Saunders, Max A.	39343443	Survey Cpl
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Tec 5	Casey, Orvel E.	36645592	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Conklin, Frank	39217329	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Conrad, Karl L.	35592895	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Denney, Cleon L., Sr.	39217229	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Graves, Jerold D.	39723702	Wireman
Tec 5	Henry, James E.	35477808	Auto Mech
Tec 5	Keogh, Russell F.	39723815	Field Lineman

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Tec 5	Kilsdonk, Norbert F.J.	38602411	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Marquis, Walter H.	34623538	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Marshall, William G.	37347789	Truck Driver
Tec 5	Rasmussen, Donald E.	39916143	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Shampine, Ira J.	32750262	Agent
Tec 5	Siegel, Marvin L.	39270175	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Wike, Martin L.	39146656	Field Lineman
Pfc	Barrett, George W., Jr.	38602292	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Berg, Clifford E.	39217267	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pfc	Boan, Russell	39864670	Tractor Driver
Pfc	Boriack, Clarence A.	38561187	Cannoneer
Pfc	Campbell, William W.	39343493	Field Lineman
Pfc	Cappello, Leonard P.	39217284	Bugler
Pfc	Carver, Clayton C.	39343536	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pfc	Clark, Joseph B.	38547754	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pfc	Colson, Donald M.	39217258	Field Lineman
Pfc	DeForest, Harvey F, Jr.	39343135	Cannoneer
Pfc	Dombrowski, Julian N.	39217198	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Fergus, Marion	39341749	Cannoneer
Pfc	Fish, Arthur F.	39217262	Cannoneer
Pfc	Galbreth, Howard	38603294	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pfc	Galyean, Talmage H.	33657872	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Gault, James W.	38560968	Cannoneer
Pfc	Geeslin, Luther R.	38560841	Cannoneer
Pfc	Guglielmo, Filippo L.	39723802	Cannoneer
Pfc	Gullory, Stevens T.	38490281	Cannoneer
Pfc	Hancock, Warner D.	38628420	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pfc	Hickok, Ralph M.	39343486	Cannoneer
Pfc	Jackson, Lester W.	39343385	Cannoneer
Pfc	Johnson, John W.	38641367	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pfc	Jordan, Gustave N.	38602478	Field Lineman
Pfc	Knabe, Richard H.	39608893	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Lairmore, Elmer A.	38602284	Cannoneer
Pfc	Loya, Leo C.	39723727	Cannoneer
Pfc	Martinez, Arthur C.	39146679	Cannoneer
Pfc	McCarter, Steven S.	39913005	Sur & Instr Man
Pfc	Monjaras, Augustine	38561354	Cannoneer
Pfc	Negrete, Trinidad	39723797	Cannoneer
Pfc	Peralta, Robert C.	38498357	Cannoneer
Pfc	Rome, Benoit	38498480	Cannoneer
Pfc	Smith, Robert C.	38602436	Sur & Instr Man
Pfc	Stewart, James W.	39842695	Cannoneer
Pfc	Tedesco, Orlando P.	33356660	Cannoneer
Pfc	Wright, Kham R.	38547719	Cannoneer
Pfc	Strickland, John I.	38602482	Cannoneer
Pvt	Allen, Merrill D.	39723953	Cannoneer
Pvt	Amaral, Raymond M.	39146695	Cannoneer
Pvt	Ashenhust, Harold J.	38602212	Cannoneer
Pvt	Barry, James A.	35229554	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Benedetti, Osvaldo	16176831	Cannoneer
Pvt	Berson, Benjamin	42045066	Cannoneer
Pvt	Biggers, Gerald L.	39343478	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pvt	Coleman, Lincoln J.	39723965	Cannoneer
Pvt	Daniel, Leonard J.	38628525	Cannoneer

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Pvt	Earle, Robert R.	39217286	Field Lineman
Pvt	Engelhartson, Harold J.	39343494	Cannoneer
Pvt	George, Fred J.	39343514	Cannoneer
Pvt	Holdren, Charles A.	35138544	Cannoneer
Pvt	Holguin, Henry	39421444	Cannoneer
Pvt	Kakley, Thomas R.	31285244	Cook's Helper
Pvt	Kaylor, R.D.	38627733	Field Lineman
Pvt	Lodestro, Anthony	38524604	Cannoneer
Pvt	Lozano, Manuel R.	39864669	Cannoneer
Pvt	Martinez, Saul T.	38561377	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Masters, Fred H.	38627437	Cannoneer
Pvt	Mendez, Paul	38558350	Cannoneer
Pvt	McConnell, George F.	38602418	Cannoneer
Pvt	McDonald, George H.	36110845	Cook's Helper
Pvt	Morton, Edward W.	20918339	Cannoneer
Pvt	Pendley, Paul	39726583	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Reyna, Francisco G.	38561190	Cannoneer
Pvt	Riecke, William E., Sr.	38501222	Cannoneer
Pvt	Roney, Loyd J.	38602310	Cannoneer
Pvt	Sauer, George A.	36622473	Cannoneer
Pvt	Schwarz, Max	32781688	Cannoneer
Pvt	Signorelli, Dominick	42045062	Truck Dr, Lt.
Pvt	Simmons, John R.	38524057	Cannoneer
Pvt	Smith, Leo G.	38602487	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Teitelman, Max L.	31279298	Field Lineman
Pvt	Wierbonics, Frank J.	31324166	Cannoneer
Pvt	Williams, Clarence W.	38561404	Cannoneer
Pvt	Zeoli, Alfredo P.	31088796	Ammo Handler

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BATTERY ROSTER

Capt THOMPSON, WILLIAM H.	0423490	Btry Comdr
1st Lt McMULLAN, ROBERT F. JR.	01167543	Ex Off
2d Lt BESTOR, JOHN K.	0530653	Ren Off
2d Lt DOWNS, JOE W.	01178126	Mtr Off
<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>		
1st Sgt Maceau, Donald J.	20654223	1st Sgt
S/Sgt Dunaway, George W.	39081472	Chief of Detail
S/Sgt Graf, Richard H.	34724165	Supply Sgt
S/Sgt Sells, Haskell L.	34116265	Chief of Section
S/Sgt Wilson, Henry A.	37115916	Mtr Sgt
Sgt Conroy, Frederick J.	31298673	Chief of Section
Sgt Currey, Carl K.	35624479	Chief of Section
Sgt Hancock, Delbert R.	6575557	Chief of Section
Sgt Hanlan, Thomas F.	31260180	Chief of Section
Tec 4 Berdinka, Frank D.	32717871	Radio Repairman
Tec 4 Jones, Kenneth A.	20917973	Tractor Mechanic
Tec 4 Towne, Richard J.	31298561	Auto Mechanic
Tec 4 Wierbonics, Stanley J.	31324076	Arty Mechanic
Cpl Colabella, William J.	32426528	Wire Cpl
Cpl Dent, Zeno H.	39343445	Btry Agent
Cpl Fish, Henry J.	39217254	Ammo Cpl
Cpl Gudgen, Paul H.	38628361	Gunner
Cpl Lynds, Edwin A.	39343429	Survey Cpl
Cpl Mann, Buddy L.	38517258	Machine Gun Cpl
Cpl Meyer, Henry E.	36475475	Machine Gun Cpl
Cpl Miller, Ernest M.	38547705	Gunner
Cpl Peretti, Rainier	39217276	Ammo Cpl
Cpl Pilkington, Jesse E.	37357183	Btry Clerk
Cpl Schorr, Kenneth	20214525	Survey Cpl
Cpl Smith, Jake D.	39723837	Ammo Cpl
Cpl Tabor, Whitmell M.	38259197	Instrument Cpl
Cpl Van Kirk, Loren J.	39217321	Ammo Cpl
Cpl Watkins, Robert B. Jr.	38602488	Gunner
Cpl Wilt, Philip W.	35628586	Gunner
Tec 5 Braaten, Laverne A.	39217301	Tractor Driver
Tec 5 Cloyd, Edward T.	35698792	Cook
Tec 5 Golden, Lester W.	37605526	Truck Driver
Tec 5 Haux, William	39217020	Truck Driver
Tec 5 Henry, Raymond W.	36697190	Radio Operator
Tec 5 Katzman, William B.	42043174	Radio Operator
Tec 5 Kogeones, Theodore	39146663	Cook

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Btry Roster, Btry B, 515th FA Bn (contd)

Tec 5	Mellinger, Howard R.	37663882	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Middleton, James M.	39723584	Truck Driver
Tec 5	Robbins, Russell W.	39326026	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Ryals, Eldon M.	39217144	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Seifert, Herman G. Jr.	39343496	Radio Operator
Tec 5	Sontag, Arthur F.	20753793	Switchboard Operator
Tec 5	Triplett, James N.	33627389	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Wasilevich, Max	36835493	Lineman
Tec 5	Webster, Ellsworth J.	39217196	Lineman
Tec 5	Whitley, William H.	38628029	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Williamson, Benjamin D.	35629020	Instru Operator (FDC)
Pfc	Abrahams, Robert C.	38546259	Cannoneer
Pfc	Allen, Billy	38523016	Cannoneer
Pfc	Bettencourt, Frank A. Jr.	39421433	Truck Driver
Pfc	Bujnoch, Anton A.	38561084	Cannoneer
Pfc	Carlisle, Paul D.	35710548	Cook
Pfc	Crosby, Charles C.	39146694	Truck Driver
Pfc	Due, Phillip D.	38637783	Cannoneer
Pfc	Eliason, Melvin D.	39217189	Cook's Helper
Pfc	Evatt, Doyle A.	38602443	Lineman
Pfc	Fung, Paul M.	39146676	Cannoneer
Pfc	Goitia, Jim S.	39864679	Cannoneer
Pfc	Gosnell, Clifford M.	39723838	Cannoneer
Pfc	Gray, John R.	39343477	Survey Man
Pfc	Gray, Robert L.	39568204	Cannoneer
Pfc	Gray, William H.	39723776	Radio Operator
Pfc	Hansen, Glenn G.	39217260	Cannoneer
Pfc	Hasenbalg, Wesley C.	39217324	Cannoneer
Pfc	Hatton, Ross E.	39453118	Machine Gunner
Pfc	Hollen, Wilferd E.	38628261	Cannoneer
Pfc	Hughes, Stuart P.	38524079	Lineman
Pfc	Kaufman, Louis L.	42044754	Lineman
Pfc	Marty, Lucian E.	38561275	Cannoneer
Pfc	Matchett, Edward W. Jr.	39723792	Cannoneer
Pfc	McCaulley, Preston	38491086	Cannoneer
Pfc	Owens, Glen E.	39217306	Cannoneer
Pfc	Pickens, Plato Jr.	39217234	Truck Driver
Pfc	Posey, Leland O.	34739890	Cannoneer
Pfc	Ross, Wallace E.	39328362	Cannoneer
Pfc	Sacks, William S.	35320885	Cannoneer (FDC)
Pfc	Sheffield, Milton Q.	38545026	Cannoneer
Pfc	Sparks, Elton J. E.	38602473	Truck Driver
Pfc	Terry, Ervin L.	38642624	Cannoneer
Pfc	Ulmer, Albert O.	38630134	Cannoneer
Pfc	Watson, Charles W.	38600567	Cannoneer
Pvt	Adams, James R.	38602414	Cannoneer
Pvt	Allsop, Dewey W.	39217309	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Bonavita, Carmen D.	35676723	Cannoneer
Pvt	Breeden, James M.	13014295	Cannoneer
Pvt	Brown, James D.	31244309	Cook

