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1 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Heudorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, 719 enlisted men (3 EM NBC -- 3 EM RTD)

This Battalion attached to 83d Division Artillery.

Company A in support of 328th Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by 322d Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity Bech, Luxembourg. From 1855 to 2359 hours fired 25 unobserved harrassing missions of 100 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity Wasserleisch, Igel and Leirsberg, Germany. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Ceyershof, Luxembourg. From 0005 to 2359 hours, fired 25 unobserved harrassing missions of 100 rounds 3" HE on targets which included bivouac area for 200 men, 5 enemy gun emplacements, 5 camouflaged gun positions in the woods, 4 camouflaged guns in a small draw, targets in wooded areas located in the vicinity of Cordbusch, Heidbusch, and Laschof, Germany. 3d Platoon did not fire. On anti-tank training program.

Company B in support of 331st Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by 908th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 4 unobserved harrassing missions of 16 rounds 3" HE on towns of Kummern, and Fisch, Germany. From 1445 to 1500 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 12 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2235 to 2400 hours the platoon fired one unobserved harrassing mission of 4 rounds 3" HE on crossroad located at L09491434. 2d Platoon did not fire. On company training schedule. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 17 unobserved harrassing missions of 68 rounds 3" HE on towns of Korrig, Helfant, Beuren, Esingen, Dittlingen, Sudlingen, Merzkirchen, Remmelfangen, and Bilzingen, Germany. From 1410 to 1425 hours, the platoon fired one registration mission of 13 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2005 to 2400 hours, the platoon fired 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 48 rounds 3" HE on crossroads at L08441086, and L12920886.

Company C in support of 330th Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by 323d Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0005 to 0505 hours, 11 unobserved harrassing missions of 44 rounds 3" HE into town of Beuren, road junction and woods, in vicinity of Munzingen, and open field in vicinity Beuren, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period 0100 to 0555 hours, 12 unobserved harrassing missions of 48 rounds 3" HE into town of Sinz, crossroads in vicinity of Sinz, road junctions in vicinity of Sinz, and road in vicinity of Tettingen, and town of Nennig, Germany. From 2025 to 2110 hours, the platoon fired 3 unobserved harrassing missions of 16 rounds 3" HE on roads in vicinity of Tettingen, Sinz, and Munzingen, Germany. 3d Platoon fired at 1500 hours, one registration missions of 7 rounds 3" HE and registered. At 2005 hours the platoon fired one unobserved harrassing mission of 7 rounds 3" HE into woods

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in vicinity of Neblingen, Germany.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in Nechen-  
shover, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Leudorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 32 officers, 3 warrant officers, 721  
enlisted men (3 RE RTD)

This Battalion attached to 63d Division Artillery.

Company A in support of 328th Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by  
322d Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP located in the vicinity Lech, Luxem-  
bourg. 1st Platoon located in the vicinity Lech, Luxembourg. From 0001 to 0630  
hours fired 20 unobserved harassing missions of 80 rounds 3" HE on roads and road  
junctions in vicinity of Kassarliesch, Igel, Leirsberg, and Grewenich, Germany.  
2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, from 1900 to 2351 hours fired 20  
unobserved harassing missions of 80 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in  
vicinity of Irrel, Germany. 3d Platoon did not fire. On anti-tank training.

Company B in support of 331st Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by  
909th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity  
of Beuren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 4 un-  
observed harassing missions of 24 rounds 3" HE on crossroads in the vicinity of  
Fisch, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period 1350 to 1425 hours, one registration  
mission of 7 rounds 3" HE and 2 rounds 3" HEIC. Platoon failed to register due  
to poor visibility. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 17 unobserved  
harassing missions of 72 rounds 3" HE on towns of Beuren, Rommelingen, Sudlingen,  
Kerzkirchen and Dittlingen, Germany. From 1350 to 1345 hours, the platoon fired  
one registration mission of 12 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 1345 to 2400 hours  
the platoon fired 11 unobserved harassing missions of 12 rounds 3" HE on towns of  
Beuren, Melfant, Esingen, Bilzingen, Korfing, Kerzkirchen, and crossroads located at  
QV780893, and QV000592, Germany.

