

UNIT REPORT

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1. SUMMARY.

- a. Units in contact. No contact.
- b. Show enemy reserve that can effect our situation. No contact.
- c. Brief description of enemy activity during period covered by report.

From the first day of the period until the sixteenth day of the period the enemy engaged in light patrolling along our entire front with lapses of two and three days when no contact was made at all. Sporadic artillery fire was received along the WEISWAMPACH - EITLERNHUCK highway but then only in concentrations of from 2 to 10 rounds. Some long range small arms fire was received in the North sector of our front on several occasions consisting of small arms or machine gun fire evidently fired precisionally. On the morning of the 16 December 1944 the enemy laid down an intense artillery barrage starting at 0500 hours and lasting till 0730. It consisted of 88mm, 105, 122, 150 & 170mm and was concentrated on the towns along the WEISWAMPACH - EITLERNHUCK highway. Enemy infantry which had infiltrated during the night appeared in HOSINGEN about as soon as the artillery barrage was lifted. Other enemy infantry units had worked their way almost into MANNACH, NUNHEAUSEN & NOLATHEN before the artillery barrage was lifted and at once took up the attack. Enemy infiltration tactics continued throughout the day with the main effort seemingly directed toward pushing North and South of MANNACH to secure the road net there. Crossings were made all along the OUR RIVER with the initial crossing coming from the DASSUNG - FREINSCHIED area moving WEST toward MANNACH - HOSINGEN - NUNHEAUSEN, - NORSCHIED. During the night of the 16th and the early morning hours of the 17th the enemy fired all the towns that he had captured, and made extensive use of four large spotlights and many flares. Red, white and green flares were used and it was very apparent that the spotlights were used to control night movement as the volume of small arms and artillery fire followed the shift of the beams from the spotlights. The day of the 17th December 44 the enemy continued to press his attack using foot troops and artillery and continuing to use infiltration tactics to surround our strong points and overcome our areas of resistance. On the night of the 17th and the early morning hours of the 18th the use of spotlights and pyrotechnics was again much in evidence. The night of the 17 December 44 tanks were first reported West of the OUR RIVER with 3 ME V tanks being reported in MANNACH moving toward GLEHVAUX. The day of the 18th December 44 the enemy employed his armor with the infantry generally operating in teams of from two to five tanks with from thirty to 150 infantry. Using these teams the enemy continued to drive to the West all along the front driving on to take GLEHVAUX, KOSLORON and moving toward WILTZ. On this same day the enemy moved his armor and armored infantry over the roads from WILTZ toward WILTZ in two columns with infantry units moving over the ridges and thru the draws toward WILTZ. The enemy continued this advance to encircle WILTZ with forces moving from the NORTH and the SOUTH. From WILTZ his elements continued to drive West toward BASTOGNE using the same methods

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of infiltration at night and encirclement by day to outflank and cut off enemy opposition. From the 20 December 44 to the close of the period no further contact with the enemy was made.

d. Brief estimate of enemy strength, material means, morale, and his probable knowledge of our situation. Unknown.

e. Conclusions covering plans open to the enemy which can affect our mission, including the effect of time, space, terrain, present known dispositions, and other factors, on each such plan, and the earliest estimated time at which the enemy can put each into effect. No contact.

2. OWN SITUATION.

- a. Front line or most advanced elements. See Overlay.
- b. Location of troops, command posts, boundaries, etc. See Overlay.
- c. Location of adjacent units and supporting troops. See Overlay.
- d. Operations for Month of December 1944.

General: During period 1-15 December 1944, the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed) was attached to 28th Infantry Division, VIII Corps, First United States Army. Sector of the division (and battalion) was from vicinity REVENIS, GERMANY, on the North to vicinity ECHTERNACHE, LUXEMBOURG on the South, with the front generally along the GER RIVER at the LUXEMBOURG - GERMANY border. Operations during this period were very limited: from 1-4 December companies occupied normal T.D. positions in sector of infantry regiments normally supported: Company "A" with 109th Infantry to South; Company "B" with 110th Infantry in center; and company "C" with 112th Infantry on the North.

