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UNIT HISTORY

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14th Infantry Regiment

Unit History of the 14th Infantry Regiment is submitted to cover the period 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

The Regiment, commanded by Colonel Carl E. Lundquist, fought and marched by foot and motors 371.6 miles in pursuit of withdrawing enemy elements through central and southern Germany during the month.

The Regiment moved northeast through central Germany from the vicinity of Frankfurt until reaching Meiningen on the edge of the Thuringer Forest in pursuit of elements of the 6th SS Mountain Division dispersed at Altenstadt by the Second Battalion 1 April.

At Meiningen on 10 April 1945 the attack swung to the southeast as the 14th participated in the opening drive toward Bayreuth. Five days later the Infantry fought its way into the center of Bayreuth covered by elements of the 11th Armored Division, announcing capitulation at 1100 hours on 15 April 1945.

From the 17th of April until the 22nd, the Regiment attacked down the Bayreuth-Amberg highway, moving 55 miles in five days against determined delaying actions.

Lt. Colonel Paul G. Guthrie fought his Third Battalion thirteen miles on the final day of the drive engaging in a series of stiff fights to dislodge the enemy from defensive positions astride the highway, and by 2200 hours on the 22nd had occupied Amberg.

Three assault river crossings followed in rapid succession at the end of the month as the Regiment established bridgeheads across the Regen, Danube, and the swift Isar River. The second crossing was made within thirty-six hours after the first.

The close of the period found the 14th fighting on the south Danube plain and advancing toward the Austrian border and the Linz gap to the East.

Regiment suffered 113 casualties in the thirty days of its fast moving pursuit of the defeated German Army, captured four important cities, (Bayreuth, Amberg, Regensburg, and Landau) and countless towns, and made three successful river crossings.

Regimental Command/Post made thirty displacements in as many days. Fifty-four Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars were awarded to members of the Regiment on orders during the month.

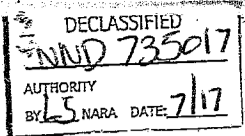
Regiment accounted for over 3,500 prisoners during the month of April.

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SUMMARIZED DAY BY DAY HISTORY1 April 1945

At 1215 on 1 April 1945 the Second Battalion, with Company B 761st Tanks attached, departed by motors from the vicinity of Obertshausen to contact an estimated 750 enemy reported cutting Third Army supply route in the vicinity of Altenstadt. The battalion reported contact at 1555, and fifteen minutes later was engaged in a sharp fire fight with the 6th SS Mountain Division.

Three columns of enemy troops estimated at 500 men each, with horse-drawn artillery and one motor vehicle column, were observed moving from west to east on the Staden-Mockstadt road at the point of contact, north of Altenstadt. I & R platoon secured the detrucking point at Altenstadt and made the initial contact at 1515.

The Second Battalion engaged the full force of the enemy columns. F Company, led by Captain Thomas W. Alvey, pushed to within 600 yards of the escape route by dusk, split the enemy force into two groups, destroyed a portion thereof, and caused the enemy columns to disperse into the woods at 8692 and 8291.

The battalion was ordered to dig in as darkness arrived, and at 2008 hours the Third Battalion left Hanau for Altenstadt to reinforce the Second, and the 608th Field Artillery left Hanau where it had been under Division control for Altenstadt.

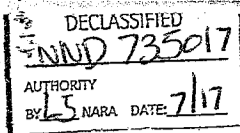
2 April 1945

An order for a coordinated attack on the woods by the Second and Third Battalions at 0900 was issued from the advance CP at Altenstadt at 0500.

The 608th Field Artillery had difficulty getting into position when it encountered enemy machine gun fire. Fire was received from the flanks and rear of the Regimental positions, and the situation continued to be confused during the early morning hours.

At 0759 the attack was postponed until 1000 hours.

Both battalions jumped off at 1000 hours following a heavy artillery preparation. The remaining enemy attempted to escape to the east and was caught under direct fire of Cannon Company and 608th Field Artillery commanded by Major Collier, who swung the guns 90° in their battery positions and opened fire with devastating effect. The Third Battalion was turned 120° in pursuit, seized Hill 267, and continued its advance. Second Battalion mopped up in vicinity of Mockstadt (8793) and by dark was abreast of the Third. First Battalion, in reserve, moved to Altenstadt at the close of the day.



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Contact with adjacent units was made before dark as lines momentarily stabilized, and other units of the 71st and 5th Divisions were maneuvered to close the trap on the remnants of the 6th SS Mountain Division.

3 April 1945

At daylight, pressure from the west began. Contact with all except a few enemy groups was lost and the situation became fluid again on the 3rd as the Second and Third Battalions advanced in their sectors to clean out pockets of resistance and to screen towns and woods. By dark the Second moved southeast to Bindsachsen (0195). The Third remained on Phase two with its CP in Dudenrod (0797). The First Battalion in reserve displaced with the Regimental Command Post to Bleichenbach (9392).

4 April 1945

At 0800 on 4 April 1945, the Regiment started shuttling to assembly area vicinity east of Ulmbach (1998). The Second Battalion mopped up the area between Bindsachsen (0195) and Birstein (1296), taking 125 prisoners during the morning, while the First and Third Battalions moved to the assembly area at Kressenbach (2398).

By 1400 hours the Second Battalion had finished its mopping activities and had entrucked for the assembly area. At 2200 all units had closed in and contact was established to the right and left. A system of motor patrols, outposts, and listening posts was established for the night as the units buttoned up.

5 April 1945

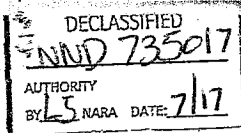
Close screening processes were initiated on the morning of the 5th following a report that survivors of the 6th SS Mountain Division, dispersed by the Second Battalion at Altenstadt, had been ordered to change into civilian clothes for the purpose of making their escape to Bavaria.

Towns in the Regimental area were screened by a house-to-house search, woods were thoroughly mopped up, and a close control of civilians was established. At 1420 orders were issued to rearrange the Battalions' positions to fill the gap which had resulted from the advance of the 5th and 66th CT's to Fulda during the morning, and to place the Regiment in a position to protect the right flank of the Division.

