

CHAPTER V

At 0800 we moved into an assembly area at Selzen. At 1530 we started moving towards the Rhine. Our long convoy dragged along to Nierstein where the 5th had crossed, patiently waiting our turn to go over. With a great roar, heralded by fanfares from the large amount of ack-ack guns, the enemy planes came in strafing and bombing, desperately trying to knock out the bridge, but the result was one knocked down plane. We all climbed back into trucks, left so hurriedly and inched our way ever so slowly towards the bridge expecting at any moment that Jerry would come plunging out of the clouds, guns blazing. The flak guns, in their sandbagged emplacements, lined the shore, alert and expectant. About 1900 hours the head of the convoy swung onto the bridge, slowly the river rolled under our wheels. How calm and placid it was. Engineers were nonchalantly tightening bolts on the pontoon structure, inspecting joints and checking their work. On the river could be seen boats, boats patrolling the waters looking for floating obstacles that might damage the bridge, for rumors had it that the Heinie was desperate enough to send human torpedoes against the work. On reaching the east bank, tension was relieved as everyone heaved sighs of relief. When darkness closed in on us the rate of march was stepped up a little, but not quite fast enough, for a few of the vehicles were still on a bridge when Jerry came back. Though he managed to scare those, he did not do any other damage. Flat low country stretched before us, not a hill in sight. Suddenly the sky over the bridgehead was filled with tracer fire. Those who could remember it was the Normandy beachhead all over again. On a smaller scale, but just as vicious. One plane was shot down and burst with a tremendous flash. So the night found us moving slowly, jerkily, into a position near Donheim. A night long to remember, a night of roaring airplane engines, unseen sounds, tenseness and trigger quick tempers, burning towns, barns and vehicles could be seen for miles in the flat country, and Patton's armor roared eastward through the night exploiting with rapidity the easily won bridgehead.

The bright morning of March 25th helped to relieve the tension of the night before and again we were on the move. As we moved along the road many ack-ack guns were seen in place, apparently used as indirect fire against our onrushing tanks, as they all had the depressed tubes.

For the next two days steady progress was made towards the Main River, and Frankfurt, where the largest German airdrome was located. In half a dozen positions, constantly, hammering away at the enemy, the question whirling in everyone's mind was, "where is the Nazi going to make his last stand?" There were reports about some stronghold in the Bavarian Alps, but then that was just a rumor. Finally drew up into position where a good field of fire was available for the crossing of the Main. It was where an old searchlight outfit had been, now nothing more than a shack remaining intact. Stayed there overnight and until early the next morning when we moved down across the Main, luckily with little difficulty, for we breezed across the river as if it were nothing more than a creek and went into the town of Wittelbuchen, a town close to Frankfurt.

The next several days were strictly moving days with little or no firing done. It seemed as if there just was no fight left in the Heinie for he was now surrendering by the scores. Polish and Russians were beginning to crowd the roads continually, their broad peasant faces were wreathed in grins as we rolled by. Lt. Keen took over the job as Battalion Communications Officer, as well as Headquarters Battery Commander, on March 30.

March 31st we were in position at Sandhof. This month was a very active one for the 344th. After leaving the rest area, way back by Winterspelt, the outfit traveled roughly 175 miles, crossed three

rivers and the 31st found us very deep in Germany, gnawing away at its innards. Up to this day the 90th had taken a total of 41,000 prisoners since D-Day, June 6, 1944.

The A Battery ammo truck caught fire and the surrounding area sounded like a good battle, with all sorts of shell bursts and small ammo going off. It was later believed that the truck had been hit by a panzerfouost.

The new month started the same as when we left March, with three and four moves a day always in pursuit of the fast retreating Wehrmacht. On the evening of April 2nd a German plane was shot down in the adjusting town, the before it crashed it released its load in the rail yards hitting a carload of high explosive and setting off all of it at once. The explosion was so bad, injuring many civilians and GIs in the town that our own medics under the direction of Captain McConahey were asked for help in taking care of the casualties.

The next day we received some friendly artillery fire in the town of Kaiseroda, but no one was injured. We heard from some Italian P. W.'s that there were large stores of German bullion and art treasures located in a salt mine in that town. Later we learned that the infantry had located the loot, and also some high bank officials. The treasure had been put in the mines to escape the heavy air raids that had been frequent of late.

