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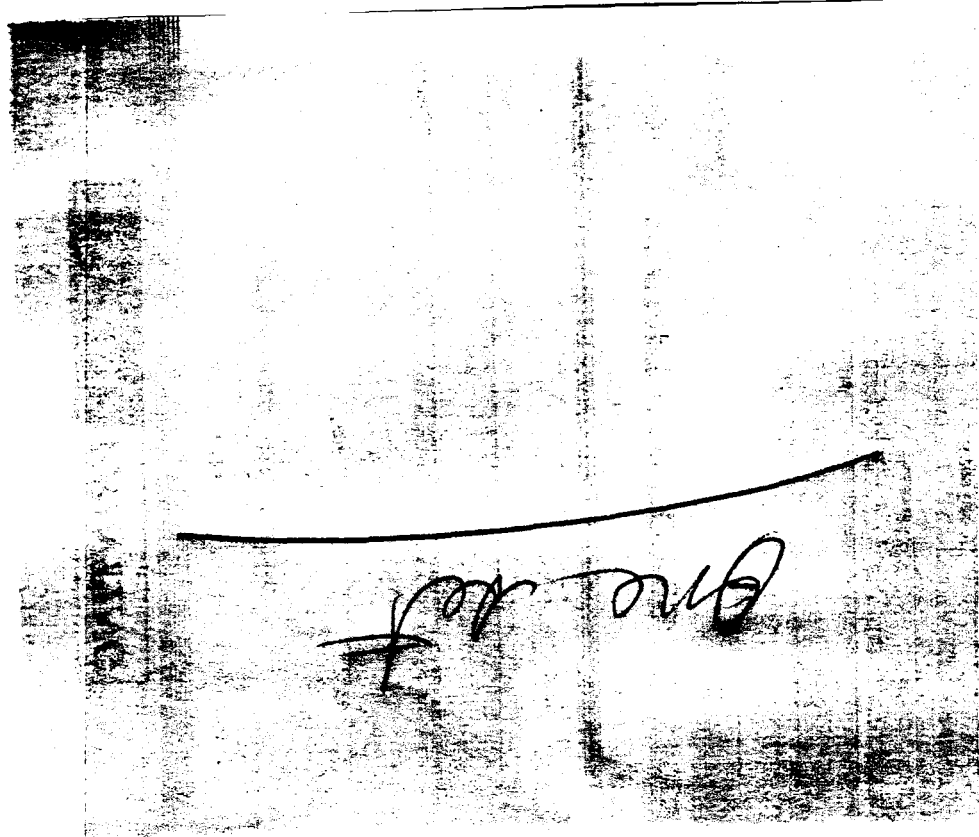
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TO : Commanding General, 76th Infantry Division, APC 76, U. S. Army.

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For the Commanding Officer:

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SECTION I. SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.

1. 1 - 6 February 1945. During this period the Battalion continued attached to TF REED, (2d Cavalry Group, Reinforced) protecting the right flank of the XII Corps along the MOSELLE RIVER between WASSERBILIG and KONTZ. "A" Company continued in support of the 2d Cavalry Squadron (CT COSTELLO) and "B" Company continued in support of the 42d Cavalry Squadron (CT HARGISS), each company providing AMcad defense with two platoons and with the 3d (reserve) platoon in the roll of reinforcing artillery. "C" Company was employed as reinforcing artillery in its entirety. During this period plans were completed for the conversion of the Battalion from a towed to a self-propelled unit with M-36 Tank Destroyers.

The indirect fire delivered during the period was principally harassing and interdictory fire. However, on 6 February the Battalion supported the attack of the XII Corps to the North by fire, delivering 997 rounds HE MC on 19 missions. During the period a total of 1559 rounds HE MC was fired on 46 missions and 13 registrations, and a total of 259 rounds HE MC was fired on 6 missions and 14 registrations. Also 10 rounds Shell, illuminating were fired.

On 4 February the 9th TD Group (CT DARLING) took over the sector of CT HARGISS and Reconnaissance Company was attached. It operated armored and foot patrols along the MOSELLE RIVER and operated OP's and MG positions.

2. 7 - 21 February 1945. On 7 February the first four M-36's were received from Ordnance, were issued to "B" Company, and assigned to the 2d Platoon. On the 8th eight additional M-36's were received from Ordnance and were issued to "B" Company. On the 9th "B" Company's 2d Platoon was relieved from attachment to TF REED and attached to the 76th Infantry Division. The platoon test fired its 90mm guns and Cal .50 MG's and marched to an assembly area vic DICKMEILER. On the 11th the 1st Platoon was relieved of attachment to TF REED and attached to the 5th Infantry Division and by the 5th Division to the 803d TD Battalion. The Platoon test-fired its 50 Cal. MG's and 90mm's and marched to an assembly area vic (B928355). On the 11th the 3d Platoon of "B" Company marched to an assembly area near DICKMEILER, and "B" Company, less the 1st Platoon, (attached to the 5th Infantry Division), was attached to the 76th Infantry Division and placed in direct support of the 417th Infantry Regiment.

The mission of "B" Company was to support the assault of the 417th Infantry on the fortifications on the North side of the SAUER RIVER.

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Initially the attachment was conditioned by the understanding that no platoons would cross the SAMUEL RIVER until they had, in the judgment of the company commander, trained sufficiently to justify the commitment. Training was accomplished by maneuvering into positions and supporting the assault of the infantry on pill boxes across the river. On 13 February the 1st and 2d Platoons were committed across the river and on the 15th the 3d Platoon crossed. On the 16th February the 1st Platoon was relieved of attachment to the 5th Infantry Division and returned to the company. The company was then employed with one platoon supporting each battalion of the 417th until 16 February when the 385th Infantry relieved the 417th. "B" Company then went into direct support of the 385th.

During this period "B" Company supported the infantry by firing on fortifications, OP's, personnel and AT guns. The effect of the fire in all instances was good and the infantry was assisted materially in taking their objectives by this fire. The fire on the pill boxes was closely coordinated with the infantry and was particularly effective. In some instances the pill boxes were so effectively neutralized that the infantry took the boxes without receiving a round of enemy fire. During the period a total of 54 pill boxes and 4 OP's were neutralized, 3 AT guns were destroyed, and 15 enemy estimated killed with an expenditure of 501 rounds HE (21 with fuze CP T105) and 340 rounds APC.

On 15 February one M-36 of the 2d Platoon was withdrawing from a position from which it had fired on pill boxes and struck a mine, disabling the destroyer but no casualties resulted. The destroyer was evacuated but declared a combat loss. The area had been swept by engineers but the mine was a wooden box type and the mine sweepers did not respond to it. The extent of the damage to the destroyer and the size of the crater indicate that two mines did the damage.

On 18 February the 2d Platoon, 691st TD Bn, was attached to "B" Co and occupied AWCZD positions vic SPRZEN.

During this period the remainder of the battalion remained attached to TF REED. On 9 February when the 2d Platoon of "B" Company came off line and received M-36's, the 2d Ren Platoon took over the operation of the 3" guns in place and manned them for two days, the 7th and 8th. On the 9th the 3d Platoon of "C" Company took over these positions and occupied them until the 14th when the guns were pulled out entirely. "C" Company at the same time continued to operate 12 guns in indirect fire positions. "A" Company continued to occupy AWCZD positions with two platoons and indirect positions with one. During the period the battalion expended 441 rounds 3" HE MC and 4 rounds 3" HE RC indirect on 10 missions and 6 registrations. In addition 7 rounds of Shell, illuminating Mk 24, Navy Mod. 1 were fired on the call of the Cavalry. The results were good and in two instances OP's were able to observe enemy activity in the light. On the 7th and again on the 10th and 14th tanks were observed in the 94th Division area across the MOSKLE RIVER. They were at extreme ranges but were fired on and dispersed; the amount of damage inflicted is not known. Also an enemy MG was destroyed in that area. Sixty-six rounds 3" APC and 15 rounds HE direct were fired.

On 11 February "C" Company received one M-36 and on the 12th "A" Company received one. The companies started a program of intensive training with the

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Destroyers. On 14 February "C" Company received 5 M-36's and the entire company was relieved on line to train. The company was held in reserve and all 3" guns laid on normal barrage prepared to be manned on call.

On the 19th the 10th Armored Division and 94th Infantry Division of the XI Corps attacked to the North on the East side of the MOELLE RIVER. "C" Company occupied positions in vic of WHNEN - OBER ORELDANGE to support the attack and to support TF REED in containing INCHERINGEN. "C" Company destroyed one artillery piece with 6 rounds HE and 6 rounds APC.

3. 22 - 28 February 1945. On 22 February the battalion was relieved of attachment to TF REED and attached to the 76th Infantry Division. "A" Company was placed in division reserve, remaining in FLANDEILER, and continued training. "B" Company continued in support of the 385th and "C" Company was attached initially to the 304th Infantry. On 22 February the Battalion CP and Reconnaissance Company moved to CHT-KNACH. On the 21st "C" Company received 5 M-36's and on the 22d another one, bringing them to full strength. "A" Company received 6 on the 22d, 2 on the 24th, 2 on the 26th, making a total of 11.

On the 24th "C" Company moved across the SAUER RIVER assembling vic FERSCH-TEILER and the 2d Platoon, "B" Company, 691st TD Bn was relieved attachment to "B" Company. On the same day the 1st Recon Platoon was attached to "B" Company, the 3d Recon Platoon to "C" Company. On the 26th the 2d Recon Platoon was attached to "A" Company, and the company crossed the SAUER RIVER, assembling vic GRNZEN in direct support of the 417th Infantry. On the same day "C" Company was relieved of attachment 304th Infantry and placed in direct support.

The mission of all companies during this period was to provide AMed defense and to support the advance of the infantry by fire as needed, particularly in the reduction of pill boxes. The companies gave close support in this respect, and during the period a total of 495 rounds HE and 491 rounds APC were expended (16 rounds of the HE with CP T105) on pill boxes, OP's, dug-outs, and other strong points and enemy personnel. Destroyer crews also fired their Cal .50 MG's at enemy personnel on several occasions. The known damage inflicted during this period is as follows: 7 Enemy killed, 1 NEBELWERFER destroyed, 100 pill boxes neutralized, 13 OP's destroyed, 10 dug-outs destroyed, and 4 MG's destroyed. In addition 19 PW's were captured and at least 149 taken by the infantry as a direct and immediate result of our fire.

One M-36 was destroyed during this period on 27 February when it was hit by an AT gun. The platoon leader and one man were killed and four men seriously wounded. The destroyer was put into position on a ridge over-looking the town of GILZEN to fire into the town. It fired three rounds before it was knocked out. It is believed that either the first or second round of enemy fire hit the destroyer, which immediately burned. In all the destroyer was hit five times, one round going through driver's compartment, one through the assistant driver's compartment, and three hitting the tube of the gun.

II. INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS AND USE OF SECTIONS.

1. At the beginning of the period there was no change in the disposition of the Reconnaissance platoons. 1st Platoon was attached to "B" Company; 2d Platoon was attached to "A" Company.

From 1st February to 4th February both platoons operated CP's for their respective companies.

On 5 February the Reconnaissance Company CP opened in DALHEIM and both platoons reverted to its control. The 1st Platoon operated mounted and dismounted patrol in the vic of DALHEIM. the 2d Reconnaissance Platoon was held in reserve.

7 February, 2d Platoon was attached to "B" Company. They relieved the 2d Platoon of "B" Company on the line at REMICH. One Section of the 1st Platoon was also attached to "B" Company and established 3 MG positions on high ground in the vic of GREIVELDANGE.

8 February 2d Bcn was relieved of attachment to "B" Company and returned to Bcn Company.

9 February, 2d Bcn relieved 1st Bcn on the line, 1st Bcn returning to DALHEIM.

11 February to 13 February, 1st Bcn Platoon operated armored security patrol in the vic of BOUS, CANACH, and REMICH.

13 February it was reported that enemy were in the woods west of DALHEIM. 1st Bcn patrolled the woods and found no enemy. At this time the 3d Bcn Platoon was formed and held in reserve, conducting technical training. The Pioneer Platoon was also formed and conducted technical training.

14 February, 1st Platoon relieved the 2d Platoon on line. 1st Platoon returned to DALHEIM and conducted armored patrols in vic of DALHEIM.

19 February, 2d Bcn Platoon relieved the 1st Platoon on line. 1st Section of 3d Platoon furnished security for the 2d Cavalry Squadron's M-18's in vic of EHNEW. Remainder of the Bcn Company patrolled in the vic of ELLANGE and WILFRANG for reported Germans. Report was negative.

20 February, 1st Bcn Platoon relieved Troop "A" of the 2d Cavalry at EHNEW, outposting the town along the west bank of the MOSELLE, RIVIER.

22 February, Bcn Company CP moved to ECHTERNACH. 1st Platoon was attached to "B" Company which at the time was fighting in the Siegfried line. This Platoon was used to make route, area, and position reconnaissance. If mines were located they were removed or marked. Platoon operated CP's and maintained close liaison with the infantry units with which the company was working and the units on their right and left.

25 February, 2d Platoon was attached to "A" Company and 3d Bcn attached to "C" Company. Pioneer platoon still conducted technical training.

All platoons to the end of the period were used on missions assigned by company commanders. Missions assigned were liaison with Infantry units and route, area, and position reconnaissance, also operating CP's. Any mines found were either removed or marked.

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SECTION III. LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURES, PROBLEMS.

1. Logistics.

a. Ammunition expenditures during month of February:

3" HE (Normal)	3401
3" HE (Reduced Charge)	666
3" APC	21
3" Illuminating	9
90mm HE	1038
90mm APC	884

b. Gasoline expended: 28,645.

c. Rations consumed:

Operational:

"B"	15330	83%
"10 in 1"	2640	14%
"C"	620	3%

Reserve:

"10 in 1"	530	77%
"C"	980	142%
"X"	456	66%

d. Vehicles and primary weapons destroyed during period:

2 Carriage, motor 90mm M-36

e. Socks turned in for washing and return: 3790 pairs.

2. Procedure.

a. General.

- (1) During the month, while the organization remained on line a complete conversion from towed T/O and E to Self-Propelled T/O and E was made. All new items for initial issue were placed on requisition by Battalion Supply. Redistribution of equipment was made and all excess equipment was turned in to appropriate Services of Supply.
- (2) Battalion Supply continued accepting informal requisitions, editing same, and relieving the units from as much paper work as possible by keeping the company supply sergeants in the Rear Echelon with Battalion Supply.

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3. Supply problems, directives, changes in policy, and requirements were sent to the companies on administrative messages through command channels.

b. Class I.

- (1) Battalion Supply requested rations from Army Class I Supply Point daily for operational rations, and on Friday of each week for P.I. rations, using the strength of companies as reported on Morning Reports.
- (2) Battalion drew rations from Army Class I Supply Point and delivered them to the companies at the Rear Echelon.
- (3) Three days reserve rations were maintained by picking up any reserve rations requested by companies on special requisition from Army Class I Supply Point.

c. Class II.

- (1) Battalion accepted informal requisitions from companies. They were edited, consolidated, and forwarded to Army Supply Points. In the event items were not received on initial request Battalion backordered for the companies.

d. Class III.

- (1) With the conversion to self-propelled a complete change was necessary in servicing the companies with Class III items. Three gas trucks were maintained and gas was carried to the companies by Battalion Supply.
- (2) The oil was kept in gas and oil trailers, thus keeping everything as mobile as possible.

e. Class IV. None.

f. Class V.

- (1) Basic ammunition loads were maintained at all times and a reasonable amount in excess was held for indirect firing.
- (2) All ammunition expended was picked up by battalion and delivered directly to the company C.P.'s.
- (3) Upon receiving the new type gun basic loads of ammunition were delivered to companies.
- (4) When all 3" guns were turned in, Corps AT Officer was contacted as to the disposition to be made of special type 3" ammunition, such as illuminating shell and high velocity ammunition.

g. Miscellaneous.

(1) Motor vehicular maintenance:

- (a) Company Maintenance performed 1000-mile and 50-hour checks and Battalion performed 6000 and 100-hour checks. Company Maintenance remained with the company.**
- (b) Since Reconnaissance Company is split, with one Recon Platoon attached to each line company, the Recon Motor Sgt went to each line company and completed his checks there.**

(2) Evacuation.

- (a) Evacuation is handled by the company to the Maintenance Shop and by Battalion Maintenance from the company to the battalion shop. If vehicles are damaged beyond 2d Echelon Repair they are immediately evacuated to the supporting Ordnance Company.**
- (b) Since the Battalion had but one Recovery Vehicle this was kept by Battalion Maintenance so that it could assist any of the three line companies.**

3. Supply Problems.

a. Company Maintenance sections are hindered by shortages of Armored Command Company Sets. Also the only Recovery Vehicle was a T-2 for most of the period. This vehicle was found to be of little value as it was too light and required more maintenance hours than were available.

IV. PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION.

1. Replacements.

a. During the period of this report the Battalion has drawn four (4) replacements — two (2) officers and two (2) enlisted men. Twenty enlisted men have returned to duty from the hospital.

b. The Battalion has had five (5) enlisted men and one officer killed, five enlisted men wounded in action, thirteen enlisted men sick in hospital, four non-battle casualties, and have lost forty-two enlisted men, transferred out of the battalion, forty of which were transferred as a result of reorganization under T/O 18-25 as a self-propelled battalion.

c. During the month the battalion completed its reorganization for a self-propelled battalion under T/O 18-25, dated 15 March 1944 and as of 28 February after having 40 enlisted men transferred out of the battalion had exactly T/O enlisted strength but was low its authorized excess officer strength of four officers.

2. Special Service.

a. During the month of February all men of the Battalion were given opportunity to see movies frequently.

b. During the month five enlisted men went on three-day passes to Paris; ten enlisted men and one officer went on four-day passes to the XII Corps Rest Center in Nancy, France; twenty enlisted men and two officers went on four-day passes to XII Corps Rest Center in ESCH, LUXEMBOURG; and seventy-five enlisted men went on two-day passes to the Task Force Reed Rest Center in the City of LUXEMBOURG. Quotas were received through the 2d Cavalry Group (Task Force Reed) and through 76th Infantry Division, organizations to which assigned during this period.

c. Red Cross Clubmobile facilities were available to each company at least once during the month.

3. Medals. During the month one recommendation to award the Bronze Star for heroism and thirty four for meritorious service were submitted to XII Corps. Awards during the month were as follows: Two enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service and twenty-four enlisted men were awarded the bronze star for meritorious service.

4. Graves Registration. Men killed and wounded were evacuated through squadrons of 2d Cavalry Group and through the respective combat teams to which the units of the battalion were attached.

5. Personnel Administration. The Personnel Section operated with the Battalion's own rear echelon until the Battalion was attached to the 76th Infantry Division at which time the section began operation with the Division Rear Echelon.

SECTION V. COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. During the period covered by this report the task of conversion of the battalion from a towed to a self-propelled M-36 unit was accomplished while the battalion continued to be on line. Immediately that the first destroyers were received, higher headquarters committed them. The result was that one company was committed a day and a half after receiving the destroyers. The speed of the conversion permitted little more than a brief familiarization by the crews. However, what would normally take months to accomplish in the states was accomplished in combat in days without serious difficulty.

