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however, fought in the darkness (A & B Cos) in the barracks buildings of I. The enemy and the 1st Bn. against stubborn enemy housed 1. The enemy dropped grenades on our troops. By daylight, 1st Bn had cleared out this strong point and 200 PWs were taken from this group of buildings. At first light, 1st Bn again moved forward to flush the enemy from the PARK and the heart of the city, along the W bank of the FLUDA R. Also, 3d Bn, supported by a platoon of tanks from Co B, 702d Tr Bn, started to drive eastward down the main avenues and the 2d Bn pushed men across the N vehicular bridge on the FLUDA R, capturing this bridge intact. All Bns continued to push the attack from house to house until the job was done. The German CG requested that a truce be set for 6AM for three hours to evacuate civilians, but as the town was 2/3 clear already, the request was denied. (Ref: Periodic Report; FO #30, 80th Inf Div).

5 APR 45

OT 318 (Reinf) occupied, guarded and patrolled the City of KASSEL (2203). Co E, plus one platoon Co D, 702d Tr Bn, occupied town of IMRINGSHAUSEN (250073) at 0730H. Co I occupied town of HARLESBAUSEN (185053). One Platoon Co B guarded installations at OCHSHAUSEN (265993). At 1330, the 271st Inf of the 69th Div started relieving OT 318 of their positions in KASSEL. At 2400, 1st Bn was completely relieved, 2d Bn all except Co F, 3d Bn K and L Companies still not relieved. At 1000, Co OT 318 was placed in command of all troops of 271st Inf in the city, effective until the entire relief should be completed. (Ref: Periodic Report).

6 APR 45

OT 318 was completely relieved of its road block and guards in City of KASSEL and prepared for movement by motor and marching to forward assembly area (MECHTERSTADT (9364) FRIEDRICHSTWORTH (9770) ETENBAUSEN (923673) 52 miles to the E, West of GOTH (0959). First units started movement at 1829H. (Ref: F Mag #48, this Hq; F Mag #1, 80th Inf Div).

7 APR 45

OT 318 completed trip of 52 miles motor and marching from KASSEL, E to a forward assembly area W of GOTH (0959) via MECHTERSTADT (9364), FRIEDRICHSTWORTH (9770), ETENBAUSEN (923673) in the morning of 7 Apr 45. Again moved forward to the E approximately 12 miles to relieve east of the 4th Arm Div at GOTH and from the center of GOTH, 2 to 500 yds E of the Autobahn Highway. 2d Bn outposted left sector, 1st Bn right sector, and 3d Bn in Regt Res in SIEBLEHEN (123643). CP and Co B, 305th Engr Bn; Co B, 305th Med Bn; 314th FA Bn moved to SIEBLEHEN. Relief of 4th Arm Div was completed at 2000. No contact with enemy in sector of OT 318. (Ref: F Mag #49, this Hq; F Mag #2, 80th Inf Div).

8 APR 45

OT 318 continued to hold positions in Regt Zone preparatory to attack to E. Line extended from (145655) to (150380). Co C moved and occupied Hill at (173585) and thus became the most forward element of the Allied troops on the Western Front.

9 APR 45

OT 318 attached to E for limited attack advancing line from motor to E. Line established on E and S from GUMPERT (215) to GUMPERT (215). 2d Bn on the left, 1st Bn on right. 314th FA Bn (attached previous day) placed into operation. 314th FA Bn moved from GUMPERT (215) to GOTH (0959).

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CT 318 resumed atk to E, driving from 8000 to 12000 meters to positions just S of German City of ERFURT (315700). 2d Bn on left reached edge of Hill 3000 meters S of city. 1st Bn Regtl Res committed in center reached MÜLLERBERG (2963) - WALTERSBERG (3162). 3d Bn on right reached LESTUMPT (3363) and RECHTSTETWARD (340615). CT 318 prepared to assault the city of ERFURT and take its second important prize in two weeks. Twelve towns captured and a small arms and glider manufacturing plant taken in NEUBIETENDORF (2362). (Ref: F Mag #1, 80th Inf Div; F Mag #2, 80th Inf Div; F Mag #54, this Hq; F Mag #55, this Hq).

