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TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25 D. C.

1. In compliance with par 10, AR 345-105, as amended by change No. 3; Memorandum No. 83, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, dated 27 Feb 45; Ltrs, Hq 83d Infantry Division, File 319.1/401, dated 25 March 1945 and 11 April 1945, the attached report is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding General:

HOWARD B. SEIDLER  
Major FA  
Adjutant

319.1/401 1st Ind.  
HEADQUARTERS 83d INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 83, U. S. Army, 16 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XIII Corps, APO 463, U. S. Army.  
(Attention: Adjutant General.)

Forwarded.

For the Commanding General:

N. P. COMEN,  
Major, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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HQ 83RD DIV ARTY

APRIL 1945



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I. OPERATIONS FOR MONTH OF APRIL

A. NARRATIVE

The beginning of the month of April found the 83d Division fighting to the south in the carrying out of their assigned mission of clearing up pockets of resistance left by the 2nd Armored Division and protecting the right (south) flank of XIX Corps. On 1 April the 331st and 329th Infantry Regiments were attacking south (see Annex A) and plans had been made to commit the 330th Infantry Regiment on the east (left flank) of the Division. The artillery was disposed to offer maximum fire support to all units with 322nd FA Bn. Groupments (322nd and 25th FA Bns) in direct support of the 329th Infantry Regiment.

323rd FA Groupment (323rd and 324th FA Bns) direct support 330th Infantry Regiment.

908th FA Groupment (908th FA and 967th FA Bns.) direct support 331st Infantry Regiment.

Radio communication was maintained with all groupments in order that maximum number of guns could be massed on targets on short notice. The attacks proceeded according to plan and the Division sector was cleared out to the Lippe River. On the 3 April 1945, the Division received instructions to the effect that we were to pass through the 8th Armored Division and be prepared to attack to the east on the south (right) flank of the XIX Corps. The Division Commanding General planned to commit the 329th and 331st Infantry regiments abreast with the 329th Infantry Regiment on the north (left) and the 331st Infantry Regiment on the south (right). The 330th Infantry Regiment was to remain on its present mission, fighting to the south and to expand to the west taking over part of the 329th Infantry Regiment's old sector. The decision of the Commanding General, 83d Division Artillery was to leave two light and two medium battalions behind the main effort to the east.

323rd FA Groupment (323rd and 25th FA Bns) direct support 330th Infantry Regiment.

322nd FA Groupment (322nd and 324th FA Bns) direct support 329th Infantry Regiment.

908th FA Groupment (908th and 967th FA Bns) direct support 331st Infantry Regiment.

On 4th April 1945 it was decided that Task Force "Biddle" would be sent ahead of the Infantry and probably would need artillery support, so the 25th FA Bn was relieved from attachment to the 323rd FA Groupment and attached to Task Force "Biddle". The two regiments, having made good progress in their attack to the east, it was decided to attach their organic combat team battalions to them to facilitate a rapid advance and close fire support. The 322nd FA Bn was attached to the 329th Infantry Regiment and the 908th FA Bn to the 331st Infantry Regiment. Control of the two medium battalions, 324th and 967th FA Bns. was retained by 83rd Division Artillery, in general support mission. All units were pushed forward as rapidly as possible to offer the maximum mass of fire whenever called for. The 330th Combat Team was placed in Corps reserve at 1430, 5 April 1945 but continued its mission of clearing out pockets on the south flank of the Division and Corps. The attack proceeded rapidly and on 6 April 1945 the 329th Infantry Regiment having crossed the Weser, a decision was made to attach the 324 and 322nd FA Bns as a groupment since the 329th Infantry Regiment was advancing more rapidly than the 331st Infantry Regiment. The 967 FA Bn continued in its role of general support, reinforcing the fires of the 908th FA Bn. On the 7 April the 322nd FA Bn groupment crossed the Weser and went into positions in the vicinity of Luerdissen in support of the 329th Infantry Regiment who continued their attack. The 25th FA Bn still attached to 113 Cav. Group also crossed the Weser and went into positions in the vicinity of Escherhausen. The 330th Combat Team, having been released to Division control, moved forward, crossing the Weser. The 323 FA Bn moved into position to support the regiment's attack to the south to clean out the woods down to the Division and Corps right (south) boundary. On 8th April 1945