For approximately one week the Battalion manned 42 guns. For two days one of the Ren Platoons was employed to man the towed guns of the 2d Platoon of "B" Company. Thereafter "C" Company manned those guns as well as their own full complement of guns. "A" Company, with one destroyer, had about one week and with nine, about four days, intensive training. "C" Company had substantially the same period of training.

Reconnaissance Company was organized during this period, the two existing Ren Platoons providing most of the cadre. Immediately on the organization of the Pioneer Platoon, it started a program of training in mine detection and removal. Four mine sweeping squads have been organized in the platoon, which will be used to assist the gun companies.

2. The vehicular status under the conversion is as follows:

	TD COMPANY				RCN COMPANY				HQ CO, MKD				TOTAL
	Co	Hq	Per Plat	Total	Co	Hq	Per Plat	Pion	Total				
M-36			4	12									36
M-20	1			1	2				2	3			8
M-8							2		6				6
M-32*	1			1									3*
Truck 1 1/4-T	4		1	7	3		4	1	16	8	4		49**
Truck 3/4 T WC					1				1	7			8
Truck 3/4 T CAR										2			2
Truck 1 1/2 T	1			1					4	1	1		9
Truck 2 1/2 T	1									18			21
Wrecker 10 T										1			1
Compressor								1	1				1
Halftrack	1		2	7				2	2				23
Trailer, 1 T	1			1						15			18
Trailer, Ammo			1	3									9

* Have actually received only one M-32 and one M-31.

** Includes odograph.

Under the above set-up the TD Platoon has one 1/4-ton, 2 half-tracks and the four destroyers. This enables the security section to have the protection of the half-track armor and in addition provides two vehicles capable of carrying ammunition.

3. The final results of operations by the battalion as a towed unit, with respect to known damage inflicted on the enemy and rounds expended are as follows:

Tanks	4	Pill boxes	10
Other vehicles	1	Prisoners	136
Arty and AF pieces	8	Enemy killed	196 (Illu)
MG's	8	Rounds fired indirect	32,526 (HE) 30 Shell
Mortars	5	Rounds fired direct	2,352 (HE) 587 (APC)
OP's	19	Total rounds expended	35,495

4. In order to facilitate communications between the infantry and our TD Platoons the infantry battalions have furnished our platoons with SCR 300 radios and the battalions with SCR 610 radios. Excellent use has been made of these facilities. In one instance an M-36 was moved into position to neutralize a pill box being assaulted by the infantry. Fog was heavy and the gunner was unable to see his target. The gun was laid with map data and fire adjusted by the infantry company commander, using the SCR 300. The range was approximately 800 yards and the third round went into the embrasure. Fire was then continued until lifted by the infantry C.O. as the pill box was taken. In another instance two M-36's continued firing on a pill box until the infantry advanced to within 50 yards of the box when fire was lifted by the infantry C.O. and the infantry took the box and 10 prisoners without receiving a round of fire.

5. During the assault on the SIEGFRIED LINE in the vicinity of HOUTENHACH recently the infantry assaulted 6 pill boxes without supporting fire. They were driven off by heavy fire from the boxes. In the afternoon they reorganized and attacked again under the supporting fire of one of our platoons. All boxes were taken without receiving a round of fire in return and 60 prisoners were taken.

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6. On 26 February the 2d Platoon, "B" Company, occupied positions on the West side of the PRUM RIVER overlooking the town of PRUMZERLY to support an attack on the town by the infantry across the river from the North. Fire was delivered on the town until the entire garrison of 53 men surrendered. Three enemy swam the river and requested that fire be lifted while they returned for the remainder of the garrison. They returned in a small boat, lined up the garrison at the river's edge and commenced ferrying them across. Fifteen were brought across the river in this fashion when the infantry arrived and took the remainder.

7. An example of the employment of mutually supporting TD's occurred on 13 February. One section of the 2d Platoon of "B" Company occupied positions in the vic of ECHTERWACHBRUK to fire on pill boxes. As the M-36 on the left started to fire an AT gun to its immediate front opened up on it. The destroyer pulled back behind a house immediately but the platoon OP observed the flash and spotted the gun. The M-36 on the right then took the AT gun under fire knocking it out. While it was firing, a second AT gun opened up on it and it withdrew. This AT gun was then taken under fire and knocked out by the M-36 on the left.

8. With the companies using a considerable amount of ammunition in close support of infantry attacks on SIEGFRIED LINE pill boxes ammunition was dumped by Battalion Supply as close to positions as possible. In several cases dumps were established within 1000 yards of front line. Companies or platoons could then speedily pick up as much 90mm as necessary with Security Halftracks or Ammunition Trailer.

9. At one period during the month, with long lines of communications and a poor road network to the Rear Echelon we found it advisable to keep a gas truck and several ammunition trucks loaded with 90mm at the Forward C.P. for speedy dispatch to companies.

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No. 130.

MAPS: LUXEMBOURG, Sheets, 6203, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25,000.

2. Position of troops: No change.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMczd defense.
- (2) Expended 41 rds HE NC on 1 registration.
- (3) 1 gun returned from ordnance check.

b. "B" Co -

- (1) Provided AMczd defense.
- (2) Expended 50 rds HE NC on 2 H & I missions.
- (3) 5 rds RC on 1 registration.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Expended 89 rds HE NC on 6 H & I missions.
- (2) Expended 33 rds HE RC.
 - (a) Fired 25 rds on 2 H & I missions.
 - (b) Registrations, 1, 8 rds.
- (3) Expended 2 rds shell, illuminating.
- (4) 1 gun ordnance for check.

d. 1st and 2d Ron; no change.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMczd defense.
- b. Expended 180 rds HE NC on 8 missions and 1 registration.
- c. Expended 38 rds HE RC on 2 missions and 2 registrations.
- d. Expended 2 rds shell, illuminating.
- e. 35 guns in operation.

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2. Position of troops: No change.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMezd defense.
- (2) Registration: 1, 15 rds HE NC.
- (3) Registration: 1, 27 rds HE RC.

b. "B" Co -

- (1) Provided AMezd defense.
- (2) Expended 40 rds HE NC on 2 unobserved missions.
- (3) Expended 10 rds HE RC on 1 registration.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Expended 60 rds HE NC on 4 H & I missions.
- (2) Expended 64 rds HE RC.
 - (a) Observed mission: 1, 17 rds.
 - (b) Registration: 6, 47 rds.
 - (c) 1 gun returned from ordnance.

d. 1st Rcn Plat - 1 man killed by Arty fire, and 1/4-ton vehicle destroyed by Arty fire.
2d Rcn Plat - no change.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMezd defense.
- b. Expended 115 rds HE NC on 6 missions and 1 registration.
- c. Expended 101 rds HE RC on 1 mission and 8 registrations.
- d. Casualty: 1 man killed.
- e. Vehicles destroyed: 1, 1/4-ton.
- f. 36 guns in operation.

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MAPS: LUXEMBOURG, Sheets, 8203, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25,000.

2. Position of troops: 1st Plat, "C" Co, moved from (009167) to (994153).
All others, no change.

3. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co.

- (1) Provided AMczd defense.
- (2) Expended 14 rds HE RC on 1 registration.
- (3) Expended 2 rds illuminating shell in vic of (062188) at 2125 on suspicion of enemy patrol in area but nothing was observed.

b. "B" Co.

- (1) Provided AMczd defense.
- (2) Expended 40 rds HE NC on 2 H & I missions.
- (3) Expended 12 rds HE RC on 2 registrations.

c. "C" Co.

- (1) Expended 60 rds HE NC on 3 H & I missions
- (2) Registrations: 1, 7 rds.
- (3) Expended 20 rds HE RC on 2 registrations
- (4) 1st Plat, "C" Co, moved to new indirect fire position as indicated above.

d. 1st and 2d Ron, no change.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMczd defense.
- b. 1st Plat of "C" Co moved as indicated above.
- c. Expended 107 rds HE NC on 5 missions and 1 registration.
- d. Expended 46 rds HE RC on 4 registrations.
- e. Expended 2 rds shell, illuminating.

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WARS: LEXLIRONE, Sheets, 6103, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25, 100.

2. Position of troops: Ren Co moved CP from MOUTFORT TO DALHEIM, all others no change.

5. Air operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

(1) Provided AMozd defense.

b. "R" Co -

(1) Provided AMozd defense.

(2) Attached to CT Darling.

(3) Expended 40 rds HE NC on 2 missions.

c. "C" Co -

(1) Expended 40 rds HE NC on 2 H & I missions.

(2) Expended 20 rds HE RC on 1 H & I mission.

d. Ren Co -

(1) Moved CP as indicated above, attached to CT Darling.

(2) 1st Plat operated mounted and dismounted patrols.

(3) 2d Plat in reserve at DALHEIM.

7. Results of operations.

a. Provided AMozd defense.

b. Ren CO moved as indicated above and attached to CT Darling.

c. "B" Co attached CT Darling.

d. Expended 80 rds HE NC on 4 missions.

e. Expended 20 rds HE RC on 1 mission.

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MAPS: LUXEMBOURG, Sheet 6203, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25,000.

2. Position of troops: No change.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) One 1/4-ton repaired and returned from ordnance.
- (3) Fired 1 rd of illuminating shell.

b. "B" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) Expended 40 rds NC on 2 H & I missions.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Expended 40 rds NC on 2 H & I missions.
- (2) Expended 20 rds RC on 1 H & I mission.
- (3) Fired 5 rds of illuminating shell for 255th FA.

d. Ren Co: no change.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMozd defense.
- b. Expended 80 rds HE NC on 4 missions.
- c. Expended 20 rds RC on 1 mission.
- d. Expended 6 rds illuminating shell.

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No. 135.

MAPS: LUXEMBOURG, Sheet 6203, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25,000.

2. Position of troops: No change.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

(1) Provided AMozd defense.

(2) Supported Atk of XII Corps. Expending 339 rds HE NC on 6 missions and 32 rds HE NC on 2 registrations.

b. "B" Co -

(1) Provided AMozd defense.

(2) Supported Atk of XII Corps, expended 118 rds HE NC on 5 missions and 2 registrations.

c. "C" Co -

(1) Supported Atk of XII Corps expending 479 rds HE NC on 8 missions, 79 rds HE NC on 6 registrations, and 12 rds HE NC on 2 observed missions.

d. Ron Co - No change.

7. Results of operations.

a. Provided AMozd defense.

b. Fired 1181 rds HE NC on 19 missions and 10 registrations.

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MAPS: LUXEMBOURG, Sheets 6203, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25,000.

2. Position of troops: 2 Plats, Rcn Company attached to "B" Co, relieved 2 Plats of "B" Co, taking over their guns. 3d Plat came off line.
5. Our operations for period.
 - a. "A" Co -
 - (1) Provided AMezd defense.
 - (2) Fired 70 rds HE NC on 2 H & I missions.
 - b. " " Co -
 - (1) Provided AMezd defense.
 - (2) Expended 66 rds NC on 1 mission.
 - (3) Expended 80 rds RC on 1 mission.
 - (4) Expended 7 rds APC and 3 rds HE direct fire at 2 enemy tanks and 3 enemy half-tracks at extreme ranges. Score no hits but dispersed tanks.
 - (5) 3d Plat came off line.
 - (6) 2d Plat Rcn Co attached to "B" Co, took over 2d Plat guns in place.
 - (7) Received 4 M-36 Tank Destroyers.
 - c. "C" Co -
 - (1) Expended 205 rds NC on 2 H & I missions.
 - (2) Expended 241 rds RC on 3 D & N missions.
 - d. Rcn Co -
 - (1) 2 Plats attached to "B" Co and relieved 2 Plats of "B" Co on line at 2100 hours.
 - (2) 1st Sec, 1 Plat Rcn attached to " " Co. Established MG positions at (958041), (959041), (932053).
 - (3) Remainder of Company: No change.
7. Results of operations.
 - a. Provided AMezd defense.
 - b. Fired 350 rds NC on 5 missions, 321 rds RC on 4 missions, 7 rds APC & 3 rds HE direct.
 - c. Received 4 M-36 Tank Destroyers.

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No. 137.

MAPS: ~~RE~~ GERMANY - Sheet #34/10 and Sheet # 23.

2. Location of troops - overlay.

5. Our operations for the period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) AMczd defense.
- (2) Expended 36 rds HE NC on 2 missions and 10 rds HE NC on 1 registration.
- (3) Expended 1 rds of Illuminating Shell on one observed mission.

b. "B" Co -

- (1) Received 8 M-36 Tank Destroyers. Conducted technical training.
- (2) Test fired Cal. .50 MG's from Destroyers.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Took over (3d)lat) AMczd positions previously occupied by "B" Co, relieving 2d Ron Plat.
- (2) Continued to occupy indirect fire positions, expending 139 rds HE NC on 5 H & I missions, 39 rds HE NC on 4 registrations. Expended 4 rds HE NC on one observed mission.

d. Ron Co -

- (1) 1st Ron Plat - no change.
- (2) 2d Ron relieved of attachment to "B" Co and ret'd to Ron Co.

7. Results of operations:

a. Conducted technical training with M-36 Destroyers.

b. Fired 179 rds HE NC on 8 missions and 49 rds HE NC on 5 registrations.

c. Fired 1 rdx of Illuminating Shell on one mission.

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No. 138.

MAPS: LUXEMBOURG, Sheets 6203, 6204, 6304, 6404, 1/25,000.

2. Position of troops; 2d Plat of "B" Co relieved from attachment to TF Reed and attached to 76th Div assembling in vic of DICHWIELER (092334). All others, no change.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) Expended 35 rds HE NC on 2 missions and 17 rds on 2 registrations.

b. "B" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) 2d Plat relieved from attachment to TF Reed and attached to 76th Div. Marched to assembly area vic DICHWIELER.
- (3) Conducted technical training, test firing both 90 mm and Cal .50 MG's, expending 35 rds 90 mm HE.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Expended 111 rds HE NC on 6 H & I missions and 7 rds on 1 registration.
- (2) Expended 20 rds HE RC on 1 registration.
- (3) Fired 2 rds of illuminating shell.

d. Ron Co - 2d Plat relieved 1st Plat in position, 2d Plat returned to DALHEIM.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMozd defense.
- b. 2d Plat "E" Co attached to 76th Div.
- c. Expended 170 rds HE NC on 8 missions and 3 registrations.
- d. Expended 20 rds HE RC on 1 registration.
- e. Fired 2 rds illuminating shell.
- f. 2d Ron Plat relieved 1st Ron Plat in position.
- g. Conducted technical training with M-36 TD, test firing 90 mm and Cal .50 MG's, expending 35 rds 90 mm HE.

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MAP: Luxembourg, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops: 1st Platoon of "B" Co: (914323), (928355), (914410), (940244). All others, no change.

5. Our operations for period.

a. 1st Co -

- (1) Provided Amvzd defense.
- (2) expended 50 rds 81 mm on 2 missions and 0 rds on 1 registration.

b. 2nd Co -

- (1) 1st Platoon relieved attachment "B" Need, attached 5th Inf Div; attached by 5th Div to 303 TD Bn. Accomplished march and occupied positions indicated above.
- (2) 2nd Platoon - attached 70th Div - took 3 pill boxes under fire in Vic (075300), destroying one, neutralizing two, exact amount of damage undetermined. expended 4 rds APC, 4 rds w/OP T105 fuze, 20 HE.
- (3) 3rd Platoon conducted technical training with 4-30 TD's, test firing 90mm and cal .50 MG's, expending 20 rds 90 and 5 rds APC.

c. 3rd Co -

- (1) expended 14 rds 81 mm on 0 missions and 3 rds on 1 registration.
- (2) 3rd Platoon observed 2 tanks East of KESSELBACH, firing at infantry of 9th Div. Tanks were at ranges in excess of 5000 yds but were taken under fire and driven into woods permitting infantry to advance. 14 rds 81 expended.

d. 4th Co - no change.

7. Results of operations.

a. provided Amvzd defense.

b. 1st Platoon, 1st Co, relieved 5th Div.

c. expended 109 rds 81 mm on 2 missions and 2 registrations.

d. destroyed one pill box, neutralized two, expending 4 rds APC and 30 HE (4 w/OP T105 fuze).

e. dispersed the tanks in area of 9th Div, expending 14 rds 81 APC.

f. Guns in operation:

4-30	- 12
3"	- 20
Total	- 70

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MAP: 1000000, sheets 31/10 and 2, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops: "B" Co CP at BOUS, CANAC, 2d and 3d Plats vic BIC, IER, 1st Plat with 5th Div.

3. Our operations for period.

a. 1st Co -

- (1) Provided Alczd defense.
- (2) One half-track damaged by small fragment at (017M).
- (3) Expended 9 rds HE NC on 1 registration.
- (4) Expended 30 rds HE NC on 1 H & I mission.

b. 2nd Co -

- (1) "B" Co, less 1st Plat, attached to 70th Inf Div; 3d Plat accomplished march to assembly area vic BIC, IER.
- (2) 1st Plat attached to 603d TD Bn and 5th Div, one section with 10th Inf one with 11th Inf. Neutralized 3 pill boxes with 2 rds APC, 30 rds HE.
- (3) Neutralized 5 pill boxes in 2 of 70th Div, expending 42 rds APC, 42 rds HE (5 w/fuze T105).

c. 3rd Co -

- (1) Expended 105 rds HE NC on 3 H & I missions.
- (2) Expended 15 rds HE NC on 1 registration.
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-30 TD.

d. 4th Co -

- (1) 1st Plat operated Armored patrol in vic. of BOUS, CANAC, and BIC, IER. 2d Plat, no change.

7. Results of operations.

- (1) Provided Alczd defense.
- (2) Expended 107 HE NC on 4 H & I Missions and 2 registrations.
- (3) Neutralized 5 pill boxes, expending 43 rds 90mm APC, 73 rds HE (5 w/T105 fuze).
- (4) Conducted technical training with M-30 TD.
- (5) Guns in operation:

M-30 - 13
3" - 28
Total - 41

- (6) One half-track damaged.

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Map: 1:50,000, Sheets 31/10 and 31, 1/50,000.

