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1. In compliance with Par 10, AR 345-105, as amended by Change 2 dated 9 March 1943, the following report is submitted:

2. The information contained herein has been extracted from the Unit Journal of the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

3. Report After Operations Against The Enemy - Period 010001A November 1944 - 302359A November 1944.

On 1 November, Bn Hq located in vic of ARRY (U66044504). No change. Hq Co. (less Bn Hq Fwd CP) moved from vic of VIEVILLE to VANDIERES at 1000 hours. Rcn Co. less 1st pltn located at 700400. No change. A Co. No change. 1st and 3rd pltns still under enemy artillery fire. Locations of Co. CP 79454475, 1st pltn 80404550, 2nd pltn 80254450, 3rd pltn and 1st Rcn pltn 83004405. B Co. During the day the Co. fired nine missions. Locations of Co. CP 77334521, 1st pltn 77624402, 2nd pltn 77564423, 3rd pltn 77674475. C Co. Location of 1st pltn 77344863, 77384788, 77154786, 77124780, 3rd pltn 77444614, 77354615, 77294616. No change. 2nd pltn in position at 77924512 fired eight missions during day expending 31 rounds of ammo. No other change. 1 EM stepped on enemy personnel mine suffering compound fracture of leg. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 2 November, A Co. The 1st and 3rd pltns received occasional enemy artillery and mortar fire. By 1500 hours all pltns were successfully relieved by B Co., 818th TD Bn; the 1st Rcn pltn reverted back to Co. control. Co. then moved across the MOSELLE RIVER closing into Bn assembly area U69404010 (2 miles NW of Vilcey) at 1800 hours. B Co. The 3rd pltn fired two observed fire missions during day expending 45 rounds. All pltns were relieved by C Co., 818th TD Bn, by 1600 hours. Co. then moved across MOSELLE RIVER closing into Bn assembly area at 1645. C Co. All pltns were relieved by Co. A, 818th TD Bn, by 1800 hours. Co. then moved across MOSELLE RIVER closing into Bn assembly area by 1930 hours. Bn relieved from attachment to 95th Inf Div at 022400 Nov 44, Auth: Ops Instrs No 4, Hq, 95th Inf Div dtd 31 Oct 44. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 3 November, - On relief of Bn positions in the bridgehead sector by the 818th TD Bn, this Bn was attached to 90th Inf Div on XX Corps orders, effective 030001 Nov 44, and moved NW to the following locations, all units closing in by 1230 hours. Bn Hq and Hq Co. HIGNY; Rcn and C Companies, PREUTIN; B Co. DOMPRIX; A Co. BERTRAMEIX. Total distance travelled 39-miles. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 4-5 November, - Effective 5 Nov 44, Bn reorganized under TO&F 18-25, 15 March 1944, per Secret Ltr, file AG 320.2, TD GNMCC, Subj: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Battalions, Self Propelled", dated 8 November 1944.

All companies performed maintenance of vehicles and checking of personnel equipment. Weather, cloudy and continued cold with light rain.

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On 6 November, Battalion less Hq Co. moved at 1730 hours making a blackout march under adverse conditions to indirect firing positions along road between BOUST and BOLER. All elements closed in by 2400 hours without any unusual incidents. Distance travelled 31 miles. Weather, cloudy, cold and continued rain.

On 7 November, Bn Fwd CP moved from temporary location at 876939 to 8795093925. A, B and C Companies completed occupation and improved positions for indirect fire missions. Registration could not be done due to poor visibility. Weather, cloudy and rain.

On 8 November - All companies in same positions as previous day had completed registration by 1800 hours. All companies including Bn Fwd CP received some large caliber enemy shelling at approximately 1330 hours. About 17 shells, (150mm size) landed but 12 proved to be duds. Weather, cloudy and rain.

On 9-10 November - The Battalion mission - artillery support of 90th Inf Div. - was performed by the firing companies, A, B and C, between dates 8-11 November, 1100 rounds of HE shells were expended on German positions across the MOSELLE RIVER. At 102115 Nov., C Co. left BOUST in a difficult blackout march approximately 7 miles to FIXEM. The 3rd pltn was to support the 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. and was to cross the river and bridge when ready and proceed to HUNTING, in an attack to be launched to retake KERLING. The 2nd pltn in support of the 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. to proceed to PETITE-HETTANGE. The 1st pltn in mobile reserve to proceed to vic of CR at U972918. Weather, cloudy and rain.