Company C on secondary missions under control of 81st Field Artillery Battalion.  
Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon  
fired for period 0005 to 0105 hours, 4 unobserved harassing missions of 16 rounds  
3" HE on crossroads, and roads in vicinity of Lunzingen, and Tettingen, Germany.  
At 1415 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 9 rounds 3" HE and re-  
gistered. From 1945 to 2355 hours, the platoon fired 11 unobserved harassing  
missions of 52 rounds 3" HE into towns of Lunzingen and Sinz, Germany; crossroads  
in vicinity of Lunzingen, Sinz, and Beuren, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period  
0235 to 0545 hours, 2 unobserved harassing missions of 32 rounds 3" HE on roads  
and crossroads in vicinity of Lunzingen, and Tettingen, Germany. Also fired into  
an open field in vicinity of Beuren, Germany. At 1445 hours the platoon fired  
one registration mission of 8 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired at  
1445 hours, one registration mission and registered.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of  
Nechenshover, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

3 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Leudorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, 724  
enlisted men. (3 RE RTD)

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This Battalion attached to 83d Division Artillery.

Company A in support of 328th Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by 522d Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. From 1000 to 2351 hours fired 20 unobserved harrassing missions of 80 rounds 3" HE in roads and road junctions in vicinity of Wasserliesch, Igal, Loirsberg, and Grewenich, Germany. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, Luxembourg. From 0001 to 0500 hours fired 20 unobserved harrassing missions of 80 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Irrel, Germany. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. Did not fire. On anti-tank training program.

Company B in support of 331st Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by 908th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beuren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 1340 to 1355 hours, one registration mission of 9 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2215 to 2400 hours fired 2 unobserved harrassing missions of 8 rounds 3" HE on crossroads at (08391525) and (07301595). 2d Platoon fired for period 1320 to 1335 hours, one registration mission of 12 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 17 unobserved harrassing missions of 96 rounds 3" HE on towns of Beuren, Helfant, Esingen, Bilzingen, Korrig, and Herzkirchen, Germany. From 1300 to 1315 hours, fired one registration mission of 11 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2010 to 2400 hours the platoon fired 9 unobserved harrassing missions of 44 rounds 3" HE on towns of Helfant, Beuren, Rommelfangen, and Korrig, Germany.

Company C on secondary missions under control of 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired at 1500 hours, one registration mission of 8 rounds 3" HE and registered. 2d Platoon fired for period 0230 to 0555 hours 6 unobserved harrassing missions of 40 rounds 3" HE into town of Sinz; road in vicinity of Sinz, and crossroad in vicinity of Munzingen, Germany. At 1530 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 3 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2105 to 2340 hours the platoon fired 5 unobserved harrassing missions of 28 rounds 3" HE into town of Sinz and roads and crossroads in vicinity of Sinz, Germany. 3d Platoon fired for period 0015 to 0540 hours, 11 unobserved harrassing missions of 56 rounds 3" HE into towns of Sinz, Munzingen, and crossroads in vicinity of Sinz, Beuren, and Munzingen, Germany. At 1600 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2010 to 2255 hours the platoon fired 6 unobserved mission of 24 rounds 3" HE on roads and crossroads in vicinity of Munzingen, and Beuren, Germany.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

4 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg

Operational strength at end of period: 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, 721 enlisted men (3 EM NBC)

This Battalion attached to 83d Division Artillery.

Company A relieved of support of 328th Infantry Regiment. Company now in support of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 422d

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Field Artillery Group. Company CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. From 0025 to 0550 hours fired 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 76 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Wasserliesch, Igel, Leirsberg, Niederweiler, Trierweiler, and Eusenich, Germany. At 1630 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 8 rounds 3" HE and registered. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, Luxembourg. From 031945 to 040025 hours, the platoon fired 19 unobserved harrassing missions of 74 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Irrel, Germany. 3d Platoon did not fire. On company training schedule.