2. Positions of troops: No change.

5. Our operations for period.

- a. "A" Co -
 - (1) provided Amczd defense.
 - (2) expended 35 rds 3" HE NC on 1 mission.
 - (3) received 1 M-30 Tank destroyer; conducted technical training.
- b. "B" Co (-) attached 70th Div, supporting 417th Inf.
 - (1) 2d Plat neutralized 2 pill boxes, expending 20 rds HE and 11 rds APC.
 - (2) 3d Plat neutralized 3 pill boxes, expending 5 rds HE and 21 APC.
 - (3) 1st Plat attached 5th Div and 603d TD Bn.
- c. "C" Co -
 - (1) expended 105 rds HE NC on 3 H & I Missions.
 - (2) conducted technical training with M-30 TD's, test firing 90mm and expending 0 rds HE.
- d. "D" Co -
 - (1) 1st Plat continued to operate armored patrol in vic of 808S, 808N, and REBACH. 2d Plat, no change. 3d Plat in reserve.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided Amczd defense.
- b. Expended 140 rds 3" HE NC on 4 H & I missions.
- c. Conducted technical training with M-30 TD's, expending 0 rds 90mm HE.
- d. received 1 M-30 TD.
- e. 2d and 3d Plat, "B" Co, neutralized 5 pill boxes, expending 25 rds HE and 32 rds APC.
- f. "D" Co continued to operate armored patrol.
- g. Guns in operation: M-30 - 14

3"	28
Total	42

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No. 143.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

3. Position of troops: "B" Co CP at ECHTERNACH, 1st Plt all across SAUER R, 2d Plt, 1st Sec at ECHTERNACH, 2d Sec at ECHTERNACHBRUCK, 3d Plt, 1st Sec at DICHWEILER, 2d Sec at (071345).
5. Our operations for period.
- a. "A" Co -
- (1) Provided Allied defense.
 - (2) Expended 36 rds 3" HE MC, on 1 H & I mission, 7 rds 1 registration.
 - (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s.
- b. "B" Co (-) atehd 76th Div, Sptd Atk of 417th Inf by direct fire.
- (1) 2d Sec 2d Plt crossed SAUER R. taking up positions in ECHTERNACHBRUCK, destroyed 88mm AT gun at 067358 and 75mm AT gun at (066365) and neutralized one pill box. Expended 46 rds 90mm HE (3 w/T105 fuze) and 25 rds APC.
 - (2) 3d Plt destroyed AT gun, Cal. unknown, at (077361) and neutralized 7 pill boxes, expending 29 rds 90mm HE (one w/T105) fuze and 47 rds APC.
 - (3) 1st Plt Atahd 5th Inf Div, one Sec Sptg 10th Inf and one Sec Sptg 11th Inf, crossed SAUER R.
 - (4) 1 M-36 (2d Plt) deadlined.
 - (5) 1 KM killed.
- c. "C" Co -
- (1) Expended 106 rds 3" HE MC on 3 H & I missions.
 - (2) Expended 37 rds 3" HE MC, 3 rds on 1 mission, 34 rds 6 registrations.
- d. Ren Co.
- (1) 1st Plt operated armored patrol in vic of Dalheim and MEDINGEN. 2d Plt, no change, 3d Plt in reserve.

7. Results of operations;

- a. Provided Allied defense.
- b. Expended 147 rds 3" HE MC on 4 missions.
- c. Expended 37 rds 3" HE MC on 1 mission and 6 registrations.
- d. Destroyed 3 AT guns.
- e. Neutralized 8 pill boxes.
- f. Expended 72 rds 90mm APC and 75 HE (4 w/T105 fuze).
- g. Casualties; 1 KM killed.
- h. Guns in action; 3" - 28

M-36 - 13
Total -41

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets S4/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops; Overlay.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMOZD defense.
- (2) Expended 35 rds 3" HE MC on 1 H & I mission, 6 rds on 1 registration.
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, test firing 90mm with 5 rds HE.
- (4) One half-track hit by 2 1/2-ton truck, damaging half-track at (071244).

b. "B" Co (-) Spted Atk of 417th Inf by direct fire.

- (1) 2d Plat - 2d Sec moved across river, so that entire Plat now across. Neutralized 4 pill boxes, expending 21 rds APC and 26 HE (4 w/T105 fuze).
- (2) 3d Plat neutralized 4 pill boxes with 31 rds APC and 5 rds HE (4 w/T105 fuze).
- (3) 1st Plat attached to 5th Inf Div, 1st Sec Spting 10th Inf. 2d Sec Spting 11th Inf. 1st Sec delivered effective fire on enemy personnel and destroyed enemy MG, expending 28 rds HE.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Entire Co relieved on line, will be in reserve while training. All guns remain laid on normal barrage.
- (2) Expended 9 rds 3" HE MC on one registration.
- (3) 3d Plat fired at haystack reported hiding tank in vic KREUZWEILER, getting 15 hits out of 20 rds APC, but no tank was in haystack; destroyed enemy MG with 15 rds HE direct fire. Brought all guns out of AMOZD positions with help of M-36.
- (4) Received 5 M-36's, making total of 6 M-36's.

d. Ron Co.

- (1) 1st Plat relieved 2d Plat on Line.
- (2) 3d Plat in reserve.

e. "A" Co, 691st TD Bn attached TF Reed. Continued to occupy and improve AMOZD positions (overlay).

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7. Results of operations:

- a. Provided AMozd defense.
- b. Neutralized 8 pill boxes.
- c. Destroyed two enemy MG's and enemy personnel.
- d. Expended 63 rds HE 90mm, 52 rds APC and 8 CPT105 fuzes, direct fire.
- e. Expended 41 rds 3" HE NC indirect on 1 mission and 2 registrations.
- f. Expended 20 rds 3" APC and 15 rds HE direct fire.
- g. Guns in operation: M-36 - 19
3" + 24
Total - 43

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No. 144.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops; "B" Co, 1st Plat, 1st Sec moved from (059388) to (056408); 2d Sec moved from (043412) to (032414). 2d Plat in position vic (073368). 3d Plat moved to assembly area vic ECHTERNACHBANK (063357).

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMPed defense.
- (2) Expended 35 rds 3" HE NC on 1 H & I mission and 9 rds on 1 registration.
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, test firing 90mm with 10 rds HE.

b. "B" Co (-) Sptg 417th Inf.

- (1) 2d Plat Sptd Atk of 3d Bn by direct fire, neutralizing 6 pill boxes, while Inf advanced to take objective, taking 60 prisoners from neutralized pill boxes. Expended 59 rds HE and 57 rds APC. One M-36 struck mine, one out of action in mud. Preparing to take up positions vic (075365).
- (2) 3d Plat crossed river, assembling vic ECHTERNACHBRUK, preparing to occupy positions vic (065375).
- (3) 1st Plat, Sptg 5th Inf, neutralized one pill box, 2 OP's and 2 dugouts expending 56 rds HE and 2 rds APC.

c. "C" Co - Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s.

d. Ren Co - no change.

e. "A" Co - 691st TD Bn - no change.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMPed defense.
- b. Expended 44 rds 3" HE NC indirect on 1 mission and 1 registration.
- c. Conducted technical training with M-36, expending 10 rds HE test firing.
- d. Neutralized 7 pill boxes, 2 OP's, 2 dugouts, expending 115 rds 90mm HE and 59 rds APC.
- e. Number of guns in operation, M-36 - 17

3" - 24

Total 41

Out of action - two M-36.

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops; "B" Co - 1st Plat at (049340), 2d Plat at (069377), 3d Plat at (074364).

5. Our operations for period;

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) Expended 35 rds 3" HE MC on 1 H & I mission and 12 rds on 1 registration.
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, test firing 90mm with 10 rds HE.

b. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat relieved attachment 5th Inf Div, attached 76th Inf Div, assembled at (049340). At close of period reconnaissance for positions in Z of 385th being made.
- (2) 2d Plat, Sptg 3d Bn, neutralized 4 pill boxes with 17 rds APC and 15 rds HE. Two M-36 out of action.
- (3) 3d Plat, Sptg 2d Bn neutralized 3 pill boxes with 42 rds APC and 16 rds HE.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, test firing all Cal .50 MG's.

d. Ren Co.

- (1) Operated patrols and conducted technical training.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMozd defense.
- b. Expended 47 rds 3" HE MC on 1 H & I mission and 1 registration.
- c. Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, expending 10 rds HE test firing.
- d. Neutralized 7 boxes with 31 HE and 59 rds APC.
- e. Guns in operation;
M-36 - 17
3" - 24
Total 41
Out of action - 2 M-36.

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops, overlay.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) Expended 35 rds 3" HE MC on 1 H & I mission.
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, test firing 90mm with 5 rds HE.

b. "B" Co - attached to 76th Inf Div, Sptg 385th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat, Sptg 3d Bn, reconnoitered for firing positions and assembled vic ERMZEN (overlay).
- (2) 2d Plat, Sptg 1st Bn, occupied firing positions (overlay). Recovered one M-36.
- (3) 3d Plat, Sptg 2d Bn, occupied firing positions to Spt Bn on call (overlay).

c. "C" Co.

- (1) Operated patrols and conducted technical training.

7. Results of operations.

a. Provided AMozd defense.

b. Expended 35 rds 3" HE MC on 1 mission.

c. Conducted technical training with M-36 T.D.'s, expending 5 rds HE, test firing.

d. Guns in operation; M-36 - 18

3" 7 24

Total - 42

Out of action - 1 M-36

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Positions of troops: No change.

5. Our operations for period:

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) Expended 8 rds 3" HE NC on enemy truck park at (116173), (115176), at 2255. Damage unknown. Expended 36 rds 3" HE NC on 2 H & I missions.
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 TD's, test firing 90mm with 5 rds HE.

b. "B" Co - attached to 76th Inf Div, Sptg 385th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3d Bn.
- (2) 2d Plat Sptg 1st Bn. Evacuated M-36 which hit mine to ECHTERNACHBRUCH, destroyer damaged beyond repair.
- (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn.
- (4) 2d Plat, "B" Co, 691 TD Bn, attached "B" Co at 190700, reconnoitering for positions vic ERNZEN.
- (5) M-36 in operation - 11.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) Conducted technical training with M-36 TD's.

d. Ron Co -

- (1) Operated patrols and conducted technical training.

7. Results of operations.

- a. Provided AMozd defense.
- b. Expended 43 rds 3" HE NC on 3 missions.
- c. Conducted technical training with M-36 TD's, expending 5 rds HE.
- d. Guns in operation: M-36 - 18

3" - 24

Total - 42

One M-36 not operational.

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8-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 148.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Location of troops; Overlay.

5. Our operations for the period;

a. "A" Co -

- (1) Provided AMozd defense.
- (2) Expended 35 rds 5" HE MC on 2 H & I missions and 11 rds on 1 registration
- (3) Conducted technical training with M-36 TD's.

b. "B" Co - Attached 76th Div, Sptg 385th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3d Bn moved into firing positions, received fire from direct fire gun withdrew to cover, unable to locate gun.
- (2) 2d Plat remained in position of readiness in support of 1st Bn, 385th.
- (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn fired on and neutralized 3 pill boxes, expending 3 rds HE and 17 rds APC.
- (4) 2d Plat, "B" Co, 691 TD Bn attached, occupied AMozd positions (overlay).
- (5) M-36's operational - 10.

c. "C" Co -

- (1) 2d Plat with 4 M-36 and 1st and 3d Plat, with one M-36 each occupied positions (overlay), prepared to support by direct fire WF REED in containing WINCHERINGEN and Atk of 10th Armored Div on E side of Moselle R.
- (2) Continued training with M-36, test firing .50 Cal. MG.
- (3) Destroyed one Arty piece in 94th Div sector on E side of Moselle, expending 6 rds HE 90mm and 6 rds APC.

d. Ren Co -

- (1) 2d Plat relieved 1st Plat on line.
- (2) 3d Plat, 1st Sec occupied positions for security of 2d Squadron in vic of EHNEN.
- (3) 1st Plat, 2d Sec, 3d Plat, 2d Sec and pioneer Plat patrolled wooded area in vic of ELLANGE and WILFRANGE, for reported Enemy. Report negative.
- (4) Continued training.

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7. Results of operations;

- a. Provided AMed defense.
- b. Expended 46 rds 3" HE MC on 2 missions and 1 registration.
- c. Conducted technical training with M-36 TD's, test firing .50 Cal.
- d. "C" Co occupied positions with 6 M-36's to support by direct fire TF Reed and Atk of 10th Armored Div on E side of MOSELLE R.
- e. Neutralized 3 pill boxes, expending 3 rds HE and 17 rds APC.
- f. Destroyed one Arty piece.
- g. Guns in operation M-36 - 17

3" - 24

Total - 41

Two M-36 not operational.

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No. 149.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Positions of troops: "C" Co, 2d Plat, with 4 M-36, 1st and 3d Plats with 1 M-36 each, left firing positions and returned to vic of GOSTINGER (006147).
5. Our operations for period.
 - a. "A" Co
 - (1) Provided AMozd defense.
 - (2) Expended 185 rds 3" HE NC and 4 rds HE RC on 3 missions Sptg Atk.
 - (3) Continued technical tng with M-36.
 - (4) One EM wounded.
 - b. "B" Co, attached 76th Div, Sptg 385th Inf.
 - (1) 1st Plat neutralized 3 pill boxes, expending 40 rds HE 90mm and 30 rds APC. 9 PW's were taken from 2 pill boxes.
 - (2) 2d Plat remained in position of readiness in Spt of 1st Bn, 385th Inf.
 - (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn remained in position.
 - (4) M-36's operational - 10.
 - c. "C" Co -
 - (1) Remained in position with M-36's all day ready to Spt TF Reed or 10th Armored Div by direct fire. Withdrew to GOSTINGER under alert status when 10th Armored reached WINCHERINGEN. Ron Sgt and 3 men who crossed R with Cav to maintain communications, returned.
4. Ron Co -
 - (1) 1st Plat relieved troop A, 2d Cav at EHREN
7. Results of operations;
 - a. Provided AMozd defense.
 - b. Expended 185 rds 3" HE NC on 2 missions and 4 rds HE RC on one mission.
 - c. Conducted technical training with M-36 TD's.
 - d. Neutralized 3 pill boxes, expending 40 rds HE 90mm and 30 rds APC.
 - e. Casualties - 1 EM wounded.
 - f. Guns in operation;

M-36	- 17
3"	- 24
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Total	41

Two M-36's not operational.

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No. 150.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops; 2d Plat, "A" Co, relieved and assembled via FLAXWEILER.

5. Our operations for period.

- a. Bn (-B Co) relieved from attachment to TF Reed and attached 76th Inf Div effective 220001. Bn CP preparing to move to ECHTERNACH at close of period.
- b. "A" Co - Div reserve, dir Spt 417th Inf Reg.
 - (1) Continued technical Tng with M-36's.
 - (2) 2d Plat relieved from AMozd positions; 1st Plat relieved from indirect fire positions; 3d Plat to remain in position until orders releasing it.
- c. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf.
 - (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3 Bn, fired on and neutralized 4 pill boxes, destroyed 2 OP's, expending 30 rds 90mm HE and 29 rds APC, 2 CPT106's.
 - (2) 2d Plat Sptg 1st Bn fired on and neutralized 2 pill boxes, enabling Inf to 7 PW's, expending 11 rds 90mm HE and 11 rds APC.
 - (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn, fired on and neutralized 3 pill boxes, killing 4 enemy, and enabling infantry to take 20 PW's, expending 8 rds 90mm HE and 64 rds APC.
 - (4) Guns operational - 11.
- d. "C" Co attached 304th Inf.
 - (1) Conducted technical Tng with M-36's.
 - (2) Received 5 M-36's, making total of 11. One more M-36 expected during the day.
 - (3) Turned in 12 3" guns and 5 half tracks.
 - (4) At close of period preparing to march and assemble in area of 304th Inf.
- e. Ben Co.
 - (1) Pioneer Plat continued Tng.
 - (2) Co preparing to move to ECHTERNACH.

7. Results of operations;

- a. Bn (-B Co) relieved attachment TF Reed, atchd 76th Inf Div.
- b. Conducted technical Tng with M-36 TD's.
- c. Neutralized 9 pill boxes and 2 OP's expending 49 rds 90mm HE and 2 CPT106 and 104 rds APC.
- d. Guns in operation; M-36 - 23 One M-36 not operational
 3" - 12
 Total - 35

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No. 151.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops, Bn and Ren Co CP's at ECHTERNACH. Ren Co (-1st Plat) at ECHTERNACH; 1st Plat at ECHTERNACH BRUE.
5. Our operations for period.
 - a. "A" Co - Div reserve.
 - (1) Continued training with M-36's.
 - (2) Received 6 M-36's, making total of 7.
 - b. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf.
 - (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3d Bn, fired on and neutralized 4 pill boxes and 1 OP. Fired on enemy foot troops with HE and 50 Cal MG, expended 52 rds 90mm HE, 12 rds APC and 9 CPT105 fuzes.
 - (2) 2d Plat Sptg 1st Bn, fired on and neutralized 1 pill box and 2 OP's, expending 32 rds 90mm HE and 23 rds APC and 5 CPT105 fuzes.
 - (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn, fired on and neutralized 1 pill box, expending 11 rds 90mm HE and 29 rds APC.
 - (4) 155 mm gun Atchd "B" Co for purpose of assaulting pill boxes.
 - (5) 2d Plat, "B" Co, 691 TD Bn, atchd, no change.
 - (6) 1st Ren Plat, atchd, preparing to establish OP's.
 - c. "C" Co - attached 30th Inf - made reconnaissance for positions across river, prepared to move on CT order; M-36 operational - 12.
 - d. Ren Co.
 - (1) 1st Plat attached "B" Co.
 - (2) Pioneer Plat continued Tng.
 - (3) Co assembled via ECHTERNACH.
7. Results of operations;
 - a. Bn moved CP to ECHTERNACH.
 - b. Ren moved CP to Echternach.
 - c. Continued technical Tng.
 - d. Neutralized 6 pill boxes and 3 OP's and fired on 12 enemy foot troops, expending 95 rds 90mm HE and 64 rds APC, 14 CPT105.
 - e. Guns in operation; M-36 - 30
3" - 7
Total - 37 One M-36 not operational.

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No. 152.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops: 3d Plat, "A" Co at FLAXWEILER.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co - Div reserve.

- (1) 3d Plat released from attachment TF Reed, assembled at FLAXWEILER.
- (2) Continued Tng.
- (3) 7 M-36 operational.

b. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3d Bn, fired on and neutralized 8 pill boxes, enabling Inf to take 3 and knocked out one OP, expending 63 rds 90mm HE and 69 rds APC.
- (2) 2d Plat Sptg 1st Bn, fired on and neutralized 1 pill box and 2 OP's, expending 4 rds 90mm HE and 60 rds APC.
- (3) 3 Plat Sptg 2d Bn, fired on and neutralized 2 pill boxes, expending 13 rds 90mm HE and 34 APC.
- (4) 1st Ron Plat attached, established OP's at (067390) and (069390), adjusted fire for destroyers.
- (5) One Sec Btry C, 558 FA Bn (SP 16mm gun) atchd fired on and neutralized 5 pill box cupolas, expending 43 rds HE (18 with CPT105 fuze).
- (6) 2d Plat, B Co, 691 TD Bn, atchd, no change.
- (7) 11 M-36 operational.

c. "C" Co relieved attachment 304th Inf, Div, Spt 304th Inf; 12 M-36 operational.

d. Ron Co.

- (1) 1st Plat atchd B Co.
- (2) Pioneer Plat continued Tng.

7. Results of operations.

a. Continued Technical Tng.

b. Neutralized 11 pill boxes and 3 OP's expending 80 rds 90mm HE and 163 rds APC.

c. M-36 operational - 30.

One out of action- 1
Total-31

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No. 153.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops: Overlay.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co - Div Reserve.

- (1) Continued Tng.
- (2) 9 M-36's in operation.

b. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3d Bn, fired on and neutralized 5 pill boxes and 2 CP's, 1 Nebelweifer. Also fired on one SP gun, results unknown. Expended 79 rds 90mm HE and 73 rds APC.
- (2) 2d Plat Sptg 1st Bn, reconnoitered for firing positions to support Atk.
- (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn, reconnoitered for firing position to Spt Atk.
- (4) 1st Ren Plat, attached, manned OP's at (067390) and (069390). Made road reconnaissance from (04942) to (04944), also directed Arty fire on enemy MG, enemy tank, and SP direct fire gun.
- (5) 1st Sec, "C" Battery, 558th FA Bn (SP gun) fired on and neutralized 4 pill boxes.
- (6) 8 men from 1st Ren Plat with SCR 610 moved with 1st Bn in Atk to maintain communication.
- (7) 11 M-36's in operation.

c. "C" Co - attached 304th Inf.