On 4 December Companies "A" and "B" and "C" were withdrawn to company assembly areas in infantry regimental sector and intensive training schedule followed until 16 December 1944.

On 16 December 1944 Germans began big drive into LUXEMBOURG and BELGIUM. Companies were committed to normal tank destroyer roles. Company "A" (-) fought delaying action with 109th Infantry toward the South. Company "B" fought with 110th Infantry and withdrew guns as necessary to WILT to add to defense of that town. All guns lost during ensuing days. Company "C" fought with 112th Infantry Regiment, withdrawing to North.

On 21 December 1944 Company "B" (with new equipment) had mission of holding BECOONE, BELGIUM, roadnet. Company "A" operated with 110th Infantry on similar mission at NEUFNATEL, BELGIUM. Company "C" with 112th Infantry Regiment was attached to XVIII Airborne Corps in vicinity HONNOUT, BELGIUM. Total casualties in battalion were 9 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, and 128 enlisted men. Greater portion of casualties were missing in action.

010001 December to 011700 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was disposed as follows: C.P. at EMBSDORF (F911 377); second platoon in position at P885418 and P919385; third platoon at P955367 and P969398. First platoon was in indirect fire position at P900963, tied in with the 107th F.A. Bn. During day, two guns of second platoon moved to P954411 and fired direct 10 rounds NE at area BEINDORF - GRICHTEN - MUNSCH. Buildings hit, but due to poor visibility results could not be observed.

First Reconnaissance Platoon operated from vicinity of Company "A" C.P. and performed daily contact patrols for 109th Infantry over route: EMBSDORF, SILSDORF, HETTENDORF, WEISDORF, SAELEBORN.

Company "B" had G.P. located at HOLTTHUM (P808553). First Platoon had section in position during night at P922592 and P839546. Second Platoon was in indirect fire positions at P866608, tied in with 109th F.A. Bn. Third Platoon had sections in position at HANNACH (P801628) and P840944. During day positions were prepared for direct fire at enemy, but were not occupied due to poor visibility.



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Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from (P819560), performing contact missions for 110th Infantry during day and security missions at night.

Company "C" had its C.P. located at WEISWAMPACH (P813720) and first platoon in position at P817707 and P815717. Two guns of second platoon were in position at P894750 to protect approaches from LUTKENPACH, GERMANY. Third Platoon with five guns in indirect fire positions at P836744, tied in with 229th F.A. Bn. During night third platoon fired 800 rounds HE in twenty missions harassing fire at KIEFF.

Battalion Command Post remained at BOEN, LUXEMBOURG, P704626.
No contact made with enemy during period, which was very quiet.



011700 - 021700 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was disposed as follows: C.P. at EMBSDORF (P911-377); second platoon in position at P885418 and P913388; third platoon at P955367 and P949398. First Platoon was in indirect fire positions at P900363, tied in with the 107th F.A. Bn. During day, first platoon fired 15 rounds HE in registration.

First Reconnaissance Platoon operated from vicinity of Company "A" C.P. and performed daily contact missions for 109th Infantry over route: EMBSDORF, GILSDORF, BETTENDORF, REISDORF, SABELBORN.

Company "B" had C.P. located at HOLTSTHUM (P808553). First Platoon had section in position during night at P822592 and P838546. Second Platoon was in indirect fire positions at P806608, tied in with 109th F.A. Bn. Third platoon had sections in position at HANNACH (P801628) and P840544. During day, one section of 1B moved to P902466, in position to support attack of Company "E" 110th Infantry, on 3 Dec. One gun of first platoon fired direct from P844549 on buildings at P872554. (3 rounds HE fired). One gun, 3B fired 20 rounds HE direct from P821618 on Damburg, hitting buildings. No activity observed.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from (P819560), performing contact missions for 110th Infantry during day and security missions at night.

Company "C" had its C.P. located at WEISWAMPACH (P813720) and first platoon in position at P817707 and P815717. Two guns of second platoon were in position at P894750 to protect approaches from LUTKENPACH, GERMANY. Third platoon with 5 guns in indirect fire positions at P836744, tied in with the 229th F.A. Bn. During night forty harassing missions with four guns and twenty missions with two guns fired at KIEFF with 200 rounds HE being expended. During day twelve rounds fired in registration.