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Pvt	Burkey, Bernard A.	6938073	Cannoneer
Pvt	Crum, Vardie	34634868	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Decarli, Charles H.	39711627	Machine Gunner
Pvt	Dillow, I. D.	38642092	Machine Gunner
Pvt	Eckert, Kenneth F.	39723971	Cannoneer
Pvt	Erickson, C. Lloyd	39217217	Cannoneer
Pvt	Foutz, Mervan L.	35896208	Cannoneer
Pvt	Gonzales, Antonio L.	38561375	Cannoneer
Pvt	Gonzales, Eloy	39217235	Cannoneer
Pvt	Graham, Cecil L.	38628121	Cannoneer
Pvt	Hamilton, Jimerson H.	39217328	Lineman
Pvt	Hartzog, Maynard H.	38546105	Cannoneer
Pvt	Jaramillo, Samuel J.	39723724	Cannoneer
Pvt	Jayne, Lee D.	39918664	Lineman
Pvt	Kinard, Wilbur E.	34842662	Truck Driver
Pvt	Layton, Jefferson G.	37603948	Cannoneer
Pvt	Miranda, Pete E.	39421448	Cannoneer
Pvt	Moody, Cleo L.	37679991	Cannoneer
Pvt	Murray, Albert E.	6286739	Cannoneer
Pvt	Nelson, William	39217232	Cannoneer
Pvt	Platanitis, George	31285286	Cannoneer
Pvt	Rockwell, Gould A.	6896625	Cannoneer
Pvt	Shipper, Modess C.	38547590	Cannoneer
Pvt	Smith, Carl L.	20615367	Cannoneer
Pvt	Smith, Theodora N.	38561399	Cannoneer
Pvt	Stewart, Joseph L.	33659508	Cannoneer
Pvt	Thomas, Howard E.	31323915	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Turner, Ralph W.	37413694	Cannoneer
Pvt	Twitchell, Robert B.	39563401	Cannoneer
Pvt	Underhill, Reese A.	38602459	Lineman
Pvt	Wainwright, Melvin D.	38642559	Cannoneer
Pvt	Wilkinson, Allen L.	38547729	Survey Man
Pvt	Zizzo, Joseph	39726582	Ammo Handler(Bugler)

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GRADE	NAME	ASN	T/O POSITION
CAPT	FOLLOCK, EWING B.	01170919	Btry Comdg
1ST LT	CASE, CHARLES R.	01183825	Ex O
2ND LT	ARTHUR, KERMIT R.	01178059	Mtr O
2ND LT	WELDON, CLARENCE E. JR.	0535045	Ron O
1st Sgt	Murphy, John T.	20918661	1st Sgt
S/Sgt	Albone, Harry G.	31316758	Supply Sgt
S/Sgt	Burenheide, Alfred H.	37014427	Motor Sgt
S/Sgt	Clark, John M.	37014441	Mess Sgt
S/Sgt	Flanagan, William R.	31285292	Chief of Detail
S/Sgt	Read, Ivan H.	20840148	Chief of Sections
Sgt	Bergquist, John E.	37074028	Chief of Section
Sgt	Polky, Cecil A.	31319508	Chief of Section
Sgt	Simpson, John Jr.	39378253	Chief of Section
Sgt	Sweeney, Glenn E.	37262836	Chief of Section
Tec 4	Bialorucki, Edwin D.	35549634	Arty Mech.
Tec 4	Giangregorio, John	31296776	Tractor Mech.
Tec 4	Harper, Russel D. Jr.	31298763	Radio Repairman
Tec 4	Irwin, Lewis L.	36883948	Radio Operator
Tec 4	Mueller, Paul W.	20918503	Cook
Cpl	Bettell, Jesse W.	38524024	Btry Agent
Cpl	Bortnick, Walter W.	31260277	Btry Clerk
Cpl	Garber, Claude L.	37606732	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Garrett, Edward D.	38400087	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Horn, Carland C.	34844928	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Konop, Clarence	37074939	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Morris, Allyn E.	39122946	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Murdock, Thomas L.	34623569	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Myers, Gilbert S.	39118669	Survey Cpl
Cpl	Palmer, Chandoes E.F.	39217210	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Reynolds, Robert M.	38561457	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Shown, Frank E.	38545215	Instr Cpl
Cpl	Snyder, Harry A.	34434447	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Steffend, Robert L.	39343495	Survey Cpl
Cpl	Van Heest, Marvin H.	36465030	Wire Cpl
Tec 5	Carna, Robert H.	39078478	Field Lineman
Tec 5	Coghlan, Marion L.	37115991	Auto Mech.
Tec 5	Eggersman, Howard G.	35698612	Tractor Dr
Tec 5	Keith, George R.	34813082	Tractor Dr
Tec 5	Nelsen, Harold N.	39205253	Tractor Dr
Tec 5	Prose, Kenneth	39217290	Field Lineman
Tec 5	Roberts, John A.	39343318	Radio Opr
Tec 5	Rumple, Robert D.	37664108	Tractor Dr
Tec 5	Spencer, Thomas I.	38600673	Truck Dr (Light)
Tec 5	Stowe, Charles A.	36580513	Lineman, Tel & Tel
Tec 5	Trimm, John H.	36450716	Mail Clerk
Tec 5	White, Arnold H.	38602486	Truck Dr (Light)
Tec 5	White, Charles H.	38602409	Tractor Dr
Tec 5	Willers, Clarence H.	39217225	Radio Opr.

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Pfc	Born, John K.	39146689	Ammo Handler
Pfc	Caramiho, Ernest A.	39421443	Cannoneer
Pfc	Emmett, Luther R.	38602361	Truck Dr (Light)
Pfc	Gilmore, Howard M.	39421434	Cannoneer
Pfc	Godfrey, Howard M.	39723818	Cook
Pfc	Hall, Rufus J.	38524140	Truck Dr (Light)
Pfc	Haltom, Leech Jr.	38602253	Field Lineman
Pfc	Harris, William P.	38602232	Ammo Handler
Pfc	Harry, Harold	38491657	Cannoneer
Pfc	Johnson, Kenneth E.	38602294	Cannoneer
Pfc	Labos, John J. Jr.	35762014	Truck Dr (Light)
Pfc	Lee, Herbert	39146703	Survey
Pfc	Lively, Joseph Sr.	38629904	Truck Dr (Light)
Pfc	Lockett, Joseph G.	35803723	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Mahon, Hubert	34623398	Cannoneer
Pfc	Markham, Roy O.	39217162	Field Lineman
Pfc	McKibbin, Leonard E.	39217241	Tractor Dr
Pfc	Moffett, John W.	38561217	Cannoneer
Pfc	Mohr, John O.	33667075	Cannoneer
Pfc	Morgan, Earnest R.	38400743	Cannoneer
Pfc	Morphew, Hunter B.	38547616	Survey
Pfc	Olejarz, Bronislaw L.	31415468	Cannoneer
Pfc	Olson, Arne O.	39217272	Cannoneer
Pfc	O'Neill, John A.	39146696	Cannoneer
Pfc	Panek, Benny M.	42021084	Cook
Pfc	Powers, Charles A.	38602464	Cannoneer
Pfc	Presting, Hermod G.	39217197	Cannoneer
Pfc	Prikryl, Daniel J.	38546127	Mach. Gunner
Pfc	Ray, Thomas M.	38600536	Cannoneer
Pfc	Torres, Joe C.	39723830	Truck Dr (Light)
Pfc	Weeks, John T.	38628225	Field Lineman
Pfc	West, Robert C.	35643529	Cannoneer
Pfc	Wilcox, Herbert L.	39723753	Cook's Helper
Pfc	Williver, Virgil T.W.	39217296	Field Lineman
Pfc	Young, Dale R.	39217138	Truck Dr (Light)
Pvt	Angles, Clifford L.	34762793	Truck Dr (Light)
Pvt	Antuna, Rudolph	39722787	Cannoneer
Pvt	Belver, Troy E.	38561389	Cannoneer
Pvt	Birchell, Robert H.	39865041	Cannoneer
Pvt	Carrion, Gabriel R. Sr.	38546219	Cook's Helper
Pvt	Cheek, James J.	38545597	Mach. Gunner
Pvt	Chambers, Curtis L.	38561401	Tractor Dr
Pvt	Chavira, Alfonso	38561359	Cannoneer
Pvt	Eisenstot, Max M.	35525317	Cannoneer
Pvt	Garcia, Frank J.	39723581	Cannoneer
Pvt	Garland, Johnny J.	38546530	Truck Dr (Light)
Pvt	Hancock, Calvin C.	15340053	Cannoneer
Pvt	Hazel, Clarence M.	38546783	Cannoneer
Pvt	Henry, Robert	20952201	Cannoneer
Pvt	Herrera, Conrado A.	39343444	Cannoneer

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Pvt	Hiller, Vasma L.	38547744	Cannoneer
Pvt	Larson, Marsden A.	39865043	Cannoneer
Pvt	Lee, Philip	39723788	Cannoneer
Pvt	Marmorek, Kurt M.A.	32874774	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Masingill, James T.	34983613	Cannoneer
Pvt	McClenny, David W.	38628167	Survey
Pvt	McKnight, Chester	38482027	Cannoneer
Pvt	Moan, James R.	39723555	Cannoneer
Pvt	Murphy, Michael A.	39723696	Cannoneer
Pvt	Nalley, Robert L.	38601040	Tractor Dr
Pvt	Neece, James H.	39723790	Cannoneer
Pvt	Neugebauer, Edward W.	38546641	Cannoneer
Pvt	Osborn, Raymond C.	39217291	Field Lineman
Pvt	Parker, Franklin B.	38642074	Cannoneer
Pvt	Parsons, Clyde S.	35593835	Cannoneer
Pvt	Rollins, Windell J.	39723707	Cannoneer
Pvt	Sagan, Frank T.	35572998	Cannoneer
Pvt	Salazar, William	39711698	Cannoneer
Pvt	Scheinfeld, Milton R.	13177813	Cannoneer
Pvt	Scott, Robert P.	35633192	Cannoneer
Pvt	Selvog, Harvey S.	39217305	Truck Dr (Light)
Pvt	Signor, Loren L.	37528765	Cannoneer
Pvt	Sorkness, Jerrold T.	39217140	Field Lineman
Pvt	Stewart, George L.	37002248	Cannoneer
Pvt	Toth, Eugene D.	35896257	Cannoneer
Pvt	Valadez, Jesus G.	39720802	Cannoneer
Pvt	Valdez, Jesus	38562028	Bugler
Pvt	Wood, John H. Jr.	38628678	Truck Dr (Light)

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
CAPT	NELSON, ELMER N.	01166340	Battalion S-4
CAPT	MC GEE, ROBERT M.	0454946	Bn Motor Officer
WOJG	HARPER, JOHN C.	W2122945	Asst S-4
M/Sgt	Senteney, George F.	20918663	Bn Motor Sgt
1st/Sgt	Middleton, William O.	20918464	1st/Sgt
T/Sgt	Hart, Joe R.	39302454	Bn Supply Sgt
S/Sgt	Demick, Joel	31316817	Asst Bn Supply Sgt
S/Sgt	Fitzpatrick, Edward M.	31324014	Mess Sgt
Tec 4	Callicrate, Michael O.	20840108	Tractor Mechanic
Tec 4	Casey, Norman E.	31267164	Radio Operator
Tec 4	Forry, Norman F.	33618378	Auto Mechanic
Tec 4	Monson, Howard V.	17048035	Tractor Mechanic
Tec 4	Plenn, Daniel	33785434	Welder
Tec 4	Rossetto, John J.	31285217	Auto Mechanic
Tec 4	Trenkenschuh, Leonard	39378221	Cook
Cpl	Conlee, Dudley S.	38628766	Machine Gunner
Cpl	Gerke, Reynold F.	39710058	Parts Clerk, Auto
Cpl	Landry, Herbert R.	31260185	Auto Mechanic
Cpl	Sauner, Victor W. R.	31297692	Battery Clerk
Tec 5	Forgey, Thomas M.	37090655	Truck Driver, Light
Tec 5	Nicosia, Carmelo J.	31298480	Cook
Tec 5	Petteys, Gilbert R.	39343484	Auto Mechanic
Tec 5	Pfrang, Herbert W.	35721870	Auto Mechanic
Tec 5	Purvis, Robert S.	39217066	Supply Clerk
Tec 5	Thompson, Alvin O.	6860830	Tractor Mechanic
Tec 5	Willige, George H.	39217281	Supply Clerk
Pfc	Ault, Willard F.	39217281	Utility Repairman
Pfc	Hester, Joseph P.	38561398	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	Olds, L. C.	38523947	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	Simmons, Frank E.	38628050	Asst Parts Clerk, Auto
Pvt	Denenberg, Joe	36697719	Asst Radio operator
Pvt	Farmer, Claud E.	7010202	Machine Gunner
Pvt	Rodriguez, Agustin	38561355	Cooks Helper
Pvt	Woitkiewicz, Charles J.	31285012	Machine Gunner
Attached from Btry "A", 515th FA Bn.			
S/Sgt	Samanich, John R.	32328305	Auto Mechanic

