

APO 403  
1 Dec 1944

SUBJECT: After Action Report for November.

TO : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army.

1. During the entire period of this report the 243d F.A. Bn., less Btry "B" and Btry "C" was attached to the 195th F.A. Gp. On Nov. 1st and 2nd, Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Battery and Service Battery were in Homecourt, France. Attached to the battalion were Henderson Battery consisting of one gun of Battery "A" 243d F.A. Bn and one gun of Btry "O" 270th F.A. Bn (240 How) in position near Rombas, Adams Battery consisting of the remaining 240 How and 8 in gun emplaced near Batilly, Ball Battery (Btry "C" 739th F.A. Bn, 8 in How) emplaced near Rombas, and Perry Battery (Btry "A" 270th F.A. Bn) emplaced near Mointois. The primary mission of the battalion was counterbattery on railroad gun.

2. The battalion together with all attached batteries assembled just south of Homecourt and departed for bivouac area near Aumetz 2345, 3 Nov 44 arriving 0800, 4 Nov 44. Btry "A" and Btry "C" 270th F.A. Bn and Btry "C" 739th F.A. Bn relieved from attachment upon arrival.

3. The Battalion occupied position 6 Nov 44 near Zoufftgen, France in support of the attack of the 90th Div.

Twelve Nov 44 the Bn CO was ordered to Thionville as a Corps Artillery Liaison officer with the elements of the 95th Div. The Bn S-2, and the RO of Btry "A" accompanied him. On 14 Nov 44 the battalion displaced by echelon to position near Soetrich, France. On 16 Nov 44 the battalion displaced by echelon to a position near La Grange, France. The Bn CO and party returned to the battalion on 17 Nov 44.

4. The battalion displaced 18 Nov 44 to occupy positions across the Moselle River near Guenange, France. The light column arrived in Guenange and bivouaced there but the heavy column was denied permission to cross the pontoon bridge at Thionville until daylight 19 Nov 44. The heavy column, under the battalion executive, bivouaced in Thionville, France the night of 18 Nov 44. By 19 Nov 44 the situation had advanced sufficiently to allow the battalion to go into position near Flevy, France so heavy column was brought straight to Flevy after being allowed to cross the bridge.

On 20 Nov 44 the battalion displaced to bivouac in Basse Yutz, France and on 21 Nov 44 went into position near Hunting, France supporting the attack of the 10th Armd Div. On 26 Nov 44, the battalion displaced to a position in the vicinity of Monneron, France. On 30 Nov 44 the battalion displaced to positions near Bizing, France.

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5. A total of fifteen missions with a total expenditure of 128 rounds were fired during this period, of this total, ten missions totaling 74 rounds were registrations or check rounds. The battalion occupied position seven times. In addition to the firing of this battalion two missions totaling 33 rounds were fired with Btry "C", 739th F.A. Bn and one mission with Btry "A" 270th F.A. Bn of 10 rounds on 1 and 2 Nov 44.

*Joseph G. Rucks*  
JOSEPH G. RUCKS  
Lt Col, 243d FA Bn  
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- 1 - Unit Journal
- 2 - Unit Journal File
- 3 - Operations overlays
- 4 - List of Missions Fired.

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243D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

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1 January 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report for December 1944

TO : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army  
(Att'n: Historical Officer)

1. On 1 Dec. 44 this battalion less Batteries B and C was in position near Bizing, France. Service Battery occupied the town of Waldeistroff, France. On 5 Dec. 44 this battalion less B, C and Service Batteries displaced by echelon to positions near Guerstling, France. One gun of Battery A was located in France and the other in Germany. Service Battery displaced from Waldeistroff, France to Benting, France on 6 Dec. 44. On 21 Dec. 44 the battalion less Batteries B and C displaced to new positions near Laumesfeld, France.

2. Battery B was relieved from attachment to III Corps and attached to XX Corps effective 19 Dec. 44. Battery C was relieved from attachment to XII Corps and attached to XX Corps effective 19 Dec. 44. On 23 Dec. 44 Batteries B and C returned to battalion control. Battery B went into position in the vicinity of Ste Marguerite, France and Battery C in the vicinity of Monneron, France.