On 11 November - Companies A and B still in same location, fired a number of concentrations expending a total of 198 rounds HE. No other changes. At 1810 hours the 1st pltn Co. C moved to GAVISSE but was unable to cross swollen river. The 2nd and 3rd pltns were alerted but had not moved at 2400 hours. 3rd Rcn pltn attached to Co. Weather, cloudy and rainy.

On 12 November - Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved from BOUST to CATTENON closing in at 1410 hours. Distance travelled 5 miles. Hq. Co. moved from HIGNY to BOUST (old Bn Hq Fwd CP) closing in at 1500 hours. A Co. All pltns moved from BOLER to FIXEM and were placed in direct fire positions from 1200 to 1700 hours. Armor needed across river so plans were made by engineers to ferry TD's across since bridge was out. At 2000 hours the CO in a one-quarter ton and one TD was ferried across but water then receded so ferry could not operate. The CO and destroyer crew spent the night at MALLING. The remainder of the companies awaited crossing at CATTENON. B Co. No operations but was alerted for movement at 0600 hours. C Co. At 0615 hours the 1st pltn started crossing the MOSELLE RIVER by pontoon bridge at MALLING and by 0645 hours had two M10's across. The two TD's arrived at PETITE-HETTANGE just in time to aid in repulsing a strong enemy counter-attack from the West and KERLING. During the ensuing action approximately 300 Germans were killed by HE and .50 cal. MG fire of these two TD's. Two enemy SP's (7.5cm) AT guns were KO'd just E of PETITE-HETTANGE on road leading to KERLING. One of these SP's was towing and trying to extricate another, when a 57mm AT gun fired on them causing them to turn enough to permit the M10's to traverse and fire one round HE on the towing SP gun and destroying and burning it. The 1st pltn continued on the advance in support of Co. E and G of 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. to its present location. At 0845 hours the 3rd pltn attempted the river crossing on pontoon bridge; when the leading M10 was approximately 25-50 feet from shore the bridge tilted and parted causing the TD to sink in the river. One man missing and six casualties. By 1400 hours the engineers had rigged up a ferry and the remainder of the company successfully made the river crossing and occupied the following positions; 1st pltn 98459003, 2nd pltn 98409330, 3rd pltn 97909040. The CP and 3rd Rcn pltn still located at FIXEM. One company M18 TD's (Co. A, 705th TD Bn) atchd to Bn per VOCC, 90th Inf Div. Weather, cloudy and cold.

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On 13 November, Rcn Co. 3rd pltn returned to Co. control at 1700 hours. At 1830, Co. alerted for move and left Co. area at 1900 hours, receiving some enemy shellfire on route to pontoon bridge over MOSELLE RIVER. At 2400 hours Co. still waiting on road to cross river. A Co. The CO established Co. forward CP at KOENIGSMACKER early in the morning. One M10, 1st pltn, was given mission of destroying enemy pillbox at 955883. Pillbox neutralized after firing 5 rounds HE and 1 round HE with fuze T105. By 1745 hours balance of TD's (11) had crossed river. 1st pltn in position at 95108830; 3rd pltn in position at RJ at METRICH. 2nd pltn in reserve at KOENIGSMACKER. B Co. At 1800 hours Co. began to move to cross river and closed into assembly area at 937889 at 2330 hours. C Co. Co. disposition was not changed up to 0845 hours. At this time the 2nd pltn was atchd to the 1st Bn, 358th Inf. and went into position at BASSE-HAM (91458850) and (92258760). At 1100 hours mission of the pltn was changed and they were atchd to the 2nd Bn, 358th Inf., and moved to VALMESTROFF taking up positions in S part of town. At 1300 hours this pltn attacked enemy strongpoints and destroyed one enemy pillbox, two 7.5 cm AT guns and one ammunition dump. At 1500 hours one section was detached to support the 3rd Bn, 358th Inf. and to form roadblock at ELZANGE, with movement to 93358915 for the other section and to INGLANGE for 1st section upon clearance of mines. The 2nd section, 2nd pltn, still in position at 93659340 with no unusual occurrences. At 0900 hours one gun at CR 96409095 became atchd to the 1st pltn at 98509005 making pltn strength at 3 guns. At 1200 hours Lt. Beckman with 1st pltn were placed in support of 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. and at 1350 hours an attack was launched on KERLING. 3" and .50 cal. MG fire assisted materially in clearing the town. 12 PW's taken and one GP vehicle destroyed. One section now in position at 99808950 and atchd gun in position at 99208970. Weather, cloudy and light rain in evening.

