

NARRATIVE REPORT
882D Field Artillery Battalion
1 May 1945 – 31 May 1945

On the first of May 1945 the battalion Headquarters and headquarters Battery were located in Usingen, Germany with "B: Battery in Kamberg, "A" battery in Brandoberndorf, "C" Battery in Neiderbrechen, and Service Battery in Rod an der Veir. All batteries were engaged in maintaining law and order in their respective areas and in the apprehension of prisoner of war who were drifting into the area from disrupted enemy units. Road blocks were operated at various critical points and roving motor patrols covered the entire road net in the Battalion area. On the third of May the Battalion displaced to a new area with Headquarters and headquarters Battery in Gedern, "A" Battery in Freien-Steinau, "B" Battery in Hossenfield, "C" battery in Schotten, and Service Battery in Lauback. On the Fourth of may a Polish boy reported a German atrocity which had occurred near Hirzenhain a few days pror to the arrival of American Troops in the area on or about 10 April. Upon investigation by the Battalion S-2 and S-3, it was disclosed that Military Government authorities were already aware of the atrocity and were exhuming bodies from a common grave. A Battalion patrol picked up Frederick Arnold, late the night of the third, who apparently was one of the leaders in the atrocity. Arnold was evacuated through PW channels. On the fifth of May Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Battery moved to Neuof, and "A" Battery moved to Gedern. Duties of the Battalion – performed same mission in new area which it performed in previous area. On the ninth of may the Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Battery moved to Budingen, "B" Battery to Nidda, and Service Batter to Ortenberg and the Battalion was assigned the Kriese Budingen for police and security.

On the eleventh of may the battalion was assigned the Hanau Kriese and on that date Battalion Headquarters and Headquarter Battery moved to the city of Hanau, "A" Battery to Grossauheim, "B" Battery to Bisehofsheim, "C" Battery to Langenselbold, and Service battery to Langendiebach. On the sixteenth of May Lt. Col. E.F. Arnbrecht left the Battalion to become Division Artillery Executive Officer and Major Walter A. Edens assumed command of the Battalion.

On the twentyfifth of May "B" battery moved to Bruchkobel in order to evacuate that portion of Hanau Kriese which had been declared a part of the SHAEF Security area. On the twenty-sixth of May Pfc Joseph Lucas, Sr., "B" battery, was accidentally killed while on guard duty at a food warehouse in Hanau. The accident occurred when civilian thieves raided the warehouse and Lucas was shot accidentally by Pfc John T. Morris, "B" Battery who was firing at the thieves.

On this date 1st Sgt Clark, "B" Battery, was ordered to be returned to the United States for discharge under the point system of the readjustment and redeployment program. Sgt Clark was the first individual to leave the battalion under this plan.

On the twenty-seventh of May Lt. Col. E.F. Arnbrecht resumed command of the battalion and Major Walter A. Edens returned to Division Artillery as Div Arty S-3.

On the thirty-first of May the Battalion was continuing its mission of governing, policing, and securing Kriese Hanau with the exception of that portion of the Kriese in the SHAEF security area.

BATTERY "B"
882d FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
31 MAY 1945

OFFICERS ASSIGNED

Capt. Scott, Allen B. 0351439
1st Lt. Gamradt, Lester R. 01166268
2nd Lt. Nicholson, Elmer O. Jr. 0540537
1st Lt. White, George R. 01183792
2d Lt. Suffin, Gustave D. 01179635