- (1) Effective 250053 relieved Div Spt, attached 304th Inf.
- (2) Moved from GOSTINGER across river, assembling via FERSCHWEILER, closing in at 241625.
- (3) Occupied firing positions to SPT Atk (overlay); 1st Plat Sptg 1st Bn, 2d Plat Sptg 2d Bn, 3d Plat Sptg 3d Bn.
- (4) 3d Ren Plat attached "C" Co, established OP's (overlay).
- (5) 12 M-36's in operation.

d. Hq Co moved from BEYREN to ECHTERNACH.

7. Results of operations.

a. Neutralized 5 pill boxes, 2 OP's and Nebelwerfer, expending 79 rds HE and 73 rds APC.

b. Occupied firing positions to Spt Atk of 304th.

c. Continued Tng with M-36.

d. M-36's in operation-31

Out of action 1
Total -32

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No. 154.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops; Overlay.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co - Sptg 417th Inf.

- (1) Moved to area vic ERNZEN (overlay), closing in area at 251830.
- (2) 9 M-36 in operation.
- (3) 2d Ren Plat attached.

b. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf, Sptd Atk of Div by direct fire.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 3d Bn, fired on and neutralized 6 pill boxes, fired on enemy troop concentration with HE and Cal .50 MG, inflicting at least 30 casualties, Expended 33 rds 90mm HE and 33 rds APC, 220 rds 50 Cal MG.
- (2) 2d Plat Sptg 1st Bn, occupied positions (overlay) to Spt Atk, provided ing AMxd defense. One EM wounded.
- (3) 3d Plat Sptg 2d Bn, remained in position of readiness and manned OP's at 076364 and 082364.
- (4) 1st Sec, "C" Btry, 558th FA Bn (SP gun) attached, fired 5 rds HE on Enemy foot troops.
- (5) 1st Ren manned 2 OP's, directed Arty fire on direct fire guns. Three men with SCR 610 radio attached to 1st Bn for communication, returned to Co.
- (6) One M-36 from 1st Plat, one from 3d Plat called off line for maintenance. In operation - 9.

c. "C" Co - Attached 304th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 1st Bn, provided AMxd defense, assembled (overlay) preparatory to crossing PRUM R.
- (2) 2d Plat Sptg 2d Bn provided AMxd defense, crossed PRUM R by ford with destroyers, occupied positions (overlay). 4th destroyer expected to cross this morning.
- (3) 3d Plat Sptg 3d Bn, provided AMxd defense (overlay).
- (4) 3d Ren Plat, attached, made route reconnaissance for river crossings and manned OP's. One EM killed.

d. Ren Co.

- (1) 1st Plat attached "B" Co.
- (2) 2d Plat attached to "A" Co.
- (3) 3d Plat Attached to "C" Co
- (4) Pioneer Plat continued Tng.

7. Results of operation.

a. Provided AMxd defense.

b. Neutralized 6 pill boxes and inflicted at least 30 casualties on enemy, expending 33 rds HE and 33 APC.

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- c. One Plat (-one destroyer) crossed PRUM R. Sptg Atk.
- d. Casualties; 1 EM killed, 1 EM wounded.
- e. M-56's in operation; 30
Out for maintenance; 2
Combat loss; 1
Total 32

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No. 165.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/60,000.

2. Position of troops; overlay.

5. Our operations for period.

a. "A" Co - Sptg 417th Inf.

- (1) Entire company crossed PRUM R, prepared to Spt 417th Inf in Adv.
- (2) 11 M-36 in operation; one in ordnance.
- (3) 2d Ron Plat, attached, made road reconnaissance.

b. "B" Co - Sptg 385th Inf, Sptd Atk by direct fire.

- (1) 1st Plat, Sptg 3d Bn, remained in positions to Spt by fire.
- (2) 2d Plat, Sptg 1st Bn, neutralized one pill box and 5 dug-outs. Delivered direct fire on town of PRUMZERLY until 3 enemy troops swam river and requested fire be lifted so the garrison could surrender. 53 PW's taken 15 by "B" Co. Expended 31 rds HE and 10 APC. Plat crossed PRUM at 270400, prepared Spt Adv.
- (3) 3d Plat, Sptg 2d Bn, provided AMOzd defense.
- (4) 11 M-36 operational; one combat lose.
- (5) 1st Sec, "C" Stry 558th FA Bn (SP Gun) attached, no change.
- (6) 1st Ron Plat manned 2 OP's, made road and area reconnaissance in vic of HOLSTUM and (074442) and (071435).

c. "C" Co, relieved attachment 304th Inf; direct Spt 304th.

- (1) Entire Co crossed PRUM R. (overlay).
- (2) 1st Plat, Sptg 1st Bn; 2d Plat Sptg 2d Bn; 3d Plat Sptg 3d Bn.
- (3) 11 M-36 in operation; one stuck at (044461), expected to be in operation today.

d. Ron Co.

- (1) 1st Plat attached "B" Co.
- (2) 2d Plat attached "A" Co.
- (3) 3d Plat attached "C" Co.
- (4) Pioneer Plat continued Tug.

7. Summary of operations;

a. Neutralized one pill box, 5 dug-outs, and delivered direct fire on town of PRUMZERLY, resulting in capture of 53 prisoners; expended 31 rds HE and 10 APC.

b. 7 Plats crossed PRUM R prepared Spt Adv of Div.

c. Provided AMOzd defense.

d. M-36 operational - 33

Not operational - 3

Total - 36

e. PW's taken; 15.

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No. 156.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops, Overlay.

5. Our operations for the period,

a. "A" Co - Sptg 417th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptd 1st Bn in Atk until 271800 when relieved by 3d Plat, 1st Plat going into regimental reserve.
- (2) 2d Plat Sptd 3d Bn in Atk neutralizing 4 pill boxes with 20 APC, delivering 42 rds HE direct fire on town of GILZEM, capturing 4 prisoners.
- (3) 3d Plat in regimental reserve until 271800; now Sptg 1st Bn.
- (4) 11 M-36 in operation; one in ordnance.

b. "B" Co - attached TF ONAWAY.

- (1) "B" Co (-2d Plat) assembled preparatory to joining TF ONAWAY.
- (2) 1st Plat, Sptg 3d Bn, 385th, neutralized one pill box, two houses in which MG's were located and dug-out (before joining TF ONAWAY). Expended 30 rds HE and 5 rds APC.
- (3) 3d Plat provided AMozd defense, Sptg 2d Bn 385th (before joining TF ONAWAY).
- (4) 2d Plat continued in Spt 1st Bn, 385th Inf, following their Adv.
- (5) 1st Sec, "C" Btry, 558th FA Bn relieved from attachment.
- (6) 1st Rcn Plat, attached, provided route reconnaissance.
- (7) M-36 operational - 11.

c. "C" Co - Sptg 304th Inf.

- (1) 1st Plat Sptg 1st Bn; 2d Plat Sptg 2d Bn.
- (2) 3d Plat Sptg 3d Bn, delivered 12 rds HE direct into town of GILZEM; one M-36 destroyed at (129429) by AT gun, Plat leader killed, 4 EM wounded.
- (3) 11 M-36 operational.

d. Rcn Co - no change.

7. Summary of operations;

- a. Neutralized 5 pill boxes, 2 MG's and one dug-out, delivered direct fire on GILZEM, expending 84 rds HE and 26 APC.
- b. PW's taken; 4.
- c. Casualties; 1 officer killed, 4 EM wounded.
- d. One M-36 destroyed.
- e. M-36 operational - 33.

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets 34/10 and 23, 1/50,000.

2. Position of troops; overlay.

5. Our operations for the period.

a. "A" Co - Sptg 417th Inf.

(1) 1st Plat Sptd 2d Bn in attack on IDESHEIM.

(2) 2d Plat Sptg 3d Bn, delivered assault fire on Obj 13, expending 16 rds HE.

(3) 3d Plat^{Sptd} 1st Bn, neutralized 2 pill boxes on objective 7 and fired on assault gun at extreme ranges. Assault gun laid down smoke, results unknown. Expended 1 rd HE and 7 APC.

(4) 11 M-36 operational.

b. "B" Co (-) Sptg 385th.

(1) 1st Plat, Sptg 3d Bn, no change.

(2) 2d Plat, Sptg 2d Bn, fired 27 rds HE and 11 rds APC neutralizing 3 pill boxes and 2 dug outs.

(3) 3d Plat attached to TF ONAWAY.

(4) 11 M-36 in operation.

c. "C" Co - Sptg 304th Inf, followed Adv of Inf, providing AMozd defense. No ammunition expending during period. 10 M-36 operational.

d. Ren Co - no change.

7. Summary of operations.

a. Neutralized 5 pill boxes and two dugouts and delivered assault fire, Sptg advance of infantry, expending 44 rds HE and 18 APC.

b. Provided AMozd defense.

c. M-36 operational - 32.

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808th Tank Destroyer Battalion

AFQ 403
2 January 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Reports
Against the Enemy

From: 1 December 1944
To : 31 December 1944

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

- SECTION I - SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.
- SECTION II - INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, USE OF SECTIONS, ETC.
- SECTION III - LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURE, PROBLEMS.
- SECTION IV - PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION.
- SECTION V - COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

SECTION I. SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.

1. 1 December 1944. On 1 December 1944 Battalion was relieved of attachment to 80th Division Artillery. Battalion reverted to battalion control with mission of AMezd defense and commenced relieving 610th TD Battalion on line. Prior to being relieved of attachment to 80th Division Artillery fired 331 rounds HE indirect fire on 10 missions.

2. 2 - 3 December 1944. Completed relief of 610th TD Bn, providing AMezd defense in 80th Division sector. Captured 9 prisoners during period.

3. 4 December 1944. On 4 December 1944 the battalion supported an attack of the 318th Infantry to seize the high ground N and E of PFARRERSVILLER. The night of 3 - 4 December 16 3" guns from A and B Companies were put in position on the high ground W and SW of PFARRERSVILLER with the help of light tanks of the 702d Tk Bn. 12 Cal .50 MG's from B and C companies were also dug in to deliver supporting fires. The battalion and each company established OP's and a forward observer team from each A and B Companies, equipped with SCR 610 radio, was attached to the attacking infantry. Fires were scheduled and coordinated by the 314th FA Bn, the D/S Bn. Overlay of concentrations issued by Division Artillery was used by all units to designate targets and locations. A 15-minute preparation was fired (direct fire) from H-15 to H Hour by the 3" guns and a 30-minute preparation from H-15 to H+15 by the 50's. Thereafter targets of opportunity were fired on call. Requests for fire were radioed from OP's and observers to a forward CP and cleared immediately by telephone (direct line) with the Arty. In one instance approximately 25 Germans were observed retreating over a hill. Our guns could not fire on the target and our observer called for and adjusted Arty fire with excellent results. Information as to the progress of the attack and advanced elements was forwarded immediately to the Arty which relayed it to CT and Division Headquarters. Because of our communications such information reached the Division CT considerably ahead of reports from their own units. A total of 897 rounds HE and 55 rounds APC, and 4500 rounds of Cal .50 were fired.

4. 5 - 6 December 1944. Companies provided AMezd defense in Division sector, one company in support of each CT: "A" Co with 318th, "B" Co with 319th, and "C" Co with 317th. Captured 2 prisoners.

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5. 7 - 16 December 1944. On 7 December 1944 the battalion was released from its mission of AT defense and ordered into rest area, each company being quartered with a CT: "A" Co at MERLBACH with 319th, "B" Co at NIEDERHOMBURG with 313th, and "C" Co at ST AVOLD with 317th. The Battalion CP remained at ST AVOLD. It was the first time the battalion had been off the line and out of contact with the enemy for 72 days. The period was devoted to rest, rehabilitation of personnel, and maintenance of weapons and equipment. All MG's and small arms in the battalion were test-fired and training in assault of a fortified area was conducted with the CT's. On 11 December one section of A Company took up AMczd positions to protect an exposed position vic MERLBACH. A different section alternated on the positions each day. On 11 and 12 December "C" Company test-fired the SHELL, ILLUMINATING, 3" MK 24, NAVY(MOD 1).

6. 17 - 23 December 1944. On 17 December the 80th Division issued orders for the Div and attached units to march to assembly area vic BINNING prepared to take up positions on South flank of 3d Army. The companies marched with the CT's, the CP and Hq Co with Div Hqs. "C" Co closed in area on 17 December remainder of Bn on 18 December. Distance from ST AVOLD to BINNING, 39 miles. "A" and "B" Companies reconnoitered areas and "A" Company occupied AMczd positions on 19 December. Div issued orders for Div and attached units to move North in vic LUXEMBOURG. Again the companies marched with CT's, CP and Hq Company with Div Hqs. Left evening of 19th, arriving morning of 20 December, a distance of 119 miles. Both marches were made without incident. On the 20th companies occupied AT positions in accordance with Reserve Battle Position Plan of Division. On the 21st on VOGG XII Corps battalion relieved of attachment to 80th Division and attached to 5th Infantry Division and 5th Division Artillery: "A" Company in support 2d Inf Regt in mobile reserve, "B" Company in support 11th Inf Regt, "C" Co attached 10th Inf Regt which was attached to 4th Inf Div. All companies occupied AMczd positions in Regimental sectors. 1st Ron attached to "B" Co and 2d Ron attached "C" Co. 10th Inf attacked supported by "C" Company.

7. 24 - 31 December 1944. On order of XII Corps battalion (less Co C) relieved of attachment 5th Inf Div and attached to 2d Cav Gp (Task Force Reed) with mission of protecting right flank of Corps along MOSELLE RIVER between KONTZ and WASSERBILLIG (approx.). "C" Co remained attached to 5th Inf Div. "A" and "B" Companies assigned sectors of defense in sectors of 2d and 42d Cav Sqdn respectively. Positions reconnoitered and positions occupied on 24 December, one Plat of each company taking up indirect positions under fire control responsibility of 276th Armored FA Bn initially. Alternate positions were reconnoitered and dug with help of engineers bulldozers, each company preparing, at least two alternate positions per Plat per gun. 1st Ron Plat, attached to "B" Co operated armored parachute troop patrol; 2d Ron Plat attached to "A" Co, manning OP's and providing security. On 29 December, "C" Co relieved of attachment to 5th Inf Div and returned to Bn control. With the 5th Div it had provided AMczd defense within Div sector. On return to Bn "C" Co occupied indirect fire positions under fire control responsibility of 255th FA Bn, which relieved 276th FA Bn. Reserve Plat of "A" Co released from indirect fire mission. "B" Co reserve Plat remained in indirect fire position. During period a total of 508 rounds HE were fired on 7 registrations and 14 missions.

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SECTION II. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, USE OF SECTIONS, ETC.

1. On 2 December 1944 information was desired on the road net, wooded area, and possible tank barriers North and Northeast of ST AVOLD. At this time the left flank of the Division was very much exposed with little AMCzd defense in this area. 1st Rcn Plat was assigned the mission to reconnoiter this area. Reconnaissance was completed by 1300 hours. No barriers were found in that area.

2. On 4 December 1944 enemy tanks were reported to be in the area mentioned above. Both Rcn Plats were sent into this area to establish observation posts and contact the units of the 2d Cav Gp and Ranger Battalion on our left. Plats reported negative information on the tanks and found no evidence of tanks being in the area. For the next two days units from both Rcn Plats kept close liaison with the units on our left. Reports were given daily to the S-2 by 1800 hours.

3. From 7 December to 21 December both Plats were inactive and stayed with the rear echelon of the battalion.

4. On 21 December 1944 1st Rcn Plat was assigned the mission to make a route reconnaissance of the road running West and Southwest from LUXEMBOURG for a radius of 5 miles. 2d Rcn Plat had the same mission, only to the East and Southeast. Reports were turned in by 1500 hours. 1st Plat was then attached to "B" Company, 2d Plat attached to "C" Company.

5. On the night of 23 December 1st Rcn Plat was assigned the mission to run an armored patrol over the network of roads around JUNGWISTER. It had been reported that para-troopers were dropped in that area. Patrol ceased after 0600 hours 24 December.

6. On 24 December 1944 1st Rcn returned to "B" Co which had moved to the vicinity of DALHEIM, and set up a para-trooper warning system in that area, working with "C" Troop of the 42nd Cav, Sq, MCzd. 1st Plat continued on this mission until the end of this period. The 2d Rcn Plat was relieved from attachment with "C" Co and attached to "A" Co. Plat established observation posts and added to AMCzd defense by digging in M-8's. Plat on same mission at end of period.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

During the rest period at ST AVOLD the S-2 plus personnel from the 1st Rcn Plat gave instructions and demonstrations to gun companies on the use of explosive to aid in the digging of fox holes and gun positions. Experiments showed the explosive to be very useful and could be used when the situation permitted.

MAPS FOR PERIOD

There was an ample supply of all types of maps of the area South of LUXEMBOURG. When the battalion moved to LUXEMBOURG 1:100,000 maps were all that were available. One week after arriving here 1:25,000 and 1:50,000 maps were available. The 1:25,000 maps were impossible to put together accurately. 1:10,500 uncontrolled mosaic of the MOSELLE R was issued, reaching from WASSERBILLEG to RUSTROFF. 46

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CODES FOR THE PERIOD

While working with the 80th Div the Div map code and geographical code were used. When relieved from 80th Div, S-2 Section made its own geographical code.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR PERIOD

- (1) Division G-2 reports.
- (2) Corps G-2 reports.
- (3) Division Engineers.
- (4) Reconnaissance Platoons.
- (5) Gun Companies.

SECTION III. LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURE, PROBLEMS.

1. Logistics.

a. Ammunition expended from 1 December to 31 December inclusive;

3" H.E.	1,361 rounds
3" H.E. (Reduced charge)	375 "
3" Illuminating	11 "
3" APC	56 "
.50 Cal. M.G.	17,625 "
.30 Cal. M.G.	20,250 "
.30 Cal Rifle	1,344 "
.45 Cal. Ball	12,500 "
TNT	200 lbs
Caps, Blasting, #8	100
Primer cord	300
Fuze, Bickford	50 ft.

b. Gasoline expended during the period; 18,730 gallons.

c. Rations consumed during the period;

"10 in 1"	6,400	37%
"B"	17,030	73%
1 Reserve "C"	940	121%
1 Reserve "10 in 1"	0	0%

d. Vehicles and primary weapons replaced during period; None.

e. Total number of socks turned in for washing and return; 5520 pair.

2. Procedure.

a. General.

(1) Battalion S-4 remained a member of the forward C.P.

(2) Company Supply Sergeants worked in Rear Echelon with Battalion Supply making frequent visits to companies.

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- (3) The communications officer controlled all items of signal equipment requisitioned. Companies requested supplies from him. He consolidated and worked with battalion supply crew in procurement and distribution.
- (4) Supply problems, Battalion Supply Points, changes in policy, or new supply requirements were sent to the companies on administrative messages.

b. Class I.