On 14 November - Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved from CATTENON at 0800 hours crossing bridge and closing in at METRICH at 0900 hours. Distance travelled 7 miles. Hq. Co. (less S-4, Personnel & Maintenance Sects) departed from BOUST at 0730 and crossed the river into METRICH closing in at 0930 hours. Rcn Co. - From 0001 to 0300 hours were enroute to new location across the river and last elements closed in at 956903 at 0345 hours. A Co. Co. CP moved at 1415 hours to vic of ELZANGE. 1st and 2nd pltns at RJ 95108840. 3rd pltn at RJ in METRICH. At 1600 hours the 1st Rcn pltn and one section Pioneers atchd to the 3rd pltn. 3rd pltn was ordered to move to town of OUDRENNE but due to intensive enemy minefields and boobytraps was unable to do so and returned to METRICH to await minefield clearance. The 1st pltn reconnoitered for new positions in vic of ELZANGE, and 2nd pltn reconnoitered for positions in support of the 3rd pltn. B. Co. The 1st pltn moved from assembly area at 0945 hours to ELZANGE to support 3rd Bn, 358th Inf. At 1700 hours the pltn moved to RJ at 952858 to cover main valley road. No action. The 2nd pltn left the assembly area at 0915 moving to VALMESTROFF in support of the 2nd Bn, 358th Inf. At 1300 hours the 1st section moved to 934842 and fired at enemy vehicles moving SE out of DISTROFF. At 1400 hours two companies of infantry moved in to take DISTROFF, and the same section moved with them to high ground at 937818 where they could cover the infantry's advance. Enemy vehicles were fired on but results could not be determined due to long range and poor visibility. At 0920 hours the 3rd pltn moved from assembly area to positions around Ft KOENIGSMACKER from where they could cover the open ground on the Division right. No action. C Co. At 0300 hours the Hq section plus one M10 made the river crossing and established Co. CP NE of METRICH. At 0700 hours Co. L, 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. started patrols into FRECHING. No resistance was met and Co. L with tanks and one TD of 1st pltn in support moved into the town. By 1000 hours the balance of 1st pltn were occupying positions in FRECHING, having been relieved of roadblock assignment in KERLING by 712th Tank Co. At 1100 hours and 1330 hours Co. B relieved the two sections of the 2nd pltn at VALMESTROFF and ELZANGE respectively. Both sections of 2nd pltn assembled at Co. CP as reserve. Weather, cloudy and intermittent rain.

On 15 November, A Co. At 0900 hours the 1st pltn moved to 946 08740 as reserve pltn. At 1500 hours the 2nd pltn moved to OUDRENNE receiving heavy enemy artillery fire about 1600 hours. At 0800 hours the 3rd pltn moved to vic of BREISTOFF-La-PETITE and received sporadic enemy artillery fire during day. At 1330 hours the 1st section of Pioneers atchd to 1st Rcn pltn KO'd one enemy sedan capturing two PW's with maps in vic of BREISTOFF-la-PETITE. At 1530 hours the 3rd pltn fired 13 rounds HE with fuze T105 and 4 rounds APC on an enemy fort from a range of 3000 yards causing damage. At 1530 hours the 1st section of Pioneers destroyed (demolition) two emplaced German 76mm AT guns near same town. B Co. At 0900 hours 1st pltn moved to vic of DISTROFF to assist in repelling an enemy counter-attack; this pltn was not needed and returned to their former position at 1130. At 1400 the 1st pltn moved to 956851 to support our infantry attack on INGLANGE. Attack did not occur and pltn again returned to former position at 1830. 2nd pltn met a counter-attack by enemy inf., SP's and halftracks at daybreak. 1st section, 2nd pltn, and 2nd section, 2nd pltn with security section between were overrun by enemy and attempted to maneuver and were turned back; TD overturned and was abandoned by crew who fell back toward the covering M10. Three members of crew wounded by enemy fire. The enemy attack continued into town where the pltn KO'd one SP gun and one enemy halftrack. An enemy SP gun fired on one M10 of 2nd section KO'ing it and wounding 3 EM. At 0830 the 3rd pltn moved to vic of DISTROFF but were unable to move into town due to roadblock. C Co. At 0700, 3rd pltn left CP and proceeded to OUDRENNE and established roadblock on road running SE and SW out of town. Co. was relieved by 10th Arm'd Div. but due to extremely heavy traffic Co. was not able to assemble. No further change. Weather, cloudy and rainy.