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the 908th FA Bn and 967th FA Bn fired a 30 minute preparation in support of the 331st Infantry Regiment's crossing the Weser in their regimental zone, in the vicinity of Pöls. The 908th FA Bn followed elements of the 331st Infantry Regiment across, crossing at 2200 hours. The 228th FA Group, replaced by XIX Corps Artillery and assigned a mission of general support, reinforcing fires of 83rd Division Artillery, also supported the 331st Infantry Regiment crossing by "On Call" fires.

On 9th April 1945 in order to afford a better centralized control for massing fires along the whole front, the 322nd FA Bn was relieved from attachment to and placed in direct support of 329th Infantry Regiment. The 323rd FA groupment (323 FA Bn and 25th FA Bn) assigned to direct support mission with 330th Infantry Regiment who were to attack East to secure Division objective and Corps "limit of advance." The 908th FA Bn remained attached to the 331st Infantry Regiment which was attacking south to Clear Holzrinder (1354) and woods to east and protecting Division right (south) flank. The 967 FA Bn was moved forward into position behind 330th Infantry Regiment and assigned a general support mission. On the 11 April 1945, in anticipation of another rapid advance the other two organic light Battalions were attached to their combat team regiments. The 324 FA Bn. and 967 FA Bns. remained in general support but the movement of the 324th FA Bn was coordinated through the Commanding Officer of 322nd FA Bn and they were pushed well forward with each substantial movement of the Infantry to afford more effective reinforcing fires for the 322nd FA Bn. The 25th FA Bn again moved out with Task Force Biddle to clear the forest on the Division south flank, in conjunction with 330thth Infantry Regiment and attacked east protecting right (east) flank of the Division. The 908th FA Bn attached to 331 Infantry Regiment moved into assembly area in the vicinity of Veckenstedt (0671) prepared to follow the 331st Infantry Regiment when they moved forward to go into the line in front of Task Force "Biddle" and attack to the east on the Division right (south) flank. The 12 April 1945 found the 329th and the 331st Infantry Regiments both poised for their final dash to the Elbe River. At the close of the period the 329th Infantry Regiment had reached the Elbe River and was securing the town of Barby (8582). The 331st Infantry Regiment had reached the Saale in their regimental zone. The 967th FA Bn. was pulled out of their reinforcing mission behind the 330th Infantry Regiment and moved forward to the general support mission behind the 331st Infantry Regiment. On 13 April 1945 the 329th Infantry Regiment and elements of the 331st Infantry Regiment crossed the Elbe River with light opposition, the 322nd FA Bn and the 908 FA Bn. reverting to direct support, with the 324 and 967th FA Bns. in general support reinforcing fires of the 322nd and 908th FA Bns, respectively. On the 14 April 1945 the 322nd and the 908th FA Bns. crossed the Elbe River and took up positions on the East side. The 25th FA Bn, having been relieved from attachment to Task Force "Biddle" was placed in position west of the river, in the vicinity of Barby in general support of the bridgehead area. The 228th group was also moved forward by Corps Artillery and into position in the vicinity of Barby. On 15 April 1945 the 324th, 25th, and 967th FA Bns. were displaced east of the Elbe making a maximum of fire power available throughout the bridge head area with up to eleven battalions massing fires on ten minute notice.