At 1500 the Battalions were on the move, screening towns and clearing woods, closing into positions by 1900. At 2030 hours orders for continued movement towards Fulda the next morning were issued.

6 April 1945

On 6 April 1945, Third Battalion motorized crossed the initial point at 0720 as the Regiment continued to mop up in its area until reaching assembly areas outside of Fulda. Regimental Command Post opened at Fulda 1905 hours.



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7 April 1945

Orders were received to establish a new outpost line twenty-five miles to the northeast on the right flank of the Third Army spearhead on 7 April 1945. Combat Team 14 departed from Fulda by motors at 0800, moved to the vicinity of Kaltensundheim, and closed into new positions at 1430. An OPL was posted, reconnaissance initiated, and woods and towns were thoroughly searched. Regiment was prepared to move to the south and to counterattack to the east on order.

8 April 1945

Regiment's defensive mission in the vicinity of Kaltensundheim (H-7125) was continued the next day. Its zone was vigorously patrolled, contact was established on both flanks, towns were screened, and woods checked. Regiment remained in position with mission of protecting Corps right south flank.

9 April 1945

At 0900 9 April 1945, Regiment moved into Corps reserve, Combat Team 14 ceased, and the unit prepared for further movement forward to protect the Corps right south flank. At 1400 movement to the vicinity of Meiningen (H-8921) was initiated as the Corps's drive which ended in the fall of Bayreuth five days later got underway. First Battalion closed into assembly area vicinity Meiningen at 1830, Second Battalion buttoned up at Mittelsdorf (H-6926), and the Third closed into Dreissigacher (H-8721) at 1515. Regimental Command Post opened at Meiningen at 1255.

10 April 1945

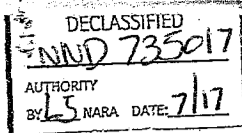
At 1000, Division Field Order #14 was received directing attack toward Bayreuth, 14th Infantry Regiment initially in reserve. Regiment moved by foot and motors to the vicinity of Grimmenthal (H-9117), closing into positions minus the Third Battalion at 1710. Third Battalion reverted to attachment to XII Corps, relieving Second Battalion 66th Infantry Regiment vicinity of Meiningen at 1855. At 2300 orders were received for the Regiment to move to assembly area vicinity of Steinfeld (J-1201).

11 April 1945

On 11 April movement started at 0800 as Regiment swept and cleared woods north and west of Adelhausen (J-1401). Regiment continued in Division reserve position with Command Post opening at Eishausen (J-1301) at 1200.

12 April 1945

At 1100 on 12 April 1945 Regiment was alerted for further movement to the southeast. First Battalion had screened towns in its sector during the morning, with A Company going to Ahlstadt (J-2201) and B Company screening Vielsdorf (J-1906). At 1445 Regiment departed for positions above Coburg and by 1815 had marched by motors 17.7 miles to positions vicinity of Oeslau. Road blocks were established, towns in area were screened, and patrols were initiated. Regiment completed

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plans to launch attack between 5th and 66th Infantry Regiments the following morning.

13 April 1945

Regiment fought and marched approximately ten miles on 13 April 1945. Second Battalion jumped off at 0700 to sweep Regimental zone, clearing towns and woods to phase line nine. Second Battalion reached its objective at the edge of the Sonnefelder Forest (O-9040) on Phase line 9 at 1130 and was ordered to move on to Phase line ten, reaching that position at 1300. First Battalion on motors by-passed the Second during the early afternoon, detrucked at Phase line eleven, swept to Phase line twelve, and moved into an assembly area in vicinity of Gartenroth (O-5778) at 2300. Second Battalion continued sweeping toward Kulmbach behind the 11th Armored Division. When the battalion reached Phase line eleven, it went into an assembly area vicinity of Marktgraitz (O-4679). Regimental Command post displaced to Marktgraitz, opening 1910 hours. Third Battalion continued on Corps mission, reporting its new location at coordinate 2507.

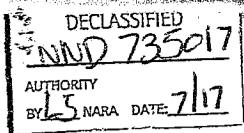
14 April 1945

On 14 April 1945, Regiment by-passed the right of 11th Armored Division around Kulmbach to clear the approaches to Bayreuth so that the Division could turn to the southeast clear of the Armor to advance on that important communication center.

At 0700 First Battalion continued the sweeping on foot, and by noon had reached Phase line thirteen, pulling into position above Kulmbach (O-6574) at 1145. Second Battalion motorized moved to Phase line thirteen southeast of Kulmbach, detrucked, and swept to Phase line fourteen, reporting Company F on Phase line fourteen at 1500 hours four miles southeast of Kulmbach.

At 0930 Regiment received a report that elements of the 11th Armored were in a fight at Altenplos, and as soon as the road block there was smashed would advance on Bayreuth. An RCT was needed to assist with the capture. At 1130 the armor was contacted in position one kilometer northwest of the city, demanding its surrender by 1830. Commander of the Armored Combat Command was told that the 14th Infantry could arrive by 1700 hours.

First Battalion 14th Infantry Regiment and First Battalion 5th Infantry Regiment (attached to 14th Infantry) entrucked west of Kulmbach and moved to position two miles west of Bayreuth, detrucked at 1700 hours, and launched an attack on the city from the northwest at 1830 hours. At 1700 hours I & R platoon with the mission of covering the deployment of First Battalion 5th Infantry Regiment pushed reconnaissance in force into the western approaches of the city, where it infiltrated quickly with use of its 1/4 ton MG trucks into the center of an enemy infantry company of approximately 100 men, dismounted, and succeeded



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by the surprise and speed of its attack in wiping out all but a few of the defenders. 60 prisoners were captured after a brisk fire fight in which 8 of the enemy were killed and several wounded, without casualties to the Platoon. First Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, and attached tanks of Company B 761st Tank Battalion, pushed its way into town, meeting enemy sniper fire and sporadic resistance. First Battalion 14th Infantry covered by elements of the 11th Armored Division on the heights overlooking the city from the northwest, entered Bayreuth at 1830 meeting scattered sniper fire from the bomb-wrecked ruins of the northern portion of the town, which it proceeded to clear quickly.