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 655, US Army

1 March 1945

DETACHMENT ROSTER

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
CAPT	MC CULLOUGH, JEROME J.	0341376	Detachment Commander Bn Surgeon
S/Sgt	Paschke, Frank E.	20654248	Section Leader
Tec 3	Cummings, Arthur J.	16020461	Surgical Technician
Tec 4	Di Sabato, David F.	36640767	Surgical Technician
Cpl	Sloan, Paul	13017322	Medical NCO
Tec 5	Taylor, Bobby L.	6973697	Surgical Technician
Tec 5	Tobin, Charles J.	32723556	Surgical Technician
Pfc	Deacy, Francis S.	39217265	Medical Technician
Pfc	Lind, Thomas W.	39217257	Surgical Technician
Pvt	Cain, Mitchell L.	39217242	Surgical Technician
Pvt	Drew, Frederick E.	31267152	Surgical Technician
Pvt	Henry, Edward	39723718	Truck Driver, Light

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HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION
515th Field Artillery Battalion

April 1945

The month of April found the Battalion still advancing through Germany by leaps and bounds from one position area to another in general support of the 42nd, 63rd and 36th Infantry Divisions.

Twice during the month, the Battalion was shifted to different sectors of the Corps front. These changes necessitated moves of 61 and 67 miles respectively in order that the Battalion could accomplish its mission of general support.

On 1 April 1945, the Battalion, being attached to the XXI Corps and the 413th Field Artillery Group, moved from Schreishheim, Germany, to Ebenheid, Germany, a distance of 61 miles. The Battalion went into position near Ebenheid in general support of the XXI Corps, reinforcing the fires of the 42nd Infantry Division.

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Infantry and Armored columns, in their rapid advance, had by-passed the village of Ebenheid and when the advance parties of the Battalion entered the town, they captured 98 prisoners. About 50 percent of these prisoners had arms, but all surrendered without displaying any desire to fight.

On 2 April, the Battalion moved from Ebenheid, to Dertingen, a distance of 37 miles, where it went into position but fired no missions.

Again on 3 April, the Battalion was traveling, covering a distance of approximately 15 miles from Dertingen to Birkenfeld. The survey sections received some sniper fire from these positions before the Battalion arrived.

On 4 April, the Battalion S-2, acting on information received from Polish and French refugees, ordered the Burgermeister to have all German soldiers turn in immediately. Twenty German soldiers dressed in civilian clothing were captured and turned over to the Military Police Detachment with the 42nd Infantry Divisions.

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The assistant Burgermeister of Birkenfeld, a Mr. Muller, was also apprehended on further information received from liberated Poles and French refugees. Muller had been responsible for the supervision and distribution of slave labor on all surrounding farms in the vicinity.

The Battalion fired 528 rounds of ammunition on harrassing and interdiction fires while it remained in position at Birkenfeld. A large number of these missions were fired on the towns of Estenfeld and Karlstadt where heavy enemy resistance was encountered.

Early on the morning of 5 April, Battery "A" captured their first German prisoner, a Sergeant on his way back to rejoin his unit. Every Battery in the Battalion had now taken one or more prisoners.

At 1500, 5 April, the Battalion moved by echelon from Birkenfeld to Madelhofen, a distance of 30 miles. From these positions the Battalion expended 1282 rounds of ammunition on harrassing and interdiction fires.

On 6 April, LT DOWNS, the Motor Officer of Battery B, was sent with Combat Command A of the 12th Armored Division as Liaison Officer for the 413th Field Artillery Group.

On 7 April, the Battalion's primary mission was that of general support of Combat Command A of the 12th Armored Division and its secondary mission that of general support of the 42nd Division Artillery.

Battery "B" was attached to Combat Command A for direct support and moved from Madelhofen with this unit to a position near Bergtheim, a distance of 19 miles.

At 1330, Battery "A" and one platoon of Battery "C" moved forward to the vicinity of Bergtheim, while the remaining Platoon of Battery "C" kept the town of Karlstadt under constant fire.

By 2000, the Battalion was again intact. The other two guns from Battery "C" had moved to Bergtheim, and Battery "B" reverted back to Battalion control. The Battalion was again placed in general support of the 42nd Division Artillery.

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On 8 April, I BESTOR, the Reconnaissance Officer of Battery "B", having flown 36 missions as an Air Observer, was relieved and LT WELDON, the Reconnaissance Officer of Battery "C", was assigned as Battalion Air Observer.

CAPTAIN WRIGHT, the Battalion S-2, was taken to the hospital for treatment of malaria, and LT PSURNY, Assistant Communications Officer, returned to duty from the hospital. LT VICTOR, the Assistant Battalion S-2, was assigned as Battalion S-2, and LT HARDAKER, Headquarters Battery Motor Officer, was assigned as the Assistant Battalion S-2.

Counterbattery fire from German 88mm guns fell in the town of Bergtheim, and in the gun positions in the afternoon and early evening. There were no casualties in the Battalion.

Again at Bergtheim we found our guns ahead of the light Field Artillery Battalions of the 42nd Division Artillery.

Counterbattery, harassing and interdiction fires continued throughout the night on the town of Schweinfurt, and surrounding enemy installations.

Four ME 109's came across our area on a strafing mission on 8 April. The 572nd AAA Battery nearby brought down one of these planes with the assistance of Battery "B"'s .50 caliber machine guns. Again, as on the night of 26 March, this plane also landed approximately 200 yards in front of Battery "A"'s number 4 piece.

On 9 April, Battery "C" moved forward about 4 miles to the vicinity of Esselben and from positions here was able to fire on Hambach. Ground OP's were established and the Battalion's forward observers kept in close contact with the Infantry Battalions in this area.

Two enemy defenses around Schweinfurt called for heavy expenditures of artillery ammunition. 1884 rounds were fired while the Battalion stayed in position near Bergtheim and re-supply of ammunition became a serious problem, due to the fact that most ASP's were out of 155mm gun ammunition. Some of the Battalion's ammunition train had to go back across the Rhine River to the vicinity of Sarreguimines for ammunition.

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On 12 April, the Battalion moved from Bergtheim to Unter Eisenheim, a distance of 7 miles. The Battalion registered and fired three harassing missions. One prisoner was taken by Headquarters Battery.

On 14 April, the Battalion moved a distance of 20 miles from Unter Eisenheim to a rendezvous area at Mainbernheim while the 42nd Infantry Division reorganized for the attack on Neustadt.

Chaplain Gunderson of the 413th Field Artillery Group was attached to the Battalion.

On 15 April, the Battalion travelled a distance of 12 miles from Mainberheim to Markt Bibart, where it went into position and fired 167 rounds of harassing fire. One platoon of the 431st AAA Battalion was attached to the Battalion and was more than a welcome addition, since the Battalion had been without any attached AAA since 27 March 1945.

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On 16 April, the Battalion moved from Markt Bibart to Langenfeld, a distance of 5 miles. Batteries "A" and "C" did not go into firing position but stayed on wheels, ready for a rapid advance. Battery "B" was registered, but the situation again moved so fast that no missions were fired.

On 17 April, the Battalion moved from Langenfeld to Hagenbuchach, a distance of 14 miles. Batteries "A" and "B" were placed in firing position while Battery "C" remained on wheels.

From these positions 520 rounds of ammunition were fired on counterbattery and harassing missions on the 17th and 18th of April. One enemy 88mm Battery was adjusted on by a ground observer and reported destroyed. Most of the firing was into the town of Furth. A large percentage of the rounds fired were white phosphorous and the cannoneers were able to observe the results of their firing as each round that landed into the town started additional fires.

On 19 April, the Battalion was relieved of its mission of general support of the 42nd Infantry Division, and marched a distance of 67 miles from Hagenbuchach to Langenburg, and was placed in general support of the XXI Corps, reinforcing the fires of the 63rd Infantry Division, which was on the march toward Munich. 213 rounds of ammunition were fired on harassing missions in and around the town of Crailsheim by Battery "C".

On 20 April, the Battalion moved from Langenburg to Elzhausen, a distance of 8 miles. Battery "C" stayed on wheels. Batteries "A" and "B" fired 116 rounds of ammunition on harassing missions.

On 21 April, Battery "C" moved from Elzhausen to the vicinity of Rapolden, a distance of approximately 5 miles. This increased the range at which the Battalion could place long range interdiction fires.

On 22 April, Battery "C" remained in position while the remainder of the Battalion moved from Elzhausen to Hausen, a distance of 26 miles. At Hausen, Battery "A" went into firing position, while Battery "C" displaced and joined the Battalion. Batteries "B" and "C" stayed on wheels. Battery "B" took 3 prisoners. Battery "A" fired 20 rounds on harassing missions.

The attached platoon from the 431st AAA Battalion was relieved of attachment to the Battalion and "D" Platoon of the 436th AAA Battalion was attached.

On 24 April, the Battalion moved from Hausen to Moggingen, a distance of 60 miles. Gun positions were selected and surveyed in but were not occupied.

On 25 April, the Battalion moved from Moggingen, to Setzingen, a distance of 20 miles.

Battery "B" took 9 prisoners, and Battery "C", four. Headquarters Battery took 1 prisoner that was dressed in civilian clothes. The Battalion expended 131 rounds of ammunition, mostly TOT missions, on the towns of Gross Kotz and Rieden Kotz, both across the Danube River.

On 26 April, Battery "A" moved to the vicinity of Heidheim and was registered by an air OP. A ground observer massed the Battalion's fire with four other Battalions, to completely neutralize a wooded area in the vicinity of Gunzburg in which enemy planes and Infantry were dispersed. Five prisoners were captured, 3 by Battery "B" and 2 by Battery "C".

At 0600, 27 April, Battery "A" captured 2 prisoners. At 1515, the Battalion crossed the Danube River at Gunzburg on a pontoon bridge and went into a bivouac area at Offingen. The Battalion traveled a distance of 20 miles from Setzingen to Offingen.

Battery "B" was attached to the 630th Field Artillery Battalion.

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Battery "A" of the 630th Field Artillery Battalion (8" Howitzer) was attached to the Battalion.

The Battalion was placed in general support of the XXI Corps, reinforcing the fires of the 63rd Infantry Division.

"D" Platoon of the 436th AAA Battalion was relieved of attachment to the Battalion.

On 28 April, the Battalion moved from Offingen to Schwabmunchen, a distance of 37 miles. Again positions were selected and surveyed, but not occupied.

On 29 April, the Battalion furnished 10 2-1/2 ton trucks to the 549th Engineer Battalion. These trucks were used in hauling supplies while the Engineers followed closely behind the 12th Armored Division as it advanced towards and into the Brenner Pass.

Headquarters Battery took one prisoner.

On 30 April, the 36th Infantry Division relieved the 63rd Infantry Division. The Battalion was placed in general support of the XXI Corps, reinforcing the fires of the 36th Infantry Division, but remained in its bivouac area at Schwabmunchen.

Battery "A" of the 630th Field Artillery Battalion was relieved of attachment and returned to its own Battalion. Battery "B" was also relieved of attachment to the 630th Field Artillery Battalion and rejoined the Battalion at Schwabmunchen.

The Battalion stood by awaiting the return of its 10 trucks and orders to again follow in general support of the 36th Division Artillery.

The Battalion traveled a distance of 453 miles and expended 4591 rounds of ammunition during the month of April.