The 65th AFA Bn and 696 AFA Bn were operationally attached and remained in support of Combat Command "R", assigned the mission of protecting the left (north) flank of the bridgehead. The 320th Combat Team (35th Infantry Division), having been operationally attached to the 83rd Division, the 216th FA Bn (105 H) was subattached to Division Artillery and assigned a direct support mission with 320th Infantry Regiment who were to clean out area between Saale and Elbe rivers in the 83rd Division zone. In order to speed up initial fires in the 329th Infantry Regiment sector the 25th FA Bn was placed in groupment with the 322nd FA Bn on 16 April 1945. The 92nd Cml Bn (4.2 Mortars) having been attached to Division Artillery was sub-attached as follows: Bn. less "C" Co to 322 Groupment: "C" Co. to 908 FA Bn. The 320 Combat Team relieved Combat Command "R" in the division north sector requiring regrouping of artillery for maximum support of bridgehead as follows:

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216th FA Groupment (216th FA Bn and 696th AFA Bn) direct support of 320th Infantry Regiment.

908th FA Groupment (908th FA Bn and 65th AFA Bn) direct support of 331st Infantry Regiment.

322nd FA Groupment (322nd FA Bn and 25th FA Bn) direct support of 329th Infantry Regiment.

324th FA and 967th FA Bns - General support reinforcing fires of 322nd and 908th FA Groupments respectively.

On 19 April the disposition of the 92nd Cml. Bn was changed as shown to equalize the fire power behind each sector of the Division Zone. Bn (- 2 Co's.) to groupment A (322nd FA Bn and 25th FA Bn). Company "C" to groupment B (908th FA Bn and 65th AFA Bn). Company "B" to groupment C (216 FA Bn and 696 AFA Bn).

On 20 April 1945, the 65th AFA Bn and 696th AFA Bn were attached (instead of operationally attached), and the 330th Combat Team (323rd FA Bn) moved up from the rear area and prepared to relieve the 320th Combat Team. This was accomplished on the 21 April 1945 with the 323rd FA Bn taking over the groupment with the 696th FA Bn remaining in direct support of the 330th Infantry Regiment in the north sector of the Division zone. The 320th Infantry Regiment with the 216th FA Bn reverted to the 35th Infantry Division control.

All Battalions, except the 324th FA Bn, remained in position throughout remainder of period, firing "on call" missions, targets of opportunity, defensive, harrassing, and interdiction fires. An elaborate system of defensive fire plans were maintained as more counterattacks were expected. On 28 April 1945, surrender negotiations having failed, the 329th Infantry Regiment attacked Zerbst and captured the town without opposition.

The close of the period found all the artillery Bns., except the 324th FA Bn, in position to defend the 83rd Division Elbe bridgehead with coordination of defensive fires, through this headquarters, insuring complete and maximum coverage of the Division front. The 324th FA Battalion was withdrawn from firing position on 29 April 1945 and assigned an area in the Division rear zone to govern, with instructions to make preparations for receiving and staging several thousand Eastern PW's and DP's in the next few days.

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B. BATTLE LESSONS

(1) The value of coordinated and massed artillery fire as a defensive wall was again proved in the defense of the Division Elbe bridgehead when on the 13 and 14 April more than 9 counter attacks were launched by the enemy with medium to heavy armored support from the north then from the northeast and last from the south, all of which were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy; the artillery being given credit for the bulk of the enemy casualties.

(2) On April 14, an officer from Division Artillery Hq. having received word from an excited Polish P.W. that from 20 to 50 German troops were preparing to cross the Saale river directly in rear of the CP, notified the Hq. Btry Commanding Officer and a patrol was sent out to investigate, the patrol was pinned down by sniper fire from across the river. Fire was returned by members of the battery who had taken up firing positions in the buildings. An M-8 and medium tank and finally a platoon of 81 MM mortars were brought up to drive the enemy personnel out of the area. The tank was forced to withdraw because of near misses from panzerfaust fire at 300 to 400 yards range and the mortars were used to demolish most of the houses from which the enemy fire was coming. Two casualties were suffered by our troops, both W.I.A., enemy casualties are unknown. Approximately 150 enemy troops were removed from the area by the attacking Infantry regiment the next day.