ENLISTED MEN ASSIGNED

1st Sgt. Clark, William C. 6577766
S/Sgt Carnes, William G. 20757928
S/Sgt Inselberger, Henry E. 36763827
S/Sgt Schipull, Lyle W. 37435814
S/Sgt Witzke, Harold S. 39005638
Sgt. Cronin, Daniel R. 36536544
Sgt Ford, Noble L. 36763405
Sgt Gutzeit, Lathar A. 32692484
Sgt Horstick, George R. 33109079
Sgt Hunt, Lester W. 37484334
Sgt Mellen, Vernon R. 36207830
T/4 Davis, Earl F. 38672745
T/4 Gaede, Harvey E. 36303546
T/4 Pyatt, Norman E. 39155968
T/4 Trapp, Orval C. 37536626
T/4 Winton, Alphaeus G. 34360423
Cpl Clupp, John W. 13024521
Cpl Daugherty, Howard C. 38001713
Cpl Davidson, Claude A. Jr. 38563860
Cpl Dewing, Fred A. 39620021
Sgt Dorociak, John S. 36373244
Cpl Fetzer, Lester D. 37356388
Cpl Goodwin, Claude J. Jr. 38407355
Cpl Mckenzie, James R. 38541509
Cpl Olson, Albert W. 32773438
S/Sgt Stewart, Daniel F. 37571978
Cpl Stuebing, Wilbur E. 37621026
Cpl Wagoner, Cecil R. 376754908
T/5 Albrecht, Lester J. 37574610
T/5 Carpenter, Alvin M. 39337224
T/5 Cool, Howard 32854964
T/5 Cummings, Lawrence C. 34717587
T/5 Giese, Wilbur L. 35559371
T/5 Holmes, Charles L. 39418244
T/5 Judy, Virgil R. Jr. 35797646
T/5 Myers, Frank E. 37484123
T/5 Roessing, Harry C. 33763862
T/5 Stratton, Vernal F. 39466620
T/5 Torres, Cruz C. 38515730
T/5 Walker, Lee J. 33850117
Pfc Adair, Charles E. 36010832
Pfc Adkins, Edward G. 35449771
Pfc Bahde, Robert E. 37482671
Pfc Ballor, Edward C. 36953264
Pfc Bennett, Hartel B. Jr. 20947617
Pfc Buckmaster, Robert A. 17048066
Pfc Childers, Ennis U. 35762349
Pfc Clifford, John R. 19109264
Pfc Culp, Bernice C. 36010648
Pfc Donaldson, Calvin L. 35076663
Pfc Donnan, Thomas C. 33871927
Pfc DuMond, Melvin R. 36871317
Pfc Ford, Vernie C. 38143333
Pfc Galiz, Christian G. 39926790
Cpl Ginnan, Andrew T. III 35762246
Pfc Hanley, Jack 39337077
Pfc Hendrickson, John D. 31033549
Pfc Hobbs, Archie C. 38537946
Pfc Horton, Howard H. 36956888
Pfc Hughes, Hon J. M. 33731594
Pfc Jarvis, Jack A. 34997280
Pfc Kingman, Wilbur H. 37361426
Pfc Kyle, Herman W. 35732973
Pfc Lockhart, William E. 38555161
~~Pfc Lucas, Joseph Sr. 36885836~~
Pfc McKnight, Dale C. 37680119
Pfc Messer, Franklin E. 34258752
Pfc Minor, Mack C. Jr. 34975812
Pfc Morris, John T. Jr. 33927305
Pfc Peipon, Frank J. 33461038
Pfc Piotrowski, Sarver L. 35897122
Pfc Ray, Marvin C. 38517756
Pfc Rosenberry, Orville J. 36965805
Pfc Sabala, Charles 35760866
Pfc Schultz, Robert H. 33697184
Pfc Smith, Charles 38511148
Pfc Smith, Charles R. 35617803
Pfc Snyder, Russell J. 33927285
Pfc Swatzell, Ted L. 34985897
Pfc Taylor, Lester C. 33927245
Pfc Thielman, Calvin J. 39334880
Pfc Van Meter, Joseph R. 35245185
Pfc Vetter, Robert E. 36282751
Pfc Waite, Arthur C. 33927285
Pfc Watson, Herbert A. 36546917
Pfc Weakly, Marlin E. 37615682
Pfc Webb, Bob M. 20953815
Pfc Williams, Merritt A. 34976243
Pfc Williams, Russell S. 37115917
Cpl Worley, Maurice C. 37478950
Pfc Zimmerschied, Jack R. 37603955
Pvt Dock, Howard 39078406
Pvt Lafferty, Donald D. 35299695
Pvt Lawson, John D. 38588163