

June 12, 1945

Records of Events of Co. C, 603, Tank Destroyer Batt 114

- Nov. 30, 1944-Departed from Ft. Jackson South Carolina arrived at Camp Kilmer New Jersey Dec. 1, 1944.
- Dec. 8, 1944-Departed from Camp Kilmer by train to ship.
- Dec. 9, 1944-Departed from Camp Kilmer writing orders to leave United States.
- Dec. 10, 1944-Left ship writing orders to leave New York 7:00 A.M. on the ocean liner Mary Rose Co. C. was N.Y.C. on the trip over but didn't like the British cooking.
- Dec. 11, 1944-Sailing the Atlantic Ocean.
- Dec. 18, 1944-Dropped anchor at Clyde, Scotland.
- Dec. 19, 1944-Dinner served from the U.S.A.
- Dec. 20, 1944-Arrived at Blackheathmoor Stafford England.
- Dec. 21, 1944-Still in Blackheathmoor Stafford England.
- Jan. 23, 1945-Departed from site 3.
- Jan. 24, 1945-Arrived at Marshalling area at Portland England.
- Jan. 25, 1945-Sailed from England to Le Havre.
- Jan. 26, 1945-Traveled France.
- Feb. 13, 1945-Arrived Germany.
- Feb. 14, 1945-Still at Seversen Germany.
- Feb. 17, 1945-Arrived at Breisach, Germany
- Feb. 22, 1945-Left for action.
- Feb. 22, 1945-Joined Reconnaissance Platoon at Goresmoller Germany.
- Feb. 24, 1945-Left Goresmoller, Germany for Glindbach and proceeded by motor convoy and enemy artillery fire fell on convoy while moving. Commanding Officer wounded.
- Feb. 25, 1945-Co. moved from positions at Glindbach and proceeded into Leverich under heavy enemy shell fire. Six men were wounded.
- Feb. 26, 1945-Received artillery fire. Two enlisted men were killed in a fox hole by enemy 82mm. Artillery shell and three enlisted men were wounded.
- Feb. 27, 1945-Moved to an area, Germany. Two enlisted men were wounded.
- Mar. 1, 1945-Moved to Bocholt, Germany. One enlisted man was wounded.
- Mar. 2, 1945-Moved to Bielefeld, Germany at night and the Germans cut loose with about everything they had including Artillery and Mortar fire. Some German planes dropped flares to light up the area around the position the Co. was in.
- Mar. 3, 1945-Moved to Badenweiler.
- Mar. 3, 1945-Moved to Bielefeld.
- Mar. 4, 1945-Moved back to Lippstadt.
- Mar. 5, 1945-Moved over to Bielefeld again.
- Mar. 5 to 11, 1945-Siegburg and Maintz area.
- Mar. 12, 1945-Moved to indirect fire positions at Oestrich.
- Mar. 13, 1945-Co. laid several concentrations of indirect fire on enemy positions across the Rhine River hitting enemy positions in Dusseldorf. This firing was done from positions the Co. had at Hardingen, Germany.
- Mar. 14, 1945-Co. firing harassing intercession and destructive fire on railroad yards and buildings in enemy territory across the Rhine River.
- Mar. 15 to 17, 1945-Co. firing indirect across the Rhine River at enemy positions and strong points.
- Mar. 18, 1945-Co. left positions at Hardingen, Germany at 0500 hrs. and proceeded by motor convoy to Bochum, Belgium. Crossed in 1105 hrs. Distance traveled was 63 miles. the Dummy positions left at Hardingen was bombed by the Germans the day the Co. left this position. quite lucky to get out of here in time.
- Mar. 19, 1945-Care and maintenance.
- Mar. 23, 1945-Preparation for next combat mission.
- Mar. 24, 1945-Preparation for departure of mission.
- Mar. 25, 1945-Co. left assembly area at Bochum, Belgium at 0730 hrs.

... in position north or town against any possible enemy counter attack.

Mar. 31, 1945=Co. in position of readiness.

Apr. 1, 1945=Co. in position of readiness.

Apr. 2, 1945=Co. left Haltern, Germany and proceeded by motor convoy to Appelhulsen, Germany a distance of 17 miles. One enlisted man was killed.

Apr. 3, 1945=Co. moved from Appelhulsen by motor convoy to Munster A distance of 3 miles.

Apr. 4, 1945=Co. in position of readiness against any enemy counter attack

Apr. 5, 1945=Departed from Munster by motor convoy.

Apr. 6, 1945=Arrived at Bottrop, Germany by motor convoy from Munster at 0750 hrs. Distance traveled 60 miles.

Apr. 7, 1945=Co. in firing positions firing at enemy strong points and outposts. One enlisted man wounded.

Apr. 8, 1945=Co. in direct fire position near Bottrop, Germany laying harassing fire on enemy territory.

Apr. 9, 1945=Co. supporting 507th Airborne Inf. Regt. Bottrop at 1515 hrs. and at Dusselen, Germany at 1630 hrs. Distance traveled was 12 miles. One enlisted man was wounded.

Apr. 10, 1945=Co. supporting 507th Airborne Inf. Regt.

Apr. 11, 1945=Co. moved from Dusselen to Mülheim, Germany. Distance traveled was 12 miles.

Apr. 12, 1945=Co. on rest period moved to Essen, Germany.

Apr. 13 to 16, 1945=Doing motor repairs and drawing supplies and waiting for reassignment.

Apr. 17, 1945=Co. in fire position next to Ruhr River and under heavy enemy fire.

Apr. 18, 1945=Co. getting guns and platoons to assembly area and waiting for new orders to engage the Co.

Apr. 19, 1945=Co. moved to Ulrichshof and to Orsney, Germany a distance of 23 miles to guard bridges and roads over the Rhine River.

Apr. 20, 1945=Co. moved from Orsney to Wahrsen a distance of 4 miles.

Apr. 22, 1945=Co. patrolling Rhine River Roads and area of approach.

Apr. 23, 1945=Co. left Wahrsen at 0300 hrs. by motor convoy and arrived at new location at Waltrop, Germany and was attached to the 904th Field Artillery. Distance traveled was 38 miles. Co. had road patrol assignment and Military Government duties under the 904th Field Artillery Guarding Polish and Italian refugee camps.

Apr. 28, 1945=Co. left Waltrop by motor convoy at 0805 hrs. to new location in vicinity of Schwenlitz, Germany. To bivouac at position to cross the Elbe River and proceeded to Stiepelze with out any opposition.

May. 2, 1945=One enlisted man was killed and one enlisted man wounded.

May. 3, 1945=Co. left vicinity of Stiepelze by platoons being attached to 507th Inf. Regt. 1st. platoon attached to 1st. Bn. proceeded to Poplow. 2nd. platoon attached to 2nd. Bn. proceeded to Bütze. 3rd. Bn. proceeded to Slape Co. Cpl. was located at Wehingen and to Marllis. Platoons continued to move with Battalion of attachment.

May. 5, 1945=Co. linked up with the Russians at Dornits Germany

May. 8, 1945=War in E.T.O. was officially over at 0251 hrs.