Major Conn traded his gold leafs in for a set of silver leaves on April 5th. Moved to Bad Liebesstien, where we ran across several German Military Hospitals crowded to capacity. The next day we moved into an assembly area, letting the 87th Division takeover where we left off, at Liebrode, where we did not even lay the guns. On the 7th we took off for Heiderbach. The trip was a smooth one until we drew near Zella Mehlis, where the roads were thoroughly jammed with GI vehicles of every description. Finally reached our destination. A pistol factory was located in Zella Mehlis, where the officers went down and picked up several cases of guns that were distributed to the batteries for souvenirs. We had to supply 25 trucks for the infantry, in order to bring them up to the line. The next day we left Heiderbach for Schmiedefeld, passing through Suhl. Colonel Munson and his driver Cpl. Van Riper and radio operator Cpl. Sheldon, returning from the 1st Battalion CP saw a German soldier run across the road in front of them and head for the woods. Van fired on him and caused his surrender, bringing back his "Burp" gun as proof.

The town of Neustadt was still burning, in spots, as we went into position near there. The infantry had only just cleared out showing how close behind them we were.

The 11th of April Colonel Munson left us for XII Corps and Colonel Conn is our new Battalion Commander.

On April 12th we displaced four times and finally ended up in Plessant. The area around Plessant had not been cleared, for no sooner had we gone through one of the worst downpours we had experienced, a firefight broke the silence. A tank was seen going up into the vicinity from which the small arms fire was coming, firing as it moved. The battalion was not there except for A Battery and the CP truck. The firing battery was wheeled around for direct fire, and a temporary F.D.C. was set up, but no firing was necessary. Heavy showers made the position a true mire out of it. Many of the trucks in trying to get out of this position became bogged down and had to be pulled out. All credit goes to the maintenance section of B Battery, 537th AAA for snaking out the mired vehicles. After going through one of the worst downpours we had experienced, the remainder of the Battalion caught up with those who had gone ahead, and ended up in Gebensdorf after dark.

The report of the death of President Roosevelt was confirmed on the 13th, much to everyone's sorrow. Just one more reason for knocking Germany to pieces, both Republicans and Democrats agreed to that. We were still in general support of the 358th Infantry and reinforced by the 179th F.A. Battalion. For several days we have been going through heavily wooded country. Many sawmills and logging sections were seen tied into the fast running mountain streams, which were dammed to control their flow for power and floating of cut timber to the mills.

April 16th the Battalion moved to Unter Ketzau, going around the town of Hof, already taken by the 358th. Stayed here for two days, thus enabling the outfits following us to catch up. Lt. Mann and Cpl. Mathis were decorated with the DSC while we were in his position. The 3rd Battalion, 358th sent a task force into Czechoslovakia and erected a sign reading "You are now entering Czechoslovakia through the courtesy of 3rd Battalion 358th Infantry Regiment" on the other side of this sign was written the same thing in Russian one of our liaison planes accompanying the task force was lost on the trip. When the plane was low on fuel Lt. Rizzo came down to gas up and in starting the plane again, it got away from him, took off by itself and crashed. Not having time to salvage it or repair on the spot, the men burned it and took off amidst a hail of lead from a party of Germans that they had run into. The task force was made up of I Company, 2 tanks, 2 tank destroyers and the I and R Platoon. Captain Foster our S2 represented the 344th F.A. The T.F. reached the Czech border at 1000 and left to return at 1100. On the trip 36 prisoners were taken. Moved to Kautendorf that night, supposedly back in the fight again, but there was very little fighting going on. On the 20th we were joined by the 738th F.A. Battalion and 8 inch outfit. A Battery brought in prisoners, taken near their position. C Battery received two boys from two of the divisions overrun in the initial phase of the "Bulge". They had been on the long "March of Death" and had finally escaped while being transferred from one camp to another. Their tales were typical of all others. On April 22nd we moved to Schonfight, and still very little firing. There were rumors that the war would soon be over, and naturally everyone hoped that that was the case. Mr. Kadlecek, Personnel Officer had been up with us for a few days and finally left for his own department, with beaucoup souvenirs. Captain Reddington went to 20th Corps Artillery and was replaced by Captain Jones, acting S3, and Lt. Green as Assistant S3. On the 22nd two more moves, ending up in Spielling for the night. The positions were near the concentration camp and crematory of Flossenberg. Some of the officers and men went over to have a look at the place and brought back reports similar to other stories; on horror and degradation that returned this "civilized" place to the dark ages.