- (1) Battalion Supply continued to request rations from Division Quartermaster, when attached to a Division, or from Army Class I Supply Point when not attached, using the strength of companies reported on Morning Reports.
- (2) Battalion Supply drew rations from Division or Army Class I Supply Point and delivered them to the companies at the Battalion Rear Echelon.
- (3) On Christmas Day a full "B" ration, with turkey, was fed to the battalion.
- (4) A weekly P.X. ration was picked up each Sunday based on a request submitted to Division Class I on Thursday of each week. After detachment from Division this report was submitted on Friday of each week to Army Class I Supply Point.

c. Class II.

- (1) Battalion Supply accepted informal requisitions from companies. Company Supply Sergeants kept a record of individuals or of platoons, to which requisitioned items should be sent upon receipt.
- (2) Battalion edited, consolidated, and forwarded requisitions and in event items were not received on initial request, back-ordered for the companies.
- (3) While the battalion was in a rest period, each man's clothing and equipment was checked and shortages requisitioned with the result that every man, with few exceptions, is now completely clothed and equipped.
- (4) During this period a complete issue of high-neck sweaters was made in the battalion, 700 early in the period, the balance later.

d. Class III.

- (1) Daily Reports of gasoline on hand were made to Division G-4 while the organization was attached. When one company moved separately from the battalion, the Regimental S-4 of the supported unit furnished the company with gasoline. In all other cases, can for can exchange was carried out within the battalion.

e. Class IV.

- (1) Demolitions were requisitioned and received for use during rest period on demonstrations showing how to dig gun positions quickly using TNT and Primer Cord.

f. Class V.

- (1) Basic ammunition load was maintained at all times. Headquarters Company personnel and vehicles maintained the Train Supply and each line company drew the required amount from the Battalion Reserve in 1 1/2-ton trucks. Where it seemed feasible to send ammunition forward to the companies, this was accomplished.

g. Miscellaneous:

(1) Motor vehicular maintenance.

- (a) Thousand and six-thousand-mile checks were performed as normal when in a static situation; when in movement they were completed at first opportunity. During the rest period all prime movers were pulled in and given a thorough check.
- (b) Company motor maintenance crews travelled with the companies throughout the period.
- (c) A mechanic from Battalion Maintenance was kept with the forward CP to keep constant check on the CP vehicles. Any mechanical deficiencies he could not repair were sent to the rear echelon.

(2) Evacuation.

- (a) Vehicular evacuation was handled by the Battalion wrecker crew when Company Maintenance could not evacuate.
- (b) Deceased were evacuated through combat teams which units were supporting.
- (c) Prisoners were evacuated to combat team P.W. enclosures.

(3) Duffle bags were moved forward as required to make them easily accessible to troops. Duffle bags of men killed in action were inventoried and personal effects forwarded to Q.M. Effects.

(4) Upon receipt of instructions from Third U.S. Army the men in this battalion were required to carry the following items of CWS equipment when moving forward of Division Rear Boundary line;

- 1 ea Mask, gas
- 2 ea Covers, protective
- 1 ea Tube, ointment, protective
- 1 ea Tube, BAL, eye ointment
- 4 ea Eyeshields
- 2 ea Detector, sleeve...

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3. Supply problems.

a. Line companies were hampered in preparation of "10 in 1" ration by shortage of 57 Outfit, cooking, 1 burner in battalion.

b. Following shortages at the close of this period demonstrate the extreme care which the Maintenance Platoon had to exercise in order to "keep 'em rolling".

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SHORT</u>
600 x 16 tires	24
600 x 16 Tubes	8
325 x 20 Tube	2
Acid Core solder	10 lb
Hot Patches	1,000
Cold Patches	500
Half-track, winch cable	12
Seal Beam Units, 1-ton	6
Seal Beam Units, 2 1/2-ton	6
Hose, f/2-ton (radiator)	18 ft.
Charger, battery, 2d Echelon Set # 2	1

SECTION IV. PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION (S-1)

1. Replacements.

a. During the period of this report the Battalion has drawn a total of three replacements and twenty-six men returned to duty from hospital.

b. The battalion has had one (1) man killed, seven (7) men wounded, forty (40) sick in hospital, and lost thirty-five men to the infantry (5% of T/O strength).

c. As of 31 December 1944 the Battalion was fifty-three (53) men under T/O strength. Requisitions for these men have been turned in to XII Corps.

2. Special Service.

a. From 7 December 1944 to 17 December 1944 the Battalion was ordered into a rest period with the 80th Infantry Division in the vicinity of ST AVOLD, FRANCE. During this period all the men were given bathing facilities, shown motion pictures, read and wrote letters.

b. During the month the Battalion sent nine (9) enlisted men and one (1) officer on forty-eight hour passes to Paris, while attached to 80th Infantry Division, and thirteen (13) enlisted men and two (2) officers to Nancy, France, on four-day passes, allotted through the 2d Cavalry Group, to which the Battalion has been attached since 24 December 1944.

c. On 12 December 1944 one Red Cross Clubmobile, "Memphis", visited the battalion for one day. Each company was allotted a portion of the time available.

3. Medals. During the month sixty-four (64) recommendations for the Bronze Star Medal were submitted to higher headquarters, of which three (3) were for heroic service, and sixty-one for meritorious service. One enlisted man of those

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submitted for heroic service was awarded the Soldier's Medal instead of the Bronze Star. Six enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service, and forty officers and enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the period.

4. Graves Registration. Men killed continued to be evacuated through the combat teams to which attached.

5. Personnel Administration. The Personnel Section continued to operate with 80th Infantry Division rear echelon until the Battalion was relieved from attachment thereto. Since that date the Personnel Section has operated with the Battalion's own rear echelon.

SECTION V. COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Aiming Data Chart. The Aiming Data Chart showing sight diagram and range lines for APC, HE, and HVAP were pasted on the shields of all guns and coated with shellac. The paper could not be made entirely impervious to weather and the shield was usually covered with mud. Accordingly we painted an abbreviated scale on the left side of the mantlet with white letters, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in size, thus:

<u>APC</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>HV</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
16	18	23

By interpolation the gunner can readily approximate the other ranges. The chart has been pasted in the gun chest.

2. Shell, Illuminating, 3", Mk 24, Navy (Mod. 1). On 11 and 12 December the Battalion testfired the illuminating shell. The test confirmed all information we had received on the Shell. The following comments may be of interest;

a. The fuze may be set with the fuze wrench for the CPT105 fuze or hand fuze setter for the 105 MM How (Setter, fuze, hand mechanical, M17).

b. The wind affects the descent of the flare materially (blowing it as far as 300 yards). Accordingly, allowance should be made therefore.

c. It is difficult to obtain bursts closer than 1000 yards to the gun. In all cases where ranges less than 1000 yards were used, the burst and area of illumination still appeared to be approximately 1000 yards.

d. Most effective area of illumination appears to be about 600 yards in diameter.

e. Period of effective illumination; 20 to 30 seconds.

f. Best illumination is obtained from bursts at 1100 to 1500 feet.

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3. On occasions we have obtained assistance in putting guns in position from the Tank Battalion attached to the Division. Light tanks will successfully negotiate muddy and difficult terrain towing a 3" gun, making otherwise inaccessible positions available.

4. Recently in a stabilized situation covering a broad front we have been able to employ engineer bulldozers to assist in digging gun positions. At least two alternate positions have been prepared for each gun of each Pltn.

5. Basic ammunition loads have been changed so that S-4 carries 400 additional rounds HE in train and each half-track carries an additional 18 rounds HE.

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HEADQUARTERS
808th Tank Destroyer Battalion

AFO 403
30 November 1944

SUBJECT: After Action Reports
Against the Enemy

From: 1 November 1944
TO : 30 November 1944

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

- SECTION I - SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.
- SECTION II - INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, USE OF SECTIONS, ETC.
- SECTION III - LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURES, PROBLEMS.
- SECTION IV - PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION.
- SECTION V - COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

SECTION I. SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.

1. 1 November 1944. "A" Company in direct support 319th Infantry. Supported attack of 319th to clear out area made by hook in LA SEILLE RIVER (S and W of river) by delivering both direct and indirect fires. First and 3rd Plats moved to positions and delivered direct fire on MAILLY, LEBRIGNY, AILLOIS, CHAINCOURT, PELLE, and the area of LORRY, expending 145 rds HE and 28 rds APC. Second Plat delivered 161 rds HE indirect preparatory fires and 117 rds HE on 9 missions throughout day and night. Results of operations: 319th accomplished mission, "A" Company captured 5 prisoners. "B" and "C" Companies continued to provide AA defense for 316th and 317th Infantry Regiments, respectively, with two Plats each, one Plat from each company firing indirect harassing and interdictory fires; expended 262 rds HE on 23 missions.

2. 2 November - 23 November 1944. During this period 80th Division attacked to N and E, crossing LA SEILLE RIVER and pushing to the MAGINOT LINE vic MADIACH and the MINE at CITE CHARCONNAGES, a distance of approximately 35 kilometers. Battalion was employed with one company attached to each Co: "A" Co to 319th, "B" Co to 318th, and "C" Co to 317th. One section of each Rcn Plat attached to each line company, 2d Section, 2d Plat in reserve. Initially "A" and "C" Companies were under regimental control, "B" Co under Battalion control, a Plat attached to each Infantry Bn. On the morning of the attack, 8 November, "B" and "C" Companies delivered direct supporting fires, expending 119 rds HE. "C" Co credited with knocking out four pill boxes and two mortars. "A" Co (1st and 2d Plats, attached to 905 FA Bn, D/S Bn) fired 192 rds HE indirect fire as part of Arty preparation. "B" and "C" Companies crossed the river the afternoon of the 6th. On the 9th "A" Co Spd the attack delivering both direct and indirect fires, expending 145 rds HE and 52 rds APC direct fire and 40 rds HE indirect. Knocked out enemy 88 mm gun at range of 2500 yds. Displaced across river with 319th. "B" Co's 1st Plat was caught by rising water of LA SEILLE RIVER and half its guns and vehicles were temporarily stranded. "C" Co moved with advance of 317th knocking out two 88 mm guns at ranges of 1000 and 1200 yds, killing 10 enemy. On 13 November "C" Co knocked out another 88 mm gun. 15 November, 1st and 2d Plats "A" Co relieved attachment to 905th FA Bn, one Plat attached to each Infantry Bn. 20 November, Rcn Plats placed in reserve. 22 November, 1st Rcn

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Plat assigned mission of road reconnaissance to H and E. During advance of Division companies provided A and defense, moving with advance and taking positions always well to the front. In one instance "A" Co carried infantry in half-tracks into town and provided covering fire with 50 Cal MG's. A total of 113 prisoners were captured during this operation.

3. 24 November - 30 November 1944. During this operation Division breached the LAGINOF LINE vic FT BARBIDENTROFF and EMELAC and pushed E to vic PARMERSVILLE. On Div order Bn relieved of attachment to CT's and attached to 80th Div Arty, "prepared to Spt Atk on Forts of LAGINOF LINE by direct fire." Companies atchd to D/S FA Bns: "A" Co to 905th FA, "B" Co to 311th FA and "C" Co to 313th FA. On the 24th Bn Sptd Atk with 1st and 2d Plats (minus base piece of each Plat) of "A" Co and one section of 1st and 2d Plats of "B" Co in direct fire positions; remaining guns of "A" and "B" Companies and "C" Company occupied indirect positions. 245 rds HE and 139 rds APC direct fire were delivered on forts, pill boxes and targets of opportunity; "A" Co also fired 50 Cal MG's Sptng Atk. 30 known enemy killed. 278 rds HE were fired indirect on 14 missions. During remainder of period companies displaced with D/S battalions and delivered indirect reinforcing fires, expending a total of 2190 rds on 100 missions. On 29 November a small tank threat developed and "C" Company moved its 3d Plat and two guns of the 2d Plat into direct fire positions.

SECTION II. INTELLIGENCE OF RATIONS, USE OF SECTIONS, ETC.

1. 30 October 1944. In preparation to crossing the SEILLE RIVER both Rcn Plats were assigned the mission to reconnoiter the river for possible fords from ROCHELY to RELY. The mission was accomplished by 1200 hours 3 November.

8 November 1944. One section of Rcn Plat was attached to each company to aid in crossing the SEILLE RIVER with mission to keep companies informed on Infantry front lines, condition of roads, and to sweep for mines around gun positions. Each section had direct communication with the company with which they worked. Information concerning any other company was sent over the battalion command net. 2d Sec of the 2d Rcn Plat was held in Bn reserve.

12 November 1944. 2d Sec of 2d Rcn was attached to Company "A".

20 November 1944. Both Rcn Plats were called under control of S-2.

21 November 1944. 1st Rcn Plat was assigned the mission to reconnoiter the roads HEILLY, GURGLANGE, FERREY, WATE-VICINIA, and PARIDE STROFF and to establish an OP in that area. At this time this area was very much exposed. Platoon was called in 1800 hours 22 November.

29 November 1944. 1st Rcn Plat was assigned the mission to reconnoiter the roads north of ST AVOLD and to contact the 42d Cavalry Squadron on our left. The 2d Rcn was assigned the mission to reconnoiter the roads to the SE from ST AVOLD and to contact the units on our right. Both missions were completed by 1800 hours 29 November.

30 November 1944. 1st Rcn Plat was assigned a route reconnaissance, ST AVOLD, LAGINOF, PARLITZ, PARST PARLITZ, CAFFEL, STAVILLE, PARMERSVILLE, SEIG* BUSCH. 2d Rcn assigned a zone reconnaissance of an area 3000 yds North East of ST AVOLD. Both missions were completed by 1200 hrs.

2. Instructions. Between 3 and 8 November the S-2 Section gave classes to the Rcn Plat on German mines, firing devices, grenades, and the use of the mine sweeper. 54

On 13 November G-2 Section started publication of daily Intelligence Summary compiled from ~~African~~ Corps, and Division G-2 reports and information gained from front gun companies and front Plats. It also contained a short summary of the news of the Western Front. Distribution was made to each Plat.

3. Sources of information for this period.

- (1) Division G-2 reports.
- (2) Corps G-2 reports.
- (3) Division Engineers.
- (4) Gun Companies.
- (5) Reconnaissance platoons.

4. Maps used for period.

Battle maps - 1:50,000
 " " 1:25,000
 Battle Map Maginot Line - 1:5,000

5. Codes for the period.

Division map code.
 Slidex for radio and telephone communication - new Slidex code issued 5 November.
 Geographical codes #3 and 4 published by Division.

SECTION III. LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURE, PROBLEMS.

1. Logistics.

a. Ammunition expended from 1 November to 30 November inclusive:

3" H.E.	6129
3" H.E. (Reduced Charge)	109
3" APC	310
50 Cal. M.G.	2530
30 Cal. M.G.	1000

b. Gasoline expended during period: 16,365 gallons.

c. Ration percentage consumed:

"B" Ration	20%
"10 in 1"	80%
1 day Reserve "C"	0%
1 day Reserve "K"	0%
1 day Reserve "10 in 1"	0%

d. Vehicles and primary weapons replaced during period:

Half Tracks	2
3" Guns	2
1/4-ton Truck	1

2. Procedure.

a. General.

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- (1) In S-4 remained a member of the forward C.P.
- (2) Company Supply Sergeants worked in Rear Echelon with Battalion Supply making frequent visits to companies and going forward to assist in determining losses involving much equipment, either organizational or individual.
- (3) The communications officer controlled all items of Signal equipment requisitioned. Companies requested needs from him be consolidated and worked with Battalion Supply crew in procuring and distributing equipment.

b. Class I.

- (1) Battalion Supply continued to request rations from Division Quartermaster daily using the strength of companies reported on Morning Reports.
- (2) Battalion Supply drew rations from Division Class I Supply Point and delivered them to the companies at the Battalion Rear Echelon. In cases where company could not get truck back Battalion Supply delivered rations to Company C.P.
- (3) Another day of reserve rations (10 in 1) was authorized during this period so that the companies were required to keep three days reserve ration on hand.
- (4) On Thanksgiving Day every man in the Battalion was fed a "D" ration - with turkey.

c. Class II.

- (1) Battalion Supply accepted informal requisitions from companies. Company Supply Sergeants kept a record of individuals or platoons, to which requisitioned items should be sent upon receipt.
- (2) Battalion edited, consolidated and forwarded requisitions and in event items were not received on initial request, back-ordered for the companies.
- (3) Upon receipt of items, Company Supply Sergeants tagged them for platoon and/or individual and sent them forward on the ration truck.

d. Class III.

- (1) Daily reports of gasoline on hand were made to Division G-4 and the Battalion received allotments in accordance to requirements while this item was rationed. When units began to move in attack, required amounts were picked up daily from Division Class III Supply points.
- (2) Can for can exchange was carried out within this Battalion whenever possible.

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e. Class IV.

- (1) Demolitions were requisitioned and received for use of Battalion Reconnaissance elements in clearing paths through mine fields.

f. Class V.

- (1) Basic ammunition load was maintained at all times. Headquarters Company personnel and vehicles maintained the Train Supply and each line company drew its required amount from the Battalion Ammunition Dump with 1 1/2-ton ammunition vehicles.

g. Miscellaneous:

- (1) Engineer Water Point locations were sent to Companies and water picked up by company kitchen trucks from these points.

- (2) Motor vehicular maintenance.

- (a) Thousand and six-thousand mile checks were performed as normal when in a static position; when in movement they were completed at first opportunity.
- (b) Company motor maintenance crews travelled with the companies normally. During a portion of the period the company maintenance section worked several miles behind the Company C.P. but this lengthened the communication lines and slowed up the maintenance and evacuation of vehicles and was discontinued.
- (c) A mechanic from Battalion Maintenance was kept with the forward C.P. to keep constant check on the C.P. vehicles. Any mechanical difficulties he could not fix were sent to the Rear Echelon for repair.

- (3) Upon receipt of instructions from Third U. S. Army the following items of C.W.S. property were turned in:

Apparatus, decon., 3 - gal.
Alarm, gas
Curtain, gasproof
Disinfectant, gas, mask
Impregnite, shoe
Paint, liquid vesicant detector
Paper, liquid vesicant detector
Sack, gas resistant
Sign, gas warning

- (4) Duffle bags and gas masks were moved forward as required to make them easily accessible to troops. Duffle bags of men killed in action were inventoried and personal effects forwarded to Q.P. Effects.

- (5) Evacuation

- (a) Vehicular evacuation was handled by the Battalion wrecker crew when Company Maintenance could not evacuate.

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- (b) Deceased were evacuated through Combat Teams which units were supporting.
- (c) Prisoners were evacuated to Combat Team P.W. enclosures.
- (d) In accordance with instructions from Third United States Army socks were picked up from companies daily and turned into Division Class I Distributing Point.

3. Supply problems.

a. Preparation of "B" ration was handicapped by a shortage of condiments, particularly salt.

b. Shortages of tires, tubes, and patches has made the job of "keeping them rolling" increasingly difficult for maintenance crews. The following list of shortages as of 30 November 1944 will help to elucidate:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Short</u>
Tires, 600 x 16	19
" 750 x 20	2
" 900 x 20	1
" 900 x 16	2
Tubes, 600 x 16	24
" 750 x 20	4
" 900 x 20	1
" 900 x 16	1
Hot patches	500

c. Shortage of half-track winch cables (12 short in Bn at end of period) made cross-country movement of guns more difficult.

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SECTION IV. PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION (S-1)

1. Replacements.

a. During the period of this report the Battalion has drawn a total of thirty-two men from replacements pools.

b. The Battalion has had five (5) men killed, nineteen (19) wounded, twenty-nine (29) men hospitalized through sickness, fifteen (15) of which have been returned as replacements mentioned above.