Company B in support of 331st Infantry Regiment. Secondary missions controlled by 900th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beuron, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 1340 to 1355 hours one registration mission of 14 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 0001 to 0600 hours the platoon fired 6 unobserved harrassing missions of 24 rounds 3" HE on crossroads in vicinity of Ober-Sost, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period 1200 to 1245 hours one registration mission of 12 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0300 hours 15 unobserved harrassing missions of 72 rounds 3" HE on towns of Helfant, Beuren, Korrig, and Rommelfangen, Germany and Korrig, Sudlingen, and Esingen, Germany.

Company C on secondary missions under control of 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mendorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0020 to 0555 hours, 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 44 rounds 3" HE on roads and crossroads in vicinity of Munzingen, Beuren and Sinz, Germany. At 1400 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2005 to 2350 hours the platoon fired 12 unobserved harrassing missions of 56 rounds 3" HE into towns of Mennig, Sinz, and Munzingen, Germany, roads and crossroads in vicinity of Munzingen, and Sinz, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period 0005 to 0525 hours 6 unobserved harrassing missions of 32 rounds 3" HE into town of Sinz and roads and crossroads in vicinity of Sinz, Germany. At 1430 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2250 to 2315 hours the platoon fired 2 unobserved harrassing missions of 8 rounds 3" HE into town of Mennig, and road in vicinity of Munzingen, Germany. 3d Platoon fired at 0032 hours one unobserved harrassing mission of 4 rounds 3" HE into town of Helfant, Germany. At 1500 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

5 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mendorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, 721 enlisted men.

This Battalion attached to 83d Division Artillery.

Company A in support of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 422d Field Artillery Group. Company CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. Did not fire. On anti-tank training schedule. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyersdorf, Luxembourg. From 1900 to 2338 hours fired 19 unobserved harrassing missions of 76 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Irrel, Germany. 3d

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Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. From 0025 to 0600 hours fired 19 unobserved harrassing missions of 17 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Wasserliesch, Igel, Liersberg, Fischweiler, Trierweiler, and Pusenich, Germany. At 1445 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 20 rounds 3" HE and registered.

Company B relieved of support to 331st Infantry Regiment at 1400. Now in support of 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 415th Field Artillery Group. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Leyren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 1345 to 1355 hours one registration mission of 8 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2015 to 2400 hours the platoon fired 5 unobserved harrassing missions of 20 rounds 3" HE on towns of Fisch, Mittel, and Onsdorf, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period 1400 to 1440 hours one registration mission of 29 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours 20 unobserved harrassing missions of 100 rounds 3" HE on towns of Bittlingen, Helfant, Bilzingen, Reuren, Herring, Rommelfangen, Sudlingen, and Esingen, Germany. From 1330 to 1340 hours fired one registration mission of 9 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2.25 to 2400 hours the platoon fired 8 unobserved harrassing missions of 33 rounds 3" HE on towns of Reuren, Bilzingen, Helfant, Merzkirchen, and Esingen, Germany.

Company C in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 422d Field Artillery Group. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 2005 to 2350 hours, 12 unobserved harrassing missions of 56 rounds 3" HE on towns of Mennig, Munzingen, and Sinz, Germany. 2d Platoon fired for period 0010 to 0255 hours, 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 40 rounds 3" HE on towns of Mennig, Esingen, Sinz and Tettingen, Germany. At 1500 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 10 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2250 to 2315 hours platoon fired 2 unobserved harrassing missions of 8 rounds 3" HE on towns of Mennig, and road in vicinity Munzingen, Germany. 3d Platoon fired for period 0040 to 0545 hours 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 48 rounds 3" HE on towns of Sinz, Dilmär, Munzingen, and Esingen, Germany.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

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6 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, 710 enlisted men (3 EM NBC)

This Battalion attached to 83d Division Artillery.

Company A in support of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 422d Field Artillery Group. Company CP located in vicinity Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity Bech, Luxembourg. Did not fire. On anti-tank training schedule. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, Luxembourg. At 1420 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 26 rounds 3" HE and registered. At 1500 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 11 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 052105 to 060033 hours the platoon fired 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 30 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Irrel, Hennington, Edengerberg, and Eisenach, Germany. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. At 1400 hours the platoon fired one

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registration mission of 15 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 0025 to 0320 hours the platoon fired 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 80 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Niederweiler, Trierweiler, and Wasserliesch, Germany.