Total material losses for the month was one 1/4 ton truck.

On 1 April, the Battalion strength was 23 officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 492 enlisted men, and on 30 April, the strength was 24 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 490 enlisted men.

One officer that was hospitalized in March for eye treatment returned on 8 April.

There were no battle casualties during the month, but the Battalion had 5 non-battle casualties and received 3 replacements. Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" are attached hereto as supporting documents.

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STATISTICS

Missions fired:

Harassing	186
Destruction	7
Counter-battery	77
Registration	19
Total	<u>289</u>

Observation of Missions:

Air OP.	37
Ground OP	4
Unobserved	248
Total	<u>289</u>

Rounds expended	4591	
Average rounds per day	153	(13 per gun)
Average rounds per day of firing	219	(18 per gun)
Days Battalion fired	21	

PROBLEMS

1. No difficulty was experienced in the supply of 1/25000 grid sheets, but it is necessary to piece at least 4 sheets together, and sometimes 7 sheets. This introduces chances for error and delays in setting up. It is believed that sheets the size of 4 of the present sheets would be of great value.
2. Shortage of scotch tape for use with grid sheets. No substitutes seem possible.
3. Where possible, higher Headquarters should give concentration number and type fuze desired at time mission is sent.
4. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining WP shell towards close of period.
5. Two guns were called out in Battalion about 1/3 of period for repairs and maintenance (on rotation).
6. FDC personnel believe that captured German plotting equipment, such as coordinate squares and scales, are greatly superior to our own.
7. More surveillance of fires by either air or ground OP's are needed.

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S-2 SUMMARY
515th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

April 1945

On 1 April, the Battalion moved from the outskirts of Heidelberg to the vicinity of Miltenburg in order to accomplish its mission of general support for the 42nd Infantry Division.

On the night of 1 April, 98 prisoners were captured in the village of Ebenheid, which had been by-passed by the Infantry and Armored columns in their rapid advance. About 50% of these prisoners had arms, but all surrendered without displaying any desire to fight.

By the end of the month, the Battalion had taken an additional 49 prisoners. 20 of these prisoners were taken in civilian clothing on the night of 7 April in the village of Birkenfeld.

The assistant Burgermeister of Birkenfeld, a Mr. Muller, was also apprehended on information received from liberated Poles and Russians. Muller had been responsible for the supervision and distribution of slave labor on all surrounding farms in the vicinity.

A total of 147 prisoners were taken during the month and a large amount of small arms, panzerfausts, mines and small arms ammunition was captured and turned over to the Military Police.

The majority of the prisoners questioned were very cooperative and were willing to give answers to practically all questions that were asked. None of the prisoners observed the privilege of giving only their name, rank and serial number.

Two prisoners captured by Battery "C" on 25 April, were only sixteen years of age, had only been in the Army 10 days and had been told by other German Army troops that they would be shot by the Americans if captured.

Slow progress was made by the 42nd Division from Bergtheim to Schweinfurt. This enabled the Battalion to establish a system of ground OP's which kept in close contact with the Infantry elements.

The ground OP's in this area conducted registrations and observed fire missions on enemy 88mm batteries and other installations with excellent results.

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On 17 April, the Battalion moved to the vicinity of Hagenbuchach, where Batteries "A" and "B" went into position while Battery "C" remained on wheels. These two Batteries took part in the constant shelling that was placed on the town of Furth. Fire Plan Furth (42nd Division plan of fires on the town of Furth) called for constant firing all during the night.

On 19 April, the Battalion moved to Langenburg and was placed in general support of the XXI Corps, reinforcing the fires of the 63rd Infantry Division. Battery "C" went into position to place fires on the town of Crailsheim.

On 20 April, the Battalion moved to Elzhausen, where Battery "A" and Battery "B" went into firing positions, while Battery "C" stayed on wheels.

On 21 April, Battery "C" moved to the vicinity of Rappolden in order to cover the rest of the Battalion as it moved into positions near Hausen on the 22nd of April.

On 24 April, the Battalion moved to Mogglingen. Positions were selected and surveyed, but all guns remained on wheels.

On 25 April, the Battalion moved to Setzingen, where all Batteries went into firing position. Battery "A" displaced at 1715 hours on 26 April to the vicinity of Reidheim, and remained in position on the 27th of April to cover Battery "B" as it crossed the Danube River.

The Battalion went into an assembly area near Offingen on 27 April.

On 28 April, the Battalion moved to Schwaubmunchen, but did not go into firing position.

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S-3 SUMMARY
515th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

April 1945

The month of April began with the Battalion in general support of the XXI Corps, reinforcing the 42nd Infantry Division, attacking to the northeast towards Schweinfurt. After the fall of Schweinfurt, the direction changed to the southeast toward Nurnburg and Furth. Upon completion of the mission against Furth, the Battalion moved to the opposite flank of the Corps and continued to support the pursuit, advancing generally to the south and southeast.

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On 1 April, the Battalion moved from Schreisheim into positions at Ebenheid. On 2 April, the Battalion moved into positions at Dertingen, but received no fire missions.

On 3 April, the Battalion moved into positions near Birkenfeld in order to place its fires on Karlstadt and other towns along the Main River valley.

On 5 April, the Battalion moved to Madelhofen and continued to fire on targets in the vicinity of Karlstadt and along the east bank of the Main River.

On the 7th of April, the Battalion moved into positions at Bergtheim, with its direction of fire towards Schweinfurt. 1884 rounds of ammunition were expended from these positions while firing on the AA defenses surrounding Schweinfurt and other targets. This was the greatest expenditure of ammunition from any single position heretofore occupied by the Battalion.

On 12 April, the Battalion moved to Unter Eisenheim. Battery "B" was registered, but again the Battalion was not called on to fire any missions.

On 14 April, the Battalion moved into an assembly area at Mainbernheim, while the 42nd Infantry Divisions was reorganizing for the attack on Neustadt.

On 15 April, the Battalion moved to Markt Bibart.

On 16 April, the Battalion moved to Langenfeld with Battery "B" going into position while Batteries "A" and "C" stayed on wheels.

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515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO 655, United States Army

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10 May 1945

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION
515th Field Artillery Battalion

May 1945

From 1 to 10 May, 1945, the Battalion remained in a bivouac area at Schwabmunchen, Germany.

From the 1st to the 5th of May, the Battalion stood by ready to follow in general support of the 36th Infantry Division and the XXI Corps in the advance into the Brenner Pass.

On 5 May, orders were received from the 413th Field Artillery Group that there would be no further advance made by the Battalion.

From the 5th to the 10th of May, the Battalion assisted the Military Government at Schwabmunchen in policing the surrounding area.

The Battalion was awarded its first battle credit for participation in campaign Germany (No. 5).

There were no material losses or casualties during this period.

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HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION
515th Field Artillery Battalion

May 1945

During the period 11 to 15 May, the Battalion was kept busy assisting the Allied Military Government in policing the area around Schwabmunchen, Germany.

On 16 May, the Battalion moved to Oehringen, Germany where it was attached to the 100th Division. Here the Battalion relieved the 63rd Division and took over the mission of Security Police for the Kreis of Oehringen. Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Battery and Service Battery remained at Oehringen, but due to the large territory to be patrolled and because of inadequate housing facilities, the Batteries were quartered in various sections of the Kreis where they could more effectively guard and patrol all of the area. "A" Battery found adequate quarters in a school house at Neuenstein. "B" Battery bivouacked in an orchard until the 23rd of May when it moved into the school house at Zweiflingen. "C" Battery found adequate quarters in a railroad station and several nearby buildings in the town of Forchtenberg. Everyone in the Battalion that could handle a saw and hammer took part in a construction program to improve their temporary living quarters.

In addition to running patrols and guarding captured installations, plenty of time was found so that each man was able to take part in a supervised training and recreation program.

Several Burgomeisters were found to be unsatisfactory and after proper screening by the Allied Military Government, they were relieved and replaced by new Burgomeisters.

Five Nazis who were in sufficient authority in the party to warrant automatic arrest were picked up and turned over to the C. I. C. for further disposition.

Five officers and nineteen enlisted men received the Bronze Star Award, and one officer received the Air medal.

There were no material losses of any kind during this period.

There were nine non-combat casualties during this period, six of which are returned for duty. Three new replacements were received so that the actual strength of 24 officers, 7 warrant officers, and 487 enlisted men was the same on the 31st of May as on the 11th of May.

S-2 SUMMARY
515th Field Artillery Battalion

May 1945

During the period 11 to 16 May 1945, the Battalion assisted the Allied Military Government in Schwabmunchen, Bavaria, with security patrols in the enforcement of curfew regulations, quarantines of typhus cases and guard details for the Prisoner of War cage. From four to six prisoners were taken daily by the Battalion. Some of these were soldiers of disorganized units who had hidden in the woods and were forced out by hunger and cold. Many of them professed ignorance of Germany's capitulation.

On 10 May, 1945, the Battalion moved to Oehringen with the mission of relieving the 63rd Division of the responsibility for Security Police of the area and for guarding eight important installations. There are approximately 1800 displaced persons, many in D. P. camps, located in the various parts of Oehringen Kreis over which the Battalion was given control. These people are looking for food and clothing and causing panic among the Germans who formerly controlled them. Their leaders were told that the Germans would feed them and that they could not be required to work as before. Once this obligation was understood by Germans and displaced persons, most of this trouble ceased.

In the function of Security Police, the Battalion worked with the Burgomeisters and other local leaders. Generally close cooperation was given.

Between the 16th and 31st of May, information from various sources resulted in the arrest of five Nazis who were in sufficient authority in the area to justify automatic arrest. These were turned over to C. I. C. for disposition.

S-3 SUMMARY
515th Field Artillery Battalion

May 1945

During the period 11 to 16 May 1945, the Battalion stayed at Schwabmunchen as general support of the 36th Division. During this period, the survey for the educational program was completed. A drill schedule stressing close order drill, calisthenics, inspection of quarters and personal equipment was followed. Materiel was cleaned, repaired and painted. All guns were sent to Ordnance for 6 months maintenance. An inspection was made to determine shortages of equipment. Sightseeing trips were conducted to Berchtesgaden, Brenner Pass and Munich.

On 16 May, the Battalion moved to Kreis Oehringen and was attached to the 100th Division as Security Police. Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Battery and Service Battery found quarters in Oehringen, "A" Battery in Neuenstein, "B" Battery bivouacked in an orchard near Friedricharuhe, moving to Zweiflingen on 23 May, and "C" Battery at Forchtenberg.

During the balance of the month, the Battalion continued the duties of Security Police in guarding of targets and patrols. A regular drill schedule was followed, stressing organized athletics and maintenance of equipment.

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515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 655, United States Army

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

30 June 1945

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION
515th Field Artillery Battalion

June 1945

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The Battalion continued to perform its primary mission as Security Police for the Kreis of Oehringen until the 26th of June when it was alerted for movement to Le Havre, France, and was relieved of its mission by the 350th Field Artillery Battalion.

Enforcement of the curfew law and the delivery of some 3,000 head of horses by German soldiers kept all security details on the alert and working overtime.

Approximately 250 curfew violators, both German and displaced persons, were apprehended on one evening and placed in a specially prepared jail until the following morning.

Several hundred German soldiers who had been released from P.W. cages returned to their homes and started to work on their farms. All Burgomeisters were held responsible for reporting all returning German soldiers in order that all discharge papers could be checked.

On the 7th day of June, the Battalion was relieved of attachment to the XXI Corps and attached to the VI Corps for operations, and further organized for combat with the 34th Field Artillery Brigade.

On the 15th of June, the Battalion was placed in category IV under the redeployment and readjustment program and by the 18th of June the Battalion started transferring some of its officers and enlisted personnel with an ASR score of less than 85, and who were

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officers and enlisted men whose ASR score was over 85 and some enlisted personnel who were over 39 years of age. By the end of the month, a total of 10 officers and 175 enlisted men were transferred to other Field Artillery Battalions, and 4 officers and 129 enlisted men were transferred into the Battalion.