3. Immediately prior to rejoining this battalion, Battery C received two new tubes, Serial Numbers 39 and 103. Tubes No. 55 and 57 were turned in to the 520th Ordnance Battalion 21 Dec. 44. Tube No. 55 had fired a total of 727.386 full service rounds or 181% of full service life; tube No. 57 had fired a total of 756.256 full service rounds or 189% of full service life.

4. This battalion has fired a total of 3945 rounds since it has been in combat. Batteries under battalion control fired a total of 643 rounds during the month of December. Thirteen enemy guns were probably destroyed and one tank was disabled and one disabled or destroyed. The majority of fire however was harassing fire delivered against towns. All observed fire was observed from air OP's.

*Joseph G. Rucks*  
JOSEPH G. RUCKS  
Lt. Col., 243d F. A. Bn.,  
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243D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO 403

1 February 1944

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*Jan - Apr 45*

SUBJECT: After Action Report

TO : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 403, U. S. Army  
(Att'n Historical Officer)

1. On 1 Jan 1945 Hq Btry, Service Btry and Btry "A" were in position in the vicinity of Laumesfeld, France. Btry "B" was in the vicinity of St. Marguerite, France and Btry "C" in the vicinity of Monneren, France. All batteries were under battalion control. The battalion was attached to the 195th F. A. Gp. in general support of the 90th Div.

2. Btry "C" was relieved of attachment to XX Corps Arty and attached to XII Corps Arty effective 13 Jan 45. Btry "C" departed position in vicinity of Monneren 13 Jan 45 and arrived new position in vicinity Bech, Luxembourg. Btry "C" was attached to 177th F. A. Gp. effective upon arrival.

3. Gun #27 of Btry "A" displaced forward to position in vicinity of Remeling, France on 21 Jan 45. Gun #18 of Btry "A" displaced forward to vicinity of Remeling 22 Jan 45. Gun #27 was laid on Ca. 225 and #18 on Ca. 1650. Btry "A" remained under battalion control.

4. This battalion, less Btry "C" 13-31 Jan, fired a total of 42 missions expending a total of 574 rds. These missions included 10 registrations observed from L-4's; 27 unobserved harassing missions; 2 missions with high performance aircraft, one against CP 11 Pz Div. and one against the town of Zerf; and 3 missions observed from L-4, two against tanks and one against the town of Sinz; during the period 13-31 Jan Btry "C", attached to XII Corps, fired 743 rounds.

5. This battalion has fired a total of 5262 rounds in combat during the period 10 Aug 1944 - 31 Jan 1945.

*Joseph G. Rucks*  
JOSEPH G. RUCKS

Lt. Col., 243d FA Bn.,  
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1 March 1945

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SUBJECT: After Action Report for February 1945  
TO : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army  
(Attn: Historical Officer)

1. On 1 Feb. 1945 Btry "A" was in position in the vicinity of Remeling, France, Btry "B" in the vicinity of St. Marguerite, France and Headquarters and Service Batteries in Laumesfeld, France. Btry "C" was attached to XII Corps, in position in the vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. The battalion less Btry "C" was attached to the 195th F. A. Gp., XX Corps.

2. On 2 Feb. Headquarters and Service Batteries moved to Remeling, France and Btry "B" to the vicinity of Obernauman, France. On 21 Feb. Btry "B" displaced to new positions in the vicinity of Borg, Germany and Headquarters Battery displaced to Hellendorf, Germany. On 22 Feb. Service Battery displaced from Remeling, France to Hellendorf, Germany, Btry "A" displaced from Remeling, France to Rommelfangen, Germany, Btry "B" from Borg, Germany to Beuren, Germany and Headquarters Btry from Hellendorf, Germany to Sudlingen, Germany. On 26 Feb. Hq. Btry and Btry "A" displaced to Onsdorf, Germany and Btry "B" to Ober Sost, Germany.

3. On 24 Feb. Btry "C" was relieved from attachment XII Corps and attached to 204th F. A. Gp., XX Corps. Both guns went out of action for replacement of tubes.

4. This battalion less Btry "C" fired a total of 71 missions expending 880 rounds, during the month of February.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Richard G. Banks*  
RICHARD G. BANKS  
Major, 243d FA Bn.,  
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*Charles E. Brown Maj. ASD*  
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243D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

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APO 403  
1 May 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report for April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Third Army, APO 403, U.S. Army.  
(Attn: Historical Officer)

1. On 1 April 1945, this battalion was working in operational conjunction with the 503d MP Bn. Headquarters Battery, Service Battery and Battery "A" were bivouaced in Simmern, Germany. Battery "B" was at Keidelheim, Germany and Battery "C" at Kumbdehn, Germany.