At 2100 hours First Battalion of the 14th Infantry held western portion of Bayreuth north of the Main River, and the First Battalion of the 5th Infantry held the western portion south of Main River.

Second Battalion continued sweeping during the afternoon, and at dark closed into reserve position on Phase line fifteen in vicinity of western outskirts of Bayreuth. Regimental Command Post displaced from Marktgraitz to Leuchau (O-6769) at 1110, then displaced to Altenplos (O-7060) at 1755 hours.

15 April 1945

First Battalions of 5th Infantry and 14th Infantry Regiments began complete occupation of Bayreuth in their respective sectors at 0730. Each made systematic check of buildings, organized patrols, and established strict control of civilians. Second Battalion moved by foot from Hethersreuth at 1130 to relieve Company A of the First Battalion of the 5th Infantry in the center of Bayreuth, closed into town at 1440, and completed relief at 1500.

Regimental Command Post opened in Bayreuth at 1305. By 2100 town was completely mopped up. Patrols were sent out as far as three kilometers east of the Berlin-Munich Autobahn. No enemy contact was made during the night.

Regiment captured over 750 prisoners including a Major General caught fleeing from the city during the early morning hours of 15 April 1945.

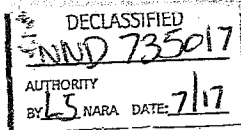
16 April 1945

On 16 April 1945 Regiment continued policing the city, and by nightfall had strengthened its defensive position and completed sweeping of buildings and organization of civilian population.

17 April 1945

Units were re-adjusted on 17 April 1945, strengthening the defensive organization of entire area, and were prepared for further attack. Regimental tail closed in. Troops rested while Regiment prepared for motor movement.

Motor patrols ventured to the south and east, and a strong combat outpost consisting of Company E reinforced with one platoon of machine guns, two Anti-Tank guns, one platoon TD's, and three tanks, moved east six miles and established



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itself in Weidenburg (O-8656) relieving elements of the 2nd Cavalry Group.

First Battalion 5th Infantry Regiment completed relief of Second Cavalry Group to the south and east of Bayreuth and reverted to 5th Infantry Regiment control at 0900. At 1230 Third Battalion returned to Regiment after release from Corps assignment, and took positions on the left in the Regimental sector along the Autobahn to the east of Bayreuth. The First Battalion moved into position to the right of the Third, and the Second shifted back into Regimental reserve in Bayreuth.

Orders were received to resume the advance to the south and east the following morning in a drive on the road and rail center of Amberg. Third Battalion moved to Schwirz by marching to reinforce Fifth Infantry positions south of Bayreuth.

18 April 1945

At 0700 18 April 1945 the Regiment commenced motor movement to the south, taking up positions in the vicinity of Lindenhardt (O-7343) and Buchau (O-7338). Reconnaissance elements of the First Battalion, under command of Major Samuel E. Hubbard, contacted a strong enemy outpost at Schonfeld (O-7740) early in the morning, developed a heavy fire fight, aggressively engaged and knocked out the enemy position, burned the town, and cleared the way for deployment of the Battalion.

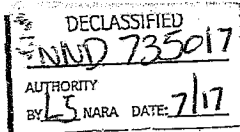
The Battalion initiated reconnaissance patrols into enemy lines, cleared section of Linden-harder Forest south of Lindenhardt, and by dark had established contact with the Second Battalion.

Second Battalion moved by foot and motors from Bayreuth to Buchau (O-7338) deployed on a line south of the First Battalion, and swept woods west of Troschenreuth (O-7837). Contact with an enemy outpost east of the Autobahn was made at 1800 hours. The Second Battalion assaulted Troschenreuth (O-7837), burning that down by artillery fire, and pushed on to the east. Regimental Command Post opened Lindenhardt at 1010. Regiment continued to defend Division's south right flank and prepared for early morning attack to the east.

19 April 1945

Battalions jumped off at 1030 to attack to the east from vicinity Schonfeld (O-7740) and Zips (O-7638). During the late afternoon a gap developed between the fast-moving battalions. The First Battalion was hit from the interior flank by a counterattack at 1840 3 kilometers west of Thurndorf. At 1945 the counter-attacking forces had been driven back and the gap between battalions closed. Thurndorf surrendered to the advancing First Battalion.

Third Battalion moved into assembly area vicinity of Ruspen (O-8041) closing at 1750. First Battalion on left and Second Battalion on right continued forward movement and swept woods against light scattered resistance, settling into night



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defensive positions by 2200, holding a line generally along the southeast of the woods from Heinersreuth (O-8340) to Thurndorf (O-8237) to Letten (O-7935).

20 April 1945

First and Second Battalions continued the attack at 0630 20 April 1945, and cleared towns and woods in their sectors against scattered but determined enemy sniping, small arms, and automatic fire. First Battalion seized Kirchenthumbach at 1430. The Third Battalion passed through the First Battalion at Kirchenthumbach (O-8735), advanced and seized Haag (O-9027) at 2000 hours against stubborn resistance. First Battalion remained in Kirchenthumbach, and the Regimental Command Post opened there at 1800. Second Battalion came to rest on Phase four on 23 Easting between coordinates 85 and 89. Third Battalion took up positions for the night one kilometer southeast of Haag. Regiment took over 200 prisoners during the day's heavy fighting.

21 April 1945

Third Battalion jumped off at 0600 to continue its attack down the main highway leading into Amberg, and occupied Altneuhaus (O-9222) against small arms and artillery fire. Second Battalion jumped off at 0730 and continued sweeping the woods to the west of Altneuhaus. Third Battalion pushed on and assaulted Schlich (O-9320).

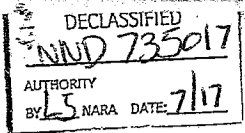
First Battalion arrived at Altneuhaus at 1325, marched to Reisach (O-9119), and relieved the Second Battalion which shifted into Regimental reserve in assembly area vicinity of Schlich at 1648.

Early in the afternoon the First Battalion captured a lightly defended aircraft assembly plant in the woods northwest of Schlich, continued on at 1855 to pass Phase line four, and halted for the night on a line from Sigras (O-8719) to Sieboldright (O-8919). Third Battalion continued its aggressive pace throughout the afternoon, stopping for the night at 1900 hours on a line 1500 yards southeast of Schlich after covering approximately six miles.