On the 16th of June, the 34th Field Artillery Brigade Commander, Brigadier General Uncles, visited the Battalion and inspected Headquarters Battery and "A" Battery.

On June 27, Lt. Col. Marion W. Gooding assumed command of the Battalion, relieving Lt. Col. Lylburne M. Howell, who had been Commanding Officer of the Battalion since its activation. Major Rollo and Captain Gersh also reported for duty with the Battalion and were assigned respectively as Battalion S-3 and Battalion Surgeon. Lt. Col. Gooding, Major Rollo, and Captain Gersh, all having an ASR score of 85, were transferred from the 350th Field Artillery Battalion.

Captain Beisel, Assistant Battalion S-3, Captain McCullough, Battalion Surgeon, and 1st Lt. McMullan, "B" Battery Executive Officer, were transferred to the 350th Field Artillery Battalion.

Major Charles V. Frisbee, Battalion S-3, and 1st Lt. Royall Victor, Jr., Assistant Battalion S-2, were transferred to the 788th Field Artillery Battalion.

Captain Thompson, Commanding Officer of "B" Battery, was transferred to Headquarters, 7th Army.

Captain Pruett, Headquarters Battery Commander, and Battalion Communications Officer, was transferred to the 413th Field Artillery

all transferred to the 14th Field Observation Battalion.

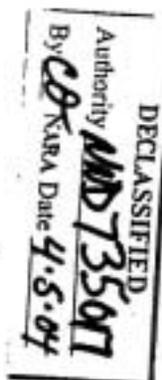
1st Lt. Arthur, "A" Battery Reconnaissance Officer, was lost to the Battalion when he suffered minor injuries in a motor vehicle accident, and was sent to the 57th Field Hospital in France.

Among the officers transferred, Major Frisbee, Captain Beisel, Captain Pruett and 1st Lt. Victor, had all been with the Battalion since the day that it was activated. All of the other officers joined the Battalion during its early stages and while it was still undergoing its basic training program.

On 30 June, Captain McGeachy from the 791st Field Artillery Battalion, reported to the Battalion for duty and was assigned as Commanding Officer of "B" Battery.

The Battalion strength at the beginning of the month was 24 officers, 2 warrant officers and 487 enlisted men, and at the end of the month, 17 officers, 2 warrant officers, and 467 enlisted men. 10 officers and 175 enlisted men were lost, and 4 officers and 129 enlisted men gained through redeployment, and 7 non-battle casualties were returned for duty. 19 enlisted men were gained through reinforcement channels.

Total material losses for the month was one 1/4 ton truck.



S-2 SUMMARY
515th Field Artillery Battalion

June 1945

The Battalion continued with its mission as Security Police for the northern half of the Kreis of Oehringen until it was relieved of this duty on 26 June by the 350th Field Artillery Battalion.

During the early part of June, enforcement of the 2100 hour curfew law seemed to cause the most trouble. Continued violation of the curfew hour resulted in a mass round-up of 231 German and Allied persons in one evening. These violators were placed in a special jail and left there until the following morning. This mass collection of curfew hour to 2130 during the later part of the month appeared to solve the problem of the enforcement of the curfew law and no further trouble was experienced.

Approximately 1000 German Cavalry horses were brought into the Kreis and sold to the farmers by the Allied Military Government. Some 2000 horses were also taken through the Kreis and delivered to two other nearby land Kreises. These horses were transported by rail as far as Bretzfeld and from here taken direct to Oehringen and then on to other localities. These horses were delivered by German soldiers who had received authority from some source to allow 20% of their personnel to carry small arms, such as pistols, machine-pistols, and rifles. Some trouble was encountered with these shipments of horses when the German civilians started meeting the trains at Bretzfeld and offered the soldiers wine and items of food,

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It was also found necessary to pick up all fire arms from the German soldiers when they arrived at Bretzfeld and to return them again when they left Oehringen, and to place the unloading area and route out of town, off limits to all civilians.

On the 17th of June, 150 prisoners of war who had no desire to return to their own homes were released from American P.W. cages in French controlled Germany and were distributed among the farmers of the Kreis of Oehringen as farm laborers.

Ex-German soldiers who had been properly discharged, migrated back to their homes all during the month. On 21st of June, four SS Troopers without discharge papers were picked up by the road patrol and taken to the P.W. cage at Heilbronn.



S-3 SUMMARY
515th Field Artillery Battalion

June 1945



During the month of June, the Battalion continued on its training program as required by VI Corps and the 34th Field Artillery Brigade. Guarding of all "T" target installations, maintaining of road blocks, and road patrols continued until the 26th of June when the Battalion was relieved of all "T" targets and security patrol duties.

Orientation lectures, and a continued survey for all I and E subjects along with briefing of instructors for I and E classes continued. Altho a limited supply of athletic equipment was available, a progressive period of inter-battalion athletic competition was inaugurated.

All personnel of the Battalion attended the showing of the film, "On to Tokyo", as required by higher headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS 515th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 655, US Army

1 June 1945

BATTALION STAFF

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Lt Col	HOWELL, LYLBURNE M	0 191 580
Major	HILMES, EDWARD R	0 294 391
Major	FRISBEE, CHARLES V	0 298 731
Captain	WRIGHT, VERNON W	0 359 308
Captain	BEISEL, ERVIN E	01 169 018
1st Lt	VICTOR, ROYALL Jr	01 170 592

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BATTERY ROSTER (as of 1 Jun 45)

OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
PRUETT, FLOYD W	Capt	01166357	Com O
FICK, CHARLES B	1st Lt	01300012	Liaison Pilot
HARDAKER, PAUL H	1st Lt	0536176	Mtr O
HERBOLD, CLYDE L	1st Lt	01185880	Liaison Pilot
PSURNY, EDWARD S	1st Lt	01185848	Asst Com O
CACKOWSKI, JOHN P	CWO	W2111574	Pers O

ENLISTED MEN

Prather, Boyd C	M Sgt	20918272	Bn Sgt Major
O'Banion, Allan C	1st Sgt	20918715	1st Sgt
Makinson, Don E	T Sgt	39301581	Pers Sgt
Minette, Raymond F	T Sgt	39601857	Opns Sgt
Randolph, Robert M	T Sgt	39156686	Com Chief
Alexander, Frederick A	S Sgt	31298415	Radio Sgt
Delaney, Frank A	S Sgt	36118692	Computer Sgt
Jackson, Richard B	S Sgt	31121979	Wire Chief
Kunsky, John	S Sgt	36343407	Pers Tech
Looney, Mark H	S Sgt	38022408	Supply Sgt
Walleverd, Charles C	S Sgt	6931281	Mess Sgt
Willet, Neal B	S Sgt	37048333	Wire Chief
Krusey, Edwin A	Tec 3	33147673	Airplane Mech
Johnson, Roy T	Sgt	39302220	Mtr Sgt
Tidwell, Maxwell O	Sgt	34589323	Survey Sgt
Bastron, Rolland A	Tec 4	39217288	Hq Clerk
Broadhurst, Charles W	Tec 4	6253025	Msg Cen Chief
Clark, Howard L	Tec 4	39723033	V.C.O.
Epstein, Leonard	Tec 4	31298342	Hq Clerk
Foss, John H	Tec 4	31267169	Mtr Mech
Gantert, Thomas S	Tec 4	17108660	Radio Opr
Gates, Thomas L	Tec 4	38602477	H.C.O.
Gray, John Jr	Tec 4	39601783	Cook
Lewandowski, John J	Tec 4	20656328	Radio Repairman
Major, Harry X.	Tec 4	31324156	Radio Opr
Moore, Willard S	Tec 4	6969528	Radio Opr
Pimental, August W	Tec 4	31298304	Cook
Westphal, Robert W	Tec 4	39202104	Inst & Survey Man
Bias, Charles C	Cpl	35639045	MG Cpl
Brown, Winnie E	Cpl	39343476	Radio Repairman
Buenger, Jay C	Cpl	38417912	Btry Clerk
Eachus, Franklin C	Cpl	39121572	Msg Cen Clerk
Ellison, Robert T	Cpl	39217326	MG Cpl
Hay, Donald E	Cpl	35215709	Bn Agent
Horn, Hollis T	Cpl	20479918	Wire Cpl
Marweg, Melvin F	Cpl	39217273	Wire Cpl
Miller, Luckey D	Cpl	38546766	Wire Cpl
O'Toole, Patrick H	Cpl	39915591	Wire Cpl
Allbritten, John B	Tec 5	36686644	Bn Mail Orderly
Argo, Velton L	Tec 5	38628483	Airplane Mech
Beerworth, Clayton V	Tec 5	20918179	Cook
Bloch, George M	Tec 5	39726562	Radio Opr
Breaux, Bertin J	Tec 5	38602182	Radio Opr

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Headquarters Battery Roster Continued

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
De Lavergne, Earl F	T/5	39723804	Driver
Dodge, David C	T/5	12094376	Computer
Downing, Murl T	T/5	38602324	Btry Mail Clerk
Emery, Daniel W	T/5	37090636	Driver
Formby, Jesse O	T/5	39723735	Radio Opr
Honey, James H	T/5	39723784	Swbd Opr
Hopkins, Alfred D	T/5	37531145	Lineman
Lufkin, Howard W	T/5	39217253	Computer
Lusk, John R, Jr	T/5	38547688	Driver
Mears, Earl W	T/5	39217246	Lineman
Palmieri, Lucien E	T/5	11130170	Radio Opr
Pesante, Russel H	T/5	39723801	Radio Opr
Price, James C	T/5	38602299	Radio Opr
Raker, Edwih J	T/5	37579238	File Clerk
Stevens, Charles C	T/5	39723813	Radio Repairman
Thompson, Charles D	T/5	39548214	Inst & Survey Man
Baird, Orville L	Pfc	38561373	Driver
Beauman, Frederick A	Pfc	38601020	Inst & Survey Man
Bingham, Ralph W	Pfc	39217220	Driver
Brown, Martin L, Jr	Pfc	38536900	Driver
Flores, Jesus M	Pfc	38568388	Cook's Helper
Hand, Albert P, Jr	Pfc	38623908	Inst & Survey Man
Herron, Bentley	Pfc	36645554	Cook
Holloway, Vernor W	Pfc	38642073	Lineman
Kleinert, Clarence E	Pfc	37072333	Driver
Lain, Raymond C	Pfc	38561367	Driver
Lofland, Joe T	Pfc	38630077	Driver
Markovich, Andrew A	Pfc	33697351	Computer
Mata, Rudolfo M	Pfc	38561361	Lineman
McNees, John D	Pfc	37460772	Clerk-Typist
Perry, Lawrence E	Pfc	39864680	Driver
Reda, Ernest J	Pfc	39217045	Lineman
Ross, Charles A, Jr	Pfc	39217107	Lineman
Sill, Donald G	Pfc	39217274	Swbd Opr
Smith, Darwin W	Pfc	35602951	Inst & Survey Man
Stine, Joseph A, Jr	Pfc	42016805	Driver
Szeregy, Leo A	Pfc	35918176	Lineman
Tyer, Arnold J	Pfc	38600506	Airplane Mech
Vrana, Albert C	Pfc	38628808	Cook's Helper
Wiedmaier, Milton F	Pfc	36885948	MG
Kelly, Ralph T	Pfc	38628154	MG
Baierl, Kenneth W	Pvt	33667086	Inst & Survey Man
Mc Crarey, Paul E	Pvt	39140044	Lineman
Smith, Don B	Pvt	39723816	Radio Opr
Taraczkozy, Frank A	Pvt	39238997	MG