On 16 November, Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved from METRICH to ELZANGE (950863) closing in at 1130. Distance travelled 5 miles. A Co. The 1st pltn moved forward in support of 1st pltn, 712th Tk Bn, and of 1st Bn, 357th Inf. at 1200 with mission of taking Hill 221, 900 yards E of BUDING. Some enemy artillery fire was received. 2nd and 3rd pltns no change except enemy artillery fire received at positions. 1st Rcn pltn reconnoitered positions for 1st pltn in vic of Hill 221 at 0900. Also reconnoitered route and positions for 2nd pltn in LEMESTROFF and occupied these positions awaiting the 2nd pltn's move the next day. B Co. 1st pltn moved at 0700 to support attack on INGLANGE, by moving to high ground overlooking town but had no action. At 1600 the 1st pltn moved in support of attack on METERVISSE and occupied positions to within 300 yards of town. 2nd pltn moved from DISTROFF toward METERVISSE at 1430 knocking out one 88mm AT gun on outskirts of METERVISSE at range of 1500 yards. The road into town could not be travelled and cross-country movement denied so pltn returned to DISTROFF at 1730. At 1415 hours 3rd pltn moved from DISTROFF thru INGLANGE turning S to METERVISSE. This move was headed by a pltn of tanks and as darkness fell the lead tank was KO'd by enemy bazooka fire as it entered town. No further movement was made and the TD pltn took up positions on the outskirts of town. C Co. By 1300 the Co. had assembled at BREISTOFF-la-PETITE as Bn reserve. At 1400 the 3rd pltn was alerted and proceeded to BASSE YUTZ where they were to report to the 90th Rcn Troop. No other changes. Weather, fair in morning and cloudy in afternoon.

On 17 November, Rcn Co.- Hq pltn left METRICH at 0900 closing in to new position 951864 at 1015 hours; Div CP ousted them and they finally relocated in same area at 1500 hours. A Co. At 0930 the 1st pltn moved up to BUDING then were held up by enemy roadblocks and mines. After obstacles were removed they moved forward at 1200 to ELZING and took up positions on N side of KEDANGE, continuing in support of 712th Tk pltn. Intermittent enemy artillery fire was received by 1st pltn. 2nd pltn moved up to LEMESTROFF and to VECKRING where they took up direct fire positions and also received enemy artillery fire. 3rd pltn left BREISTOFF-la-PETITE at 1000 and proceeded to BUDLING. At 1200 orders were received to go to BUDING and at 1700 moved to RJ 1200 yards S of KLANG and bivouac was made with 1st pltn. B Co. 1st pltn moved into METERVISSE at dawn and remained there until 1545 hours