Company B in support of 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 422d Field Artillery Group. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Deyren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours 9 unobserved harrassing missions of 36 rounds 3" HE on towns of Fisch, Mittel, and Onsdorf, Germany. At 1435 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 13 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2035 to 2400 hours the platoon fired 7 unobserved harrassing missions of 28 rounds 3" HE on towns of Nieder-Sost, Fisch, Onsdorf, and Mittel, Germany. 2d Platoon fired at 1455 hours one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. At 2015 hours the platoon fired 2 unobserved harrassing missions of 8 rounds 3" HE on town of Tennels, Germany. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 13 unobserved harrassing missions of 58 rounds 3" HE on towns of Merzkirchen, Beuren, Bilzingen, Esingen, Dittlingen, and Helfant, Germany. At 1615 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 8 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 2035 to 2400 hours the platoon fired 5 unobserved harrassing missions of 20 rounds 3" HE on towns of Dittlingen and Wincheringen, Germany.

Company C in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Secondary missions controlled by 422d Field Artillery Group. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired at 1500 hours one registration mission of 9 rounds 3" HE and registered. At 2340 hours the platoon fired one unobserved harrassing mission of 4 rounds 3" HE on town of Lunzinger, Germany. 2d Platoon fired at 1530 hours one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. From 0010 to 2325 hours the platoon fired 21 unobserved harrassing missions of 84 rounds 3" HE on towns of KENNIG, Kreuzweiler, Thor and Dilmar, Germany. 3d Platoon fired for period 0040 to 0545 hours 10 unobserved harrassing missions of 48 rounds 3" HE on towns of Sudlingen, Sinz, Dilmar, and Munzinger, Germany. At 1600 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 4 rounds 3" HE and registered.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoon located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

7 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 716 enlisted men. (1 officer relieved of assignment--2 EM NEC)  
This Battalion relieved of attachment to 83d Division Artillery and attached to 422d Field Artillery Group.

Company A on secondary missions controlled by 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. Did not fire. On company anti-tank training schedule. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, Luxembourg. From 0008 to 0227 hours fired 5 unobserved harrassing missions of 40 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions, in vicinity of Irrel, Lemmington, and Eisenach, Germany. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. From 1941 to 2213 hours fired 8 unobserved harrassing missions of 60 rounds 3" HE on roads and road junctions in

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vicinity of Niederweiler, and Trierweiler, Germany.

Company B on secondary missions under control of 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0001 to 2400 hours 15 unobserved harrassing missions of 64 rounds 3" HE on towns of Nieder-Sost, Fisch, Onsdorf, Lunnern, Mittel, and Lammesbach, Germany. At 1420 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 13 rounds 3" HE and registered. 2d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 2400 hours 5 unobserved harrassing missions of 24 rounds 3" HE on town of Temmels, Germany. At 1850 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 21 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 2400 hours and fired 9 unobserved harrassing missions of 40 rounds 3" HE on towns of Deuren, Dittlingen, Wincherlingen, and Korrig, Germany. At 1440 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered.

Company C on secondary missions controlled by 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mendorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0005 to 0810 hours, 12 unobserved harrassing missions of 48 rounds 3" HE on towns of Lunzingen, Euren, Sudlingen, Kennig, Wilmar, and Sinz, Germany. 2d Platoon did not fire. Company utilized period for care, cleaning, and maintenance. 3d Platoon fired for period 0835 to 2340 hours 22 unobserved harrassing missions of 88 rounds 3" HE on towns of Sinz, Kreuzweiler, Thor, Lunzingen, Sudlingen, and Wilmar, Germany.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Rochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

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8 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mendorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 716 enlisted men.

This Battalion attached to 42nd Field Artillery Group.