22 April 1945

Third Battalion continued the attack at 0700 the next morning, advancing rapidly astride the highway until hitting a determined delaying position in the vicinity of Mulles (O-9415) and Irlbach (O-9214). The resistance was broken after a hard fire fight and the attack regained momentum with the battalion on a line along the north edge of Hahnbach (O-9411), which they captured by the infantry, artillery, and tank team. At 1100 the Battalion reached Phase line five and by 1600, after encountering enemy artillery and tank fire on the Amberg approaches, had swept to Phase line six. The Third reached Laubhof (O-9508) at 1800.

First Battalion jumped off at 0700 reaching a line one kilometer south of Iber (O-8912) where stiff resistance slowed the attack. At 1800 the battalion

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held positions generally along Phase line five, later by-passed Sulzbach-Rosenberg (O-8908) and Rosenberg (O-9107) and pushed on forward to Amberg.

Second Battalion in Regimental reserve at Schlich was motorized at 1200 and at 1800 was enroute around left flank of the Third Battalion as the attack on Amberg gained speed.

Third Battalion, fighting against enemy successive delaying positions, departed from Phase line six at 1915 in the final phase of the attack, and at 2030 entered the objective at Amberg after marching and fighting against continuous delaying actions down the main highway. The Third Battalion, commanded by Lt. Colonel Paul G. Guthrie, culminated a 13-mile drive on foot to enter the outskirts of Amberg as enemy defenses collapsed.

Second Battalion continued on mission around Third Battalion's left flank, reaching Amberg at 2151. At 2210 First Battalion, held up by determined resistance, was one kilometer north of Amberg. Its forward elements entered the north edge of town at 2314. All battalions buttoned up for the night after entering the town.

23 April 1945

On the 23 April 1945 the battalions screened and cleared Amberg. Regimental Command Post opened in Amberg at 1000 hours. The 66th Infantry Regiment started passing through 14th Infantry position during the morning.

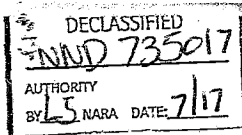
At 2000, Division orders were received to move Regiment to Regen River at Regenstauf (U-2067) to seize and construct crossing at that point. Regimental attack orders were issued at 2300.

24 April 1945

At 0630 Combat Team 14 composed of Company C 635 TD's, Company B 761st Tank Battalion, A Company 81st CML, 608th FA, 564th FA, Company B 271st Engineers with boat train, one company 160th Engineers with bridge train, I platoon light tanks, struck swiftly from Amberg. The Second Battalion, preceded by the I and R Platoon, reached the north part of Regenstauf at 1000 hours. The I and R Platoon developed the enemy defenses on the north edge of town at 0845, suffered five casualties, drove the bulk of the enemy from position, and held Regenstauf west until the arrival of Second Battalion forces.

Third Battalion detrucked vicinity Steinhof (U-1773) at 1045 and began screening woods in zone, moving toward the fighting at north edge of Regenstauf. First Battalion detrucked in assembly area vicinity of Roding (U-1574) and commenced sweeping woods in zone.

Artillery was in position and by noon was in action. Second Battalion launched attack across the river on a broad front in 50 assault boats at 1230 following heavy artillery and chemical mortar preparations. Five minutes later one company was reported across and heavy fighting in progress.

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Enemy artillery and mortar fire was received throughout the morning and afternoon fighting. Second Battalion reported all across less mortars at 1312. Third Battalion arrived at the river at 1600 hours and commenced crossing, moving into positions to the left of the Second Battalion. Both battalions began screening Regenstauf, and established bridgehead against accurate small arms and machine gun fire in a house-to-house scrap.

At 1800 all foot elements of Third Battalion and some jeeps had been ferried across the river. At 1815 the battalions reached the south edge of town.

Enemy withdrew during the late afternoon, fighting back with artillery, mortar fire, and long range machine gun and 88 fire from Regensberg. Engineers started construction of a treadway over the blown bridge at the bridgehead site under fire, and at 2315 the bridge opened to traffic. First Battalion commenced crossing on bridge five minutes later, and by 0010 had cleared.

Artillery fire and mortar fire continued to fall at bridge site throughout the night, and enemy airplanes attempted to knock the bridge out, flying in full moonlight.

At 0100 battalions buttoned up around outskirts of town in a tight, shallow bridgehead. Toward morning friendly artillery had blasted enemy battery positions and enemy fire fell off.

25 April 1945.

At 0600 on 25 April 1945, three battalions jumped off abreast in their zones to expand the bridgehead, attacking south by southeast. Later in the morning they turned south parallel to the Regen River.

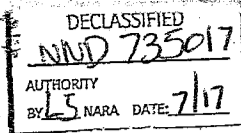
Battalions secured the bridgehead during the morning, swept all towns and woods in zone, and seized and secured all intact bridges in the area. First and Second Battalions reached Phase Line seventeen by noon with the Third pulling into line at 1310 on the far end of the wheeling pivot toward the south and Danube bridgehead sites.

Elements of the 5th Infantry Regiment passed over bridge at Regenstauf early in the morning and attacked on the left flank of the 14th.

At 1800 hours, First Battalion approached its objective at Schwabelweiss, Second Battalion was enroute to Tegernheim, Third Battalion was fighting its way into Donastauf and Valhalla.

At 2400 all battalions were in position along the Danube River, prepared for crossing in the early hours of the morning. The enemy resistance effort collapsed against the fast moving attack, with little resistance offered during the day as the Regiment turned south to the bank of the Danube.

At 1700 hours 25 April 1945, orders were issued for crossing the Danube River in the vicinity of Donastauf (U-2657) at 0200 the following morning.



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26 April 1945

Difficulty in bringing forward assault boats for the crossing, and bad roads on approaches to the crossing sites caused H-hour to be postponed twice, but at 0400 the Second and Third Battalions launched the first wave of assault boats across the river under cover of smoke, following heavy artillery preparations.

First waves found the banks of the river lightly held, but ran into stronger positions after moving inland. At 0454, Third Battalion reached a point 1000 yards inland from its crossing site at Donastauf, and at 0539 the entire battalion had crossed.