when it moved off in support of 1st Bn, 357th Inf. in attack on high ground E of METZERESCHE. No enemy tank action but fired several rounds at enemy inf. At 0900 2nd pltn moved from DISTROFF to METERVISSE remaining there in reserve. 3rd pltn entered METERVISSE at dawn and remained there until 1400 hours. At that time it moved in support of 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. attack on METZERESCHE. Resistance light but several rounds HE were fired into town. At 1000 2nd Rcn pltn atchd moved to METERVISSE. At 1500 hours this pltn reconnoitered on the Regimental left flank with no contact with the enemy. C. Co. The 3rd pltn atchd to 90th Rcn Troop moved from BASSE YUTZ to HAUTE-GURNANGE. At 0800 this pltn neutralized enemy roadblock at 90757925 by firing three rounds HE and one round AP and moved into REINANGE. At 1100 moved E into VOLSTROFF. At 1300 the remainder of the Co. plus 3rd Rcn pltn moved from BRESSTOFF-la-PETITE to SPUCKANGE. Town was reported well booby-trapped but on search none were found. At 1500 3rd Rcn pltn reconnoitered routes to REINANGE and VOLSTROFF. At 1800 Co. less 3rd pltn ordered in support of 359th Inf. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 18 November, - A Co. The 3rd pltn cleared KEDANGE and stayed there for the night. This pltn moved to EBERSVILLER in support of the 357th Inf. entering the town about 1330 hours and immediately taking up firing positions. 2nd pltn left VECKRING and took up positions in EBERSVILLER at 1700. At that time the mission was changed and the pltns proceeded to BELANGE, arriving there at 1900. The 1st pltn stayed overnight in KEDANGE moving out in the morning in support of the 2nd Bn, 357th Inf. to DALSTEIN and on to EBERSVILLER arriving at 1800. 3rd pltn left EBERSVILLER going into firing positions just N of HESTROFF by reason of being held up by an enemy anti-tank ditch covered by fire. From these positions fire was delivered on fort knocking it. Pltn then returned to EBERSVILLER at 1800. B Co. 1st and 2nd pltns moved forward at 0800 in support of the attack on LUTTANGE but was not needed. Pltns were relieved from support of 358th Inf. at 1400 and returned to METZERESCHE. 3rd pltn moved at 1500 to HESSANGE with the 90th Rcn Troop. No action. Pltn later moved to AVANCY for the night. 90th Rcn pltn caught two enemy columns of nine vehicles and four vehicles respectively and destroyed them. The TD's did not open fire, holding fire in the event that heavier vehicles might come and engage the pltn. C Co. At 0645 the Co. plus 3rd Rcn pltn moved to assembly area just S of ELZING. At 0800 the attack launched by the 359th Inf. from KEDANGE advanced with no opposition to ABONCOURT. 1st pltn in support of 1st Bn, 359th Inf. moved S thru ST BERNARD; 2nd pltn in support of 2nd Bn, 359th Inf, moved S thru ST HUBERT; and the regimental objective (CHARLEVILLE) was reached by the 1st Bn at approximately 1600, then moved to and occupied CONDE-NORTHEN. 2nd Bn moved in and occupied LANGUVILLE around 1715 and from there to 02306570 for the night. 3rd Rcn pltn was used extensively for reconnoitering various positions of approach. 3rd pltn with 1st pltn 90th Rcn Troop left VOLSTROFF at 0930 and proceeded to METERVISSE from there to METZERESCHE arriving there around 1030. They entered LUTTANGE behind the infantry's advance at 1145 by passing them there and again supporting the 90th Rcn Troop's advance to clear ALTROFF. A Rcn dismounted patrol had reconnoitered the town and verified that it was clear at 1230. The advance was resumed thru BETTLAINVILLE and HUSSANGE, both clear of enemy. At 1315, arrived in VIGNEY and found this town also clear of enemy. The pltn halted at CR at U960662 because column had bumped into dismounted enemy. Meanwhile the 2nd pltn of the 90th Rcn Troop had gone thru AVANCY and from that point had asked for TD support, having sighted and enemy horsedrawn column. One section of the 3rd pltn proceeded to AVANCY and upon arriving there discovered that some 712th tanks who were supporting the 2nd pltn 90th Rcn Troop had already opened fire on the enemy column. The TD section went into hasty positions just outside the town. One TD fired several rounds into buildings where suspected enemy were hiding. The .50 cal. MG was fired on dismounted enemy and GP vehicles with telling effect. Score was not easily obtainable due to 712th Tnk fire, Rcn M8's and all available MG's firing at the same target. One TD from position at CR 960662 fired 13 rounds at two groups of buildings S of VRY. 6 PW's were flushed out of village and taken by Rcn Troops.

3rd pltn was relieved by 3rd pltn B Co. at 1800. Weather, cloudy, cold.

On 19 November, Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved from ELZANGE at 0830, halting for an hour enroute at ABONCOURT then continuing to BOCKANGE. All elements closing in around 1300. Distance travelled 20 miles. Hq. Co. moved from METRICH closing in for overnight halt at HESSANGE. Rcn Co. less 1st, 2nd & 3rd pltns left bivouac area at U951863 at 1300 closing in to new area at BOCKANGE at 1300. A Co. At 0900 the Co. fwd CP moved to BOCKANGE. At 0800 2nd pltn moved with the 1st Bn, 357th Inf. to MEGANGE where they took up positions for fire covering the river and road networks. Received some light enemy artillery fire during afternoon. At 0900 the 1st pltn followed the 1st Bn, 357th Inf supporting the advance. 2nd Bn went into position in BURTONCOURT closing in at 1500 hours. 3rd pltn followed 3rd Bn, 357th Inf. column supporting their advance and went into reserve position in BOCKANGE. Difficulties encountered throughout march due to tank trap ditches, barricades and mine craters. The Pioneer and 1st Rcn pltn atchd to 2nd pltn as added security. B Co. At 0945 the 3rd pltn moved from AVANCY to ST BARBE then to CR at 962618 where contact was made with the 5th Inf Div Rcn Troop. The escape corridor was closed on the Metz Garrison. Pltn remained there for the night. The Co. minus 3rd pltn moved from METZERESCHE at 0745 and closed into ST BERNARD at 1000 moving from there at 1500 and closing into BOCKANGE, at 1630. No action. C Co. At 0730 the 2nd pltn in support of 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. jumped off on CR at 02306565 and moved via HAYES to LES ETANGS occupying the town by 0930. In the process of moving, two AA guns, two halftracks and three GP vehicles were destroyed and one 88mm AT gun was forced to be abandoned. Some casualties were inflicted on the enemy and 40 PW's taken. At 1000 the 3rd pltn returned to Co. control and established roadblocks at HAYES, supplemented by the 3rd Rcn pltn which placed additional firepower on roads running SE and SW out of HAYES. At 1430 the 1st pltn moved NE from CONDE-NORTHEN to VOLMERANGE and met no resistance. At 1800 hrs the 3rd pltn took 3 PW's. Weather, fair in morning, cloudy in afternoon.