2. Special Services.

a. From 1 November 1944 to 8 November 1944 one of the line companies continued to send approximately thirty (30) men to the rear echelon each day for baths, a motion picture, and passes to PONT-A-MOUSSON, a chance to listen to the radio, etc. The other two line companies during this period continued having a motion picture every other day, which was operated by Battalion Headquarters at the Company CP.

b. On or about 9 November the Division started attacking and pushing forward, and since that time the companies have been continually with the attacking forces with very little opportunity for shows or other forms of entertainment.

c. During the month the Battalion was allotted a quota of eight (8) enlisted men and one (1) officer for a forty-eight hour pass to Paris. These passes were divided among the companies equally and the men selected by lot.

3. Medals. During the month fourteen (14) recommendations for the Bronze Star were sent to the 80th Infantry Division, of which number eight (8) have been received and awarded to the men concerned. The men who have received the awards are: Sergeants Joseph J. Vetashick, Headquarters Company, John W Hooker, Company A; Corporals Jessie R. Walton, Boris Angoff, Company A; Tec 5 Marvin T Wilkes, Company A; Pfc's Brownie Woodlee, Headquarters Company, Bus McNeal, Company A; and Private Francis D. Lightfoot, Company A.

4. Graves Registration. The five (5) men killed were evacuated through the combat teams to which the companies were attached at the time.

5. Personnel Administration. The Personnel Section continued to operate with the 80th Infantry Division rear echelon and continued to handle most of the paper work for the companies and part of the paper work for the Battalion CP.

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SECTION V. COMBAT, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. During initial part of period Arty ammunition continued to be very critical and sharply rationed. Accordingly this Bn and the tank Bn attached to Division provided virtually all harassing and interdiction fires for the Division. The Arty Bn with each company provided a place mark and the companies ran their own position area surveys. The Arty simply gave concentrations direct to computed by the company FDC. Occasionally Div Arty gave concentrations direct to the Bn. In such cases Bn plotted the concentrations and assigned them to the appropriate company. Whenever visibility permitted the Arty endeavored to register the company by plane. However, because of the difficulty of observing the burst of the 3" shell, it was frequently impossible to register in this manner. Accordingly registration was usually accomplished by the company commander from a forward OP using FO methods.

2. Normally in the 80th Division we have been employed to provide AT defense with one company attached or in support of each Combat Team. In a fast moving situation, as during the drive across the SEILLE RIVER to the MAGNOT LINE, we have found it advisable to have the platoons attached to the battalions rather than have the company under regimental control. This, in effect, gives each platoon a sector equivalent to the infantry battalion sector and enables the platoon to occupy positions promptly as the infantry organizes an area, being well forward and in position to repel any armored counter-attack. This method is particularly effective in river crossings as the TD's cross with the battalion, usually immediately after the organic AT guns. On the other hand, when the company is under regimental control there is difficulty in getting the TD's forward promptly, obtaining necessary road priority, etc. In a defensive situation, however, the better solution is to have the company under regimental control. This permits better coordination of fields of fire, mutual support, etc.

3. In the reduction of fortified areas where the TD's are called upon to deliver direct fires on pill boxes and emplacements and supporting fires, their fires should be closely coordinated by the artillery and directed by observers with the infantry. The observers may be the artillery observers or may be furnished by the TD's, but it is essential that there be observers in front with the infantry. In the reduction of the MAGNOT LINE in the vicinity of ST AVOLD each company was attached to a D/S artillery battalion. One company had two platoons in direct fire positions and one in indirect positions supporting the attack. The artillery battalion assigned sectors of fire for the platoons, lettering each sector. The artillery observer called for direct fire (by radio) as the situation required. The result was that the fires were extremely effective and were delivered continually until the objectives were seized. One of the companies was also employed to deliver direct fire but the B/S artillery battalion made no effort to coordinate its fires with the result that the company was unable to fire after the infantry had advanced into a tree line because of uncertainty as to the location of our friendly troops. This experience emphasizes the fact that there should be one centralized authority to coordinate the supporting fires.

4. The SCR 608 radio has been taken from Headquarters Company and each line company given two 608's. This enables the company commander to use one radio at his CP for his executive and at the same time maintain constant communication with Battalion and his platoons wherever he may be. This has resulted in better communications, since there is always one radio available in case of a breakdown.

5. We have prepared Graphical Firing Tables for 3" HE (Reduced Charge) which were printed by the Topographical Engineer Battalion thru the offices of Lt. Colonel Waldo Walker, XII Corps, ATO. We have fired 109 rounds of the reduced charge ammunition.

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6. Our S-2 publishes a daily Intelligence Summary for the companies. The summary contains information on mine fields, roads, general and specific enemy information, numbers of enemy captured, enemy material destroyed and items of general interest, including progress of the front. Sufficient copies are issued so that each platoon receives a copy. The men receive these reports with great interest, and they have been a prime factor in stimulating their interest in the "big picture".

7. Battalion maintenance made a grouser for a half-track. The supporting maintenance company (129th Ord L.V. Co) is now in the process of making enough for the battalion. Basis of issue: twenty grousers per half-track.

8. An electric arc welding unit should be used to a T.D. En due to the large number of armored vehicles authorized.

9. When the Battalion was moving forward rapidly a "mobile" Battalion Ammunition Dump was tried with good success. The necessary vehicles were dispatched forward to a centrally located point and the coordinates of the location sent to the companies. The ammunition was issued to the companies off the back 6's.

10. One unit in the organization turned one of its 1 1/2-ton vehicles into a gasoline vehicle, primarily, with all the cans in the company pooled. Thus the Company commander could dispatch gas as needed to his platoons and was always sure that in a moving situation he could take care of the platoon which had greatest need.

11. In the attack, in close support of infantry, each platoon carried ten rounds of T.D. with the normal fuze removed for quick application of fuze GP 9-105.

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SUBJECT: After Action Reports
Against the Enemy

From: 25 September 1944
To : 31 October 1944

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

- Section I - Summary of daily operations and action.
- Section II - Intelligence operations, use of sections, etc.
- Section III - Logistics, supply procedure, problems.
- Section IV - Personnel and allied administration.
- Section V - Comments, Observations and Recommendations.

SECTION I. SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.

1. 25 September 1944. On orders of XII Corps battalion attached to 80th Infantry Division and relieved 810th Tank Destroyer Battalion on line. Division engaged in consolidating positions East of Moselle River covering front approximately from Pont-A-Mousson to Monteny. One company in direct support each combat team, providing AMczd defense: "A" Company (-) Direct spt 317th, "B" Company direct spt 318th, "C" Company direct spt 319th, 1st and 3rd pltns "A" Company occupied indirect fire positions under supervision Division Artillery.

2. 26 September 1944--6 October 1944. Companies continued in spt of Co's providing AMczd defense and firing direct and indirect missions. Co's changed and improved positions as required by tactical situation. All pltns in direct fire positions subjected to mortar and arty fire. 2d and 3d pltns "C" Co, dug in positions in woods, found tree bursts made positions untenable during fire so overhead cover was built for all guns; guns were dug in and sand bags used to build up sides to make revetment, then logs and earth were placed on top. On 27 Sept, 1st Rcn pltn attached to "A" Co; on Sept 29, 2d Rcn pltn attached to "C" Co. Initially these pltns employed to provide local security; then established and manned Co's reporting enemy information to Co's and Co's. Pltn Sgt, 1st Rcn pltn, adjusted fires of arty. 26 Sept 1st and 3d pltns Co "A", occupied new indirect fire positions on hill above Haulx under supervision of 313th P.A. Bn. 29 Sept, 1st pltn "C" Co occupied indirect fire positions. 1 Oct "C" Co supported local attack of 319th Inf on Renaissance Farm and Les 4 Fers. 1st pltn fired indirect on Farm while 2d pltn and 2d Rcn pltn fired direct. Preparation lasted 10 minutes, 113 rds HE being expended by 1st pltn, 50 rds HE and 38 rds APC by 2d pltn, and 50 rds 37mm APC and 20 rds 37mm HE by 2d Rcn pltn. Infantry advanced under fire to take farm and Les 4 Fers. Our fires virtually destroyed Farm and killed at least 13 Germans. During period 26 Sept - 6 Oct a total of 9 missions direct fire and 146 missions indirect, both observed and unobserved were fire. 225 rds HE and 60 rds APC were expended on direct fire missions; 235 rds HE were expended on indirect fire missions. Direct fire missions included: The town of Moivron, church steeple at Moreville, pill box on Mt. S. Jean, town of Benicourt, water tower at Renaissance Farm, Renaissance Farm, town of Lixieres, Les 4 Fers, church steeple at Manoncourt. All fire was accurate and effective.

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3. 7 October 1944 — 9 October 1944. Supported attack of Division to push line generally along Seille River including taking of Mt. Toulon and Mt. St. Jean by delivering direct and indirect fires and providing Amczd defense. The plan and execution thereof:

a. "A" Company - under Division control until Mt. Toulon and Mt. St. Jean were taken. On 8 October from 0600 and 0630 1st and 3d pltns fired 240 rds HE indirect fire on Mt. Toulon and Mt. St. Jean from positions above Faulx; 2d pltn at same time fired 149 rds HE and 48 APC at pill boxes and troops on Mt. Toulon from positions above Belleau. When infantry took objective 1st pltn moved to Amczd positions NW side Mt. Toulon. 3d pltn going into assembly area. On 8 October "A" Co ordered to direct spt 319th to their objective of high ground East of Manoncourt, they to spt 317th to their objective vic Chenicourt. 319th accomplished objective and on 9 October "A" Co went in direct spt 317th, taking up Amczd positions in their sector on Division South flank.

b. "B" Company, direct spt 318th Inf. On 8 Oct from 0600 and 0630 "B" Co fired 312 rds HE direct fire at Manoncourt. As CT advanced to take Manoncourt "B" Co followed advance taking up new Amczd positions on 9 October.

c. "C" Company, direct spt 328th Inf, (26th Div) which was attached to 60th Division and took over left flank sector of Division. This CT held ground and organized for counter attack. The night of 7 - 8 October all guns of "C" Co except 2d sec 3d pltn moved from Amczd positions and took up indirect positions vic Atten. The morning of the attack from 0600 to 0630 fired 600 rds HE Indirect at Eply, Raucourt, and St. Jure as diversinary fires. At 0630 all guns moved back into direct fire positions.

4. 10 October 1944 — 31 October 1944. During this period Division occupied and improved defensive positions East of Moselle River and West of La Seille River. 328th Infantry relieved of attachment to 80th Infantry Division. Our companies placed in direct support CT's: "A" Company with 319th, "B" Company with 318th, "C" Company with 317th, providing Amczd defense. One platoon of each company occupied indirect fire positions under fire control responsibility of following F.A. Bn's: "A" Company under 315th, "B" Company under 974th, "C" Company under 512th. On 29 October "B" Company placed under fire control responsibility of 315th. On 15 October one gun from indirect fire platoon of "A" Company placed in proglongation of road between RAUCOURT and NOMMEY with mission of delivering harassing fires on road. On 16 October one gun from indirect fire platoon of "B" Company placed on proglongation of road vic RESSAINCOURT and SEZCOURT with same mission. A total of 646 indirect missions fired during the period with an expenditure of 5907 rds HE. On 30 October Rcn pltns relieved of duty on OP's and assigned missions of reconnoitering La Seille River for possible fords. Four direct fire missions delivered: at church steeple at ROUVES, NOMMEY and ABAUCOURT, expending 129 rds HE (including 10 CP TL05 fuzes) and 31 rds APC. 1st and 2nd Rcn pltns alternated manning OP's vic NOMMEY and CHENICOURT, reporting information to Battalion. Training conducted during the period, emphasis being placed on firing of rocket launcher and rifle grenade, and attack of fortified areas with other arms. All elements subjected to arty and mortar fire during the period. Canabalized German 7.5 cm Pak 40 and fired approximately 30 rds HE and 10 rds APC on direct harassing missions vic NOMMEY and RAUCOURT.

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SICRON II. THE ARGENT OF PLATOONS, USE OF RECONNAISSANCE PLATOONS.

1. 16 September 1944. On orders of the XII Corps, Battalion relieved the 60th Tank Destroyer Battalion on line running between Pont-A-Mousson Southeast to Monteny. The 1st Rcn Platoon was attached to "A" Company for reconnaissance work and established a tank warning net; 2d Rcn Platoon was held in battalion reserve.

At this time all enemy information was received from the Division G-2 and the S-2 of the 60th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. 26 September 1944. The 2d Rcn Platoon was attached to "C" Company. 1st section with 1st section of 2d Platoon, "C" Company, 2d Section with 2d section of 2d Platoon, "C" Company to aid in securing the platoons' positions. Enemy information was reported to the S-2, 319th Infantry.

Up to this time very little was known of any enemy armor in our sector.

3. 8 October 1944. 2d Rcn Platoon was then attached to "B" Company to establish observation posts and listening posts in their sector. Machine gun positions, mortar positions and troop movement East of the Seille River was reported by this platoon. Fire was directed on most of the positions.

4. 14 October 1944. Both Reconnaissance Platoons were then placed under direct control of the S-2. Observation posts were set up on Hill 216 and the high ground Southeast of Nomeny by the 1st Rcn Platoon, 2d platoon held in reserve. Platoons changed positions every two days then later every four days.

5. 30 October 1944. Both platoons were held in battalion reserve.

Sources of information and intelligence during this period:

- a. 1st and 2d Reconnaissance Platoons.
- b. TD Companies
- c. Division G-2 Reports.
- d. Division Engineer's reports.

Maps used during this period:

24 September 1944--battalion received partial initial issue of maps from XII Corps consisting of:

- a. Road map: 1:250,000; 1:500,000.
- b. Topographical map: 1:50,000.
- c. Battle map: 1:25,000; 1:20,000.

Battle map 1:20,000 was discontinued and the 1:25,000 map was used for operations.

Codes used during operations:

- a. Division map code.
- b. Slidex (radio communication).

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SECTION III. LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURE, PROBLEMS.

1. Logistics.

a. Ammunition expended during period:

37 mm H.E. M63	80
37 mm Cannister	20
37 mm M51	80
3" APC M62	1,060
3" HE	10,979
3" Smoke	206
Cal .30 (for M1 Rifle)	2,688
Cal .50 MG	1,000
Grenades, Hd Frag. M41	300
Grenades, Hd Smoke W.P.	9

b. Gasoline expended during period: 13,250 gallons.

c. Ration percentage consumed:

"B" Ration	20%
"D in 1"	80%
1 day reserve "C"	100%
1 day reserve "K"	100%

2. Procedure.

a. General:

- (1) S-4 in this organization is a member of the Forward C.P. This allows him closer contact with companies and gives more opportunity for intelligent anticipation of present and future supply needs.
- (2) Company Supply Sergeants remain in the Rear Echelon with Battalion Supply. There they keep abreast of the general supply picture while still maintaining contact with their units by personal visits and messengers.

b. Class I.

- (1) Using the strength of companies reported in Morning Reports S-4 forwarded ration requests to Division Quartermaster daily and, for R.A.C. kits, weekly.
- (2) Battalion Supply drew rations from Division Quartermaster and brought them to Rear Echelon. Company kitchen trucks, combining run for water, mail, and rations, picked up rations from Rear Echelon. In cases where it was impossible for Company trucks to return, S-4 delivered rations to unit C.P.
- (3) Companies were required to keep two day's rations in reserve. In the event the reserve was depleted, separate requests were submitted to Division Q.M. to bring balance to the required load.
- (4) Daily delivery of mail was made to Company Mail Clerks at Rear

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Echelon when they came back on Ration Truck. Only authorized individuals handled the mail.

c. Water.

- (1) Water was drawn from Engineer Water Point by company Kitchens. Locations of water points were taken off Daily Engineer Overlay and distributed to the companies.
- (2) Companies were supplied with an adequate supply of calcium hypochlorite for use when water was not available at established water points
- (3) All containers (canteens, water cans, etc.) for potable water for drinking or cooking purposes were sterilized.
- (4) By using discarded Air Force gas tanks, kitchens carried an additional 154 gallons of water, thus necessitating but one trip a day for water.

d. Class II.

- (1) Informal requisitions were accepted from units. Company Supply Sergeants, in the Rear Echelon, checked through the informal requests, corrected nomenclature, and consolidated by company.
- (2) Battalion Supply edited, consolidated, and forwarded requisitions to appropriate Divisions Special Staff Officer.
- (3) Battalion Supply backordered all items not filled on initial requisition.
- (4) Items received were broken down and issued to company supply sergeants, then sent forward with ration or ammunition truck.
- (5) Companies worked through the Communications Officer on all items of Signal equipment. This was done by a request brought in by company messengers. This information was consolidated and a requisition was made up one each week, except in an emergency. Upon receipt the items were distributed by the Communications Officer. A surplus of needed items, such as tubes, batteries, and mast sections were held by the Communications Officer for emergency use of the Battalion.
- (6) Instructions regarding disposition of individual and organizational CWS clothing were complied with as follows:
 - (a) Individual equipment including gas masks, protective, etc., were stored near the rear echelon.
 - (b) Dust respirators, decontaminating apparatus, and other organizational equipment was retained by units.
 - (c) Individuals were instructed to retain and use as ordinary clothing the impregnated clothing on hand.
- (7) Duffle Bags:
 - (a) Duffle bags were brought forward by Transportation Platoon and made accessible to men brought back to rear echelon to wash, change clothes and send in laundry.
 - (b) Duffle bags of men killed in action were inventoried by an officer. All possible use was made of Government-issued clothing to outfit replacements. Personal effects were forwarded to QM Effects.

e. Class III.

- (1) Daily reports of gasoline on hand were made to Division G-4,

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and the Battalion received allotments in accordance to requirements.

- (2) Companies returned empty cans to Battalion Class III Dump. Whenever possible a can for can exchange was used. When impossible empty cans were held until exchange for full cans at Divisions Class III Distributing Point.

f. Class IV. None.

g. Class V.

- (1) Basic ammunition load was maintained at all times.
- (2) A Battalion Forward Ammunition Dump was maintained as near the companies as practicable which stocked 3" ammunition to meet anticipated needs.
- (3) Transportation vehicles and any other 6 x 6 's necessary were used by Battalion Supply to pick up Battalion load.
- (4) Companies used one 1 1/2 -ton to run back to Battalion Ammunition Dump. Whenever possible the platoon 1 1/2-ton delivered ammunition from company C.P. to platoons. In some cases this was not possible and the only vehicle which could get in without being observed was a 1/4-ton.

h. Maintenance Procedure.

- (1) Thousand and six thousand-mile checks were performed as normal when in a static position; when in movement they were completed at the first opportunity. Company Maintenance performed 1000-mile check and Battalion Maintenance 6000-mile checks.
- (2) Company Motor Maintenance accompanied the company normally; if the tactical situation was such that the 2 1/2-ton could not accompany the company, the Motor Sergeant and one mechanic with the 1/4-ton remained with the company, and the 2 1/2-ton was sent back to the Battalion Motor Officer in the Rear Echelon and added to the Battalion Maintenance Platoon.
- (3) A mechanic was sent to the forward C.P. to handle emergencies which arose there. This man was taken from the Battalion Maintenance Platoon and was rotated weekly. Mechanical Difficulties that he could not handle were sent by him to the rear echelon and taken care of by the Battalion Maintenance Platoon.

i. Evacuation.