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BATTERY ROSTER

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O Position</u>
Capt	REISER, JOHN R.	0451193	Btry Comdr
1st Lt	JACKS, GORDON L.	0540133	Ex O
2d Lt	ARTHUR, KERMIT R.	01178059	Rcn O
1st Sgt	Suytar, William E.	20918129	First Sgt
S/Sgt	Bellande, John L.	31317302	Ch of Detail
S/Sgt	Curl, Opal J.	20840161	Mess Sgt
S/Sgt	Greer, Edward D.	14104785	Mtr Sgt
S/Sgt	McMeekin, Alexander	6943511	Ch Gun Sec
S/Sgt	Samanich, John R.	32328305	Mtr Sgt
Sgt	Aderman, Russell V.	16130831	Ch of Sec
Sgt	Koch, Robert J.	20918212	Supply Sgt
Sgt	Seim, Harold G.	39677269	Ch of Sec
Sgt	Spain, Cyril M.	39005217	Ch of Sec
Tec 4	Bilodeau, Roland J.	31267170	Gun Mech
Tec 4	Bryant, Ernest R.	31295863	Radio Repairman
Tec 4	Duane James A.	31298574	Tractor Mech
Tec 4	Hunt, Garland I.	20918076	Ch of Sec
Tec 4	Moore, Howard L.	39419722	Cook
Tec 4	Reynolds, John B.	36033914	Field Wire Ch
Cpl	Bliss, James N., Sr.	38417203	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Chambers, Cecil V.	38561396	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Clevenger, William R.	35632852	Instr Cpl
Cpl	Egyhazi, John	35348643	Tel Oper
Cpl	Hestand, George W.	39217318	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	McNees, Arthur R.	37460765	Instr Cpl
Cpl	Miller, Emory N., Jr.	33871638	Btry Clerk
Cpl	Nelson, Herman A.	39217248	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Ptaschnick, Irving	32825712	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Reed, Walter H.	39324580	Mach Gunner
Cpl	Saunders, Max A.	39343443	Survey Cpl
Cpl	Shampine, Ira J.	32750262	Agent
Cpl	Sitton, Morgan R.	6271224	Gunner Cpl
Cpl	Stitt, John T.	39864672	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Strickland, John I.	38602482	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Stroud, William W.	6270404	Ammo Cpl
Tec 5	Boan, Russell	39864670	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Buscher, James C.	39217219	Mail Clerk
Tec 5	Carnessali, Joseph W.	35918256	Cook
Tec 5	Casey, Orvel E.	36645592	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Conklin, Frank	39217329	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Conrad, Karl L.	35592895	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Denney, Cleon L., Sr.	39217229	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Fergus, Marion	39341749	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Henry, James E.	35477808	Auto Mech
Tec 5	Kakley, Thomas R.	31285244	Cook
Tec 5	Keogh, Russell F.	39723815	Field Lineman

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BTRY ROSTER - 1 JUNE 1945 (Cont'd)

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O Position</u>
Tec 5	Marquis, Walter H.	34623538	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Marshall, William G.	37347789	Truck Dr. Lt
Tec 5	Rasmussen, Donald E.	39916143	Tractor Driver
Tec 5	Siegel, Marvin L.	39270175	Radio Oper
Tec 5	Wike, Martin L.	39146656	Field Lineman
Pfc	Barrett, George W., Jr.	38602292	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Boriack, Clarence A.	38561187	Cannoneer
Pfc	Campbell, William W.	39343493	Field Lineman
Pfc	Cappello, Leonard P.	39217284	Bugler
Pfc	Carver, Clayton C.	39343536	Truck Dr, Lt
Pfc	Clark, Joseph B.	38547754	Truck Dr, Lt
Pfc	Colson, Donald M.	39217258	Field Lineman
Pfc	DeForest, Harvey F., Jr.	39343135	Cannoneer
Pfc	Dombrowski, Julian N.	39217198	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Earle, Robert R.	3 9217286	Field Lineman
Pfc	Fish, Arthur F.	39217262	Cannoneer
Pfc	Galbreth, Howard	38603294	Truck Dr, Lt
Pfc	Galyean, Talmage H.	33657872	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Guglielmo, Fillipo L.	39723802	Cannoneer
Pfc	Guillory, Stevens T.	38490281	Cannoneer
Pfc	Hancock, Warner D.	38628420	Truck Dr, Lt
Pfc	Jackson, Lester W.	39343385	Cannoneer
Pfc	Johnson, John W.	38641367	Truck Dr, Lt
Pfc	Jordan, Gustave N.	38602478	Field Lineman
Pfc	Knabe, Richard H.	39608893	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Knight, William R.	38547649	Mach Gunner
Pfc	Lairmore, Elmer A.	38602284	Cannoneer
Pfc	Martinez, Arthur C.	39146679	Cannoneer
Pfc	Masters, Fred H.	38627437	Cannoneer
Pfc	McCarter, Steven S.	39913095	Sur & Instr Man
Pfc	Monjaras, Augustine	38561354	Cannoneer
Pfc	Negrete, Trinidad	39723797	Cannoneer
Pfc	Peralta, Robert C.	38498357	Cannoneer
Pfc	Schwarz, Max	32781688	Cannoneer
Pfc	Shaw, Grover P.	39723698	Cannoneer
Pfc	Smith, Robert C.	38602436	Sur & Instr Man
Pfc	Stewart, James W.	39842695	Cannoneer
Pfc	Tedesco, Orlando P.	33356660	Cannoneer
Pfc	Wright, Kham R.	38547719	Cannoneer
Pvt	Allen, Merrill D.	39723953	Cannoneer
Pvt	Amaral, Raymond M.	39146695	Cannoneer
Pvt	Barry, James A.	35229554	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Benedetti, Osvaldo	16176831	Cannoneer
Pvt	Berg, Clifford E.	39217267	Tr Dr, Lt
Pvt	Berson, Benjamin	4 2045066	Cannoneer
Pvt	Biggers, Gerald L.	39343478	Tr Dr, Lt
Pvt	Coleman, Lincoln J.	39723965	Cannoneer
Pvt	Daniel, Leonard J.	38628525	Cannoneer
Pvt	Engelhartson, Harold J.	39343494	Cannoneer
Pvt	Finck, Osker M.	37463976	Cannoneer
Pvt	George, Fred J.	39343514	Cannoneer
Pvt	Holdren, Charles A.	35138544	Cannoneer

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O Position</u>
Pvt	Holguin, Henry	39421444	Cannoneer
Pvt	Kaylor, R. D.	38627733	Field Lineman
Pvt	Kilsdonk, Norbert F.J.	38602411	Tr Dr, Lt
Pvt	Lodestro, Anthony	38524604	Cannoneer
Pvt	Loya, Leo C.	39723727	Cannoneer
Pvt	Lozano, Manuel R.	39864669	Cannoneer
Pvt	Martinez, Saul T.	38561377	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Mendez, Paul	38558350	Cannoneer
Pvt	McConnell, George F.	38602418	Cannoneer
Pvt	McDonald, George H.	36110845	Cook's Helper
Pvt	Morton, Edward W.	20918339	Cannoneer
Pvt	Pendley, Paul	39726583	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Reyna, Francisco G.	38561190	Cannoneer
Pvt	Riecke, William E., Sr.	38501222	Cannoneer
Pvt	Roney, Loyd J.	38602410	Cannoneer
Pvt	Sauer, George A.	36622473	Cannoneer
Pvt	Signorelli, Dominick	42045062	Truck Dr, Lt
Pvt	Simmons, John R.	38524057	Cannoneer
Pvt	Smith, Leo G.	38602487	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Teitelman, Max L.	31279298	Field Lineman
Pvt	Wierbonics, Frank J.	31324166	Cannoneer
Pvt	Williams, Clarence W.	38561404	Cannoneer
Pvt	Woitkiewicz, Charles J.	31285012	Cannoneer
Pvt	Zawalski, Walter J.	31260242	Cannoneer
Pvt	Zeoli, Alfredo P.	31088796	Ammo Handler

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OFFICERS:

Capt THOMPSON, WILLIAM H.	0423490	Btry Comdr
1st Lt MCMULLAN, ROBERT F. JR.	01167543	Ex Off
1st Lt JOHN K. BESTOR	0530653	Rcn Off
2d Lt DOWNS, JOE W.	01178126	Mtr Off

ENLISTED MEN:

<u>1st Sgt</u>		
Maceau, Donald J.	20654223	1st Sgt
<u>S/Sgt</u>		
Dunaway, George W.	39081472	Chief of Detail
Graf, Richard H.	34724165	Supply Sgt
Sells, Haskell L.	34116265	Chief of Sections
Wilson, Henry A.	37115916	Mtr Sgt
<u>Sgt</u>		
Conroy, Frederick J.	31298673	Chief of Section
Currey, Carl K.	35624479	Chief of Section
Hancock, Delbert R.	6575557	Chief of Section
Hanlan, Thomas F.	31260180	Chief of Section
<u>Tec 4</u>		
Berdinka, Frank D.	32717871	Radio Repairman
Jones, Kenneth A.	20917973	Tractor Mechanic
Kogeones, Theodore	39146663	Cook
Seifert, Herman G. Jr.	39343496	Radio Operator
Towne, Richard J.	31298561	Auto Mechanic
Wierbonics, Stanley J.	31324076	Artillery Mechanic
<u>Cpl</u>		
Colabella, William J.	32426528	Wire Cpl
Bent, Zeno H.	39343445	Btry Agent
Fish, Henry J.	39217254	Ammo Cpl
Gudgen, Paul H.	38628361	Gunner Cpl
Lynds, Edwin A.	39343429	Survey Cpl
Mann, Buddy L.	38517258	Machine Gun Cpl
Meyer, Henry E.	36475475	Machine Gun Cpl
Miller, Ernest M.	38547705	Gunner Cpl
Peretti, Rainier	39217276	Ammo Cpl
Pilkington, Jesse E.	37357183	Btry Clerk
Schoor, Kenneth	20214525	Survey Cpl
Smith, Jake D.	39723837	Ammo Cpl
Tabor, Whitmell M.	38259197	Instrument Cpl
Van Kirk, Loren J.	39217321	Ammo Cpl
Watkins, Robert B. Jr.	38602488	Gunner Cpl
Wilt, Philip W.	35628586	Gunner Cpl
<u>Tec 5</u>		
Braaten, Laverne A.	39217301	Tractor Driver
Carlisle, Paul D.	35710548	Cook
Cloyd, Edward T.	35698792	Cook
Eliason, Melvin E.	39217189	Cook
Golden, Lester W.	37605526	Truck Driver
Haux, William	39217020	Truck Driver
Henry, Raymond W.	36697190	Radio Operator
Katzman, William B.	42043174	Radio Operator

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Mellinger, Howard R.	37663882	Tractor Driver
Middleton, James M.	39723584	Truck Driver
Robbins, Russell W.	39326026	Tractor Driver
Ryals, Eldon M.	39217144	Tractor Driver
Sontag, Arthur F.	20753793	Field Lineman
Triplett, James N.	33627389	Tractor Driver
Wasilevich, Max	38835493	Field Lineman
Webster, Ellsworth J.	39217196	Field Lineman
Whitley, William H.	38628029	Tractor Driver
Williamson, Benjamin D.	35629020	Computer (FDC)
<u>Pfc</u>		
Abrahams, Robert C.	38546259	Cannoneer
Allen, Billy	38523016	Cannoneer
Allsop, Dewey W.	39217309	Ammo Handler
Bettencourt, Frank A. Jr.	39421433	Truck Driver
Breeden, James M.	13014295	Cannoneer
Bujnoch, Anton A.	38561084	Cannoneer
Burkey, Bernard A.	6938073	Cannoneer
Crosby, Charles C.	39146694	Truck Driver
Due, Phillip D.	38627783	Cannoneer
Evatt, Doyle A.	38602443	Wireman
Fung, Paul M.	39146676	Cannoneer
Goanell, Clifford M.	39723838	Cannoneer
Gray, John R.	39343477	Truck Driver
Gray, Robert L.	39568204	Cannoneer
Gray, William H.	39723776	Radio Operator
Hamilton, Jimerson H.	39217328	Wireman
Hasenbalg, Wesley C.	39217324	Cannoneer
Hollen, Wilferd E.	38628261	Cannoneer
Hughes, Stuart P.	38524079	Wireman
Jayne, Lee D.	39918664	Wireman
Kaufman, Louis L.	42044754	Wireman
Kinard, Wilbur E.	34842662	Cannoneer
McCaulley, Preston	38491086	Cannoneer
Marty, Lucian E.	38561275	Cannoneer
Matchett, Edward W. Jr.	39723792	Cannoneer
Posey, Leland O.	34739890	Cannoneer
Sacks, William S.	35320885	Cannoneer (FDC)
Sheffield, Milton Q.	38545026	Cannoneer
Shipper, Modess G.	38547590	Cook's Helper
Sparks, Elton J. E.	38602473	Truck Driver
Terry, Ervin L.	38642624	Cannoneer
Ulmer, Albert O.	38620134	Cannoneer
Underhill, Reese A.	38602459	Wireman
Watson, Charles W.	38600567	Cannoneer
<u>Pvt</u>		
Adams, James R.	38602414	Cannoneer
Akers, David M.	20610244	Cannoneer
Bonavita, Carmen D.	35676723	Cannoneer
Brown, James D.	31244309	Cook
Crum, Vardie	34634868	Machine Gunner
Decarli, Charles H.	39711627	Machine Gunner
Dillow, I. D.	38642092	Ammo Handler
Eckert, Kenneth F.	39723971	Cannoneer
Erickson, C. Lloyd	39217217	Cannoneer