Company A on secondary missions controlled by 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. Did not fire. On anti-tank training schedule. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, Luxembourg. The platoon fired 3 observed missions of 54 rounds 3" HE and 3 rounds 3" HMC at targets of opportunity. Targets included enemy in the open and enemy CP. Fire was effective and direct hits were scored on the enemy CP. Presumably casualties were caused. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Dorburg, Luxembourg. The platoon fired one registration mission of 14 rounds 3" HE and registered.

Company B on secondary missions controlled by 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours 3 unobserved harrassing missions of 36 rounds 3" HE on towns of Lunnern, Mittel, and Lammesbach, Germany. At 1500 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. 2d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 4 unobserved harrassing missions of 16 rounds 3" HE on town of Temmels, Germany. At 1420 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 13 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired for period 0001 to 0600 hours, 3 unobserved harrassing missions of 24 rounds 3" HE on towns of Dittlingen, Esingen and Korrig, Germany. At 1450 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 11 rounds 3" HE and registered.

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Company C on secondary missions controlled by 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0000 to 0400 hours, 3 unobserved harassing missions of 36 rounds 3" HE on towns of Dilmar, Sinz, Kief, and Lunzingen, Germany. At 1000 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. 2d Platoon fired for period 0235 to 0620 hours, 9 unobserved harassing missions of 36 rounds 3" HE on towns of Kreuzweiler, Sinz, Lunzingen, and Dilmar, Germany. At 1350 hours the platoon fired one registration mission of 6 rounds 3" HE and registered. 3d Platoon fired at 1800 hours one registration mission of 7 rounds 3" HE and registered.

1st and 2d Ren Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

9 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 715 enlisted men (1 EM NBC)

This Battalion attached to 422d Field Artillery Group.

Company A on secondary missions controlled by 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. All platoons on anti-tank training schedule. Did not fire.

Company C on secondary missions controlled by 61st Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. On company training schedule. Did not fire for period.

Company C on secondary missions controlled by 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. On company training schedule. Did not fire for period.

1st and 2d Ren Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

10 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 716 onlisted men (1 EM returned)

This Battalion attached to 422d Field Artillery Group.

Company A on on secondary missions controlled by 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Geyershof, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. All platoons on company anti-tank training schedule. Did not fire for period.

Company B on secondary missions controlled by 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. Did not fire for period. On company training schedule.

Company C on secondary missions controlled by 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. On company training schedule. Did not fire for period.

1st and 2d Ren Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.



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11 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 716 enlisted men (1 EM NEC)

This Battalion attached to 422d Field Artillery Group.

Companies A, B, and C remained under control for secondary missions of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 61st Field Artillery Battalion, and 44th Field Artillery Battalion respectively. Companies and platoons remained in same locations. Did not fire for period. Continued on company anti-tank training schedule, maintenance, and care of equipment.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons remained under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

12 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 716 enlisted men (2 EM NEC - 3 EM returned)

This Battalion attached to 422d Field Artillery Group.

Companies A, B, and C remained on secondary missions under control of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 61st Field Artillery Battalion, and 44th Field Artillery Battalion respectively. Companies and platoons remained in same locations. Did not fire for period. Continued on company anti-tank training schedule, maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment.

1st and 2d Recon Platoons remained under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

13 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 715 enlisted men. (1 EM NEC)

This Battalion relieved from attachment to 422d Field Artillery Group and attached to 4th Division Artillery at 1200 hours.

Companies A and B remained on secondary missions under control of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion and 61st Field Artillery Battalion respectively. Companies and platoons remained in same locations. Did not fire for period. Continued on anti-tank company training schedule, maintenance, and care and cleaning of clothing and equipment.