021700 - 032400 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was disposed as follows: C.P. at EMBSDORF (P911-377); second platoon in position at P885418 and P913388; third platoon at P955-367 and P949398. First platoon was in indirect fire positions at P900363, tied in with the 107th F.A. Bn.

First Reconnaissance Platoon operated from vicinity of Company "A" C.P. and performed daily contact missions for 109th Infantry over route: EMBSDORF, GILSDORF, BETTENDORF, REISDORF, SABELBORN.

Company "B" had C.P. located at HOLTSTHUM (P808553). First platoon had one section in position at P838546, in normal role, and one section dug in at P902-466, in position to support attack of Company "E", 110th Infantry, on 3 Dec. Second Platoon in indirect fire positions at P806608, tied in with 109th F.A. Bn, fired 23 rounds HE for registration. Third Platoon had sections dug in at HANNACH (P801628) and P840544. During day two guns of third platoon fired direct at DEXBURG (1 gun 20 rounds HE; 1 gun 20 rounds HE). Hits on buildings observed and three buildings observed burning. During afternoon, section of first platoon at P902466 returned to normal dug-in positions at P822592.

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Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from (P819560), performing contact missions for 110th Infantry during day and security missions at night.

Company "C" had its C.F. located at WEISWAMPACH (P813720) and first platoon in dug-in positions at P817707 and P815717. During day two guns moved to previously prepared positions, fired 10 rounds HE each, at enemy personnel at P873-683 and then returned to regular positions. Two guns of second platoon were in position at P894750 to protect approaches from LUTIKAMPEN, GERMANY. Third Plat., with five guns in indirect fire positions at P836744, was tied in with the 229th F.A.Bn. During night 140 rounds HE and 59 rounds HENG were fired in 50 missions at HERSFELD - BOSCHIED areas and M's nearby.

Battalion Command Post remained at BOCK, LUKENBURG, P708626. No contact with enemy during period.



032400 - 041700 December 44.

During period Company "A" was disposed as follows: CP at EMBSDORF (P911377) second platoon in position at P885418 and P913388; third platoon at P955367 and P949998. First platoon was in indirect fire position at P900363; tied in with the 107th F.A.Bn. During day second Platoon fired two guns direct fire, 10 rounds HE each, at P954435 and GNECHTEN.

First Reconnaissance Platoon operated from vicinity of Company "A" C.F. and performed daily contact missions for 109th Infantry over route: EMBSDORF, GILSDORF, BETTENDORF, WEISDORF, SAUERBORN.

Company "B" was located during night 3-4 Dec. as follows: CP at HOLZTHUM (P808551), first platoon in dug-in positions at P822592 and P83546; second platoon in indirect fire positions at P806608, tied in with 109th F.A.Bn; third platoon had section dug-in at MANNACH (P801628) and P8400544. During morning third platoon moved one gun to previously prepared positions and fired three rounds HE direct at BASEUNG. Counterbattery fire - (approx. 15 rounds) were received and gun was withdrawn during firing of friendly artillery. During day second platoon fired one checkpoint mission with 6 rds and 5 observed missions with 108rds HE (indirect). Three missions fired at P86045916 and two fired at P8645286. Targets were enemy troops in woods and troops preparing gun positions. During afternoon Company began move to assembly area at ENSCHEERANGHE (749479). Company closed in new area (-1 gun still in position at 10) at 042040.

Company "C" CP was located at WEISWAMPACH (P813720). During night first platoon was in dug-in positions at P817707 and P815717. Two guns of second platoon were in position in P894750 to protect approaches from LUTIKAMPEN, GERMANY. Third platoon was tied in with the 229th F.A.Bn. During night Co "C" fired 10 missions totaling 205 rounds HE and 70 rounds HENG at FIKOFF - BOSCHIED area. During afternoon Company moved to assembly area at WEISWAMPACH. In withdrawal two guns of second platoon fired 2 rounds HE each, direct at enemy personnel. Results unknown. Company closed in new area at 1745. The following concentrations were fired by Company "C" on 10 separate missions the night of 4 December 1944.