- (1) Vehecular.
 - (a) All evacuation was handled by the battalion wrecker crew and at times with the help of company maintenance personnel.
 - (b) Evacuation which was on the front line or within mortar range was made with a half-track taken into the area and used as the evacuation vehicle. The damaged equipment was pulled out of mortar range, and at a convenient spot was picked up with the battalion 10-ton wrecker. All evacuation was performed immediately. The damaged or destroyed equipment was evacuated back to the Battalion Maintenance Shop, and either repaired there, or immediately evacuated to the supporting Ordnance Company.

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- (c) Accidents and breakdowns, outside of danger areas, are picked up directly by the Battalion Wrecker Crew.
- (2) Deceased: Evacuated through Combat Teams which units are supporting.
- (3) Prisoners: Evacuated to Combat Team Prisoner of War enclosures.

3. Supply Problems.

a. Replacements received did not have adequate clothes and individual equipment to meet the needs of combat. With the difficulties involved in obtaining this equipment replacements should be checked and completely equipped prior to release from Replacement Depots.

b. Initial issue of Signal equipment necessary for proper alignment of radio sets was unobtainable, causing:

- (1) Excessive tubes damaged.
- (2) Transmission range cut due to unavoidably inaccurate alignment.

c. Ordnance Property.

- (1) Replacement on tires and tubes was extremely critical. Ten percent of the vehicles in the battalion of necessity were driven without spare tires.
- (2) Replacement of three-inch gun accessories and spare parts was critical.
- (3) Undue difficulties and hardships in keeping up 1st Echelon Maintenance and repair was caused by failure to procure initial issue of vehicular tools and equipment.

SECTION IV. PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION (S-1)

1. Replacements.

a. During the period of this report the Battalion has drawn a total of twenty-two (22) men from replacements pools. The method of supply has been adequate to meet the requirements.

b. The Battalion has had three (3) men Killed, ten (10) wounded, twenty-two (22) hospitalized through sickness, seven (7) of which were returned. The Battalion is now eight (8) men understrength, but these men have been requisitioned.

2. Special Service.

a. From 10 October 1944 to approximately 23 October 1944 thirty (30) men from each of the line companies were sent to the rear echelon where they were given improvised facilities for taking baths, shown a movie in the afternoon and then sent on a pass to Pont-A-Mousson for three (3) or four (4) hours. They were then returned to a dry place to sleep for a good night's rest. The following morning they were returned to their own respective companies and other men sent in to take their place. A radio was also obtained to bring in radio programs direct from the States and a loudspeaker system set up.

b. On or about 23 October 1944 the above system was altered somewhat with two companies. To replace the previous arrangement, the motion

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picture projector and a film was sent to the two companies concerned every other day. One company continued to operate under the previous arrangement.

(1) At night the same films were brought to the forward Battalion Command Post and shown to the Medical Detachment, Communications Platoon, and C.P. Personnel.

c. On two occasions the 80th Infantry Division Band was obtained to play for the men brought back from the rear.

d. About one Hundred (100) men were sent to the Marlene Dietrich USO Show and one hundred seventy-five (175) to the USO show on 28 October 1944 at Dieulouard.

e. Three (3) men were sent to Paris for a forty-eight (48) hour pass under 80th Infantry Division quota on 28 October 1944. These men were selected by lot within each of the three companies. Also during early part of the month a few men were sent on pass to Nancy, France.

3. Graves Registration. The three men killed were evacuated through the combat teams to which the companies were attached at the time.

4. Personnel Administration. The personnel section operates in the vicinity of the 80th Division rear echelon and handles a large part of the paper work for the companies and the forward Battalion Command Post. Information to be typed, etc, is sent to the rear where it is completed and returned to the originating company or other proper action taken.

SECTION V. COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The method of employment of this battalion has been entirely satisfactory. For the most part the companies have been placed in support of the combat teams. When assigned the secondary mission of reinforcing artillery, only one platoon per company has normally been so employed. This has enabled the battalion to perform its primary mission of anti-mechanized defense and at the same time without affecting the primary mission, enabled it to perform the secondary mission, as the reserve platoon has fired indirect fire. This platoon always selects primary positions.

2. In the selection of positions effort is made to avoid forests and trees because of the effect of tree bursts. Often excellent positions may be found 100 to 300 yards in front of tree lines. If the guns are well dug in and the camouflage nets carefully used, the positions are as well concealed as in the woods. Where the situation requires that positions be taken in woods, every effort is made to provide overhead cover for the guns so that the crews may safely hold their positions during artillery fire.

3. Coordinated direct and indirect fires have been employed with considerable success to support infantry attacks. In one case such fires were delivered by one company enabling the infantry to take its objective. When there is supporting artillery, such fires should be coordinated by the artillery.

4. Considerable difficulty has been encountered with the half-track prime mover in muddy terrain. As a prime mover it is not adequate to negotiate such terrain. It is recommended that a suitable full-track vehicle be substituted as prime mover and in any case, that suitable grousers or a different track be made available. Front pintles have been mounted on our half-tracks, assisting materially in the mobility of the weapon.

5. It is very difficult to observe the burst of 3" HE under any conditions and under unfavorable conditions it is impossible. Arty observers have taken as many as 30 rounds to register because of difficulty in seeing the burst. It is recommended that 3" HE contain some smoke or substance to make the burst more readily visible.

6. Graphical Firing Tables for 3" ammunition, normal and reduced charge, should be issued with Fire Direction Set. With the aid of a Topographical Engineer Battalion we prepared a GFT for normal charge. Recently limited quantities of 3" Reduced Charge have been available. With the assistance of the Corps Topographical Engineer Company a GFT for this ammunition is now being prepared.

7. During the period of this report conditions have been fairly static. In addition the consumption of gasoline has been sharply curtailed. Accordingly wire has been the principal means of communication. Experience indicates that the battalion is not adequately equipped in this regard. It is recommended that each company have a 3/4-ton W.C. for laying wire, communications equipment and personnel. At present the companies use 1/4-ton with reels mounted thereon. In addition more W110 wire is needed; W130 is not satisfactory. Each company and battalion should have a switchboard. This is particularly essential for companies employed in indirect fire.

8. Each M-20 and M-8 required 30 gallons of gasoline per day to keep vehicular batteries up with Radio sets SCR 608 or SCR 506. It is recommended that a generator unit for each 608 be mounted on the vehicle and run by a separate motor. This will save gasoline and the vehicle motor.

9. This organization learned from experience that many items of Signal equipment, such as crystals, condensers, battery packs, and bond connector nuts, marked N.S. (No Stock) or zeroed at the depot could be picked up at a salvage or Shortage and Issue of Repair Depot.

10. We need a vehicle about the size of a half-track, M-3, armored, with a small boom for front-line evacuation.

11. Shell, 3", HE, M42A1, using Fuze CPT 105 was fired at church steeple being used as enemy OP at 3,000 yards. The shell went completely through the steeple and exploded on the other side.

12. Normal expenditure for indirect fire by battalion in a static situation was 300 rounds.

13. With no radios on and with strict conservation by all, this battalion needed 350 gallons of gasoline per day in a static situation.

14. The T.O. allowance of radio operators is inadequate for 24-hour operation over extended periods of time. We have used the drivers and personnel accompany the vehicle in addition to the radio operator as operators. The remote control system, RM-29, is used extensively for direct C.P. operation. This has proven satisfactory for the C.P. functions, away from vehicle with full access to the radio. RM 29's have also been used in lieu of EE8's, with a Handset TS-13 replacing T-17 and HS-30 for reception and transmission.

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15. The platoons lay their own wire to the Company C.P. The company lays wire to CP's and maintains police of lines. Alternate lines are not to be encouraged because of wire shortage and inadequate personnel to maintain constant police. Experience has shown that dead lines, such as alternate lines, will be picked up by higher echelon wire crews. All existing wire lines of the Division to CP's are utilized by the Battalion CP to companies. The companies also use CP lines for communication to the CP C.P. and from the platoons to company C.P. The companies have been responsible for the laying of wire only within the Company.

16. The command slidex is used through the battalion. The problem of encoding too many words, encountered when first used, was overcome by having messages encoded by officer sending message.

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SECTION I. SUMMARY OF DAILY OPERATIONS AND ACTION.

1. 1 - 8 May 1945. During this period the battalion continued to be attached to the 65th Infantry Division and IX Corps, United States Third Army. On the 1st the Division came out of Corps Reserve and went on line again joining the pursuit of the enemy. The line companies were placed in support of the infantry regiments: "A" Company supporting the 260th, "B" Company supporting the 261st, and "C" Company supporting the 259th.

No resistance was encountered until the battalion reached the INN River. There on 3 May in PASSAU and SCHARDING the battalion had its last real engagement before cessation of hostilities. On that day the 3d Platoon of "B" Company with part of the 1st Reconnaissance Platoon, formed a portion of a task force consisting also of the 2d Battalion, 261st Infantry and "C" Company, 748th Tank Battalion. The task force was assigned the mission of taking the city of PASSAU and establishing a bridgehead over the INN RIVER.

The assembly point was two miles west of the city along the DANUBE RIVER. At 1000 hours "E" Company of the Infantry was dispatched to encircle the city and drive home an attack from the Southwest. At the same time the balance of the task force, with the reconnaissance elements in the lead, advanced along the South bank of the DANUBE into the city. Behind the reconnaissance elements the task force was deployed with Company "C", 748th in the lead, carrying "F" Company of the Infantry. The Tank Destroyer, carrying "C" Company, brought up the rear.

Scattered resistance was met on the march into PASSAU, but was quickly overcome. Entrance into the city met with no resistance at all. The streets were deserted, the big city seemed devoid of all life but us. Friendly troops on the North bank of the DANUBE R notified our troops that the bridge across the INN RIVER was prepared for demolition and heavily mined. The platoon had pro-

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ceded about four or five blocks from the edge of the city when it passed to reconnoiter. Reconnaissance elements brought back with them eight prisoners who stated that the strong enemy force was located in the South and Southwest side of town.

It was decided that the tanks and TD's, with the tanks leading, would make a dash for the bridge in an attempt to save it from destruction by the enemy. Unloading the infantry the reconnaissance platoon leader started out, running ahead in his jeep to observe the bridge approaches and warn the rest of enemy activity. The Reconnaissance Platoon Leader came back and advised that the bridge had been blown. The tanks withdrew back to a large turnaround, firing about fifteen rounds of HE at active enemy sniper posts who were blasting away sporadically at our forces by this time.

A squad of infantry was sent out to check over enemy positions in the South and Southwest positions of the city. They went about two blocks, met heavy enemy machine gun and small-arms fire which wounded two of their men, and withdrew, leaving their wounded lying in the street. Two German and one American medical aid men attempted to reach the two wounded infantrymen; they were all shot upon by the enemy troops and were all hit. One of the Germans was killed.

Just after the squad had departed, three infantry 1 1/2-ton trucks, dragging 87 millimetre anti-tank guns, accompanied by one 2 1/2-ton 6 x 6 and one jeep, drove on up the street, turning right on the square containing the turnaround where the tanks were stationed. They had gone about a block when a group of enemy riflemen opened up on them from a barracks at the end of this street. Two of the trucks and one gun were quickly destroyed, another was badly damaged.

The Tank Destroyer Platoon Leader ordered two of his four M-36 Destroyers forward to a point near where the tanks were assembled. Employing one destroyer to cover the other, he advanced the lead destroyer to a position near where the infantry anti-tank elements had met disaster. As he was performing this maneuver, the reconnaissance platoon leader set up an OP and three sniper posts on the South side of the street near the same spot. The Destroyer fired fifteen rounds of HE shell into the building from which the enemy had struck at the trucks, simultaneously spraying them with .50 calibre machine gun fire. At the same time, the men manning the sniper posts placed heavy, accurate fire upon all visible enemy positions, protecting the destroyer from panzerfaust-attack and forcing the enemy to abandon several houses from which he had been fighting. The combined result of this action neutralized the enemy fire until the infantry anti-tank elements were able to evacuate their movable vehicles and their personnel. As soon as this had been accomplished the tank destroyer platoon leader backed his destroyer down the street about a hundred yards and went in search of the infantry battalion commander to learn his future plans. He was unable to locate the battalion commander so he returned to his position.

The company commander whose squad had attempted the reconnaissance asked the Tank Destroyer leader and the Tank officers to assist him in the rescue of the two wounded infantrymen who were still lying in the street a block and a half South and West of the lead destroyer's present position. A platoon of

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infantry, two destroyers, and two medium tanks, with the destroyers leading and the infantry working along both sides of the street flanking the armor, were formed for the rescue. They intended to clear out about five enemy occupied houses to enable our medical personnel to reach the wounded men.

The two destroyers, with the tank destroyer platoon leader in command, drove to a point near where the two wounded men lay and the lead destroyer placed both 90 millimetre and 50 calibre machine gun fire upon the enemy positions. The tanks did not leave their assembly area at the turnaround. The infantry platoon accompanied the destroyers to the point from which the destroyers were to support them in clearing out the enemy positions. The infantry rushed on both sides of the street, advancing from house to house and alley to alley. The infantry on the left side of the street were able to work within 25 yards of the destroyers, but the infantry on the right were unable to advance, being pinned down by machine gun fire. At this time the destroyer and the OP both spotted the enemy fire, which was immediately neutralized by 90mm and Caliber 50 MG fire. Other targets were spotted on the left and taken under fire by the destroyers. This effectively neutralized most of the enemy fire in the vicinity.

At this point the Inf Co. Commander received orders not to go forward as negotiations were under way for surrender of the town and the infantry withdrew and took cover. As soon as the enemy saw this he opened up with everything he had. From the OP and the sniper posts set up our men were constantly engaging enemy machine gunners, riflemen, and panzerfaust teams. The OP spotted an observer with a BC scope in a small opening by a large clock on a public building. The first round of 90mm HE hit the clock dead center. The loud noise and the dust created by the activity made accurate observation difficult; the lack of supporting foot troops for the destroyers made them very vulnerable to panzerfaust attack. The Tank Destroyer Company Executive Officer brought some personnel of the company Headquarters platoon to give the destroyers flank protection from panzerfaust teams. He had spotted some enemy sniper positions and occupied one destroyer and directed fire upon them until their fire was reduced.

After this had been accomplished one of the OP's spotted an enemy Mark IV tank that had moved into position just back of a street intersection some two hundred yards in the front of the lead destroyer, from which position it was screened from observation by the tank destroyer platoon leader and destroyers. It was planned to leave the lead destroyer where it was and move the other destroyer a block South and a block East to a position between two buildings from which he could dart forth and engage the enemy tank if opportunity presented itself to catch the enemy unaware.

The ensnaring destroyer proceeded about halfway to his new position under heavy sniper and machine-gun fire, then it was charged by six enemy rocket grenadiers. In attempting to back into position from which to ward off this attack the destroyer driver dropped the vehicle into a large shell crater, temporarily immobilizing it. The assistant driver and loader left the destroyer and made their way back to the Tank Destroyer Platoon Leader, to whom they reported the incident. The Tank Destroyer Platoon Leader ran under heavy enemy fire to the shell crater to determine the extent of the damage. Before he arrived, however, the gunner had fought off the grenadier attack, killing all six of the

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enemy; firing both Caliber .50 MG and 90mm HE at point blank ranges; and the gunner, destroyer commander, and the driver had managed to extricate the destroyer from the shell crater and proceed to their destination to wait in readiness to attack the enemy tank. The Tank Destroyer Platoon leader returned to the CP, picking up the destroyer commander along the way, and pointed out to him the enemy tank, explaining in full the plan of attack.

The Mark IV tank then started to fire at the sniper personnel located in the building, and also at the CP. He then switched his fire on the house behind which the Tank Destroyer was located and in which the Platoon Commander and destroyer commander were located. If the Mark IV tank moved out further he would expose himself to the tank destroyer fire and if the tank destroyers moved further forward they would be exposed to his fire. The distance between the tank and the tank destroyers was about 150 yards. During this time small arms and bazooka fire was continual. Panzerfausts were spotted trying to move into position to the rear of the second tank destroyer. A machine-gun and crew were placed in a building so they covered the rear of the tank destroyer, and they were able to keep the enemy down with machine-gun fire and force them to withdraw again to the buildings.

The platoon commander exchanged fire with the enemy tank for quite sometime without result; both being in a position from which they could not be hit by the exchanged fire.

The destroyer commander of number one destroyer was then ordered to move his destroyer in the direction of the enemy tank as fast as possible, come to a halt, race his motor, then withdraw immediately. He was covered by small arms fire from the sniper posts for protection against the Panzerfausts. This maneuver persuaded the Mark IV tank crew to move their vehicle forward in order to get a shot at the destroyer. The destroyer commander of the 2d destroyer was waiting for the Mark IV tank to make this move. He fired a round of HE into the wall above the enemy tank, showering them with a blinding cloud of dust. The tank was so located that it was not possible for the destroyer gunner to place direct fire upon it, so he placed four rounds of APC in front of it on an angle that ricocheted two rounds into the tank and sent it up in flames. The destroyers then withdrew.

The engagement lasted for more than five hours, during which we used virtually all of our fire power. Our machine gunners and snipers killed a known 30 dead and wounded many more with the 90mm. An American soldier who had been captured two days before and held prisoner in one of the buildings in town reported that the first round of 90mm fired in the town went through a doorway of the German barracks and killed 6 and wounded at least 11 more.

The following day PASSAU surrendered, yielding around five hundred prisoners. It was discovered that another Mark IV tank was in the town, abandoned and burned by the crew.

During the engagement at PASSAU the 1st Platoon, "B" Company moved into positions on the West side of the INN R to support the crossing by the 1st Battalion. Our troops were receiving heavy direct fire from across the river in Austria. By nightfall the platoon destroyed one Mk IV tank, 3 '88mm AA-AT guns and one personnel-carrying vehicle. Meanwhile the 2d Platoon, "B" Company supporting the 3d Battalion assisted in clearing woods in the CT sector, delivering supporting fire with both 90mm and Caliber .50.

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On 5 May the Division marched into LINZ, AUSTRIA. "A" Company, supporting the 260th, destroyed 2 88 AT guns and supported the advance of the infantry. "B" Company delivered supporting assault fire, destroying 2 MG's.

On 6 May the Division closed in on the ENNS RIVER with orders to occupy defensive positions and to patrol across the river with the mission of contacting the Russians. "B" and "C" Companies occupied positions on the West side of the River and during the day of 6 May spotted many lucrative targets, including artillery batteries on the move and many field pieces. However, the CT Commanders of the 261st and 277th, gave orders not to fire as surrender negotiations were in progress. However, late in the afternoon when fire from the enemy side became heavy the order to fire was given. "B" and "C" Companies opened up and destroyed 11 88mm AA-AT guns, 12 20mm flak guns, 2 HX IV tanks, 3 40mm AA-AT guns, one radio unit, 6 houses with personnel, killing an estimated 50 enemy. The last round was fired at 1831. At 1830 on the 7th word was received from the Division that the German Army had surrendered and that all hostilities would cease at 0900H May.

Defensive positions were maintained until the 10th when all companies went into assembly areas and began a program of maintenance and rehabilitation of personnel. The remainder of the period was spent in rounding up PW's and displaced persons. "A" Company took over the administration of Camp Haid.