Company C on secondary missions controlled by 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0110 to 0306 hours, 7 unobserved harassing missions of 20 rounds 3" HE on town of Nennig, Germany, road in vicinity of Nennig, Germany, town and roads in vicinity of Kreuzweiler, Germany. 2d Platoon did not fire. On company anti-tank training schedule. 3d Platoon fired 30 missions of 120 rounds 3" HE unobserved harassing fire on towns and roads of Nennig, and Kreuzweiler, Germany. 1st and 2d Recon Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Platoons on training schedule. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

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14 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

Operational strength at end of period: 31 officers, 1 warrant officer, 718 enlisted men (3 EM TEC and 10 enlisted men returned). This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Companies A and B remained on secondary missions under control of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, and 1st Field Artillery Battalion respectively. Companies and platoons remained in same locations. Did not fire for period. Continued on anti-tank company training schedule, maintenance, and care and cleaning of clothing and equipment. Company C on secondary missions controlled by 4th Field Artillery Battalion. Company CF and all platoons located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon fired for period 0030 to 0330 hours, 15 unobserved harassing missions of 30 rounds 3" HE on towns of Kreuzweiler and Lennig, Germany. 2d and 3d Platoons did not fire for period. On company anti-tank training schedule, maintenance, and care and cleaning of equipment. 1st and 2d Ren Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in Kochenshever, Luxembourg. On platoon training schedule. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

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15 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Companies A, B, and C on secondary missions under control of 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Battalion, and 4th Field Artillery Battalion respectively. Company A located in vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. Company B located in vicinity of Deyren, Luxembourg. Company C located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. Companies did not fire for period. All companies on company training schedules. 1st and 2d Ren Platoons under Battalion control. Platoons located in Kochenshever, Luxembourg. On platoon training schedules. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance. The Battalion in addition to training is preparing for possible movement. Vehicles are being checked.

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16 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. At 1900 this Battalion, minus Company A, attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company A on secondary missions controlled by 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Company A located in the vicinity of Bech, Luxembourg. The company was alerted for movement. At 1420 the company was attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. At 1730 hours the company was shelled by long range guns of an unknown size. No casualties incurred. Company B on secondary missions controlled by 29th Field Artillery Battalion. Company located in vicinity of Deyren, Luxembourg. Alerted for movement. The company expended 75 rounds 3" HE (RC) on 10 unobserved harassing missions. Company C on secondary missions controlled by 4th Field Artillery Battalion. Company located in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. Company fired 30 unobserved missions and expended 120 rounds 3" HE (RC). 1st Ren platoon located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance. 2d Ren Platoon located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Platoon ex-

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17 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Boudorf, Luxembourg.

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This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company A on primary missions. Company CP moved from Ech, location to new location in vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in Brouch, Luxembourg and held in reserve. 2d Platoon moved to location (P029301) and in primary position. 3d Platoon moved to new location in vicinity of Herborn, in primary position.

Company B in reserve located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. Alerted for instantaneous movement to a primary position.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, held in reserve and located in the vicinity of Boudorf, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg. On primary mission.

1st Recon Platoon located in Kechenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2d Recon Platoon moved from location in Kechenshever, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg. The platoon executed zone and area reconnaissance for routes and primary positions for 2d Platoon, Company C.

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18 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Boudorf, Luxembourg.

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This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch, (P996265) Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Boudeler, Luxembourg. Held in reserve. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Boudeler, Luxembourg. Held in reserve. At 1800 hours this platoon was attacked and surrounded by an unknown number of enemy infantry while located in the vicinity of Ron Jaeger, Luxembourg (1030300). Small arms fire was exchanged. Platoon was pinned down until 1800 hours, when at that time, the platoon was able to withdraw upon appearance of American tanks. In the struggle the platoon suffered 4 enlisted men casualties. Number of enemy casualties unknown. 3d Platoon located in Herborn, Luxembourg. (P050073). No enemy engagements. Two enlisted men of this company were traveling along a road from the Company CP enroute to Luxembourg, Luxembourg when they were halted by a soldier requesting a ride into town. The enlisted men became suspicious of the man during the ride, inasmuch as this man was not armed, although in an American soldier's uniform. Upon arrival in town the Company A men turned the man over to military police, who upon questioning discovered that this man was a Nazi agent in an American uniform. In addition, the man wore American identification tags, but the military police discovered that the man could not give the serial number shown on the tags when asked, which was the basis for further questioning leading to the discovery of the Nazi agent.