From the above incident it is deemed desirable that battalion and higher Artillery Headquarters be issued three light machine guns or BAR's to be used for C.P. protection. Rapidly moving situations find elements of all units frequently engaged in fire fights and the cleaning out of small wooded areas or pockets by-passed by rapidly advancing infantry.

(3) The reporting of leading elements of rapidly moving columns by Air O.P.'s was found to be highly successful method of getting locations of leading elements back quickly. Leading elements must have panels displayed to facilitate this visual contact. It was also found desirable to have these leading elements equipped with radio tuned to the (Air) O.P. channel so that an air OP can flash warnings of any enemy troops or equipment he might spot and in turn be warned by the ground troops of any pockets of resistance or enemy ground troops capable of firing on him.

(4) Opportunity for determining the most effective plan for rendering maximum artillery support to a rapidly advancing infantry column was offered during this months operation.

It was found that where the infantry is advancing along only one main route and two FA Bns are available the "leapfrog displacement" method keeping one battalion in position to fire at all times, renders the most efficient support. Where two routes of advance were used by the infantry, one FA Bn behind each infantry column "leap-frogging" firing batteries, so that one or two batteries are in position to fire at all times, gives the desired effect. Where the rate of advance is extremely rapid and opposition very light a system was devised where the battalions moved forward behind the infantry main body and into assembly areas only while reconnaissance elements for headquarters and all firing batteries advanced with the infantry leading elements. When opposition was met and the infantry commanding officer decided it was heavy enough to necessitate artillery support, the reconnaissance elements immediately picked positions and radioed the battalion to come forward.

FOR MISSIONS FIRED AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED SEE SITREPS (Annex B)

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C ENEMY FORCES ENGAGED

From the time first contact was made East of the Rhine River a series of miscellaneous units have been in contact. These units consist of the Replacement and Training units from WEHEKREISE VI and XI, various G. H. Q. A. A. battalions, Service troops, and VOLKSTRUM units. The only units of divisional size were 116 Panzer Division, West of PADERBORN, the 411-466-476 Divisions Z. B. V., the Division POTSDAM and the Division SCHORNHORST. The three A. B. V. Divisions were staff organizations controlling various replacement and training divisions. The division POTSDAM was contacted and by-passed in the HARZ MOUNTAIN area. Not until a beach-head was established over the ELBE RIVER did the division SCHORNHORST appear. This division continued to oppose the 83rd Division bridge-head until night of 23-24 April when according to P.W.'s the division was withdrawn from our front to combat the Russians. The Division SCHORNHORST was relieved by the 110th and 115th FORTRESS M. G. Battalion.

Prisoners of War have been taken from:

- 22 Pz and Pz Replacement and Training Units.
- 21 Engineer, Engineer Reserve and Engineer replacement and training units.
- 59 A.A., A.A. Reserve and A. A. Replacement and training Units.
- 36 Infantry Replacement and Training Units.
- 22 Artillery Replacement and Training Units and G.H.Q. Units.
- 33 GAF Replacement and Training Units.
- 45 Home Guard Units of various composition.
- 122 Miscellaneous Units.

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D TERRAIN

1. The terrain between the RHINE and ELBE Rivers is divided into five major areas. From West to East these areas are:

- a. The WESTPHALIA PLAIN- a low, flat area with complex system of drainage canals and ditches.
- b. The TEATSBURGER WALD- a wooded ridge running North and South with three passes in Division Zone.
- c. The HILLS OF HESS- low rolling hills with the river WESSER following north midway across the area.
- d. The HARZ MOUNTAINS- heavily wooded mountain area. Only the North-west corner of this area was in the Division Zone.
- e. The flat plains extending from just West of the Elbe River to East of BERLIN.

2. The entire area, excepting the HARZ MOUNTAINS included an East-West road system adequate in all respects for the military operation undertaken. The road system in the HARZ MOUNTAINS ran from North to South necessitating a change in direction of operations in this area.