H-5	8230 - 8932	T-4	9116 - 7028	T-7	9140 - 7028
H-27	8860 - 8780	T-5	9076 - 6990	T-8	9124 - 7062
H-48	8848 - 8710	T-6	9120 - 6990	T-9	9062 - 7095
T-2	9134 - 7116				

041700 - 051700 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was disposed as follows: C.F. at EMBSDORF (P911-377); second platoon in position at P885418 and P913388; third platoon at P955367 and P949998. First platoon was in indirect fire positions at P900363, tied in with the 107th F.A.Bn. At 1300 hours Company began move to assembly area at EMBSDORF

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(F911377) and WEIERNACH (F915358); second and third platoons assembled at EMBSDORF, first platoon at WEIERNACH, the company closed in assembly area at 1715.

First Reconnaissance platoon operated from vicinity of Company "A" C.F. and performed daily contact patrols for 109th Infantry over routes: EMBSDORF, GILSDORF, BOTTENDORF, HEISDORF, SAHELBOHN. At close of the day platoon assembled at EMBSDORF, (F911377).

Company "B" in assembly area at EMBSDORF (F740379). During period company reorganized platoons, performed maintenance of vehicles and care and cleaning of material.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from (F819560) performing contact missions for 110th Infantry during day, and security missions at night.

Company "C" in assembly area at WEISWAMPACH (F813720). During period company reorganized platoons, performing maintenance of vehicles, and care and cleaning of material.

Battalion Command Post remained at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG. F708626.

051700 - 061700 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was in assembly areas as follows: CP second and third platoons at EMBSDORF (F911377); first platoon at WEIERNACH (915358). Two guns of first platoon was put in direct fire positions at (F947403); 1 gun fired 10 rounds NE and 1 gun fired 9 rounds NE at EMBSDORF with at least ten hits on buildings. Due to poor visibility results are not known.

First Reconnaissance Platoon moved to new assembly area at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG, F708626, closing in area at 1200.

Company "B" (minus second platoon) in assembly area at EMBSDORF (F740379) During period company was following intensive training schedule. Second Platoon, Co. "B" began move at 1000 hours to assembly area at TAVEL (F883456), to support the 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry. Platoon closed before end of period. Liaison made with 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from F819560 performing contact missions for 110th Infantry during day and security missions at night.

Company "C" in assembly area at WEISWAMPACH (F813720). During period company was following intensive training schedule.

Battalion Command Post remained at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG, (708626)



061700 - 071700 December 1944.

During the period Company "A" was in assembly areas as follows: Command Post, second and third platoons at EMBSDORF, (F911377), First platoon at WEIERNACH (F947403). Company carrying out intensive training program and reorganization. During day one gun of first platoon was placed in direct fire position at (F940399) and fired 10 rounds NE direct at buildings in EMBSDORF, GERMANY, with at least six observed hits. No counter-battery was received.

Company "B" (minus second platoon) was in assembly area at EMBSDORF (F740379) undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule. Second platoon, with three guns, was in an assembly area at TAVEL (F883456) to support the first battalion, 110th Infantry, in future operations. During day gun positions reconnoitered and prepared at (F899375) and (F894465).

Company "C" was in assembly area at WEISWAMPACH (F813720). Company was undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

First Reconnaissance platoon was in assembly area at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG (F708626), undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

Second Reconnaissance platoon operated from (F819560) performing contact missions for 110th Infantry during day and security missions at night.

Battalion C.F. remained at BOGEN (BOVENAOS), LUXEMBOURG, (F708626).

No contact with enemy during period which was very quiet.

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071700 - 081700 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was in assembly area as follows: CP, second and third platoons at EMBSDORF, P911377; first platoon at WEIERSBACH, P947403. Company carrying out intensive training program and reorganization.

Company "B" (minus second platoon) was in assembly area at EUSCHERANGE P749579 undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule. Second Platoon, with three guns was in assembly area at TANEL, P893456 to support the first battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, in future operations. During day gun positions were prepared at P899475 and P894465 and P895475.

Company "C" was in assembly area at WEISWAMPACH, P813720. Company was undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

First Reconnaissance Platoon was in assembly area at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG, P708626, undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from P819560 performing contact missions for 110th Infantry Regiment during day and security missions at night.