11 Apr 45

CT 318 closed in on ERFURT (300720), reaching City on S, SW and E. CO, CT 318, established phone contact with German Commandant and delivered ultimatum at 111909H Apr 45 demanding surrender of City. Granted the German CO two hours delay, then two additional two hours, but German CO failed to keep appointment to discuss surrender. Seven Bns of supporting Artillery fired TOTs on the City. During the day's fighting five enemy tanks were knocked out, two Arty pieces, two ammunition trucks knocked out, and six towns captured. (Ref: Periodic Report).

12 Apr 45

CT 318 continued atk on the town of ERFURT and at 2040H the town was clear of organized resistance. 1st Bn established road blocks and guarded important installations throughout the City while 2d and 3d Bns withdrew to designated assembly areas. (Ref: Periodic Report).

13 Apr 45

2d and 3d Bns, 318th Inf, spent the daylight hours in assembly areas preparing for motor march. Bns proceeded on order to vicinity of Bridge town (J722692). 1st Bn guarded and policed City of ERFURT and maintained road blocks at vital points, continued until relieved by 2d 1st FCB Bn in late afternoon. (Ref: Periodic Report).

14 Apr 45

CT 318 advanced to the E in wake of 4th Armd Div. Largest town enroute was EISENBERG (J925715). 1000H reported clear. 3d Bn in column, 2d Bn and 1st Bn in rear. 3d Bn and 2d Bn left from vic Bridge town (J722692) and covered approximately 52 miles. 1st Bn left from vic of ERFURT (J3069) and traveled approximately 104 miles. 1st Bn had mission of establishing PW enclosures along route and of evacuating PWs. (Ref: Periodic Report).

15 Apr 45

318 CT (Reinf) remained in assembly area. Area was policed. PWs were given opportunity to clean up. All PWs in area evacuated. Troops were made ready to go into positions tomorrow.

16 Apr 45

CT 318 (Reinf) moved approximately 20 miles, completed relief of CGS, 4th Armd Div at 1937. 1st Bn remained in Regtl Res via (J722692). 1st Bn established liaison with 318th Inf on our F and guarded train loaded with food and medical supplies. 2d Bn moved to high ground in northern sector of Regtl Res, established contact with 318th Inf and guarded railroad in sector. 3d Bn moved to high ground in southern sector of Regtl Res and established contact with 318th Inf at (J722692).

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Twenty five PWs for period. CT 318 (Reinf) extended front lines by patrolling. Made preparations to be relieved by 417th Inf.

18 Apr 45

CT 318 (Reinf) was relieved by 417th Inf at 0650 and prepared to move by motor to assembly area vicinity BAMBERG (2749). Quartering party with necessary guides left from Regt CP, HARTMANNSDORF (K361672), at 180730H Apr 45. Quartering party followed route Autobahn to ERFURT and then Highway #4 to assembly area. CT 318 (Reinf) was formed into sixteen march units and moved along the same route of march as the quartering party. The march was approximately 210 miles. Head of March Unit #1 crossed IF at 1837H; tail of March Unit #16 cleared IF at 2120H. During the march, the column was strafed. A JU 88 flew over the column at 2200H. At 2300H an ME 210 was shot down by Btry A, 633d AAA Av (Mbl) Bn. Co I, from accident and strafing, had eighteen casualties. (Ref: F Mag #59, this Hq; F Mag #60, this Hq).

19 Apr 45

CT 318 (Reinf) completed motor march of approximately 210 miles from HARTMANNSDORF, W 110 miles to vicinity ERFURT, S 95 miles to vicinity BAMBERG, and E 5 miles to vicinity of PEULENDORF (0365553), also the location of Regt CP and CP of Btry A, 633d AAA Av (Mbl) Bn. 2d Bn in ZECKENDORF (0382568), 1st Bn in KREMSDORF (0351539), 3d Bn in PUNZENDORF (0381551). CP 314th FA Bn in SCHNEIDORF (0359941).