On 20 November, A Co.- Lt. T.M. Michaels (1st Rcn Pltn) and Lt. Maus (2nd pltn) made a route reconnaissance to EBERSVILLER returning at 1100 and leading 3rd pltn and 1st Rcn pltn to that town closing in at 1210. 2nd pltn no change. 1st pltn at 1130 moved out and took up positions at HESTROFF. In both cases (1st and 3rd pltns) the mission was to cover roadnets with AT fire at their location. The Pioneer section returned to Co. control. B Co. - 3rd pltn was relieved from attachment to 90th Rcn Troop by order from 90th Div. at dawn. The pltn left their position at 962618 and closed in at Co. location at 042717 at 1700. The Co. minus 3rd pltn spent day doing motor maintenance, refuelling, etc. C Co. - At 1800 2nd pltn moved from VOLMERANGE to CONDE-NORTHEN (000896260). The 3rd pltn captured two PW's turning them over to 90th Inf. Div. PW cage. No further activity. Weather, cloudy and rainy.

On 21 November, the 90th Rcn Troop atchd for operations with TF Spiess. Rcn Co. 2nd pltn established relay stations from Co. CO to Bn Exec O. At 1600 the Hq, Pioneer & 3rd pltn left CP. The 1st pltn joined the column at EBERSVILLER- continued march to FERANGE and returned to BOCKANGE. A Co. - At 1700 1st pltn occupied new positions at HESTROFF and from these positions could cover the road network that centers in ANGELING down to the NIED RIVER. 2nd and 3rd pltns no change. 1st Rcn pltn reverted to Co. control early in the morning. B Co. - No operations during day. Motor maintenance still being performed. Co. was alerted to move at 1630 but remained in same positions. C. Co. - No activity. 3rd pltn captured 3 PW's at 1430. No further change. Weather, cloudy.

On 22 November, Bn Hq (Fwd CP) no change except Bn CO and S-3 moved to LA CROIX (B Co. CP) as TF Spiess Headquarters. 90th Rcn Troop no change, still attached to TF Spiess and established on outpost duty. Rcn Co. At 0730 the pioneer pltn left the CP at BOCKANGE in advance of the main body with the mission to repair bridges and roads along route of march. At 0830 Hq, 2nd and 3rd pltns left

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BOCKANGE and the 1st pltn joined the column at HESTROFF. The Hq, Pnr, 2nd & 3rd pltns all repaired craters in road NE of MENSKIRCH. At 1140 the Hq & Pnr pltn located at WALDWEISTROFF. The 1st and 3rd pltns located at COLMEN; 2nd pltn at DAMPONT. 1st pltn patrolled roads from COLMEN to RJ 043608370 NE to bridge 14308430. 2nd pltn patrolled from DAMPONT to COLMEN to WALDWEISTROFF and 3rd pltn patrolled from COLMEN to FILSTROFF. 1st pltn captured 3 prisoners while on patrol. A Co. During the night 3 German prisoners were picked up by the guard and turned over to PW cage. 1st pltn no change. At 1400 the 2nd pltn moved to new positions NE of MEGANGE with field of fire to cover road net all along the NIED RIVER E of GUINKIRCHEN and N to GUIRLANGE. Positions that were previously picked were covered by enemy artillery fire and could not be occupied. 3rd pltn still at EBERSVILLER. Pltn ldrs spent entire day trying to find route for new positions but was unsuccessful. B Co. - 2nd Rcn pltn reverted to Co. control and returned to Co. At 0900 the Co. moved from BOCKANGE closing in at LA CROIX 1300 relieving Co. A, 609th TD Bn and took over their positions. C Co. - At 1000 CP located at HINCKANGE. 1st pltn no change. At 0730 the 2nd pltn moved from LES ETANGS to PETRANGE. At 0800 the 3rd pltn moved from HAYES to GUINKIRCHEN. No activity. Weather, cloudy.