Battalion Command Post remained at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG, P708626.

No contact with enemy during period which was very quiet.



081700 - 091700 December 1944.

During period Company "A" was in assembly area as follows: CP, second and third platoons at EMBSDORF, P911377; first platoon at WEIERSBACH, P947403. Company carrying out intensive training program and reorganization. During day one gun of the first platoon was placed in direct fire position at (P940399) and fired 10 rds HE at pillbox West of EMBSDORF, GERMANY with at least 5 observed hits. No counter-battery was received.

Company "B" (minus second platoon) was in assembly area at EUSCHERANGE P749-579 undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule. Second platoon, with three guns was in assembly area at TANEL, P893446 to support the first battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, in future operations. During day gun positions were prepared at P899475, P894465 and P895475.

Company "C" was in assembly area at WEISWAMPACH, P813720. Company was undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

First reconnaissance platoon was in assembly area at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG, P708-626, undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from P819560 performing contact missions for 110th Infantry Regiment during day and security missions at night.

Battalion Command Post remained at BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG, P708626.

No contact with enemy during period which was very quiet.

091700 - 102400 December 1944.

During night Company "A" was in assembly area as follows: CP, second and third platoons at EMBSDORF (P911377); first platoon at WEIERSBACH (P947403) Company moved during day at EUSCHERANGE (P895418), closing in assembly area at 1415.

Company "B" (minus second platoon) was in assembly area at EUSCHERANGE (P749-579) undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule. Second platoon spent night at TANEL and moved during morning to company assembly area, closing at 1200.

Company "C" was in assembly area at WEISWAMPACH (P813720). Company was undergoing reorganization and following intensive training schedule.

First Reconnaissance Platoon, Battalion Command Post and rear echelon moved at 1230 from BOGEN, LUXEMBOURG to WEICHERDORF (P749614).

Second Reconnaissance Platoon operated from (P819560) performing contact missions for 110th Infantry Regiment during day and security missions at night.



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During period 102400 to 160001 December 1944, the battalion followed an intensive training program. Companies were assembled in section of infantry regiments they supported: Company "A" (supporting 109th Infantry) was at ERFELDANGE (P835418); Company "B" (supporting 110th Infantry) was at ENSCHEERANGE (P8749579); Company "C" (supporting 112th Infantry) was at WEISSMÄTTE (P813720). Battalion Command Post, First reconnaissance platoon and rear echelon were located at WAP. ROSSHEID, LUXEMBOURG. Second reconnaissance platoon performed contact missions for 110th Infantry Regiment from P819560. Each day one platoon from each T.D. Company occupied previously prepared T.D. positions in sector in simulated tank attack.

On 12 December first reconnaissance platoon relieved second reconnaissance platoon on patrol missions for 110th Infantry. Platoon CP established at WARMACH.

On 12 December one platoon Company "A" fired direct at barracks at P874682. Forty rounds expended, with 23 observed hits, causing considerable damage.

During days 13, 14 and 15 December training continued with occupation of direct fire positions.

On 16 December the 690th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed) continued attached to the 25th Infantry Division. The division sector was from vicinity SEVENIC, GUMMAY on the North (with 106th Inf. Div on left (W) flank) to vicinity SCHTER. WACH, LINDENBURG; on the South (with 9th Armored Division on right (W) flank). Division front was generally along OUR RIVER on LUXEMBOURG - GERMAN border. The companies of the battalion were in assembly areas as follows: Company "A" at ERFELDANGE (supporting 109th Infantry); Company "B" at ENSCHEERANGE (supporting 110th Infantry); Company "C" at WEISSMÄTTE (supporting 112th Infantry); Battalion CP, rear echelon and Second Reconnaissance Platoon at WAP. ROSSHEID. The First Reconnaissance Platoon was supporting 110th Infantry on a contact patrol mission operating from WARMACH.