Company B held in reserve in the vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg (P993155). Company B alerted for instantaneous movement to primary positions. Company C held in reserve in the vicinity of Boudorf, Luxembourg (P940015). 1st and 3d Platoons alerted for instantaneous movement to primary position. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg on primary mission.

1st Recon Platoon located in vicinity of Kechenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2d Recon Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg. Platoon executed zone and area reconnaissance for 2d Platoon of Company C.

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18 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch (P96265). The CP was shelled between the hours of 0900 and 1200. Approximately 20 rounds of 105mm hit. No casualties and no damage caused. 1st Platoon moved to new location at 1500 hours in vicinity of Bergourg, 2d Platoon moved to new location at 1700 hours in vicinity of Zittig, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Herbern, All platoons on primary mission.

Company B, minus 3d Platoon, held in reserve in the vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg on secondary mission.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, in reserve in the vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg. Alerted for instantaneous movement to primary positions. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg on primary mission,

1st Ren Platoon moved to new location in vicinity of Gonderange (P927223). The platoon with Ren Company of the 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion reconnoitered for disposition of enemy infantry. No contact with enemy was made.

2d Ren Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet (P969308). Executed zone and area reconnaissance for 2d Platoon of Company C.

The Battalion Administrative installations were organized against possible airborne or ground troop attacks, being carried out in accordance with present counter-offensive.

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20 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. The enemy shelled road approximately 400 yards north of CP causing injury to one enlisted man. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Zittig, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Herbern, Luxembourg. All platoons on primary missions. No contact made with enemy for period.

Company B, minus 3d Platoon, in reserve, located in vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg. Alerted for instantaneous movement to primary positions. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. Platoon on secondary mission controlled by 42d Field Artillery Battalion.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, moved from old location in vicinity of Mondorf, Luxembourg (P940015) to new location in vicinity of Reuland, Luxembourg (P938292). 1st Platoon on primary mission in vicinity of Reuland, Luxembourg (P926293). 2d Platoon moved from vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg to new position in vicinity of Reuland (P934309) on primary mission. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Reuland (P938292) in reserve.

1st Ren Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Gouderange, Luxembourg (P927223) to new location in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg (P820076). Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2d Ren Platoon moved from vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg (P969308) to new location in vicinity of Heffingen (P923310). The platoon executed zone and area reconnaissance.

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21 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion.  
Company A CP located in the vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg; (P93835). 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Zittig, Luxembourg, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Herbern, Luxembourg. All platoons on primary mission.  
Company B, minus 3d Platoon, located in the vicinity of Legren, Luxembourg in reserve. Platoons alerted for instantaneous movement to primary positions. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. On secondary mission controlled by 42d Field Artillery Battalion.  
Company C located in vicinity of Reuland, Luxembourg. On primary mission. At 2100 hours a ten (10) man enemy patrol entered 2d Platoon area. The patrol was dispersed by small arms fire. No casualties were inflicted.  
1st Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.  
2d Ron Platoon located in the vicinity of Heffingen, Luxembourg. Executed zone and area reconnaissance.

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21 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion.  
Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon moved from vicinity of Zittig, Luxembourg to new location from vicinity of Herbern, (LO50273) Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Herbern, (LO49272), Luxembourg. No missions fired. No contact with enemy made during period.  
Company B on primary mission. Company moved from vicinity of Beyren, Luxembourg (P993155) to new location in vicinity of Graulinster (P957278) Luxembourg. 1st and 2d Platoons located in vicinity of Consdorf, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.  
Company C on primary mission. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity Reuland, Luxembourg. Platoons did not fire for period or engage enemy during period.  
1st Ron Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Brouch (P996265) Luxembourg. Platoon executed reconnaissance and secured gun positions for 2d and 3d Platoon on Company A.  
2d Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Heffingen, Luxembourg. The Platoon set up OP's in Heffingen and Christnach, Luxembourg. Platoon also executed zone and area reconnaissance for Company C.  
Although elements of the Battalion have been threatened with possible encirclement, and have been threatened with any number of enemy innovations such as flying bombs, rockets, screaming meemies, butterfly bombs, etc., the morale of the troops has remained at a high standard and the health of the troops in general is excellent. The weather has been wet and cold since the enemy counter-attack, although there are indications of clear weather in another day or so.