On 23 November, Bn Hq (Fwd CP) no change except the S-2 & S-3 sections moved to WALDWEISTROFF (100852) as part of TF Spiess Hq. Rcn Co. No change. All pltns continued to run mobile patrols and the only difficulty encountered was high water on roads. The 90th Rcn Troop still manning outposts on the TF Spiess sector. The 241st FA Bn (Corps Artillery) in direct support of TF Spiess. A Co. No change. 3rd pltn unable to get to their advance positions due to bad road, tank traps and bridge out. B Co. No change in their mission as supporting TD's on the TF Spiess sector. Pltn ldrs made further reconnaissance for firing positions. C Co. - At approximately 1830 a patrol led by Lt. VonBehren made contact with an enemy patrol of 8 men in BRECKLANGE; The enemy patrol refused to halt and divided into two groups of 4 each. The resulting fire caused three enemy killed, 3 PW's captured and two escaping. Weather, cloudy and rainy.

On 24 November, Bn Hq (minus CO, S-2, S-3 sections) and Hq Co. left BOCKANGE at 0800 marching 27 miles to ST FRANCIS closing in at 1300. The 90th Rcn Troop and 241st FA Bn were released of attachment to TF Spiess and returned to division control at 1800 hours. At 1800 TF Spiess was relieved from special mission. Rcn Co. All pltns continued to patrol until released by division order at 1800. Remained in same location. A Co. - At 1210 Co. moved from BOCKANGE closing in COLMEN at 1515. B Co. - No activity, no change in Co. locations. C Co. - At 1300 Co. CP and 1st pltn moved from HINCKANGE. The 2nd & 3rd pltns left position when relieved by 95th Inf. Div. elements and Co. closed in complete at FLASTROFF by 1745. No other changes. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 25 November, Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved from WALDWEISTROFF at 1400 closing in at FLASTROFF at 1440. Distance travelled 3 miles. Rcn Co. 1st Rcn pltn made a road reconnaissance of the road to and bivouac area in SCHWERDORFF. One PW captured. Pnr pltn moved into COLMEN. No other changes. A Co. 2nd & 3rd pltn ldrs made a reconnaissance to SCHWERDORFF and NEUNKIRCHEN for firing positions. The two bridges had to be reinforced before TD's could cross causing a delay in advancing the armor. The plan of movement was by pltn displacement. The following pltn to occupy the preceding pltn's old position. At 1930 2nd pltn moved out for SCHWERDORFF and 3rd pltn moved out for NEUNKIRCHEN. Both pltns moved into position at 2000. B Co. No change. 2nd pltn moved to WALDWEISTROFF at 1430. C Co. - At 1430 1st pltn moved out in support of 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. advancing into OBERESCH, Germany. 3rd pltn in support of 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. advanced into BIRINGEN, Germany. Enemy artillery very active in both sectors. These 10's were the first Bn guns to go into position on German soil. Weather, cloudy and cold and continued rain.

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On 26 November, A Co. - the 1st pltn located in COLMEN(13408485) and 3rd pltn in NEUNKIRCHEN (14208450). At 0730 the 2nd pltn moved into position at 15988598. At 0800 hours pltn received very heavy mortar fire and moved 200 yards NW into a defilade position. At 0900 received many enemy airbursts and moved into the town of SCHWERDORFF under cover furnished by sides of buildings. At 0930, one TD of the 2nd section was hit by a mortar shell on the driver's hatch causing considerable damage and TD had to be evacuated. No casualties to crew. B Co. - No change. C Co. - At approximately 1715 hours the 3rd pltn moved back to BIRINGEN. At 1800 hours the 1st pltn, 2nd section took up position at 15908999. Some enemy artillery fell in FLASTROFF and was silenced by counter-battery fire delivered by the 241st FA Bn located there. No other changes. Weather, fair.