On morning of 16 December Germans began shelling main highway from from WISSMÄTTE to DIEFTRICH in the WARMACH-ROSSINGEN area. During early morning enemy infantry and tanks began attacking ROSSHEID, WEISSINGEN, and WARMACH. At 0750 hours enemy was overrunning BOCKHOLTZ, ROSSINGEN and NOLETHUM. Guns of Company "B" (-2 guns of 28 held in reserve) ordered to move to previously prepared direct fire positions. First Platoon, Company "B", placed 3 guns at SIEGHEALER and one in BOCKHOLTZ supporting Battery "C", 109th F.I. Two guns of 28 attempted to get to WARMACH and with Second Reconnaissance Platoon as support moved toward that area. However, these were intercepted by 100-150 Germans on road from MÜNCHHAUSEN to WARMACH. 2 enemy killed, 5 wounded, 1 captured. Section of 28 took up positions with cannon company, 110th Infantry at MÜNCHHAUSEN (783609). Section of 28 moved to prepared positions at HUPPERDANGE and WASSFELT.

During day of 16 December guns of Company "C" moved to direct fire positions, two guns moving to vicinity CP, 112th Infantry at OBERHAUSEN. Elements of Company "C" engaged enemy patrol in small arms fight. Enemy machine gun nest destroyed with 3 known enemy killed.

Main strength of Company "A" held in reserve.

During night 16-17 December enemy tanks and infantry continued movement West. Two guns of 2nd Platoon, Company "B" attempted to move to vicinity THILLER but enemy prevented move. Two guns of 28 at HUPPERDANGE overrun; one recovered (with ammunition for both) morning 17 December.

Enemy continued movement West during day of 17 December using tank-infantry tactics. Guns of 1B forced to withdraw from BOCKHOLTZ and high ground to West and took up positions on high ground West of DRÄFFELT and WILSKENILTY. One section 28 placed at WSELBORN; section 2 remained at MÜNCHHAUSEN, with situation ori-



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tical. One gun, 38, knocked out by direct fire; one moved to KUELEN. Guns of Company "A" disposed as follows: One section, 1A, vicinity BRADENBURG, one section vicinity RJ at 726556; 2A moved to vicinity HOCKEN; one section 3A vicinity EASTEN-DORF, one section at HANGLS. Guns of Company "C" in direct support of 112th Infantry rushed guns forward toward OUR RIVER. At 171700 Company "C" reported 7 enemy tanks destroyed.

During afternoon 17 December Co "B" CP moved to KNATHOSCHIED with Battalion CP.

During night 17-18 second platoon of 1P forced to move from high ground to BRACKENBACH to RJ at 721562. Also 1 Ron. with Company "B", 112th Infantry at BRACKENBACH overrun by enemy tanks and infantry, with 2nd enemy half-track known destroyed. During early morning 18 December First platoon (first section) forced to withdraw to West and went into position on high ground near section of 1A at 1726556.

PASTOGNE-WILTZ road cut 18 December.

Enemy continued advance 18 December overrunning several villages. At 0700 one section 2P moved to position at RJ at 676645. At 0930 one section 1B moved to BRACKENBACH. During day second section of 1B and one section 1A were overrun by enemy infantry and forced to leave positions. About 1100 one gun of 1B moved to RJ at 1716547. At 1100 section of 2P at BRACKENBACH moved to positions in WILTZ.

During morning 18 December Battalion 1P defended KNATHOSCHIED. Enemy patrol fired on, one German injured. CP withdrew at 1230, but encountered enemy armored vehicles at BRACKENBACH, and CP moved toward HANVILLE. Due to enemy encirclement vehicles were abandoned after dark and CP moved on foot to LONGVILLY, contacting 9th Armored elements there.

At 141530 gun of 1B at BRACKENBACH overrun after destroying one Mk V tank and killing approximately 75 enemy. At 1600 second gun of section overrun at BRACKENBACH. Morning 18 December third gun of 2P lost and fourth gun destroyed in afternoon.

During period 16-18 December 3P destroyed 14 tanks (Mk IV and V), 1 SP 38, 3 half-tracks, 1 Volkswagen, and killed approximately 300 infantry.

At 181600 reports received that section of 2P at MUNSCHAUSEN had been overrun. WILTZ attacked at 182100 with 6 guns of 630th TD Bn in position in defense of town. Results unknown - personnel missing.