Third Battalion made contact with the 5th Infantry Regiment vicinity east of Sarching at 0718.

At 0615 Second Battalion encountered dug-in troops armed with automatic rifles. Battalion attacked Barbing with marching fire supported by TD's as F Company stormed the enemy positions, taking over 100 prisoners, and secured the battalion's right flank. Third Battalion captured Sarching after a bitter fight, and at 0718 tied in with the 5th Infantry Regiment vicinity east of Sarching to secure the left flank of the bridgehead.

At 1015 First Battalion crossed the river at Second Battalion crossing sites and struck between the Second and Third Battalions. Third Battalion 66th Infantry Regiment passed through the Third Battalion 14th Infantry Regiment during the afternoon. At 1357 the Second Battalion 14th Infantry Regiment held lines along the road from Barbing toward Heising. First Battalion was along the road vicinity of Heising, tying in with the 66th Infantry Regiment to the east.

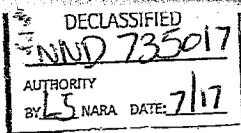
At 1422 artillery preparation was placed on airport at U-2653, and a coordinated attack got underway. Second Battalion entered the airport at 1500, First Battalion held line from Heising to Rosenhof, tying in with 66th on left.

By dark Second Battalion tied in around Barbing, securing right flank of bridgehead. First Battalion occupied Regensberg airport south of stream to one kilometer east of Pirka. Third Battalion shifted back to Sarching in Regimental reserve. At 2300 the bridge over the Danube was completed vicinity of Donastauf, and heavy traffic started across. Regimental Command Post opened Donastauf (U-2655) at 0700. Regiment took 1414 prisoners of war during the days fighting.

27 April 1945

At 0830 27 April 1945, Major General Hermann Leythausser arrived at CP to discuss surrender terms for City of Regensburg. He signed unconditional surrender terms at 1020. Two copies of surrender forwarded to Division and one copy filed with Regimental records.

Second Battalion, reinforced with tanks and I and R Platoon, was assigned the mission to proceed to Regensburg to effect the capitulation of the city, and the 65th Infantry Division was directed by XX Corps to be prepared to move to

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Regensburg to occupy and police the city. At 1430, Regensburg had fallen and was in the hands of the 65th Infantry Division. Second Battalion was relieved of mission and returned to position in the Division perimeter.

At 1235, officer came into lines to surrender Town of Harting. Harting surrendered at 1410. B Company moved in and took 150 prisoners. Third Battalion returned to Sarching from backing-up position at Barbing.

28 April 1945

On the morning of 28 April, Regiment was in contact with friendly units to west, south, and east. Battalions reconnoitered to front, contacted friendly units, and maintained contact from right to left within battalions. At 0600, Regiment was ordered into Division reserve and alerted to move on a two-hour notice. First and Third Battalions moved by marching at 1600 and 1615 hours respectively. Second Battalion moved by motor at 1800. Advance CP opened Riekofen (U-3745) at 1752. Battalions completed 12 mile marches from bridgehead positions during the afternoon, Third Battalion closing into Taimering at 2040. First Battalion closed into Riekofen at 2045. Second Battalion closed into Dingling at 1852. Extremely muddy roads and unfavorable weather conditions made progress difficult during the movement. Local security was established. Regiment buttoned up for the night and organized all-around security. Situation became fluid during forward movement as contact with adjacent units was lost. Regimental Command Post opened 1855 hours at Riekofen (U-3745).

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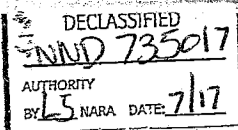
Regiment in Division reserve advanced in the 66th Infantry Regiment's zone prepared to attack on Division order. At 1030 hours 29 April 1945, 1st Battalion began foot march to Perkam. Second began foot march to Hirsching (U-4338). By 1500 both battalions had closed into new areas. At 1615 Third Battalion, motorized, left Taimering and arrived at Lieblfing (U-5130) at 1715 and began sweeping the woods and town. Second Battalion closed into Hammetting (U-4632) by the end of the period.

Movement was made by marching during the day to place battalions in a favorable position for sweeping in zone. Regiment was committed so as to protect the right flank of the Division, with the right refused. Woods and towns were screened and roads were reconnoitered and patrolled. Contact was established with adjacent units.

30 April 1945

At 0610 Regiment made a quick thrust toward the Isar River, reconnoitering crossings while battalions advanced in their zones by motors and marching, clearing towns and woods. By 1700 hours the battalions were pulling into position to launch an assault across the Isar River after moving approximately fifteen miles.

At 1715 the crossing was underway as the First Battalion pushed out from its assembly area in Coben (U-6019). At 1730, C Company had dashed across a blown



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railway bridge against light resistance. At 1830 entire First Battalion had pushed its way into the bridgehead with elements moving into the woods 1000 yards to the south.

Third Battalion crossed the turbulent Isar in storm boats at 1800 at Zulling, west of Landau (U-6020), and a few minutes later reported I Company across in the first wave. The Burgemeister surrendered Zulling (U-6259) and at 1930 hours the Third Battalion was clearing Zulling and Usterling (U-6118).

Second Battalion encountered heavy small arms and automatic fire to the east and north of Landau, but succeeded in crawling across a demolished railroad bridge at 1830. At 1925 Second Battalion turned west and was entering Landau.

At 1945 all battalions were across, Second and Third Battalions making contact in Usterling. All battalions consolidated a bridgehead of 1 1/2 by 6 kilometers as darkness overtook the fighting, and by the end of the period had made contact with each other and set up defenses in a shallow bridgehead for the night prepared to expand the bridgehead by attacking to the southeast the next morning.

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Annex No. 1:

Map references for following progress of 14th Infantry Regiment from vicinity of Frankfurt, Germany, to vicinity of Landau (U-6419).