2. On 2 April, Battery "A" moved to Morbach, Germany. Detachments were established in Bernkastel Cues, Kirchberg, Wittlich and Tries. Battery "C" with attached men from the other firing batteries moved to Simmern and established a gun park where all the guns, cranes and prime movers of the battalion were stored and serviced. On 3 April, Battery "B" moved from Keidelheim to Trier, Germany and established detachments at Birkenfeld and Kirn. On 4 April, TUSA Order No A-128, dated 1 Apr 45 relieved this battalion from attachment XX Corps and reverted it to Army control for duty with the Provost Marshal, effective 29 March, 45. On 6 April, this battalion assumed control of the areas released by movement of the 503d MP Bn and part of the area of the 512th MP Bn. On 16 April, this battalion was relieved from these areas by the 671st FA Bn. as per verbal order, Provost Marshal TUSA. Battery "B" moved to Bad Homburg, Germany with detachments in Limburg and Hanau. Headquarters Battery moved to Friedberg, Germany. Battery "A" moved to Bad Nauheim, Germany with detachments in Gedern and Grunberg. Service Battery and Battery "C" moved to Bad Nauheim. Battery "B" moved to Haibach with detachments at Laufach and Markt-Heidenfeld. On 21 April. On 22 April Battery "A" moved to Bad Orb with a detachment in Schluctern. On 23 April, Headquarters Battery moved to Lohr, Germany and Service Battery moved to Haibach. Battery "C" moved to Ruckingen, Germany with a detachment in Gedern. On 28 April, Battery "C" moved to Bad Kissingen, Germany with a detachment at Bad Neustadt. Battery "A" moved to Bayreuth, Germany with a detachment in Kulmbach. On 29 April, Battery "B" and Headquarters Battery moved to Bamberg, Germany. On 30 April, Service Battery moved to Bamberg.

3. The duties of this battalion during the month of April were Traffic Information, Traffic Control and Maintenance of Law and Order in the Army rear areas.

For the Commanding Officer

*Frank E. Smith*  
FRANK E. SMITH

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APO 403  
31 May 45

SUBJECT: After Action Report for May 1945

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TO : Commanding General, Third Army, APO 403, U.S. Army.  
(Attn: Historical Officer)

1. On 1 May, 1945, this battalion was operating as an MP Battalion. Headquarters Battery, Battery "B" and Service Battery were in Bamberg, Germany. Battery "A" was in Bayreuth, Germany with a detachment at Bad Neustadt.

2. On 3 May, Battery "A" moved to Nurnberg, Germany and established a detachment in Furth, Germany. On 4 May, Battery "C" moved from Bad Kissingen to Lauf. They established a detachment in Feucht, Germany. Service Battery moved to Nurnberg. On 5 May, Headquarters Battery moved to Furth. On 6 May, this battalion was released from MP duties and assigned to Sub-Section, Provost Marshal's Office for Prisoner of War duties. Battery "B" sent a detachment of one Officer and 48 FM to Weiden, Germany to assume control of V Corps PWR. On 8 May, Battery "C" moved to Langenzenn, Germany to take charge of TUSA PWR #21. On 10 May, Battery "B" moved to Regensburg, Germany and established TUSA PWR #23. On 11 May, Battery "A" moved to PWR #23. On 18 May, Headquarters Battery moved from Furth to PWR #23. On 22 May, Battery "C" moved to Bad Tolz, Germany to act as guards of a special PW Battalion. On 24 May, Service Battery moved to Regensburg.

3. Lt. Col. Joseph G. Rucks was transferred from this battalion and assigned to Headquarters, Twelfth Army Group. Major Garrel Burgoom assumed command of the battalion on 31 May.

4. On 31 May this battalion was in charge of TUSA PWR #23 at Regensburg. Battery "C" was guarding a special PW battalion near Bad Tolz.

For the Commanding Officer

*Frank E. Smith*  
FRANK E. SMITH  
Capt., FA  
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