

Due to short-term cost cutting decisions by the National Personnel Records Center at some point in time prior to 2010, improper storage conditions for the master microfilms of the Morning Reports led to emulsion falling off the substrate, resulting in complete and permanent loss of the images held in that emulsion. For the 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, this meant the complete loss of the July 1945 Morning Report images for Batteries B and C and the loss of all but a few fragments of the July 1945 Morning Report images of the Medical Detachment.