The next-day saw us moving to Pleystein and after dark to Burkhartreuth, through several towns that were still burning. One of which we had dumped a lot of the W.P. into, razing it completely. The civilians stood around their burning houses with expressionless faces. War had come to them with a sudden and devastating force. Those Germans would not forget us; the dead German soldiers that lay along the roads were ignored as the flames crept closer to the huddled, twisted bodies. Interdictory fire kept the Battalion base busy that night, more than 600 rounds were fired. On the 25th several flights of bombers were heading back from raids over Czechoslovakia, when one fell out of formation and suddenly blew up. Apparently the crew had bailed out for we picked up several and the 358th picked up the remaining members, one being rescued from civilians who were about to molest him. Moved to Schensee that afternoon. Day after day the prisoners were pouring in, having had enough.

On the 26th we moved to Tiefenbach and then to Trefelsteim. Expected to be in this position awhile, supporting the 358th in a defensive position. Were joined here by the 244th F.A. for additional support. A Battery captured a 35 piece German band intact. Stayed here the 27th 28th and 29th, on the 29th B Battery and one gun from the ack-ack fired on a house directly in front of them, where a bunch of SS had been reported in hiding. On the 30th we moved to a new position just outside Waldmunchen.

On May first we moved to Haselbach, Czechoslovakia, our fifth country since landing in Normandy. Fired 739 rounds, including our 150,000 one. There was snow wet and heavy, on the second of May. The 358th was relieved by the 2nd Infantry Division, and we went back into Germany, town of Lam, and later that day moved to Lohberg, Germany. Here was a real sight. Snow capped hills, and heavily wooded. The town was a summer resort. On the third and fourth were entirely relieved by the 2nd Infantry Division but before leaving the flak boys brought in a German lieutenant and two men. They had a note to the American Commandant from their commander, asking to be allowed to surrender to us. The outfit was part of the 11th Panzer, and finally the 359th received the surrender. Moved to Tresdorf, Germany now in Corps reserve, but not for long. After a long move the next day we moved to Paseka, Czechoslovakia, back in direct support off the 358th, with the 345th F.A. in support of us. The 90th was to make a bridgehead for the 4th Armored through a bad mountain pass. That was on the 5th of May. On the sixth the armor had road priorities, and so by a process of infiltration we managed to keep up with the infantry. The town of Untereichenstein was the stopover for the night. Shortly after getting into position a large convoy of German vehicles came in town, driven by the surrendering 11th Panzer. The last round fired by the 344th was at 1435 on German infantry, raising the total to 150,671. On the morning of the 7th we got an order to cease all fire except when attacked. This order came from both Regiment and Div-Arty. Around 1400 we moved to Schihebetz, Czechoslovakia. The war is over they claim, but the Battalion was alert and ready to fire in any case. As we passed from Sudentenland into Czechoslovakia proper the towns were bedecked in flower garlands, and the people all gave a grand welcome as the "Yanks" came through. Almost like going through France again.

May 8th beautiful weather and holiday for all. There was happiness in the air in this small town. People did all to make us comfortable. We were entertained royally. Band concerts, dances and drinks. General Ernest talked to the officers. This day of May 8 was declared as V-E Day. Rumor had it that we were to be occupational troops.