T3 - FRANKFURT	Map of Germany, 1:100,000
S4 - FULDA	Map of Central Europe, 1:100,000
S5 - COBURG	Map of Central Europe, 1:100,000
T5 - BAMBERG	Map of Germany, 1:100,000
T6 - BAYREUTH	Map of Germany, 1:100,000
U6 - AMBERG	Map of Germany, 1:100,000
V6 - REGENSBURG	Map of Germany, 1:100,000
V7 - STRAUBING	Map of Germany, 1:100,000
W7 - BRAUNAU	Map of Germany, 1:100,000

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Regimental Headquarters

Commanding Officer	-	Colonel Carl E. Lundquist
Executive Officer	-	Lt.Colonel Bryan S. Halter
S-1	-	Captain Milo G. Karsner
S-2	-	Captain Spencer P. Edwards
S-3	-	Captain Jack Borden
S-4	-	Major Jewel T. Crowe
Liaison Officer	-	1st Lt. Gilbert C. Jones
Liaison Officer	-	2nd Lt. Charles W. Cookson

Regimental Special Staff:

Communications Officer	-	Captain Tilford O. Aasen
Personnel Officer	-	Captain George S. Wallace, Jr.
Munitions Officer	-	Captain Allen C. Jacobs
I & E Officer	-	Captain Jacob L. Goldstein
Regimental Surgeon	-	Major Walter F. Giegerich
Special Service Officer	-	1st Lt. John W. Earle
Chaplain	-	Captain Lloyd W. Hail
Chaplain	-	1st Lt. Harry V. Webb
Chaplain	-	1st Lt. John J. Fahy

First Battalion Headquarters:

Commanding Officer	-	Major Samuel E. Hubbard
Executive Officer	-	Captain William W. Duffey
S-1	-	Captain Alfred J. Bellman
S-2	-	2nd Lt. William M. Marmont
S-3	-	1st Lt. John S. Reeves

Second Battalion Headquarters:

Commanding Officer	-	Lt.Colonel Philip D. Brant
Executive Officer	-	Major Bennett L. Jackson
S-1	-	Captain Ernest W. Cooler
S-2	-	2nd Lt. William C. Collier
S-3	-	1st Lt. Edward E. Smith

Third Battalion Headquarters:

Commanding Officer	-	Lt.Colonel Paul G. Guthrie
Executive Officer	-	Major Samuel S. Campanella
S-1	-	Captain Albert L. Petermann
S-2	-	1st Lt. Jack G. Null
S-3	-	Captain Garland F. Jones

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Company Commanders:

Regimental Headquarters Co.	-	Captain William R. Swope
Cannon Company	-	Captain Walter J. Segda
Anti Tank Company	-	1st Lt. Clifford W. Howell
Service Company	-	Captain Tillman J. Johnson
Regtl M.T.O.	-	Captain Richard R. Garner
Headquarters Co. 1st Bn	-	Captain Alfred J. Bellman
Company A	-	1st Lt. Wallace E. Felldin
Company B	-	Captain Lloyd W. Engelland
Company C	-	Captain William V. Johnson
Company D	-	Captain Charles O. Schobel, Jr.
Headquarters Co. 2nd Bn	-	Captain Ernest W. Cooler
Company E	-	Captain Harry T. Goldman, Jr.
Company F	-	Captain Thomas W. Alvey
Company G	-	1st Lt. William B. Pierce
Company H	-	Captain Harold Brewer
Headquarters Co. 3rd Bn	-	Captain Albert L. Petermann
Company I	-	1st Lt. Caleb H. Paul
Company K	-	Captain Tommy L. Long
Company L	-	Captain Milo D. Krichbaum
Company M	-	1st Lt. W. P. Sims

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Period 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945, Inclusive.

Battle Casualties

Headquarters Company:

37502440	Davis, Thomas W.	Cpl	KIA	24 April 1945
38325145	Hill, Bert A.	Tec 5	KIA	24 April 1945
42108402	Hoffman, Herbert C.	Tec 5	LWA	24 April 1945
20252182	Ryall, Jeremiah J.	T Sgt	LWA	24 April 1945
13186699	Toubman, Harold D.	Pfc	LWA	24 April 1945

Anti-Tank Company:

11008990	Fournier, Jean C.	Pfc	LIA	14 April 1945
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Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion:

13059786	Forsythe, Russell G.	Pfc	SWA-DOW	18 April 1945
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Company "A":

0-1295202	Charbonneau, Arol J.	Capt	LWA	23 April 1945
16083314	Charbonneau, Frank L.	Pfc	LWA	19 April 1945
14064325	Fielding, George J.	Pvt	SWA	19 April 1945
42116942	Harmatuik, Walter (NMI)	Pvt	SWA	20 April 1945
37350344	Tomlin, Harold F.	Pvt	LWA	14 April 1945

Company "B":

35246845	Brigneli, Biagio (NMI)	Pvt	MIA	14 April 1945
32450534	Jacoby, Frank (NMI)	Pfc	LIA	28 April 1945
32587634	La Due, James H.	Pfc	MIA	14 April 1945
33889178	Shiflett, James O.	Pfc	LIA	23 April 1945

Company "C":

34987017	Beaird, W. L. (IO)	Pfc	LWA	18 April 1945
34106193	Black, Bruce B.	S Sgt	KIA	20 April 1945
39909618	Cooper, Donald E.	Pfc	KIA	19 April 1945
33940992	Griffith, William H.	Pfc	LWA	22 April 1945
6989397	Harold, Bryant E.	Pfc	LWA	20 April 1945
19134202	Honsinger, Fred S.	Pfc	SWA	22 April 1945
33889470	Mays, Robert E.	Pvt	LWA	18 April 1945
31467282	Park, Robert W.	Pfc	LWA	22 April 1945
12024753	Thomas, Robert O.	Sgt	KIA	18 April 1945
11030705	Thibault, Norman A.	S Sgt	LWA	19 April 1945
32160777	Von Prittwitz, Siegfried K.	T Sgt	KIA	20 April 1945
33488505	Waidell, Edward L.	Pvt	SWA	18 April 1945

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Company "D":

39403956	Clark, Howard J.	Pvt	MIA	14 April 1945
37415282	Fisher, John T.	Cpl	LWA	19 April 1945

Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion:

37729239	Martin, Manford L.	Pfc	LIA	26 April 1945
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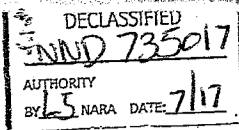
Company "E":