On 27 November, Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved from FLASTROFF to OBERESCH, Germany, (Q155894) closing in at 1630. Distance travelled 5 miles. Received enemy artillery fire during day and throughout night. Rcn Co. - Hq pltn moved to FLASTROFF at 1345 hours and set up Co. CP in building vacated by Bn Fwd Cp. 1st and 2nd pltns remained in bivouac in COLMEN and DAMPONT respectively. 3rd pltn received mission to establish outposts but were not permitted to cross MLR due to enemy artillery and returned to COLMEN. A Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns no change. At 0715 2nd pltn moved to FURWEILER, receiving heavy mortar and artillery fire during day causing shrapnel damage to 1/4 ton vehicle. B Co. - Co. moved from LA CROIX to BOURG-ESCH CHATEAU (Q14908780) closing in at 1430 hours. No further change. C Co. - CP plus 2nd pltn moved to OBERESCH (Q15288928) closing in at 1400 hours. 1st pltn at BOURG-ESCH CHATEAU had one casualty due to enemy artillery fire. 3rd pltn at BIRINGEN(Q135097) knocked out two enemy pillboxes suspected as being used as OP. This pltn also received heavy enemy artillery fire resulting in one man being wounded by shrapnel. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 28 November, Rcn Co. - 2nd pltn maintained one section on outpost duty on Hill 262. No enemy activity. A Co. - All pltns remained in position. 2nd pltn received enemy mortar and artillery fire. B Co. - No change. C Co. - 2nd and 3rd pltns alerted and briefed for the advance to start at 0600 the following morning. No other changes. Weather, cloudy and cold.

On 29 November, Bn. Hq (Fwd CP) moved from OBERESCH to BIRINGEN at 1130. Distance travelled two miles. The CP vicinity received quite a bit of enemy mortar and 7.5cm fire during day and night. Rcn Co. - At 0600 hrs, the Pioneer pltn left COLMEN (attd to 3rd pltn A Co.) with primary mission to sweep roads of mines from FURWEILER (174869) to 188869 to 188854. No mines encountered on road but pltn was under heavy artillery fire. There were no casualties but vehicle of 2nd Pioneer section damaged by artillery fire and steel fragments of roadblocks. 2nd section returned to COLMEN at 1300 with 1st section still attached to A Co. 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns alerted but remained in bivouac. A Co. - At 0700, the 3rd pltn was moving into FURWEILER when a concentration of enemy artillery fell in the vicinity of the pltn causing them to seek shelter close to the building. The third TD in maneuvering for a position ran over some enemy mines destroying the M10 completely, killing 4 men and injuring 8 others. 1 man missing. At 0800, the 2nd pltn moved to position at 18608790. At 0900 the 1st pltn moved into position at 16908585. All pltns were under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. B Co. - No operations during the day. C Co. - At approximately 1130 the Co. CP was forced to move on order of the Regt'l Comdr to west end of OBERESCH. The 1st pltn assembled at Co. CP as reserve. At 0600 hours, the 2nd and 3rd pltns in support of the 1st and 3rd Battalions, 359th Infantry, respectively, started to advance E to objective but were forced to hold at enemy AT ditch E of OBERESCH until 1130 hours. At that time advance continued with light opposition. At 1500 hours pltns occupied the following positions: CP and 1st pltn 15108948, 2nd pltn 19258930, 3rd pltn 18208975. Artillery fire from enemy was heavy in OBERESCH. Weather, cloudy.

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On 30 November, Rcn Co. - The Rcn pltns received mission to reconnoiter firing positions for TD companies. No enemy activity encountered. Pltns returned to bivouac positions. A Co. - All pltns no change/ Rear CP moved to SCHMERDORFF. 1st Lt. Delbert G. Reck and S/Sgt Edward J. Land received the Distinguished Service Cross presented by General WALKER, XX Corps Commander, at 90th Infantry Div Headquarters. B. Co. - At 0715 the 3rd pltn moved S to BOUZONVILLE in support of the 1st Bn, 357th Inf in their attack on BUREN. By nightfall the pltn had moved up to a position in the vic of 214852. The Co. minus 3rd pltn left BOURG-ESCH CHATEAU, at 1530 and moved to BIRINGEN closing in at 1615. C Co. - By 1700 the 2nd and 3rd pltns had advanced to present locations, they encountered no opposition but were submitted to comparatively light artillery fire. CP and 1st pltn OBERESCH (15208950), 2nd pltn FREMERSDORF (21209020), 3rd pltn 1820897. Weather, cloudy and cool.

This concludes operations for the period.

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