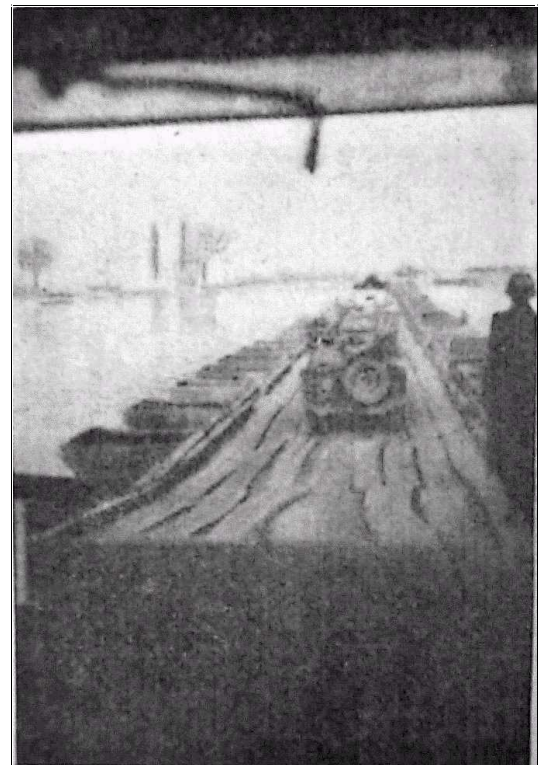
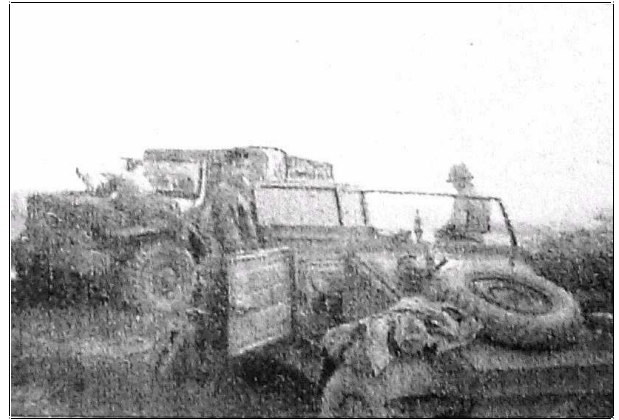
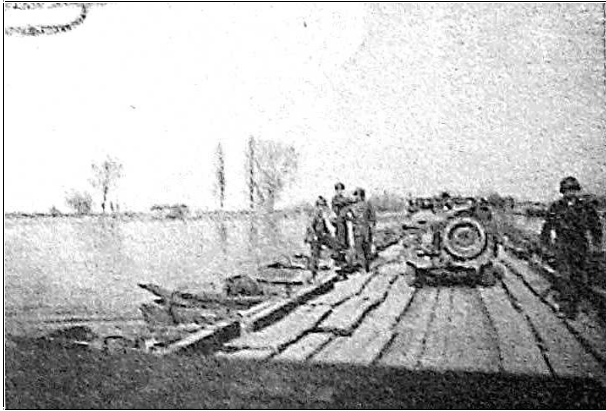
May 9th a recon party was sent out to inspect a new area, which was near the Danube and Regensburg. In the afternoon townsfolk wished to express their gratitude of being liberated through the means of a ceremony, at which time they presented a Czechoslovakian flag and medal to a Major Lippard, acting on behalf of Colonel Conn, who was absent at the time.

May 10th we were alerted to move to the Northeast, for the 4th Armored was having trouble with troops still out in front of them. Bivouacked in Kateun, where again we had a wonderful reception. On the way to our new position we passed some Russian troops on the road, and also a large concentration of P.W.'s with their equipment and vehicles strewn all over the few fields. Shortly after we hit the new position several men were off to the Riviera, and a few days of true relaxation.

May 11th, 12th and 13th we started cleaning equipment and getting things organized. Swimming and fishing were the main recreations, but there were dances in the various towns around every night so the boys were having a pretty good time of it. On the 14th we lost several boys through the newly announced point system, the lucky fellows: from Headquarters Battery 1st Sgt. Castello, and Cpl. Standeford, A Battery, 1st Sgt. Gilbert and T/5 Gilbert Miller, from B Battery, Pfc. McLean: T/5 Salo from C Battery and M/Sgt. Wyley from Service, were the first group to leave. That afternoon we left for our occupational area, a trip of 16 miles, ending up in a small steel town of Maxhutte, Germany, just outside Burglengenfeld.

Thus ends the combat history of the 344th Field Artillery Battalion eleven months and for two odd days since we landed in Normandy. France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia had felt our power and strength. From the hedgerows of Normandy, across the plains of France, through

the Siegfried Line, over the rolling hills of Germany and Czechoslovakia this Battalion did its full share toward hastening the end of the most destructive war in the History of Man.



APPENDIX

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BATTALION ROSTER
At the Time It Hit the Beach

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Carter, Elmer P.
Clark., Clifford V.
Cohen, Benjamin

Devlin, Jack T.
Pantaleo, Anthony J.
Camel, Joseph
Chew, John C.
Clark, Ray
Colwell, Joseph B.