During day 19 December, elements of Bn CP, Company "F" Hqs, 1st and 3rd platoons and Battalion rear echelon assembled at 1467520, 1 mile South of MORNET. Company "B" short all guns. 2nd Division CP contacted at MORNET. Second Reconnaissance platoon reported in at 1400 to get ammunition for guns in WILTZ. At 2200 platoon led column of 25th Division toward WILTZ but encountered enemy vicinity HOLLANGE. Column returned to Division at 201100, Reconnaissance platoon returning to Battalion. (Later reports showed WILTZ overrun night 19-20 December).

On 19 December Company "C" destroyed three enemy Mk V tanks and 1 SP 38 gun. High explosive shells fired on enemy foottroops and 71 rds APC fired on enemy armored elements. One half-track destroyed through enemy action.

During day 20 December defense organized around RJ at 1473514 with elements of Battalion.

Second Platoon, Company "A", had guns in position West of WILTZ and enemy moving into WILTZ from South. Six Mk VI's destroyed, 4 truckloads of Germans and estimated 500 enemy.

On 20 December platoons of Company "C" displaced as perimeter defense of HULLANGE. Fire directed on enemy foot troops.

At 210200 enemy attacked RJ held by Bn CP and Company "B" with Infantry and tanks. Elements of RJ forced to withdraw to NEHVOHATEMI; others moved to LIBRAMONT 21 December. Elements of Battalion (Company "A" and Company "C") placed under operational control of 7th T.D. Group to defend BECOGNE-LIBRAMONT road net. Positions dug in East of LIBRAMONT but at 2100 all elements moved to temporary area West of BECOGNE. At

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231000 7th TD Group plus battalion elements moved to GR at F252165 and prepared defensive positions. Defense continued until 241200. Patrols sent out to MAISSIN-LOBIN-HEILIN.

On 21 December Co "B" captured one enemy staff car, one enemy supply truck and one motorcycle destroyed. Two enemy officers and 2 enlisted men killed. Platoons of Co "C" held positions in perimeter defense of BEILIN.

On 22 December Co "C" engaged enemy in small arms fight. Losses inflicted unknown. Company fired four rounds unobserved fire on enemy tanks reported in woods. Platoons continued defenses of perimeter of BEILIN.

On 23 December Company "C" platoons displaced to perimeter defense of BOBERT.

During period 18-23 December one section 1A and one section 3A supported 109th Infantry. Guns withdrawn with infantry to FULLEN and HOFFELDANGE. 109th Infantry ROT attached to 10th Armored Division. On 23 December Company "C" CP was at VICHYEN (756320). Guns were in direct fire positions with section in vicinity of HERRIG (727468). 41 rounds of HE fired direct at personnel, 145 enemy estimated killed. At 231000 moved to assembly area at SCHRONWILER (863950).

During period 18-24 December 25th Infantry Division and 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion placed under control of Third United States Army (VIII Corps)

Full report on Second Platoon Company "B" and 2 sections of Company "A" not available, due to loss of personnel.

On 24 December Germans were exploiting breakthrough across OUR RIVER. Battalion CP and Company "B" (minus all guns) were under operational control of 7th T.D. Group with mission of holding LIBRAMONT - RECOGN road net. Company "A" supporting 109th Infantry to South. Company "C" supporting 112th Infantry to North. All units under VIII Corps, Third United States Army.

At 241200 7th TD Group plus 630th TD Bn. elements moved back to LIBRAMONT and set up close security for night. Patrols of Second Reconnaissance Platoon sent to Northwest at 241700. Six towed guns received.

Company "A" CP on 24 December was at STEGEN (874374). Guns were moved into direct fire positions protecting right flank of 109th ROT on advance along line STEGEN - HONSTROP.

On 24 December Company "C" CP located at VAIRCHAVANNE, (V542912).

At 251000 Company "B" (A) moved to RECOGN and established defense of that road intersection. Personnel of Headquarters Company constituted security sections for guns. Second Reconnaissance platoon continued contact mission to Northwest.

Guns of Company "A" were placed in indirect fire positions 25 December vicinity STEGEN (868272), supporting 107th P. I. Sixty-four HE expended.

