

THE
HISTORY
 OF THE
 88TH CAVALRY
 RECONNAISSANCE
 SQUADRON
MECHANIZED

Jan. 6, 1945	arrive Le Havre, France and travel 60 miles to Chateau de la Chapelle du Bourgay
Jan. 10	Left Chateau de la Chapelle du Bourgay and traveled 165 miles to a point 15 miles outside of Rheims, encamped for night but then left at 23:00
Jan. 10	arrive Abuacourt, France <p style="text-align: center;">France will be remembered for many things. The complete destruction of most of the towns was a striking fact. The Germans had applied the scorched earth policy here with a vengeance, mines were abundant and deadly. The people were cheerful, but visibly suffering from lack of food, proper medical care and housing facilities. We were located close to that perennial sphere of German influence, Alsace Lorraine; and there were some Frenchmen who accused others of being collaborateurs. However, the Right Honorable, Louis Le Maire, Mayor of Abaucourt and bootlegger on the side, gave us his views on that. "You collaborated or you didn't live, 'nous etaint tous collaborateurs' except one, that dog you see over there, he was not a collaborator, he bit a German." To relate</p>
Jan. 18	"A" Troop was first element of Squadron to encounter combat, near Nennig, France
Jan. 24	9 soldiers killed disarming mines
Feb. 2 – 3	Squadron traveled from Abaucourt, France to Valkenberg, Holland. Patrols sent to reconnoiter Sittard, Holland and Geilenkirchen, Germany
Feb. 19	Squadron left Valkenberg for Ohee, Holland
Feb. 23 – 27	Squadron cleared the area between Roermond, Linne, Montfort and the Roer River of Germans
Feb. 27	Left Ohee, Holland, crossed Roer River, and arrived Golkrath, Germany. Until March 7, cleared an area farther north, East of Renlo, to the Rhine River.
Mar. 1	Cleared woods northwest of Klinkum
Mar. 3	Cleared Amern St. George and arrived Stenden, Germany
Mar. 6	Cleared area between Lintfort, Fossa, Eugenia and the Rhine River
Mar. 8	Left Lintfort and encamped at Grefrath <p style="text-align: center;">Our score for this two day engagement was enemy killed: 60; wounded: 13; captured: 41; one 75 mm AT Gun and one H/T captured; one H/T, one truck, 2 AT guns destroyed; one AT gun probably destroyed. Our own casualties were exceptionally light.</p>
	Squadron put on hold in Glabbach and did training for expected fight to cross Rhine
Mar. 27	Squadron uneventfully crossed Rhine on a pontoon bridge at Rheinberg, and

	billeted near Bruckhausen
Mar. 28	Squadron advanced easterly to Holt Hausen
Mar. 29	Squadron advanced to Zweckel. Command post established near a coal mine near center of town.
Mar. 31	Squadron moved to Marl
Apr. 1	Squadron moved North toward Dorsten
Easter	<p>Squadron arrived Selm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early in the afternoon the Div received the mission to end all missions—to end the war. It called for a drive to Berlin with two Armored Divisions moving abreast, the 2nd A.D. on the North, the 8th A.D. on the south, each in turn being followed up by a motorized Infantry Division. "Natcherly", as the ridgerunner says, the Reconnaissance Squadron was where the Reconnaissance should be—in front!</p> <p>Moved on to Oelde. Headed toward Paderborn (planned departure point for Berlin) via Sande and Neuhaus. Encountered infantry and tanks at Neuhaus.</p>
	In Delbruck received order that no Army units were to cross the Weser River (Berlin was canceled).
Apr. 3	Squadron left Delbruck and establish headquarters in Lippstadt. Billeted in a hotel.
Apr. 4	Headquarters moved to Bockenforde Patrols reached as far South as the Mohn River and identified considerable numbers of enemy in the areas of Westernknotten, Overhangen and Benninghauser
Apr. 5	Headquarters moved to Ruthen. Observed airborne attack by U.S. forces on Arnsberg
Apr. 7	Squadron moved West to Echtrop
Apr. 8	Patrols reconnoitered West to Bremen and Ruhne and encountered heavy resistance
Apr. 9	Headquarters moved to Parsit
Apr. 10	Mohne Talsperre dam captured intact
Apr. 13	Squadron assembled near Mawicke and began march to Braunschweig, 150 miles to East.
Apr. 14	<p>Squadron moved through Braunschweig in morning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The city was a mute and terrible witness to the efficacy of our artillery and air bombardment.</p> <p>Part of Squadron sent to Wolfenbuttel to Herman Goerring Steel Works</p>
Apr. 15	Remainder of Squadron went South to Schladen, Vienenberg, and Gitter
Apr. 16	Units of Squadron patrolled to Elbe
Apr. 17	Squadron headed to Wolfenbuttel and outposted the town
Apr. 20	Squadron moved southeast to Osterwicke
Apr. 21	Squadron removed from combat duty and assigned to administer a section bounded by Duderstadt, Rhumspringe, Northeim, and Norton
Apr. 22	<p>Squadron headquarters established in Bilshausen</p> <p>The squadron searched all houses in its area for weapons and soldiers</p>
May 7	Squadron assigned a new area, 25 miles to the West
May 8	Squadron established new headquarters in Hardeggen, with other units of

	squadron stationed in Lodingsen, Adelebsen, Volpriehausen, Ellierode, and Moringen End of war in Europe announced.
	Training program announced to prepare for operations in the Pacific
June 1	Squadron ordered to Czechoslovakia. Marched 179 miles to an area south of Pilsen and patrolled from there to the German border.
August 15	Victory over Japan announced