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Nelson, Howard S.
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Wiggins, Leonard B.

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Beeman, Earl P.
Bollinger, August E.
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Peterson, Samuel O.

Sanders, Ray W.
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Williams, Harvey

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Carter, Elmer R.
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Dodge, Shirl L.
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Jandro, Robert J.
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Lethco, Jesse A.
Marcrom, Luke L.
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Murphy, Archie O.
Passa, John F.
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Platano, Eugene
Poole, William R.
Ratchford, Gerard T.
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Smith, Garner F.
Teel, John E.
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Wagner, Marvin C.
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Hall, Howard F.
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Schall, Norman H.

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Bingley, Edward H.
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Ditmore, Hubert. C.
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Nieznyay, Frank

Bruss, Oren J.
Cooper, Ray A.
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Hale, James E.
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Hamblin, Metz T.
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Lane, Virgil D.
Lewis, Donald L.
Marek, Louis J.
Merrill, Delwin D.
Miller, Fred E.

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Rensvold, Maynard W.
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Pino, Jose E.
Potts, Wadey L.
Reik, John H.
Sanders, Furman A.
Sedlack, William E,
Sneed, Arthur S.
Spencer, Neil C.
Sullivan, Isa M.
Szykowski, Henry
Trexler, Albert L.
Trisciuzzi, John M.
Tuckey, Thomas R.
Urbano, Andres V.

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The following list compiles the names of the men who generously gave up their all in doing their assigned tasks:

RANK	NAME	HOW KILLED	BATTERY	DATE OF DEATH
Pfc.	Allen, Haskel, C.	KIA	B	11 June 1944
Cpl.	Andrews, Thomas B.	DOW	B	7 Dec. 1944
1st Lt.	Bauer, Sol	KIA	A	16 March 1945
Cpl.	Clayton, Sherman E.	KIA	B	6 August 1944
Pfc.	Clemons, Robert O.	KIA	Sv.	11 June 1944
Capt.	Danovsky, Andrew J.	DOW	Hq.	30 August 1944
Pvt.	Grenn, Carter R.	KIA	Hq.	16 Dec. 1944
1st Lt.	Hester, Jack	KIA	Hq.	16 March 1945
2nd Lt.	Lasher, Thomas W.	KIA	B	12 June 1944
Cpl.	Mach, Raymond R.	KIA	A	7 July 1944
Cpl.	McGee, Thorn O.	KIA	Hq.	16 Dec. 1944
Pvt.	Nolan, Gerald. D.	KIA	C	5 July 1944
Pvt.	Packard, Clayton D.	DOW	B	9 Dec. 1944
Pfc.	Phillips, Thomas W. Jr.	KIA	A	3 July 1944
Pfc.	Pivnick, Jerome	KIA	B	6 May 1944
Cpl.	Rufe, Libere V.	KIA	Hq.	17 July I~t4
Cpl.	Sham, Jim S.	DOW	B	7 Sept. 1944
Pvt.	Shields, Harvey M.	KIA	A	11 June 1944
T/5	Spraker, Eli I.	DOW	A	21 March 1944
S/Sgt.	Whitefield, Hassel C.	DOW	A	17 Jan. 1945
Pfc.	Wood, Alvie M.	KIA	A	11 June 1944

Legend:

KIA Killed In Action.
MIA Missing In Action.
DOW Died of Wounds.

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T/5 Lawless, G. *
Pfc. Paulsen, P.
Pfc. Rukavina, P.
T/5 Woodruff, J. T.

Pfc. Hughes, G. Jr.
Cpl. Lucas, C. T.
T/5 O'Brien, J. J.
Pfc. Reid, J. R.
S/Sgt. Sutherland, J. W.
T/5 Weber, L. J.

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Sgt. Efur, D. E.
Pfc. Martz, A.
Cpl. McCandless, T. Jr.
Sgt. Mumford, H. A. Jr.
Sgt. Otruba, J. F.
Pfc. Persice, F.
Pfc. Southers, C.
Pfc. Wassley, P. R.

T/5 Boardman, C. R.
Pfc. Hall, J. E. *
Pfc. Mattee, J. Jr.
Pfc. Morales, D. D.
Pfc.. O'Daniel, N. V.
T/5 Payne, C. H.
Cpl. Simone, J. J.
Pfc. Tilt, L. G.