33940543	Buzzelli, John T.	Pfc	SWA	2 April 1945
31405091	Cole, William F.	Pfc	MIA	3 April 1945
35618576	Fennig, Philip L.	Pfc	LWA	2 April 1945
32173945	Garcia, Peter (NMI)	S Sgt	LWA	3 April 1945
36129842	Griffin, Clifford G.	Pfc	KIA	1 April 1945
O-1061711	Hagney, Frank J.	2d Lt	SWA	2 April 1945
33889571	Hummel, Garland A.	Pfc	SWA	2 April 1945
39572328	Jiran, Charles P.	Pfc	KIA	1 April 1945
33683564	Ledden, Clarence E.	Pfc	SWA	2 April 1945
37568210	Lundeen, Carl H.	Sgt	LWA	24 April 1945
37640999	McClain, Clinton E.	Pfc	LWA	2 April 1945
39473358	Nelson, William H.	Pvt	KIA	2 April 1945
33522465	Proffitt, James E.	Pfc	SWA-DOW	2 April 1945
35571781	Reno, Robert V.	Cpl	KIA	1 April 1945
37697381	Reeves, Rodney R.	Pvt	LIA	24 April 1945
14012867	Riggs, George F.	Pfc	LWA	2 April 1945

Company "F":

38467346	Allen, James C.	Pfc	LWA	27 April 1945
42118464	Boone, Irving A.	Pfc	SWA	24 April 1945
32946722	Coonick, Nicholas S.	Pfc	SWA	26 April 1945
32179080	De Rosa, Jerome A.	T Sgt	KIA	24 April 1945
35205480	Eafрати, Mario A.	Pfc	SWA	24 April 1945
31290975	Falcone, Natale E.	Pfc	KIA	26 April 1945
31411199	Giard, Armand C.	Pfc	SWA	24 April 1945
33111301	Hannah, Alfred S.	Sgt	SWA	26 April 1945
35263784	Harting, Paul J.	Pfc	SWA	24 April 1945
36578490	Kloos, Charles K. Jr.	Pfc	LWA	24 April 1945
37055521	Marlow, Charles (NMI)	Pfc	SWA	26 April 1945
35106944	McGuffey, Jesse J.	S Sgt	LWA	2 April 1945
20544885	Morgan, Kenneth L.	S Sgt	SWA	24 April 1945
			DOW	25 April 1945
33889158	Perry, Richard L. Jr.	Pfc	LWA	24 April 1945
31465189	Rizzo, Jerome P.	Pfc	KIA	24 April 1945
37616722	Schleicher, Frank T.	Pfc	SWA	4 April 1945
32640707	Seewald, John W.	S Sgt	LWA	24 April 1945
33889484	Smith, Harry G.	Pfc	LWA	21 April 1945
34904399	Smith, Henry H.	Pfc	LWA	24 April 1945
35071925	Wesley, Edwin T.	Pfc	KIA	24 April 1945
33889060	Turner, Ray R.	Pfc	LWA	27 April 1945

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Company "F", Cont'd.

17068532	Williamson, James S.	S Sgt	LWA	26 April 1945
36722526	Woellert, Earl D.	Pfc	LWA	24 April 1945

Company "G":

37673649	Byers, Harold D.	Sgt	SWA	19 April 1945
37410323	Cox, Stanley W.	Pvt	LIA	27 April 1945
6897311	Haynes, Forest (NMI)	T Sgt	LWA	2 April 1945
34142094	Huffaker, Ernest R.	Pfc	LWA	19 April 1945
7082424	Hutto, Lybrand (NMI)	Sgt	LIA	24 April 1945
0-926505	Jones, Crawford H.	2d Lt	KIA	19 April 1945
16123915	Kaplan, Lawrence C.	Pvt	LIA	24 April 1945
7025686	Lilliock, Emil (NMI)	Pvt	LWA	2 April 1945
0-549935	Leaphart, Charles D.	2d Lt	LWA	24 April 1945
31310345	Lockhart, William E.	Tec 5	SWA	5 April 1945
37552902	Rooney, Donald F.	Tec 5	LIA	27 April 1945
33889062	Sakellaris, Pete H.	Pvt	LWA	24 April 1945

Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion:

34982576	Long, Kenneth E.	Pvt	LWA	8 April 1945
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Company "I":

19012431	Dunne, Nicholas J.	Pfc	LWA	22 April 1945
0-553180	Maxwell, Porter B.	1st Lt	LWA	22 April 1945
37056822	Snyder, Orville L.	Pfc	SWA	22 April 1945
39606767	Stuckey, Peter (NMI)	Pfc	LWA	22 April 1945
34982576	Sutliff, Aquilla R. Jr.	Pfc	LIA	4 April 1945
33218493	Thompson, H. C. (IO)	Pvt	MIA	21 April 1945
36983866	Volz, Raymond W.	Pfc	SWA	22 April 1945

Company "K":

39580129	Fleming, Harris (NMI)	Pfc	SWA	26 April 1945
34817577	Grogan, Douglas F.T.	Pfc	SWA	26 April 1945
38684650	Hite, Ray M.	Pfc	MIA	22 April 1945
15402877	Lindow, Daniel J.	Pfc	LWA	26 April 1945
38665735	Meister, Paul A.	Pvt	KIA	22 April 1945
38114112	Peschel, Rudolph (NMI)	Pvt	LWA	26 April 1945
34863090	Pratt, John W.	Pfc	LWA	10 April 1945
33499095	Reiter, John C.	Pfc	KIA	26 April 1945
7083278	Taylor, Jesse S.	S Sgt	LWA	26 April 1945
6664739	Utrup, Edward R.	T Sgt	KIA	3 April 1945

Company "L":

42113783	Bogdziewicz, Stanley (NMI)	Pfc	LWA	26 April 1945
38694782	Bryan, Joseph E.	Pfc	LWA	26 April 1945
35253649	Dick, George C.	Pfc	LWA	11 April 1945

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31407875	Gaughan, Anthony J.	Pvt	LWA	24 April 1945
36418201	Kamecki, George R.	Pfc	KIA	26 April 1945
31214685	Robinson, Clifford (NMI)	S Sgt	KIA	24 April 1945
31304013	Smith, Anson H. Jr.	Pfc	SWA	26 April 1945