3. Between the RHINE and BERLIN four natural defense barriers exist, none of which offered any serious delay. From West to East these barriers are the TEATSBURGER WALD with its passes, the WESSER River with a dominant ridge on the East side, the heavily wooded HARZ MOUNTAIN area and the ELBE River. The complete disorganization; the low quality, the lack of equipment, and mobility, together with our rapid advance, prevented the enemy from establishing defense lines of any consequence along any of these barriers.

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### E WEATHER

During the period weather was generally suitable for all military operations. Wind velocities were low to moderate, visibility was excellent except for those days listed below:

- April 6 - Fog and low overcast. There were only three hours of flying weather.
- April 9 - Through 12- Heavy low hanging mists in the morning made visibility very poor. Mists began lifting about noon, followed by clear afternoons and evenings.
- April 19 - High wind, 25-30 M.P.H. and very gusty in afternoon.
- April 22 - Heavy overcast ceiling at 700 feet-rain and hail in afternoon.
- April 23 - Heavy overcast - ceiling at 700 feet-weather began to clear late in afternoon.



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II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHS

UNIT	1 April 1945			30 April 1945		
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
Hq. 83d Division Artillery	20	1	108	20	1	110
322nd FA Bn.	37	2	470	37	2	469
323rd FA Bn.	38	2	474	38	2	465
908th FA Bn.	38	2	469	36	2	462
324th FA Bn.	33	2	482	35	2	478

III. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

453rd AAA (AW) Battalion, attached 1 July 1944	(40 M2)
25th FA Battalion, attached 28 March 1945	(105H)
967th FA Battalion, attached 28 March 1945	(155H)
92 Cml Battalion, attached 16 April 1945	(4.2 mortars)
65 HFA Battalion, attached operationally 15 Apr. 45	(105H-SP)
696th AFA Battalion, attached operationally 15 Apr. 45	(105H-SP)
65 AFA Battalion, attached 20 April 1945	(105H-SP)
696th AFA Battalion, attached 20 April 1945	(105H-SP)
216th FA Battalion, attached operationally 15 Apr. 45	(105H-)
216th FA Battalion, detached 21 April 1945	(105H)

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# IV. STATIONS LISTS

Hq Btry  
83d Div Arty

Location	From	To
LUDINGHAUSEN (RA7952) Ger	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
BECKUM (RB2151)	" 1 Apr 45	3 Apr 45
DELBRUCK (RB5651)	" 3 Apr 45	4 Apr 45
BAD LIPPSPRINGE (RB7454)	4 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
STEINHEIM (RB9364)	" 5 Apr 45	7 Apr 45
RISCHENAU (RC0666)	" 7 Apr 45	8 Apr 45
ESCHERSHAUSEN (RC3071)	" 8 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
LANGELSHEIM (RC7874)	" 10 Apr 45	11 Apr 45
HEUDEBER (RD1471)	" 11 Apr 45	12 Apr 45
COCHSTEDT (RD 5271)	" 12 Apr 45	13 Apr 45
CALBE (RD7875)	" 13 Apr 45	30 Apr 45

322 FA Bn

SELM, Ger (RA8145)	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
BECKUM, Ger (RB1946)	1 Apr 45	3 Apr 45
DELBRUCK, Ger (RB6252)	3 Apr 45	3 Apr 45
SENNHALAGER, Ger (RB6754)	3 Apr 45	4 Apr 45
HAUSTENBECK, Ger (RB7460)	4 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
HORN, Ger (RB8264)	5 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
WOBBEL, Ger (RB9367)	5 Apr 45	6 Apr 45
HARZBERG, Ger (RC0171)	6 Apr 45	6 Apr 45
HOHE, Ger (RC1974)	6 Apr 45	7 Apr 45
BIELMISSEN, Ger (RC2876)	7 Apr 45	7 Apr 45
DELLIGSEN, Ger (RC4171)	7 Apr 45	8 Apr 45
SACK, Ger (RC4680)	8 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
OKER, Ger (RC8871)	10 Apr 45	11 Apr 45
LOCHTUM, Ger (RC9674)	11 Apr 45	11 Apr 45
KLOSTER GRONINGEN Ger, (RD3776)	11 Apr 45	12 Apr 45
GNADAU, Ger (RD7783)	12 Apr 45	12 Apr 45
POMMELTE, Ger (RD8084)	12 Apr 45	13 Apr 45
BARBY, Ger (RD8482)	13 Apr 45	14 Apr 45
BARBY, Ger (RD8781)	14 Apr 45	16 Apr 45
NUTHA GUT, Ger (RD9283)	16 Apr 45	30 Apr 45