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Sgt. Boyd, D. W. *
T/5 Farrell, J. E.
Cpl. Hanson, G. E.
Cpl. Mach, R. R. ‡
Pfc. Patterson, R. R.
Pvt. Shields, H, M. ‡
Pfc. Taylor, T. H.
S/Sgt. Whitefield, H. C. ‡
Pfc. Phillips, T. W. Jr. ‡
Pfc. Wasley, M. C.

1st Sgt. Compton, R. T.
Pfc. Geins, L. W.
Cpl. Hutchins, H. C.
Sgt. Oman, T. K.
T/5 Rumik, Wm. *
T/5 Spraker, E. I. ‡
Pfc. Thornley, W. H. Jr.
Pfc. Wood, A. M. ‡
Pfc. Vesco, P. R.

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Sgt. Amaral, F. A.
Pfc. Calley, C. R.
Pfc. Dyer, J. J.
Pfc. Hamblin, M. T.
T/5 Mastromonaco, D.
Pvt. Redding, W. J.
Pfc. Trisciuzzi, J. M.
T/5 Whitlock, J. T.
T/5 Young, E. C.

T/5 Anderson, G. W.
Pfc. De Cristefare, M. J.
Pfc. Gray, J. R.
Pfc. Heming, E. W.
T/4 Nylund, R. S.
Pfc. Sawyer, G. N.
Pfc. Wallace, J. R.
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T/4 Beelens, H.
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T/5 McGee, T. O.	Hq. *	Capt. Knowles, A.	Hq.
1st Lt. Cantini, F. O.	C.	Sgt. Boschler, A. J.	Hq.
1st Lt. Licht, K. W.	C.	Cpl. Wallace, J. R..	C.
Sgt. Turnbull, J. C.	B. *	1st Lt. Green, L. E.	Hq.
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S/Sgt. Evans, J. B.	Sv.	Sgt. Wurtz, W. E.	C.
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T/5 Anderson, G. W.	C.	T/5 Nylund, R. S.	C.
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Pfc. Begitschky, R. F.	B.	Pvt. Capello, R. A.	Hq.

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1st Lt. Coleman, J. M.	A. *	2nd Lt. Austen, C. L.	A.
2nd Lt. DeAnqelo, D. E.	B.	1st Sgt. Cochran, C. H.	B.
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T/4 Benson, R. A.	B.	T/4 Willis, L. E. Jr.	B. *
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1st Sgt. Lawton, G. J.	C.	T/Sgt. Koehler, L. W.	Hq.
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S/Sgt. Urban, Wm.	Hq.	Sgt. McFarling, T. G.	C.
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T/4 Budzyn, S. J.	Hq.	T/4 Hill, G. T.	Hq.
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Pfc. Balliet, T. W.	A.	Pfc. McCloughan, J. J.	A.
S/Sgt. Rafferty, P. F.	A.	Sgt. Oram, H. P.	B.
Cpl. Simone, J. J.	B.	T/5 Rumick, Wm.	A.
2nd Lt. Roccia, C. F.	B.	T/5 Anderson, G. W.	C. *
T/4 Mullin, I. D.	C.	Pvt. Miller, F. E.	
Pfc. Banks, P. J.	Med.	T/5 Mastremonaco, D.	C.
Pfc. Dyer, J. J.	C.	T/5 Spraker, E. I.	A. ‡
T/4 Mohan, A. F.	Hq.	T/5 Price, R. A.	Hq.
Pfc. Bender, G. L.	Hq.	Pfc. Nebel, J. N.	Hq.
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Pfc. Cummings, J. V.	A.	Pfc. Patterson, R. R.	A.
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1st Lt. Mann, Thomas E.	A.	S/Sgt. Whitefield, Hassell, C. ‡	A.
Pfc. Mathis, Walter W.	A.		