Company "C" CP located at HANNE (V522967).

Position of Company "B" (A) improved 26 December 1944. Reconnaissance continued. At 1515 enemy bombed 7th T.D. Group CP injuring 2 officers and eight men of this unit.

Guns of Company "A" tied in with 107th PA on indirect fire 26 December, 274 rounds HE expended.

Company "C" CP located at LANSHICY (V542035) on 26 December.

At 271300 four MG's received and placed in reserve at RECOGN. At 1000 hours 7th TD Group (A elements of 630th TD Bn) placed under operational control of 25th Infantry Division. At 1230 hours 630th T D Bn. elements given mission of forming screen to North and Northwest of RECOGN, as well as defense of road intersection itself. Screen established at 1430 hours.

On 27 December Company "A" continued indirect fire with 4 guns operational. 162 rounds expended. Credit for all indirect fire was 1 battery of HD artillery, 2 cargo trucks, 1 CP, 1 CP. At 1000 moved from STEGEN to assembly area at GELMAR (820355); to MARMONTAINE (315322) with 109th ROT, arriving at 2200.

On 27 December Company "C" located vicinity LANSHICY (V542035) reorganizing and reequipping.



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At 201400 7th TD Group (4 630th TD Elements) placed under operational control of 109th Infantry, which had mission of defending LIBRAMONT-NECOGNE road intersection. Regiment began arriving in area at 1500.

On 28 December Company "A" supported 28th Infantry Division in TD defense of NEUMENATEM. Guns placed in position covering roads from North, East and Northwest. Replacement guns received.

At 211730 Company "A" displaced to LIEBE (VFA67005) at 1730, and took up T.D. defense in support of 112th RCT.

On 29 December positions of guns of Company "B" improved and coordinated with infantry. At 2100 hours two M10's moved to LIBRAMONT; 2 to NEUMENATEM. Field Orders received attaching 630th T.D. Gp. to 28th Infantry Division; mission unchanged.

Company "C" continued defense of NEUMENATEM.

On 29 December Company "D" displaced to MONTMATH (VF335940) and took up T.D. defense in support of 112th RCT.

On 30 December Company "E" continued T.D. Defense of MONTMATH with RCT.

At 21000 two M10's moved to roadblock of 109th Infantry Rgt of NECOGNE. Reconnaissance patrols contacted 87th Infantry Division.

At 211300 units were continuing on missions given above.

Total losses inflicted on enemy during period 16-31 December, as far as could be obtained, were as follows:

- 6 M4 VI tanks destroyed
- 12 M4 V tanks destroyed
- 10 M4 IV tanks destroyed
- 2 SP 8" how guns destroyed
- 19 Other vehicles destroyed
- 1 4.2" gun destroyed
- 1 M4 III AA destroyed
- 1 CP destroyed
- 1 CP destroyed
- 1 Machine gun nest destroyed
- 1 HQ field artillery battery destroyed
- 12 Prisoners captured
- 1 Staff car captured
- 1002 Enemy estimated killed



Above reports do not include results of second platoon, Company "B" or two sections of Company "A", all of which were in path of advancing tanks, but personnel missing.

At 212400 December units employed as shown above.

e. Combat efficiency. Unknown; gun crews short personnel, untrained personnel being used; short equipment; communication poor. Above due to actions from 16-31 December 1944.

f. See Overlay.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE.

a. Status of strength of commands:

Assigned	514 EM	23 Off	1 WOJG
Repl needed	104 EM	11 Off	1 WOJG

b. Casualties	Off	WO	EM
(1) Killed	0	0	0
(2) Wounded			
(a) MVA	0	0	3
(b) LW	1	0	15
(c) IIA	0	0	1

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE. Cont'd.

b. Casualties. Cont'd.

(3) Missing

(1) Captured

Officers

WO

EM

9

1

100

0

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c. Prisoners captured. 11.

d. Evacuation. Normal

e. Location of supply & evacuation. St Cecilia 202382.

f. Status of supply. Rations - 2 day reserve, ammunition - 2 days of fire, gasoline - 2 days supply, oil - 7 days supply.

g. Condition of roads and circulation. Roads - Icy, Circulation - Good.



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