323 FA Bn

ASCHEBERG, Ger (RA8855)	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
LINNEBACH, Ger (RB1552)	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
DIESTEDDE, Ger (RB3049)	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
LIESBORN, Ger (RB4045)	1 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
WADERSLOH, Ger (RC3045)	5 Apr 45	7 Apr 45
HAIJEN, Ger (RD1779)	7 Apr 45	7 Apr 45
ESCHERSHAUSEN, Ger (RC3071)	7 Apr 45	9 Apr 45
HECKENBECK, Ger (RC5367)	9 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
BORNHAUSEN, Ger (RC6671)	10 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
HAHAUSEN, Ger (RC7075)	10 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
ASTFELD, Ger (RC7573)	10 Apr 45	11 Apr 45
WESTERODE, Ger (RC9471)	11 Apr 45	16 Apr 45
JLSBURG, Ger (RD0367)	16 Apr 45	19 Apr 45
ALTERNRODE, Ger (RD0665)	19 Apr 45	20 Apr 45
BARBY, Ger (RD8482)	20 Apr 45	30 Apr 45

908 FA Bn

NORDKIRCHEN, Ger (RA8549)	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
WALSTEDDE, Ger (RA0351)	1 Apr 45	1 Apr 45
AHLEN, Ger (RB1150)	1 Apr 45	4 Apr 45
SANDE, Ger (RB6452)	4 Apr 45	4 Apr 45
BENHSEN, Ger (RB7549)	4 Apr 45	4 Apr 45
ALTNEBEKEN, Ger (RB8152)	4 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
LANGELAND, Ger (RB8754)	5 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
OYNHEUSEN, Ger (RB9158)	5 Apr 45	5 Apr 45
BREDENBORN, Ger (RB9958)	5 Apr 45	6 Apr 45
LOWENDORF, Ger (RC0661)	6 Apr 45	7 Apr 45
BODEKEN, Ger (RC1061)	7 Apr 45	8 Apr 45
POLLE, Ger (RC1468)	8 Apr 45	8 Apr 45
BEVERN, Ger (RC2163)	8 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
EBERHOLZEN, Ger (RC4580)	10 Apr 45	11 Apr 45
VECKENSTEAT, Ger (RD0671)	11 Apr 45	12 Apr 45
NIENBURG, Ger (RD7767)	12 Apr 45	13 Apr 45
BARBY, Ger (RD8482)	13 Apr 45	14 Apr 45



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IV. STATIONS LISTS (CONTD)



908 FA Bn (Contd)

WALTERNIENBURG, Ger  
(RD8288) 14 Apr 45 15 Apr 45  
KAMERITZ, Ger (RD9181) 15 Apr 45 17 Apr 45  
POLEYHULE, Ger (RD9081) 17 Apr 45 30 Apr 45