SILVER STAR AWARD

	BATTERY		BATTERY
Sgt. Otruba, J. F.	B.	Capt. Andrews, D. B.	Hq.
1st Lt. Fields, C. T. Jr.	Sv.	T/5 Brown, R. D.	Sv.
T/4 Snaza, S. T.	Hq.	T/5 Rumick, Wm.	A.
Cpl. Fitzwater, J. A.	Hq.	Lt. Col. Munsen, M. E.	Hq. *
T/5 Salo, W. W.	C.	1st Lt. Buchanan	C.
1st Lt. Bauer, Sol.	A.	1st Lt. Mathiews, Wm. R.	Hq.
1st Lt. Murray, J. A.	A.	2nd Lt. Coleman, J. W.	C.
Sgt. Morse, Elvin L.	Hq.	Pfc. Lara, L. Jr.	Hq.
Sgt. Flud, B. M.	Hq.	Sgt. Tamagani, J. S.	Sv.
T/5 Harnagel, B. F.	Hq.	T/5 Rathage, Wm. R.	Sv.
1st Lt. Raley, P. H.	A.	Pfc. Schneiderman, L.	Sv.
1st Lt. Thorpe, K. F. K.	A.	T/5 Farrell, J. E.	A.
T/5 Lawless, George M.	Hq.	Pfc. Goins, L	A.

AIR MEDAL

	BATTERY		BATTERY
1st Lt. Watland, L. A.	Hq. 3*	1st Lt. Mathiews, Wm. R.	Hq. 2*
1st Lt. Godfrey, J. T.	Hq. 3*	1st Lt. Hester, J.	Hq. *
1st Lt. Bauer, Sol.	A. *	1st Lt. Olbeter, L. T.	Hq. 3*
1st Lt. Rizzo, V. P.	Hq. 8*	1st Lt. Murray, J. A.	Hq.
T/5 Robertson, R. C.	Hq.		

ITINERARY of the 344th F. A. BATTALION

The following list includes all positions, or general locations of the Battalion from the time we landed on the Beach to May 14th, when we took up our temporary occupational zone, as well as our route, which covered 2400 miles, Fired 150,671 rounds and laid better than 1800 miles of wire throughout the whole campaign.

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| June | 8-9 | Landed on Utah Beach |
| | 9 | Ste. Mere Eglise |
| | 10 | Chef du Pont |
| | 13 | Etienville [Pont l'Abbe], Piccaville |
| | 15 | Amfreville |
| | 19 | Gourbesville |
| | 22 | Vicinity of Coiqny |
| July | 8 | St. Georges |
| | 12 | Lastelle |
| | 14 | Gorges |
| | 28 | Le Buissons (Periers) |
| Aug. | 2 | Contances, Averanches, St. Hilaire du Harcouet |
| | 3 | Los Loges Marchis |
| | 4 | La Touche |
| | 5 | Fougerolles du Plaesis, St. Denis de Gastines |
| | 6 | La Touterie-Foret du Mayenne-Alexain-Charlons su Maines |
| | 7 | Montsurs-St. Suzanne |
| | 8 | Vivers-Torce en Charmine, Neuvelette, St. Sympheriens, Berney, Sourvre, La Quainte |
| | 9 | La Chappelle, La Mans (Vicinity) |
| | 11 | Souligne-sous-Ballen, Le Cemey, Doucelle |
| | 12 | Feuilliere, Greigne |
| | 13 | Conde sur Sarthe, Alencon, Val Fram Barth, Forges, Vingt-Hanaps, Sees, Chaillens, Marmouille, Nonant La Pin, Montaique |
| | 17 | Le-Pin-Au Haras |
| | 18 | Mormouille |
| | 26 | Chaillons, Le Mesle, St. Cosmes, La Ferte, Bernards, Courgenard, Royale Court Alain, Chateau D'un, Verize, Carmainville, Orgeres, Allines, Le Pusset, Joniville, Chaussey, Pithiviers, La Chappele, Fontainebleau, Semois |
| | 27 | Machault, Echeubeulains, Nangis, Rampillen, Maison Rouge, Chenoise |
| | 28 | Beton-Bazouches, La Fert Gaucher, Montmirail, Coufremaux |
| | 29 | Coudie Brie, Celles es Conde, St. Agaan, Monthoden, Dermans, Verneville, Passy-Grigny-Villers-Agnon, Goussancourt, Coulonges en Tardenpis, Dravegny, Fismes, Jonchery sur Vesle |
| | 30 | Cherfy Merfy, St. Thierry, Soucy, Briment, Bourgagne, Poilcourt, St. Etienne sur Suppe |
| | 31 | Foult sur Suippe, Bazancourt, Warmerville, Hertigville, St. Masmes |
| Sept. | 6 | Port Farverner, Bethenieville, St. Hilaire Le Petit, St. Martin, St. Hilaire La Grand, Suippes, Somme Suippe, Valmy, St. Menehould, Clermont, Parois, Blercourt, Verdun, Etain, Barrancourt |
| | 7 | Landres, Bouligny, Piennes, Mairy, Lugquengnieux |
| | 9 | Trieux |
| | 10 | Fontoy |
| | 12 | Anqevillers |