SECTION II. USE OF INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS AND RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY.

1. For the period 1 - 8 May 1945 each reconnaissance platoon was attached to a gun company. 1st Platoon attached to "B" Company; 2d Platoon attached to "A" Company; 3d Platoon attached to "C" Company. During the period all platoons conducted route, area, zone, and position reconnaissance in their respective companies. During this period route reconnaissance played the largest part.

From 9 - 31 May all companies aided in rounding up the enemy soldiers in our area.

2. Sources of Information during Period:

II Corps G-2
69th Infantry Division G-2
Division Artillery S-2
Division Engineers
Gun Companies
Reconnaissance Company

3. Enemy Operations during Period:

From 1 - 3 May 1945 the enemy offered little or no resistance until we reached the INN RIVER. Here the towns of PASSAU and the area in the vic of SCHARDING was heavily defended. In PASSAU the enemy offered stiff resistance for five hours. The enemy was a group of SS troopers. After crossing the INN RIVER only scattered resistance was met until we reached the ENNS RIVER. After reaching the ENNS RIVER the enemy crossed the river to the West in mass.

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4. Codes used during the period:

a. Radio Slidex code.

b. Coordinate code using a ten-letter word to represent the numbers 1-0. Example: B-R-O-W-N-K-I-T-E-S
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0 Regular coordinates are used and the letter substituted for the number.

5. Maps used during period: Terrain and Road map, scale 1:100,000.

6. Known Damage Inflicted upon the Enemy during Period:

Mk IV Tanks - 6	40mm AT Guns - 3
Other vehicles - 4	20mm AA-AT - 6
Guns, AT - 22	Barbed wire - 6
Machine Guns - 5	Killed - 65
Radar Unit - 1	Captured - 1309

SECTION III. LOGISTICS, SUPPLY PROCEDURES, PROBLEMS.

1. Logistics.

a. Ammunition expended during month of May:

90mm Shell, HE, M71	336
90mm Proj, APC, M82	92
50 Cal., MG	3100
45 Cal. Pistol, Ball	900
30 Cal. Carbine, M1	1600

b. Gasoline expended: 30,740.

c. Rations consumed:

Operational:	"B"	10,480	53%
	10 in 1	9,220	47%
Reserve:	"C"	382	58%
	"K"	648	100%

d. Vehicles and Primary weapons destroyed during period: 1 M36.

2. Procedure.

a. General.

(1) Battalion Supply continued accepting informal requisitions, editing same, relieving the units of as much paper work as possible. Company Supply Sergeants made a daily run to S-4 to pick up supplies and check on other supply problems.

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- (2) Supply problems, directives, changes in policy and requirements were sent to the companies on administrative messages through command channels and by messenger, radio, or telephone when necessary.
- (3) Companies completed showdown inspections during this period and the results of this inspection was reported to higher Headquarters as Showdown Excess List and Showdown Shortages.

b. Class I.

- (1) Battalion Supply requested rations from Division Class I Supply Point daily for operational rations and on Thursday of each week for EK rations (when available), using the strength of companies as reported on Morning Reports.
- (2) Battalion drew rations from Division Class I Supply Point and Truckhead, and delivered them to the companies at the Rear Echelon.
- (3) Three days' reserve rations were maintained by picking up any reserve rations requested by companies on special requisition from Division Class I Supply Point. Late in the period the allowance was cut to one day's ration, 1/3 "10 in 1", 1/3 "C", and 1/3 "K". All emergency rations above that limit were turned in to the Division Quartermaster.

c. Class II.

- (1) Battalion accepted informal requisitions from companies. They were edited, consolidated, and forwarded to Division Supply Points. In the event items were not received on initial request, Battalion back-ordered for the companies.

d. Class III.

- (1) Companies were maintained by sending gas trucks out either on call or on the basis of estimated needs during a period. Gas trucks went to platoon locations, gassing the destroyers and returning to S-4, where all empty cans were consolidated on the minimum number of vehicles for runs to Division Class III Supply Point.
- (2) On long moves a gas truck was sent with each line company and sufficient extra cans were carried on available transportation to supply Headquarters Company, the Battalion CP and Reconnaissance Company.
- (3) During the middle of the period, when the Battalion was rationed to 700 gallons of gas per day, each company was allowed 50 gallons per day. When the reserve in the Battalion reached 1500 gallons, this amount was used to fill TD's and Half-tracks in the letter companies.

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e. Class IV. None.

f. Class V.

(1) Basic ammunition loads were maintained at all times. All ammunition expended was picked up by S-4 and delivered directly to the companies.

g. Miscellaneous.

(1) Motor vehicular maintenance.

(a) All work was done according to schedule, 1,000 mile and 50 hour check by company, and 4000 mile and 100 hour checks by Battalion.

(b) All vehicles that were kept on dead line because of necessity were evacuated to the supporting Ordnance M& Company. (Examples, Engines that used oil, clutches that could no longer be taken up, etc.)

(c) Each company maintenance crew worked directly with its company.

3. Supply Problems. None.

IV. PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION.

1. Replacements.

a. During the period of this report the battalion has drawn 18 reinforcements consisting of 4 officers and 14 enlisted men. During the month 39 enlisted men have returned to duty from the hospital, four of which had been wounded in action and 35 sick or with non-battle injuries.

b. The battalion has had two enlisted men accidentally killed during the month, no personnel wounded in action, hospitalized, and has had 29 enlisted men hospitalized, either sick or with non-battle injuries.

c. The battalion is now 6 enlisted men overstrength but low one officer of its authorized officer overstrength of four officers.

2. Special Service.

a. During the month the personnel of the battalion were given opportunity to see movies frequently. Several stage shows have been presented for the benefit of the different units of the organization during the month.

b. Quotas for passes and furloughs were received through the 65th Infantry Division to whom the battalion was attached throughout the period. One officer was given a seven-day leave and ten enlisted men were given seven-day furloughs to the Riviera Recreation Area, France.

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c. The Battalion PX began operation affording the personnel of the battalion Coca-colas, beer, candy, etc.

d. Each unit has organized base-ball teams and have regular scheduled games throughout each week.

3. During the month one officer and 4 enlisted men were recommended for the award of the Silver Star, one enlisted man for the Soldier's Medal, and one officer and seven (7) enlisted men the Bronze Star for heroic service. No recommendations for award of the Bronze Star for meritorious service were submitted during the month due to the cut in our quota from 5% of organizational strength for period 1 March 1945 to 15 May 1945, given by XII Corps to whom the battalion was formerly assigned, to 1% of organizational strength per month for the period covered by this report.

One officer and 1 enlisted man were awarded the Silver Star and 4 enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service during the month.

4. Graves Registration. Men killed or wounded were evacuated through the combat teams of the Division to which the units of the battalion were attached during the month.

5. Personnel Administration. The Personnel Section operated with the AG Section, 65th Infantry Division, until 13 May 1945, at which time, it began operation with the battalion's own rear echelon.

SECTION V. COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The battalion was in combat in the ETO for 225 consecutive days. The following is a summary of its actions:

a. Vehicles destroyed:

Mk V tanks	5
Mk IV tanks	14
M24 tank (US)	1
SP gun	13
Others (incl 1 M8)	32
Total	65

b. Other equipment destroyed:

Gun, AT (75 - 88)	39	Pill Box	157
Gun, 20mm AT - AA	15	OP	61
Gun, 40mm AT - AA	3	Bazooka	6
Gun, Arty	11	Ammunition Dump	4
Machine Gun	56	Hadar Unit	1
Mortar	12	Radio Station	1
Nebelwerfer	1	Boats	13

c. PW's captured 3,664

d. Enemy killed 877

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e. Ammunition expended:

	<u>APC</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Indirect</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
3"	587	9,543	27,952	34,495
90mm	1,539	3,849	528	5,916
Total				41,411

77mm	342
Cal. 50	76,090
Cal. 30	54,340
Carbine	16,600
Cal. 45	26,200

f. Gasoline expended: 232,300.

g. Average operational returns consumed:

"B"	52%
10 in 1	43%
"C"	4%
"K"	1%

h. Vehicles replaced:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMBAT LOSS</u>	<u>EVACUATED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 1/4-ton, 4 x 4	9	4	7
1 1/2-ton, 6 x 6	1		1
2 1/2-ton, 6 x 6		2	2
Half Trucks	4	4	8
M-36's	4	8	12
T-2s or M32s		2	2
M5 A1 (Light Tanks)		1	1
M1 Wrecker		1	1
M10 Trailer	2		2
3" Gun		1	1
Totals	14	23	37

i. Personnel.

(1) Losses:

Killed in action	14
Died of wounds	5
Accidentally killed	4
Wounded in Action (Hospitalized)	48
Sick and Non-battle injuries (Hospitalized)	186
Transferred out of battalion	107
Total	364

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(2) Gains:

Reinforcements received	108
Wounded in action returned from hospital	21
Sick and non-battle casualties ret'd from hosp	128
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Total	257

(3) Strength (Effective)

Beginning of operations	100
End of this period	100

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TO : 021800 May 45
808th TD Bn
vic BAD HOHENST, GERMANY (Q-127033)

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 220.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets W7, W8, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops, Bn CP at (Q127033), Bear Behelon at (U-8224) via MAHNDORF, Ren Co CP at (Q-118039), "A", "B" and "C" Companies enroute to new location.
5. Our operations for period.
 - a. Bn CP closed in at (Q127033) at 021839 May. Captured 80 PW's (5 Med Offs).
 - b. "A" Co, attached 260th Inf, en route to new area. 11 M-36's operational, one repairable. No report.
 - c. "B" Co, attached 261st Inf, enroute to new area. 11 M-36's operational. One unrepairable. No report.
 - d. "C" Co, attached 259th Inf, enroute to new area. 12 M-36's operational. No report.
 - e. Ren Co CP moved to new area. Captured 30 PW's.
7. Results of operations.

Bn CP and Ren Co CP moved to new location. "A", "B", and "C" Co's enroute to new location. 34 M-36's operational, one repairable, one unrepairable. Captured 110 PW's, (5 Med Offs).

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TO : 031800 May 45
808th TD Bn
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(WQ-127033)

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 221.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, W7, W8, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops; Bn CP at (Q-127033), Rear Echelon at (Q-149018), Recon Co CP at (Q-118039), "A" Co CP and Co vic (Q-182985), "B" Co CP and Co vic (Q-172001), "C" Co CP at (Q-124938), 1C at (Q-187981), 2C (Q-188942), 3C at (Q-174002).
5. Our operations for period;
 - a. "A" Co, D/S 260th Inf, closed in at (Q182985) at 1400 hours, prepared to cross INN RIVER. Attached 261st. 11 M-36's operational, one repairable.
 - b. "B" Co - D/S 261st Inf. 1B Sptg 1st Bn covered crossing of INN R. destroyed one tank (believed to be Mk IV), one vehicle and 3 '88 AT guns across river in AUSTRIA. 2B Sptg 3d Bn assisted clearing woods in CT sector, firing both 90mm HE and Cal .50 MG. 3B Sptd 2d Bn, clearing PASSAU, destroyed two Mk IV tanks, 2 MG's, 6 bazooka Sqds, killed at least 15 enemy; Plat captured and destroyed Mk IV tank in woods at about 031300 Apr. Company captured 202 PW's (incl. 2 Offs), expended 79 HE, 25 APC and 5500 rds Cal .50. At close of period company had assembled vic SULZBACH, prepared to cross INN R. Attached to 261st. 12 M-36s operational.
 - c. "C" Co, D/S 259th Inf, one Plat in Spt of each Bn, moved to present location as indicated above. 10 M-36s operational., one repairable, one unrepairable. Captured 5 PW's. Prepared to cross INN R. Attached 259th.
 - d. Recon Co, one Plat attached to each Co, made road reconnaissance in Regimental Zones. Captured 60 PW's.
7. Results of operations; Sptd Inf, destroyed 4 Mk IV tanks, one vehicle, 3 '88 AT guns, 2 MG's, 6 bazooka teams, killed estimated 15 enemy personnel, expended 79 rds HE, 25 APC, 5500 rds Cal .50. Captured 262 PW's. 33 M-36s operational, 2 repairable, 1 unrepairable.

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FROM: 031800 May 45
TO : 041800 May 45
808th TD Bn.
WAIZENKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA (Q-530885)

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, W7, W8, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops: Bn CP at (Q-530885), Ren Co CP (Q-510895), Rear Echelon (Q-149018) "A" Co CP and Co in vic (Q-455989) en route, "B" Co CP at (Q-450900) 1B at Q575875, 2B and 3B at Q530885, "C" Co CP at (Q-285956), Co en route.
5. Our operations for period.
 - a. Bn CP closed in at WAIZENKIRCHEN (Q530885) at 041930 May.
 - b. "A" Co, D/S 260th Inf, crossed INN RIVER over dam at OBERNBERG (Q-140847), en route to new area. 11 M-36's operational, one repairable.
 - c. "B" Co D/S 261st Inf, crossed INN RIVER, over the dam at OBERNBERG (Q-140847) en route to new area. One Plat in Spt of each Bn, Sptg Adv of Inf. 11 M-36s operational, one repairable.
 - d. "C" Co, D/S 259th Inf, crossed INN RIVER, over dam at OBERNBERG (Q-140847) one Plat in Spt of each Bn, Sptg Adv of Inf. 10 M-36's operational, one repairable, one unrepairable.
 - e. Ren Co CP moved to new location as indicated above, one Plat attached to each Co, made road reconnaissance. Captured 7 PW's.
7. Results of operations: Bn crossed INN RIVER. Continued Sptg Adv of Inf. Captured 7 PW's. 32 M-36's operational, three repairable, one unrepairable.

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FROM, 041800 May 45
TO : 051800 May 45
808th TD Bn
LINZ, AUSTRIA (X-844860)

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MAPS: GERMANY, Sheet W8, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops; Bn CP and Ron Co CP at LINZ (X-844860), Rear Echelon at (X-530885), "A" Co CP and Co via (X-841879), "B" Co CP and Co (X-8683), "C" Co no report.
5. Our operations for period;
 - a. Bn CP closed in at LINZ (X-844860) at 051930 May.
 - b. "A" Co, D/S 260th Inf, all Plats Sptg 2d Bn, 3A destroyed 2 '88 At guns, 1A delivered Sptg fire, Co expended 55 rds HE and 7 APC. Captured 200 PW's. Co closed in at LINZ (X-841879) at 051900 May. 10 M-36's operational, two repairable.
 - c. "B" Co, D/S 261st Inf, Plat Sptg each Bn, 2B destroyed two MG's via (X-585885), expended 30 rds HE. One M-36s destroyed by fire caused by short circuit. 10 M-36's operational, one repairable, one unrepairable.
 - d. "C" Co, D/S 259th Inf, no report.
 - e. Ron Co CP closed in at LINZ at 051930 May.
7. Results of operations;

Sptd pursuit of Inf, destroyed two '88 AT guns, 2 MG's, delivered Sptg assault fire, expended 85 rds HE and 7 APC. Captured 200 PW's. 30 M-36's operational. 4 repairable and 2 unrepairable.

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FROM: 051800 May 45
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808th TD Bn
MET. ST. FLORIAN, AUSTRIA (V-936783)

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 224.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets, W8, X9, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops: Bn CP at (V-936783), Rear Echelon at (Q-830878), Ren Co CP at (V-933782), "A" Co CP and Co vic (Q-841879), "B" Co CP and Co vic (V-998780), "C" Co CP at (V-973719), IC at (V-934707), 2C at (V-999714), 3C no report.
5. Our operations for period;
 - a. Bn CP closed in at MET. ST. FLORIAN (V-936783) at 061450 May. Captured 300 PW's and 10 vehicles.
 - b. "A" Co, D/S 260th Inf, performed maintenance. 11 M-36's operational, one repairable.
 - c. "B" Co, D/S 261st Inf, one Plat supporting each Bn. Company destroyer 7 88's AT guns and 6 20mm guns. At close of period Co still engaged in fire fight. 10 M-36s operational, one repairable, one unrepairable.
 - d. "C" Co, D/S 259th Inf, moved to present location as indicated above, continued Spt. 9 M-36s operational, two repairable, one unrepairable.
 - e. Ren Co CP moved to new location. One Plat attached to each Co. 1st Plat operated 2 OP's in vic of 005798. 2d Plat performed maintenance, 3d Plat made road reconnaissance and furnished liaison. Captured 120 PW's.
7. Results of operations: Continued Spt of Inf, performed maintenance, made road reconnaissance and manned two OP's. "B" Co destroyed 7 88 AT guns, 6 20mm guns. At close of period still in fire fight. Captured 420 PW's and 10 vehicles.

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FROM: 061800 May 45
TO : 071800 May 45
808th TD Bn
MKT ST FLORIAN, (V-936783)

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No. 225.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets WS, X9, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops: Hq CP, Maj. Babelon and Ron Co via MKT ST FLORIAN, (V-936783), "A" Co CP and Co via (V-941879), "B" Co CP and Co via (V996790), "C" Co CP and Co via (V-936783).

5. Our operations for period.

- a. "A" Co, B/S 240th Inf, performed maintenance. 11 M-36's operational, one repairable.
- b. "B" Co, B/S 261st, destroyed one 88 AT AA gun, 3 40mm AA AT guns, 6 20mm AA quadruple guns, one MG, 3 personnel carriers, one radar unit, 6 houses with personnel, killed estimated 50 personnel. Captured 150 PW's, expending 55 rds 90mm HE. 10 M-36's operational, one repairable, one unrepairable.
- c. "C" Co, B/S 259th Inf, destroyed 3 '88 AA-AT guns, captured and destroyed 2 Mk IV tanks, captured 165 PW's, expended 16 rds HE. 9 M-36's operational, 2 repairable, one unrepairable.

7. Results of operations: Destroyed 4 '88 AA-AT guns, 3 40mm AA-AT guns, 6 20mm AA quadruple guns, 1 MG, 3 personnel carriers, one radar unit, 6 houses with personnel, 2 Mk IV tanks, killed estimated 50 personnel, expending 68 rds HE. Captured 315 PW's. 30 M-36's operational, 4 repairable, 2 unrepairable. Received and disseminated information of surrender of German Army and cessation of hostilities at 071030 May 45.

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FROM: 071800 May 45
TO : 081800 May 45
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MKT ST FLORIAN, AUSTRIA
(V-936783)

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 226.

MAPS: GERMANY, Sheets X9, 1/100,000.

2. Position of troops: Bn CP, Rear Echelon and Ron Co vic MKT ST FLORIAN, (V-936783), "A" Co CP and Co vic (V-863779), "B" Co CP and Co vic (V996790), "C" Co CP and Co vic (V9737719).

5. Our operations for period:

- a. "A" Co, D/S 260th Inf, closed in at ANSFDN (V-863779) at 081530 May, performed maintenance. 11 M-36's operational, one repairable.
- b. "B" Co, D/S 261st Inf, performed maintenance. 11 M-36's operational, one unrepairable.
- c. "C" Co, D/S 259th Inf, performed maintenance. 9 M-36's operational, two repairable, one unrepairable.
- d. Ron Co, one Plat attached each Co, performed maintenance.

7. Results of operations:

Continued Spt of Inf, performed maintenance. 31 M-36's operation, three repairable, two unrepairable.

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