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Flenniken, Thomas
 Foutz, Mervan L.
 Gonzales, Antonio L.
 Gonzales, Eloy
 Graham, Cecil O
 Hartzog, Maynard H.
 Jaramillo, Samuel J.
 Layton, Jefferson G.
 Miranda, Pete E.
 Moody, Cleo L.
 Murray, Albert E.
 Nelson, William
 Platanitis, George
 Riojas, Ramiro S.
 Rockwell, Gould A.
 Smith, Carl L.
 Smith, Theodora N.
 Stewart, Joseph L.
 Thomas, Howard E.
 Turner, Ralph W.
 Twitchell, Robert B.
 Wainwright, Melvin D.
 Wilkerson, Allen L.
 Zizzo, Joseph

6950952
 35896208
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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>I/O POSITION</u>
CAPT	NELSON, ELMER N.	01166340	Btry Commander
1ST LT	CASE, CHARLES R.	01183825	Ex O
1ST LT	WELDON, CLARENCE E. JR.	0535045	Ren O
1st Sgt	Murphy, John T.	20918661	1st Sgt
S/Sgt	Albone, Harry G.	31316758	Supply Sergeant
S/Sgt	Birenheide, Alfred H.	37014427	Motor Sergeant
S/Sgt	Clark, John M.	37014427	Mess Sergeant
S/Sgt	Flanagan, William R.	31285292	Chief of Detail
S/Sgt	Read, Ivan H.	20840148	Chief of Section
Sgt	Bergquist, John E.	37074028	Chief of Section
Sgt	Polky, Cecil A.	31319508	Chief of Section
Sgt	Simpson, John Jr.	39378253	Chief of Section
Sgt	Sweeney, Glenn E.	37262836	Chief of Section
Tec 4	Bialorucki, Edwin D.	35549634	Arty Mech.
Tec 4	Giangregorio, John	31296776	Tractor Mech.
Tec 4	Harper, Russell D. Jr.	31298763	Radio Repairman
Tec 4	Irwin, Lewis L.	35883938	Radio Operator
Tec 4	Panek, Benny M.	42021084	Cook
Cpl	Bettell, Jesse W.	38524024	Btry Agent
Cpl	Bortnick, Walter W.	31260277	Btry Clerk
Cpl	Jaramiho, Ernest A.	39421443	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Garber, Claude L.	37606732	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Garrett, Edward D.	38400087	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Horne, Garland C.	34844928	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Konop, Clarence	37074939	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Morris, Allyn E.	39122946	Mach. Gun Cpl.
Cpl	Murdock, Thomas L.	34623569	Mach. Gun Cpl.
Cpl	Myers, Gilbert S.	39118569	Survey Cpl
Cpl	O'Neill, John A.	39146696	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Palmer, Chandoes E.F.	39217210	Ammo Cpl
Cpl	Reynolds, Robert M.	38561457	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Shown, Frank E.	38545215	FD Instr. Operator
Cpl	Snyder, Harry A.	34434447	Gun Cpl
Cpl	Steffend, Robert L.	39343495	Survey Cpl
Cpl	Van Heest, Marvin H.	36465030	Wire Cpl.
Tec 5	Carns, Robert H.	39078478	Field Lineman
Tec 5	Chambers, Curtis L.	38561401	Tractor Dr.
Tec 5	Coghlan, Marion L.	37115991	Auto Mech.
Tec 5	Eggersman, Howard G.	35698612	Tractor Dr.
Tec 5	Godfrey, Clarence J.	39723818	Cook
Tec 5	Keith, George R.	34813082	Tractor Dr.
Tec 5	Nalley, Robert L.	38601040	Tractor Dr.
Tec 5	Nelsen, Harold N.	39205253	Truck Dr.
Tec 5	Presting, Hermod G.	39217197	Cook
Tec 5	Prose, Kenneth	39217290	Sw. Board Opr.



ROSTER CONT'D - (1 Jun 45)

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Tec 5	Roberts, John A.	39343318	Radio Opr.
Tec 5	Rumple, Robert D.	37664108	Tractor Dr.
Tec 5	Scott, Robert P.	35633192	Cannoneer (Recorder)
Tec 5	Spencer, Thomas I.	38600673	Truck Dr.
Tec 5	Stowe, Charles A.	36580513	Field Lineman
Tec 5	Trimm, John E.	36450716	Cannoneer (Mail Clerk)
Tec 5	White, Arnold H.	38602486	Truck Dr.
Tec 5	White, Charles H.	38602409	Tractor Dr.
Tec 5	Willers, Clarence H.	39217225	Radio Operator
Pfc	Born, John K.	39146689	Ammo Handler
Pfc	Emmett, Luther R.	38602361	Truck Driver
Pfc	Gilmore, Howard M.	39421434	Cannoneer
Pfc	Hall, Rufus J.	38524140	Truck Driver
Pfc	Haltom, Leech Jr.	38602253	Field Lineman
Pfc	Harris, William P.	38602232	Ammo Handler
Pfc	Harry, Harold	38491657	Cannoneer
Pfc	Johnson, Kenneth E.	38602294	Cannoneer
Pfc	Labos, John J. Jr.	35762014	Truck Driver
Pfc	Lee, Herbert	39146703	Survey
Pfc	Lively, Joseph Sr.	38629904	Truck Driver.
Pfc	Mahon, Hubert	34623398	Cannoneer
Pfc	McClenny, David W.	38628167	Survey
Pfc	McKibbin, Leonard E.	39217241	Cannoneer
Pfc	Mohr, John O.	33667075	Cannoneer
Pfc	Morphew, Hunter B.	38547616	Cannoneer
Pfc	Murphy, Michael A.	39723696	Cannoneer
Pfc	Olson, Arne O.	39217272	Cannoneer
Pfc	Osborn, Raymond C.	39217291	Field Lineman
Pfc	Powers, Charles A.	38602464	Cannoneer
Pfc	Prikryl, Daniel J.	38546127	Mach. Gunner
Pfc	Ray, Thomas M.	38600536	Cannoneer
Pfc	Salazar, William	39711698	Cannoneer
Pfc	Torres, Joe C.	39723830	Truck Driver
Pfc	Valdez, Jesus	38562028	Cannoneer
Pfc	Weeks, John T.	38628225	Field Lineman
Pfc	West, Robert J.	35643529	Ammo Handler
Pfc	Wilcox, Herbert L.	39723753	Cook's Helper
Pfc	Williver, Virgil T. W.	39217296	Field Lineman
Pvt	Angles, Clifford L.	34762793	Truck Driver.
Pvt	Antuna, Rudolph	39722787	Cannoneer
Pvt	Belver, Troy E.	38561389	Cannoneer
Pvt	Birchell, Robert H.	39865041	Cannoneer
Pvt	Carrion, Gabriel R. Sr.	38546219	Cannoneer
Pvt	Cheek, James J.	38546697	Mach. Gunner
Pvt	Chavira, Alfonso	38561359	Cannoneer
Pvt	Eisenatot, Max M.	35525317	Cannoneer
Pvt	Garcia, Frank J.	39723581	Cannoneer
Pvt	Garland, Johny J.	38546530	Truck Driver

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
Pvt	Hancock, Calvin J.	15340053	Cannoneer
Pvt	Hazel, Clarence M.	38546783	Cannoneer
Pvt	Henry, Robert D.	20952201	Cannoneer
Pvt	Herrera, Conrado A.	39343444	Cannoneer
Pvt	Hiller, Vasma L.	38547744	Cannoneer
Pvt	Larson, Marsden A.	39865043	Cannoneer
Pvt	Lee, Philip	39723788	Cannoneer
Pvt	Markham, Roy O.	39217162	Field Lineman
Pvt	Marmorek, Kurt M.A.	32874774	Ammo Handler
Pvt	Masingill, James T.	34983613	Cannoneer
Pvt	McKnight, Chester	38482027	Cannoneer
Pvt	Moan, James R.	39723555	Cannoneer
Pvt	Moffett, John W.	38561217	Cannoneer
Pvt	Morgan, Earnest R.	38400743	Cannoneer
Pvt	Muller, Paul W.	20918503	Cannoneer
Pvt	Neece, James H.	39723790	Cannoneer
Pvt	Neugebauer, Edward W.	38546641	Cannoneer
Pvt	Parker, Franklin B.	38642074	Cannoneer
Pvt	Parsons, Clyde S.	35593835	Cannoneer
Pvt	Rollins, Clyde S.	39723707	Cannoneer
Pvt	Sagan, Frank T.	35572998	Cannoneer
Pvt	Scheinfield, Milton R.	13177813	Cannoneer
Pvt	Selvog, Harvey S.	39217305	Cannoneer
Pvt	Signor, Loren L.	37528765	Cannoneer
Pvt	Sorkness, Jerrold T.	39217140	Field Lineman
Pvt	Stewart, George L.	37002248	Cannoneer
Pvt	Toth, Eugene D.	35896257	Cannoneer
Pvt	Valadez, Jesus G.	39720802	Cannoneer
Pvt	Young, Dale R.	39217138	Field Lineman



SERVICE BATTERY, 515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 655, US Army

1 June 1945

B A T T E R Y R O S T E R

By *CB* KARVA Date *4.5.47*

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
CAPT	POLLOCK, EWING B.	01170919	Battalion S-4
CAPT	MC GEE, ROBERT M.	0454946	Battalion Motor Office
WOJG	HARPER, JOHN C.	W2122945	Asst S-4
M/Sgt	Senteney, George F.	20918663	Bn Motor Sgt
1st/Sgt	Middleton, William O.	20918464	1st Sgt
T/Sgt	Hart, Joe R.	39302454	Bn Supply Sgt
S/Sgt	Demick, Joel	31316817	Asst Bn Supply Sgt
S/Sgt	Fitzpatrick, Edward M.	31324014	Mess Sgt
Tec 4	Ault, Willard F.	39217281	Welder
Tec 4	Callicrate, Michael O.	20840108	Tractor Mechanic
Tec 4	Casey, Norman E.	31267164	Radio Operator
Tec 4	Forry, Norman F.	33618378	Auto Mechanic
Tec 4	Monson, Howard V.	17048035	Tractor Mechanic
Tec 4	Plenn, Daniel	33785434	Welder
Tec 4	Rossetto, John J.	31285217	Auto Mechanic
Tec 4	Trenkenschuh, Leonard	39378221	Cook
Cpl	Conlee, Dudley S.	38628766	Machine Gunner
Cpl	Gerke, Reynold F.	39710058	Parts Clerk, Auto
Cpl	Landry, Herbert R.	31260185	Auto Mechanic
Cpl	Sasner, Victor W.R.	31297692	Battery Clerk
Tec	Forgey, Thomas M.	37090655	Truck Driver, Light
Tec	Nicosia, Carmelo J.	31298480	Cook
Tec	Petteys, Gilbert R.	39343484	Auto Mechanic
Tec	Pfrang, Herbert W.	35721870	Auto Mechanic
Tec	Thompson, Alvin O.	6860830	Tractor Mechanic
Tec	Willige, George H.	39217281	Supply Clerk
Pfc	Denenberg, Joe	36697719	Asst Radio Operator
Pfc	Farmer, Claud E.	7010202	Machine Gunner
Pfc	Hester, Joseph P.	38561398	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	Olds, L. C.	38523947	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	Rodriguez, Agustin	38561355	Cooks Helper
Pfc	Simmons, Frank E.	38528050	Asst Parts Clerk, Auto
Pvt	Ashenhust, Harold T.	38602212	Auto Mechanic
Attached from Btry "A", 515th FA Bn			
S/Sgt	Samanich, John R.	32328305	Auto Mechanic