324 FA Bn

WALSTEDDE, Ger (RB0648) 1 Apr 45 2 Apr 45  
WADERSLOH, Ger (RB3845) 2 Apr 45 3 Apr 45  
PADERBORN, Ger (RB6256) 3 Apr 45 4 Apr 45  
HAUSTENBECK, Ger  
(RB7460) 4 Apr 45 5 Apr 45  
HOLZHAUSEN, Ger (RB8065) 5 Apr 45 5 Apr 45  
STEINHEIM, Ger (RB9364) 5 Apr 45 6 Apr 45  
OTTENSTEIN, Ger (RC1573) 6 Apr 45 7 Apr 45  
LUERDISSEN, Ger (RC2974) 7 Apr 45 8 Apr 45  
IMSEN, Ger (RC4474) 8 Apr 45 19 Apr 45  
RHUDEN, Ger (RC6474) 10 Apr 45 11 Apr 45  
OKER, Ger (RC8970) 11 Apr 45 11 Apr 45  
VECKENSTEDT, Ger (  
(RC0671) 11 Apr 45 11 Apr 45  
HALBERSTADT, Ger  
(RD2471) 11 Apr 45 12 Apr 45  
WESPEN, Ger (RD8181) 12 Apr 45 13 Apr 45  
BARBY, Ger (RD8683) 15 Apr 45 29 Apr 45  
SCHNEIDLINGEN, Ger  
(RD5572) 29 Apr 45 30 Apr 45

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V. ROSTER OF COMMANDING OFFICERS AND STAFFS

Commanding General, 83d Div Arty Brig. Gen. Robert M. Montague, 012261 (1-30 Apr)

Executive - Col. R. P. Clay 0-16212 (1 - 30 April)  
S-3 Lt. Col. Robert B. Smith, 041199 (1-30 April)  
S-2 Major Alfred A. Faxon, 0361523 (1-30 April)  
S-1 & 4 Major Howard B. Seidler, 0394165 (1-30 April)  
Air O Major Jerome W. Byrd 0326929 (1-30 April)  
Med O Major Vincent J. Adams 0416166 (1-30 April)  
C.O. Hq Bty Capt. Charles E. Burleson 01186451 (1-14 April)  
C.O. Hq Bty 1st Lt. James E. Rohrbach 01170944 (1-30 April)

322 FA Bn C.O. Lt. Col. James H. Skinner 0-19144 (1-30 April)  
Hq. Btry. Capt. John K. Kuhn, 0432851 (1-30 April)  
A Btry. 1st Lt. Joseph J. Stamaszek 0-1166619 (1 - 30 April)  
B Btry. Capt. Walter S. Meyers, 0-1171284 (1-30 April)  
C Btry. Capt. Jack A. Brubaker, 0-1166447 (1-30 April)  
Serv. Btry. Capt. John T. Coates Jr. 0-1166689 (1-30 April)  
Med. Det. Capt. Ignatius E. Mistretta, 0-497868 (1-30 April)

323 FA Bn C.O. Lt. Col. William J. Daniel, 0-19019 (1-30 April)  
Hq. Btry. Capt. Phillip E. Shogren, 0-1171353 (1-30 April)  
A Btry. Capt. Lawrence D. James, 0-1166515 (1-30 April)  
B. Btry. Capt. Robert H. Costello, 0-1166462 (1-30 April)  
C. Btry. Capt. Robert L. Von Gunten, 0-1180756 (1-30 April)  
Serv. Btry. Capt. Robert F. Meyer, 0-384124 (1-30 April)  
Med. Det. Capt. Monroe (NMI) Cohen, 0-436460 (1-30 April)

908 FA Bn C. O. Lt. Col. Arthur M. Burghdoff, 0-336230 (1-30 April)  
Hq. Btry. Capt. John C. Robinson, 0-1166504 (1-30 April)  
A. Btry. Capt. Joel L. Oliver, 0-1166578 (1-30 April)  
B. Btry. Capt. Charles B. Squiers, 0-1166617 (1-30 April)  
C. Btry. Capt. Edward J. Tetlak, 0-1166630 (1-28 April)  
Capt. Clarence W. Forsythe, 0-1180498 (28-30 April)  
Serv. Btry. Capt. Herbert D. Glass, 0-454642 (1-30 April)  
Med. Det. Capt. George G. Bruzza, 0-439339 (1-30 April)