20 Apr 45

CT 318 (Reinf) remained in same location as Corps Hqs. Troops of 2d and 3d Bns fired on small arms range. Reinforcements were sent personnel to fire. All troops spent remainder of day performing work and cleaning of equipment and personnel rehabilitation. At end of period CT 318 (Reinf) was alerted for movement to NURNBERG (425000).

21 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) moved by motor approximately 45 miles from PUNZENDORF (0365553) to NURNBERG (04200). 318th Inf assumed control of, maintained, and restored order in Eastern half of NURNBERG.

22 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) guarded 44 military installations in and about city of NURNBERG. Twenty jeep patrols operated throughout period in Regt area. Road blocks manned on every road leading out of NURNBERG in Regt zone. Approximately 2,200 DPs picked-up and turned over to proper authorities. Food riots and disturbances brought under control and order restored in City.

23 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) continued to guard military installations in and about City of NURNBERG, enforce military law, and prevent looting. Visiting patrols were maintained in Regt area. Approximately 1,200 Displaced Persons were evacuated to Dr Camp. Eighteen (18) guard posts were eliminated and visiting patrols substituted. (Ref: F Mag #59, this Hq, dated 211600H Apr 45).

24 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) continued to guard military installations in and about City of NURNBERG, enforce military law, prevent looting, and enforce 2000H to 1700H curfew for civilians. Visiting patrols maintained.

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within Reinf area. Ten (10) Guard Posts were eliminated in the area and four (4) Guard Posts added (Ref: 7 May 44, this HQ, dated 242400Z Apr 45).

25 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) in process of being relieved from maintaining law and order in city of NURNBERG by 58th PA Bn and 241st, atchd. Guard is being maintained on two (2) DP Camps (0441029) (0472950) and one (1) DP Camp (0472950) in 318th Inf sector.

26 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) in NURNBERG. Relief of town, DP and PW posts in progress. Preparation for move has been instigated; route not yet given.

27 Apr 45

318th Inf (Reinf) in NURNBERG. Has continued care and cleaning of equipment and personal rehabilitation. Information and Education program was launched with first lecture given to Officers of 3d Bn. 3d Bn had retreat parade reviewed by Assistant Div Comdr.

28 Apr 45

CT 318 (Reinf) NURNBERG. Alerted for movement at 2334 on 27 Apr. Lead vehicle crossed IF at 0913H and last vehicle cleared at 1134H. CT 318 CP closed into OBERISLING (2032) at 2340H. Unit covered approximately 52 miles. (Ref: 7 May 45, 80th Inf Div, atchd 280300Z Apr 45).

29 Apr 45

CT 318 (Reinf) advanced approximately thirty (30) miles from OBERISLING (2032) to MUNKOPFEN (458242). Captured thirteen (13) PWs and 80th Recon Troop, atchd, captured approximately one hundred (100) PWs. CT 318 (Reinf) continued to follow elements of 15th Arm Div until the armor stopped moving.

30 Apr 45

1st Bn moved by motor to forward assembly area (T575185). Proceeded by foot to crossing site (581180). Crossed the ISAR R in assault boats; one Co waves consisting of twenty boats. Bn completed crossing at 1715H. Elements proceeded on foot SW along the Southern bank of the river, their mission to capture town of DINGOLFING (508143). Elements of (5515) were subject to small arms fire; they continued forward and at close of period forward elements A & B Cos were abreast in vicinity of (535150). 3d Bn moved by motor to forward assembly area (T575185). Proceeded by foot to crossing site (581180). Crossed the ISAR R in assault boats; one Co waves consisting of twenty boats. Bn completed crossing at 2137H. Proceeded on foot to assigned positions. At close of period located at (600195). 3d Bn moved by motor to forward assembly area (T575185). Proceeded by foot to crossing site (581180). Crossed the ISAR R in assault boats; one Co waves consisting of twenty boats. At close of period L, I, and K companies had crossed river. Remainder of Bn on E bank of river waiting to cross. The operation was completed.

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