13 Veremeranqe
 27 Levrانqe, Hayانqe, Avril, Briey, Labry, Jarny, Mars La Tour, Vionville
 Nov. 2 Circourt
 5 Audin La Roman, Bas se Parthe
 14 Cattenom, Koenigsmacher
 15 Niederhamm
 17 Distroff
 18 Metzereche, Bettleanville, Stoobert
 19 Charleville (Back to Distroff)
 21 Montenach
 22 Perl (Germany)
 27 Apach, Sierck, Kirchnaumen, Halstroff, Flashstroff, Zeurange
 Dec. 1 Waldweisse, Oberesch, Diesdorferhof
 4 Elstroff, Gissingen
 22 Niedeldorf, Gengalfangen
 Jan. 7 Waldweisse, Koenigsmacher, Cattenom, Luxembourg City, Longwy, Gresbus, Eschadorf,
 Liefange
 11 Bavigne
 12 Tarchamps
 16 Bras (Belgium, Vicinity of Bastogne)
 21 Chimpach, Niederwampach, Oberwampach
 22 Stockem
 24 Boxhorn
 26 Binsfeld
 27 Beiler
 31 Wemeler
 Feb. 4 Bleialf
 9 Brandsheid (Through Dragon's Teeth)
 18 Habsheid
 21 Oberuttfeld
 22 Binsheid
 23 Arzfeld
 25 Winterspelt
 Mar. 3 Prumsfeld, Dackschied
 4 Dingdorf, Wettleborn, Sewwerath
 5 Kopp
 6 Hinterhausen
 7 Birreborn, Pelm
 9 Bruck
 11 Mayen, Saffig
 12 Munstermaifeld
 14 Betxemerhof, Brodenbach
 15 Stabenhof
 16 Oppenhausen, Halsenbach
 17 Ehrbach
 13 Daxweiler, Stromberg
 19 Rummelsheim, Gensigen
 20 Oherhilbersheim, Schwabenheim, Essenheim
 21 Finthen

	24	Selxen, Nierstein (crossed Rhine), Dornheim
	25	Griesheim, Scheppenhäusen, Egelsbach
	26	Dreieichenhain, Dietzenbach, Obertshausen
	27	Lammerspiel
	213	Mittelhuchen
Mar.	29	Windecken
	30	Altenstad, Ortenberg, Burkards
	31	Schlitz, Sandolfs
April	2	Hermannsiegel, Wustfeld, Ausbach
	3	Vacha
	4	Dorndorf, Kaiseroda, Bad Salzungen
	5	Bad Liehenstien
	6	Liebelroda
	7	ZellA Mehlis, Heiderbach
	9	Suhl, Schmiedefeld
	10	Frauenwald, Neustadt
	11	Cross-Driedenbach
	12	Menselbach, Neuhause, Plesau, Gebersdorf
	13	Zopen, Stienbach. Lehenstien, Ossla
	14	Neundorf, Lichtenburg, Issigau
	15	Schelgel, Kodditz
	16	Hof, Unter Kitzau
	18	Tauperlitz, Kautendorf
	19	Rehau, Schonwald
	20	SeIb, Birkenbuhl, Bergnersreuth
	21	Konnersreuth, Mitterteich, Klein
	22	Gumpen, Schonfight
	23	Ellenbach, Spielberg
	24	Pleystien, Burkhardreith
	25	Eslarn, Schonsee
	26	Tiefenbach, Treffelstien
	30	Waldmuchen
May	1	Halsbach (Czechoslovakia)
	3	Lam, Lehberg (Germany)
	4	Tredorf
	5	Engelmar, Paseka (Czechoslovakia)
	6	Unteriechenstein
	7	Shihobetz (Cease fire order given)
	10	Katoun
	14	Maxhutte, German (Occupational area)

The above list and dates are towns and localities that were passed through and fought over, shelled and captured by the 358th Combat Team, of which the 344th Field Artillery Battalion was a part.