Medical Detachment:

39217550	Holbrook, John F.	Pvt	SWA	26 April 1945
32670495	Lopez, John A.	Pvt	LWA	2 April 1945
37404221	Orwig, Dow P.	Tec 5	LWA	2 April 1945
33889026	Phipps, James D.	Pfc	SWA	24 April 1945

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Annex No. 4:

The following awards were made to members of the 14th Infantry Regiment during the month of April, 1945:

Per General Orders No. 10, paragraph II; dated 8 April 1945:

Sgt Kenneth E. Balge	16105463	Hqs Company	Bronze Star Medal
T/5 Lloyd F. Capen	31351613	Hqs Company	" "
Pfc Harold D. Toubman	13186699	Hqs Company	" "
Pfc Henry R. McCray	38694910	Hqs Company	" "
Sgt James A. Hare	33193363	Hqs Company	" "
Cpl Thomas W. Davis	37502440	Hqs Company	" "
T/5 Hershel W. McCarty	15012202	Hqs Company	" "
Pvt Walter Gallant	33940610	Hqs Company	" "

Per General Orders No. 11, paragraph I; dated 15 April 1945:

S/Sgt James C. Wise	37002956	Hqs Company	Bronze Star Medal
Sgt John E. Johnson	36701160	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
T/5 Walker L. Cox	13018572	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
T/5 Floyd L. Ketterman	35874997	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
Pfc Henry A. Belleno	33940450	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
Pfc Eugene C. Evans	35590457	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
Pfc Fred C. Franklin, Jr.	33846531	Company G	" "
Pfc Martin S. Perez	39864042	Company G	" "
Pfc Albin W. Senica	36968373	Company E	" "
Pfc Maurice D. Smith	37233177	Company G	" "
Pfc Jason L. Twitchelle	34614488	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
Pvt Mario Costa	32861004	Company F	" "
Pvt Frank H. Guentert	35549130	Company F	" "
Pvt Jack F. Miller	34863820	Company F	" "
Sgt Warren M. Laskey	11037606	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
T/4 Earl F. Trammell	19049079	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "

Per General Orders No. 13, paragraphs II and III; dated 23 April 1945:

1st Lt WAYNE K. SINDT §	01048977	Company H	Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt PAUL R. ROBERTS	01639555	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
1st Lt EDWARD E. SMITH	027016	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
2nd Lt JOHN J. CLOIDT, JR.	01321156	Hqs 2nd Bn	" "
Sgt Bernice L. Uttley	17153901	Company F	" "
Pfc James E. Dunn	33940349	Company F	" "
Pfc Russell L. Iverson	36304545	Company F	" "
Pfc Hilario Moncada	38071286	Company F	" "
Pfc Harry L. Peters	37162970	Company F	" "
Pfc Richard J. Prado	33940717	Company F	" "
Pfc Charles E. Schnell, Jr.	33940721	Company F	" "
Pfc Garrett H. Shope, Jr.	34863534	Company F	" "
Pfc Paul L. Stefango	33940326	Company F	" "

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Per General Orders No. 14, paragraph II; dated 26 April 1945:

Colonel CARL E. LUNDQUIST 016889 14th Inf. Bronze Star Medal

Per General Orders No. 15, paragraphs I and II; dated 28 April, 1945:

Lt.Col. PHILIP D. BRANT	020804	Hqs 2nd Bn	Silver Star Medal
2nd Lt. CHARLES D. LEAPHART	0549935	Company G	Bronze Star Medal
S/Sgt Harold Coleman	14011698	Company G	" "
S/Sgt Dustin Q. Groth	39006110	Company G	" "
S/Sgt William V. Draudt	35027285	Company G	" "
S/Sgt Roy W. Stojentin	36739965	Company G	" "
Sgt Carl B. Belcoat	35157387	Company G	" "
Pfc David Servetnick	31465554	Company G	" "
Pfc Max F. Mann	33889223	Company G	" "
Pfc William N. Broom	38580263	Company G	" "
Pfc Jesus Longoria	38461079	Company G	" "
Pfc Robert E. Hennessy	33980291	Company G	" "
Pfc Jackson L. Miller	36781614	Company G	" "
Pfc Gerald F. Huntsbarger	35088980	Company G	" "
Pfc Sherman R. Small	19050826	Company G	" "
Pfc Francis P. Coyte	13067585	Company G	" "
Pvt John J. Athey	33026277	Company G	" "

Per General Orders No. 16, paragraph II; dated 30 April 1945:

1st Lt LEE J. BARSTOW 01053475 Company F Silver Star Medal

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Annex No. 5:

Regimental CP at the following locations during month of April, 1945:

		<u>Distance Traveled</u>
Apr 1	Obertshausen, Germany	
2	Langendiebach, Germany	21.7 miles
2	Altenstadt, Germany	13.8
3	Bleichenbach, Germany	10
4	Kressenbach, Germany	29.6
5	Kressenbach, Germany	
6	Fulda, Germany	28
7	Kaltensundheim, Germany	20
8	Kaltensundheim, Germany	
9	Meiningen, Germany	15
10	Unter-Mossfeld, Germany	14
11	Eishausen, Germany	17.3
12	Oeslau, Germany	17.7
13	Marktgraitz, Germany	11
14	Leuchau, Germany (T)	13
14	Altenplos, Germany	6.3
15	Bayreuth, Germany	4.7
16	Bayreuth, Germany	
17	Bayreuth, Germany	
18	Lindenhardt, Germany	11
19	Lindenhardt, Germany	
20	Stemmenreuth, Germany (T)	10
20	Kirchenthumbach, Germany	.6
21	Haag (T), Germany	13
21	Schlich, Germany	7
22	Hahnbach, Germany	6
23	Amberg, Germany	10
24	Burglengenfeld, Germany	23.4
24	Regenstauf, Germany	7.2
25	Irlbach, Germany	6
26	Donaustauf, Germany	5
27	Sarching, Germany	3.5
28	Riekofen, Germany	11.4
29	Lieblfing, Germany	14
30	Pilsting, Germany	16
	Total mileage	371.6