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83RD QUARTERMASTER COMPANY
APO 83, U. S. Army



2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, After/After Action Reports.

TO : ADJUTANT GENERAL, Washington, D. C.
THRU : COMMANDING GENERAL, 83rd Inf. Div., APO 83, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum No. 83, Headquarters Ninth U. S. Army, dated 27 February 1945 and Letter Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, Subject: "After Action Reports, dated 11 April 1945, the following After Action Report is submitted.

GEORGE P. BRAUCH,
Capt., 83d QM Co.,
Commanding.

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1 - Unit Journal April 1945

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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 83, US Army. 16 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XIX Corps, APO 220, U. S. Army.
(Attention: Adjutant General)

Forwarded.

For the Commanding General:

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

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NARRATIVE
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NARRATIVE

April 1, 1945 - The company left Ontrup, Germany, moving to Ludinghausen, arriving there at 0645. At 1530 orders were received from the Division Quartermaster to move to Ahlen. This was accomplished closing into the new area at 2000. (111511).

April 4, 1945 - The organization left Ahlen at 0730 for Birken. Enroute orders were changed to move on to Delbruck, 570522, closing there at 1430. At 0700, 15 trucks from the 3rd Platoon with Lt. Hall in command reported to 2nd Bn, 331st Infantry Regiment. These were attached until 9th April when they were released at 2200.

April 6, 1945 - Company moved to Horn, 840655, arriving there at 0945.

April 8, 1945 - Orders were received to move the company to Halle, 259785, closing there at 1710.

April 10, 1945 - One enemy plane strafed the company area at 2000. No casualties to personnel or equipment were suffered. At approximately 2330 a convoy of three (3) ration trucks was ambushed between Gandersheim and Seesen. Lieutenant Lorkowski, Corporal Levin of this organization and a colored driver from a Truck Company attached to the division were taken prisoner. A provisional platoon under the command of Lieutenant Phillips, was organized at 0900, 11 April, and given a mission of searching the area in which the ambush had occurred. Small enemy forces were engaged and 14 prisoners taken.

April 11, 1945 - The company moved to Jerstedt, 825760. Reports of displaced persons that enemy soldiers were in the area were investigated and four prisoners taken.

April 12, 1945 - At 1415 the company moved to Halberstedt, 275719. At 1900 information was received from division that a possible counter-attack of Battalion size might occur on Halberstedt during the night 12 - 13 April 1945. Personnel was alerted and an interior guard for security defense was increased. Additional Infantry and tank elements of the division were moved into the town to meet this threat.

April 13, 1945 - Reports of two members from displaced persons were again investigated with the result, 13 P/W's.

April 14, 1945 - The company moved to Biere, 693823, closing at 1100. Lieutenant Lorkowski was dropped as MIA and Lieutenant Barnhizer was appointed Service Platoon commander and Staff Sergeant Beasley, 2nd Platoon Commander.

April 16, 1945 - At approximately 0900 a machine gun truck and two men was dispatched from the company area to take a load from a truck broken down on a ration convoy in the vicinity of Goslar. The truck never arrived at its destination. Presumably they took a wrong turn and were fired upon by the enemy in the vicinity of Blankenberg. One man, Tec 5 Taynor was killed. The other man, Tec 5 Bilby, was wounded, evacuated to a German Hospital which was later overrun by the 8th Armored Division. The truck was also overrun by the 8th Armored Division and later recovered by this organization.

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April 19, 1945 - The company was moved to Forderstedt, 681745. The division had completed its mission of making a bridgehead across the Elbe river and was now in a defensive position. The move to Forderstedt, placed the organization on the MSR and afforded a more suitable situation for quarters and installations.

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BATTLE CASUALTIES

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	<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES</u>			<u>PW's TAKEN</u>	<u>REINF RECEIVED</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>NBC</u>		
Headquarters Platoon	0	0	1	0	4
1st Truck Platoon	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Truck Platoon	0	1	0	0	2
3rd Truck Platoon	0	0	1	0	1
Service Platoon	1	0	3	2	
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TOTAL	1	1	5	2	7

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* PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED *
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PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER CAPTURED</u>
8 April 1945	10
11 April 1945	18
13 April 1945	13
22 April 1945	2
24 April 1945	2
TOTAL	45

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* AWARDS AND DECORATIONS *
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service were awarded to the following Men:

S/Sgt Marvin H. McCarter, 6936870, PP 3, GO #68, Hqrs 83d Inf Div
dated 7 April 1945.

Cpl Elvis L. White, 34344213, PP 1, GO #71, Hqrs 83d Inf Div
dated 16 April 1945.

Major John D. McLaughlin, 0452948, PP 4, GO #76, Hqrs 83d Inf Div
dated 22 April 1945.

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EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF COMPANY BY DATE

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EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF COMPANY ON FOLLOWING DATES:

1 April 1945	10 Officers and 175 Enlisted Men
11 April 1945	10 Officers and 173 Enlisted Men
21 April 1945	9 Officers and 174 Enlisted Men
30 April 1945	10 Officers and 177 Enlisted Men

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS
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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

STAFF OF DIVISION QUARTERMASTER OFFICE



DIVISION QUARTERMASTER	McLaughlin, John D., Major (1 April to 30 April)	0452948
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Bachman, Joseph B., Major (1 April to 30 April)	01573720
DIVISION QUARTERMASTER SUPPLY OFFICER	Anderson, Gordon V., Capt. (1 April to 30 April)	01573711
DIVISION TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	Davis, Bowden W., 1st Lt. (1 April to 30 April)	01577073

COMPANY OFFICERS

COMPANY COMMANDER	Brauch, George P., Capt. (1 April to 30 April)	01573740
MOTOR OFFICER	Davis, Lewis W., 1st Lt. (1 April to 30 April)	01578340
1ST PLATOON COMDR.	Chapman, William N., 2nd Lt. (1 April to 30 April)	02010842
2ND PLATOON COMDR.	Barnhizer, Harry J., 1st Lt. (1 April to 14 April) (23 April to 30 April)	01573723
2ND PLATOON COMDR.	Beasley, Claude G., Jr. S/Sgt (15 April to 22 April)	35485751
3RD PLATOON COMDR.	Hall, Kenneth L., 1st Lt. (1 April to 30 April)	01576075
SERVICE PLATOON COMDR.	Lorkowski, Joseph F., 1st Lt (1 April to 14 April) (23 April to 30 April)	01579954
SERVICE PLATOON COMDR.	Barnhizer, Harry J., 1st Lt (14 April to 22 April)	01573723

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Tire Repair

A tire repair section was organized and placed under the command of the motor maintenance officer. The personnel consisted of one man from each of the three truck platoons. Duty of this section was to repair all tires within the organization. A backlog of extra tires was secured. By this service the organization was able to keep the maximum number of trucks available for dispatch at all times. During the month of April, 1018 tires were repaired by this section. Such a plan was necessitated by the great number of flat tires suffered on long operations. Convoys leaving the area take with them an extra supply of tires thus enabling the driver to change on the road and keep up with the convoy.

Security Squad

During this month a security squad was organized under the command of Lieutenant Phillips, an attached officer. Ten men were chosen from Headquarters personnel which were usually in the vicinity of the bivouac. This nucleus could be supplemented by other available personnel depending on the task to be accomplished. Their mission was to investigate rumours of enemy groups within the security area. Due to the rapid advance of the division, in this operation, numerous German soldiers were isolated from their units. In such a situation it is deemed highly desirable to have such a group in rear area organizations, available on call to meet any threat of enemy attack.

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