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 655, US Army

1 June 1945

D E T A C H M E N T R O S T E R

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>T/O POSITION</u>
CAPT S/Sgt	MC CULLOUGH, JEROME J.	0341376	Battalion Surgeon
S/Sgt	Paschke, Frank E.	20654248	Section Leader
Tec 3	Cummings, Arthur J.	16020461	Surgical Technician
Tec 4	Di Sabato, David F.	36640767	Surgical Technician
Cpl	Sloan, Paul	13017322	Medical NCO
Tec 5	Taylor, Bobby L.	6973697	Surgical Technician
Tec 5	Tobin, Charles J.	32723556	Surgical Technician
Pfc	Deacy, Francis S.	39217265	Medical Technician
Pfc	Lind, Thomas W.	39217257	Surgical Technician
Pvt	Cain, Mitchell L.	39217242	Surgical Technician
Pvt	Drew, Frederick E.	31267152	Surgical Technician
Pvt	Henry, Edward	39723718	Truck Driver, Light

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515th FA Bn
(Organization)

From 1900, 1 June 1945
(Time & Date)

To: 2400, 30 June 1945
(Time & Date)

Time		Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day & Date)	Action Taken
In	Out				
				Friday, 1 June 1945 thru	
				Sunday, 24 June 1945	
00		1		Bn guarded critical targets and patrolled area	
10		2		Bn was relieved of all targets and patrols by 350th FA Bn	
				Monday, 25 June 1945 thru	
				Friday, 29 June 1945	
00		3		Bn prepared for move to LA HARVE, FRANCE	
				Saturday, 30 June 1945	
	0830	4		Advance detail left OEHRINGEN for LA HARVE, FRANCE.	
				Closed Journal 2400, 30 June 1945	

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HEADQUARTERS 515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO 519

30 September 1945

HISTORY FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

1. The history contained herein is that of the 515th Field Artillery Battalion. It is attached to the Tidworth Staging Area with the primary mission of assisting troops and units in redeployment processing.

2. Boundaries and location:

a. Tidworth Staging Area, Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, Hants (?), England, vu 6869.

3. Organization:

- a. There has been no change in the Tables of Organization.
 b. High point Artillery officers have largely been relieved for redeployment and replaced by officers of the Quartermaster Corps and the Corps of Engineers.
 c. High point enlisted men have largely been relieved for redeployment and have been replaced by low point enlisted men.

4. Personnel:

a. Changes in command:

(1) Lt. Col Marion _ Gooding, (serial number unreadable) was relieved for redeployment 17 September 1945.

(2) ___ Major John ___ _aden, (serial number unreadable) assumed command 17 September 1945.

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b. Personnel changes:

(1) General release of high point officers and enlisted men and replaced by low point officers and enlisted men.

c. Strength of Battalion of the last day of September 1945.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Det Serv.</u>	<u>Lv.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officers	16	1	0	0	17
Warrant Officers	0	0	0	0	0
Enlisted Men	988	5	0	24	1012
American Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
British Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1004	6	0	24	1029

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5. Operations:

a. Operations for the month.

(1) The Battalion was engaged in guarding closed air bases in England and Ireland from 1 September 1945 to 24 September 1945 while assigned to the Engineers Section, United Kingdom Base.

(2) The Battalion was engaged in service with the Tidsworth Staging Area, 14th Major Port, Southampton ____, from 25 September 1945 to 30 September 1945.

b. Statistics of Operation:

(1) 1 September to 24 September 1945, Headquarters, "A", "B" and Service batteries were engaged in guarding closed Army Air Bases in the vicinity of Chelveston, Northants, England.

(2) 1 September 1945 to 17 September 1945: "C" Battery was engaged in guarding a closed Army Air Base at Langford Lodge, Ireland.

(3) 18 September 1945: "C" Battery rejoined the Battalion at Chelveston, Northants, England.

(4) 25 September 1945: The Battalion moved from the Chelveston Area to the Tidsworth Staging Area, 14th Port, for duty with that installation.

6. Official information of historical value:

a. No report.

7. Unofficial information of historical value:

a. No report.

VAUGHN M. JAMGOCHIAN
Lt. Col. Inf.
Commanding

RESTRICTED
Headquarters 515th Field Artillery Battalion

APO 519
31 October 1945

History for October 1945

1. The history contained herein is that of the 515th Field Artillery Battalion. It is attached to the Tidworth Staging Area with the primary mission of assisting troops and units in redeployment processing.
2. Boundaries and locations:
 - a. Tidworth Staging Area, Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, Hants, England, Vu 6869.
3. Organization:
 - a. There has been no change in the Tables of Organization.
4. Personnel:
 - a. Changes in Command:
 - (1) Lt. Col Vaughn M. Jamgochian, Inf. 0-224475, Commanding.
 - b. Personnel changes:
 - (1) Transfer of personnel with over 60 points was completed early in the month.
 - c. Strength of Battalion of the last day of October 1945:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Det Serv</u>	<u>Lv</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officers	16	0	0	0	16
Warrant Officers	0	0	0	0	0
Enlisted Men	511	5	3	5	524
American Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
British Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	527	5	3	5	540

5. Operations:
 - a. Operations for the month:
 - (1) The Battalion was engaged in service with the Tidworth Staging Area, 14th Major Port, Southampton POE.
6. Official information of historical value.
 - a. None.
7. Unofficial information of historical value.
 - a. None.

VAUGHN M. JAMGOCHIAN
Lt. Col. Inf.
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

AGO 519
30 November 1945

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By *CA* NARA Date *4.5.07*

HISTORY FOR NOVEMBER 1945

1. The history contained herein is that of the 515th Field Artillery Battalion. It is attached to the Tidworth Staging Area with the primary mission of assisting troops and units in redeployment processing.

2. Boundaries and Locations:

a. Tidworth Staging Area, Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, Hants England, VU 6869.

3. Organization:

a. There has been no change in the Table of Organization.

4. Personnel:

a. Changes in Command:

- (1) Capt. Robert M. McGee assumed command vice Major John K. Paden on 17 Nov. 1945.
- (2) Major John K. Paden assumed command vice Lt. Col. Vaughn M. Jamgochian on 7 Nov. 1945.
- (3) Capt. Ewing B. Pollock, present CO, assumed command vice Capt. Robert M. McGee on 24 Nov. 1945.

b. Personnel Changes:

- (1) All personnel with more than 54 points were transferred about the 18th Nov. 1945.
- (2) All personnel with less than 50 points have either been transferred, or are on orders to be transferred by 5 Dec. 1945.
- (3) 22 officers were gained by the organization during the month. 26 officers were transferred during the month, 23 of which were sent to the continent for further duty.

c. Strength of Battalion on 30 Nov. 45:

	Present	Det Serv	Lv	Misc	Total
Officers	12	0	0	0	12
Warrant Officers	2	0	0	0	2
Enlisted Men	295	4	1	4	304
American Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
British Civilians	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

309

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5. Operations

a. Operations for the month:

(1) The Battalion was engaged in service with

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5. a. (1) Cont.

the Tidworth Staging Area, 14th Major Port, Southampton Port of Embarkation.

- b. Statistics of Operations
 - (1) Neoperations of historical value.

6. Official information of historical value:

a. None

7. Unofficial information of historical value.

a. None.

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EWING B. POLLOCK
 Capt. PA
 Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 515TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, Not Remove
APO 437, US Army

31 December, 1945

HISTORY FOR DECEMBER, 1945

1. The history contained herein is that of the 515th Field Artillery Battalion. It is attached to the Tidworth Staging Area with the primary mission of assisting troops and units in redeployment processing.

2. Boundaries and Locations:
a. Tidworth Staging Area, Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, Hants, England, VU 6869.

3. Organization:
a. There has been no change in the Table of Organization.

4. Personnel:
a. Changes in Command:
(1) There has been no change in Command in the Battalion during the month of December.

b. Personnel Changes:
(1) All enlisted personnel with less than 50 points were transferred by the 7th Dec. 1945.
(2) The Battalion continued to receive men of the 50-54 point category in preparation for return to the United States.
(3) A total of 18 officers joined the Battalion during the month of December, assigned as overstrength personnel.

c. Strength of Battalion on 31 December, 1945:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Det Serv</u>	<u>Ly</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officers	12	18	0	0	30
Warrant Officers	2	1	0	0	3
Enlisted Men	280	119	2	1	402
American Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
British Civilians	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	294	138	2	1	435

5. Operations:
a. Operations for the month:
(1) The battalion was engaged in service with the Tidworth Staging Area, 14th Major Port, Southampton Port of Embarkation.

b. Statistics of Operations:
(1) No operations of historical value.

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- 6. Official information of historical value:
 - a. None
- 7. Unofficial information of historical value:
 - a. None

EWING B. POLLOCK
 Capt., FA
 Commanding

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 Authority **AMD 73507**
 By **CBKARA** Date **4-8-07**

RESTRICTED
Headquarters 515th Field Artillery Battalion

APO 437 U. S. Army
30 January 1946

History for January 1946

1. The history contained herein is that of the 515th Field Artillery Battalion. It is attached to the Tidworth Reception Area with the primary mission of assisting troops and units in redeployment processing.

2. Boundaries and Locations:

a. Tidworth Reception Area, Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, Hants, England, UV 6869.

3. Organization:

a. There has been no change in the Table of Organizations, however the Battalion, assigned as a carrier unit, was given an arbitrary strength of 31 officers and 605 enlisted men as a T/O for returning to the ZI. (or 21)

4. Personnel:

a. Changes in Command:

(1) Major David C. McNeal assumed command vice Capt Ewing B. Pollock on 10 January 1946.

b. Personnel Changes:

(1) The Battalion was brought up to a strength of 597 men for return to the ZI. Due to reenlistments and hospitalizations, approximate strength at the time of embarkation will be 580 men.

(2) All officers with less than 70 points or four years service were transferred from the organization. Total strength of the organization for return to the ZI will be 7 officers, one flight officer.

c. Strength of Battalion on 30 January, 1946

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Det Serv</u>	<u>Lv</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officers	7	0	0	0	7
Warrant Officers	1	0	0	0	1
Enlisted Men	580	0	0	0	580
Amer. Civ	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	588	0	0	0	588

5. Operations

a. Operations for the month:

1. The Battalion was engaged in service with the Tidworth Reception Area, 14th Major Port, Southampton Port of Embarkation.

b. Statistics of Operations:

During the month, the Battalion was engaged in preparing the Tidworth Reception Area for the incoming G. I. Brides. At the date of the first arrivals, the members of the Battalion, all on Special Duty with the various sections of the Reception Area, assisted in the processing of the G. I. brides before they embarked for the United States. At the same time the Battalion was built up to its approximate strength assigned to USFET for its anticipated return to the ZI.

6. Official information of historical value:

1. The Battalion was originally assigned a readiness date for return to the ZI of the 1st of February, 1946. On the 16th of January the readiness date was advanced to the 20th of January, said date being met with the delivery of shipping rosters and separation center rosters to the B. T. O. on the 20th of January. The Battalion was processed at the Tidworth Reception Area and alerted for shipment on January 31, 1946.

7. Unofficial information of historical value:

a. None.