324 FA Bn C.O. Lt. Col. George W. Irvine 0-310440 (1-30 April)  
Hq. Btry. Capt. Wayne A. Steward, 0-116662 (1-30 April)  
A. Btry. Capt. Edward J. Runk, 0-469945 (1-30 April)  
B. Btry. Capt. Maxie B. Peden, 0-1166581 (1-30 April)  
C. Btry. Capt. Glen J. Sundberg, 0-1166626 (1-28 April)  
Serv. Btry. Capt. Jefferson V. Hamm, 0-1166276 (1 -28 April)  
Serv. Btry. Capt. John W. Gingell, 0-1166488 (28-30 April)  
Med. Det. Capt. John C. Martz, 0-366137 (1-30 April)

453rd AAA (AW) Bn Co O. Lt. Col. George W. Trousdale  
967th FA Bn. C. O. Lt. Col. Arthur M. Capper  
696th AFA Bn, C.O. Lt. Col. Joseph P. Halliday  
216th FA Bn. C.O. Lt. Col. Kenneth H. Reed.  
65th AFA Bn. C.O. Lt. Col. Edward A. Bailey.  
25th FA Bn. C.O. Lt. Col. John B. Hines.  
92nd Cml Bn. Co O. Lt. Col. Ronald LeD'Martin.

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VI. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Hq. Btry. 83rd Div Arty

Award of the Bronze Star:

Major Vincent J. Adams, 0416106  
1st Lt. Robert A. Goodman, 01178814  
Tec 4th Gr William O. Shuman, 33242157

322nd FA Bn:

Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star

Lt. Col. James H. Skinner, 019144

Award of the Bronze Star

Capt. John T. Coats, Jr. 01166689  
1st Lt. Robert W. Hines, 0529838  
1st Lt. Robert O. Swanson, 01175334

323rd FA Bn:

Award of the Bronze Star

Capt. Donald A. Dey, 01166470  
1st Lt. Sidney (NMI) Rapoport, 01171323  
T/Sgt. Gerald A. Costello, 13011600 (Posthumous)  
T/5 Harold D. Parody, 31248262       "  
Pfc Clarence E. Swartley, 33338630       "

908th FA Bn:

Award of the Soldiers Medal

Pvt. Randolph Bratton, 34389133

324th FA Bn:

Award of the Bronze Star

Technical Sergeant Oscar F. Comstock, 33337802  
Technical Sergeant Lean J. Townsend, 17048505

Award of the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

1st Lt. William (NMI) Law, 01171643

Award of the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

2nd Lt. George T. Boscoff, 02005414

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VI. LOSSES IN ACTION

Hq. Btry. 83 Div Arty.

WIA - Capt. Charles E. Burleson, 01186451  
Cpl. Francis G. Greene, 31249077  
MIA Sgt. Richard W. Paul, 15043657

322nd FA Bn.

WIA Pvt. James E. Barr, 35344173  
Pvt Edward L. Kenneson, 31250873  
Pvt John J. Caposela, 35665130  
Pvt. John A. Beresh, 12107742

323rd FA Bn.

KIA Pvt. Wesley (NMI) Wright, 42140153  
Pvt. Edgar R. Manes, 35916786  
PFC William R. Welsh, 33306220  
Pvt. Paul C. Noel, 31214876  
PFC Merrill E. Reeder, 33764367  
PFC Charles H. Schaube 33378065

WIA Horace S. Pace 34454987

MIA S/Sgt William A. Hemlock, Jr. 15323648  
Sgt. Roscoe W. Moore, 35463064  
T/5 Aaron J. May, 34455295  
T/5 Robert L. Smith, 34377157  
PFC Daniel T. Drexler 33307306  
PFC Bunyou W. Vissage 14021969  
Pvt. Angelo Karopulios 31185467  
Pvt. Chester B. Koeller 31338093

908th FA Bn

WIA 2nd Lt. Frederick C. Springmeyer, 01179212  
Pvt. Charles F. Secusa, 42020878  
Cpl. Walter J. Kozak, 33369194

324th FA Bn

MIA 1st Sgt. William J. Hoolan, Jr. 18014301  
S/Sgt Arnold B. Coccetti, 3355413



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