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20 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion.  
Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Monpach, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Herborn, Luxembourg. Platoons did not fire for period. Enemy was not engaged.  
Company B on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Graulinster, Luxembourg. 1st and 2d Platoons located in vicinity of Consdorf, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg. Platoons did not fire for period. Did not engage enemy.  
Company C on primary mission. Company CP and all platoons located in vicinity of Reuland, Luxembourg. Did not fire for period. Did not engage enemy.  
1st Ren Platoon located in vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. The Platoon furnished local security for Company A guns.  
2d Ren Platoon located in vicinity of Heffingen. The platoon manned observation posts in Heffingen and Christnach, Luxembourg.  
The weather was cold and clear during the day, allowing our air force to operate in support of ground troops. Enemy butterfly bombs and screaming meemies were reported over the Battalion sector for the period.

24 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery.

Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in Brouch, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Monpach, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Herborn. Company did not fire during period. Enemy was not engaged. 3d Platoon area was shelled during the day. No casualties or damages to equipment incurred.  
Company B on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Graulinster, Luxembourg. 1st and 2d Platoons located in vicinity of Consdorf, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon fired on enemy patrol discovered in their area during hours of darkness. The patrol was estimated as being composed of eight men. The platoon killed one of the patrol members and wounded three others. 3d Platoon located in the vicinity of Colbet.  
Company C on primary mission. Company CP and all platoons located in the vicinity of Reuland, Luxembourg. Did not fire or engage enemy during period.  
1st Ren Platoon located in the vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.  
2d Ren Platoon located in the vicinity of Heffingen, Luxembourg. The platoon manned observation posts in Heffingen and Christnach, Luxembourg.  
Today is Sunday (day before Christmas) the weather is clear and cold. Butterfly bombs have been reported in the Battalion sector. Enemy patrols have been reported in various sectors of the Battalion sector. Troops are all on the alert to execute primary missions immediately, in the event that such would become necessary. Morale is excellent. Men were given opportunity to attend Sunday services in all denominations.

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25 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery.

Company A on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Monpach, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Herborn, Luxembourg. Did not fire or engage the enemy during this period. Company B on primary mission. Company CP located in vicinity of Graulinster, Luxembourg. 1st and 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Consdorf, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Colbet, Luxembourg. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during this period.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, on secondary mission. Company CP moved from vicinity of Reuland to new location in vicinity of Berg, Luxembourg. 1st Platoon on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon moved from location in vicinity of Reuland to new location in vicinity of Jacob-berg, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon on primary mission. The platoon moved from location in vicinity of Reuland, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Berg, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. Did not fire for period.

1st Ren Platoon moved from vicinity of Brouch, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Kochenshever, Luxembourg. In reserve for emergency reconnaissance. 2d Ren Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Heffingen, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg (Battalion CP area). Platoon in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

Today, being Christmas, was spent in the field in Luxembourg. Troops were given opportunity to attend religious services. The weather was clear and cold. Dinner consisted of turkey and all the trimmings including candy and cigars. Report was received at this headquarters, that a P-47 in the hands of the enemy strafed an ambulance, killing all occupants and demolishing the vehicle. The ambulance bore markings of the Geneva Cross. The plane bore markings of the AAF. It now appears as though the enemy is using all possible unorthodox warfare, in order to break the morale and spirit of our Armies. Season's greetings were received and passed down to the troops, from General Patton and Somervell.

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26 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 3d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from vicinity of Brouch to new location in vicinity of Monternach (1045241). 1st Platoon moved from Berbourg, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Lellig, Luxembourg. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Monpach, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon moved from vicinity of Herborn to new location in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. The Platoon is on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. One 1/4 ton vehicle of this platoon was strafed by a P-47 in enemy hands. Markings on plane were red nose and red strip on rear wings. The vehicle was damaged. No casualties incurred.

Company B held in reserve. Company CP moved from Graulinster to new location

in vicinity of Breinert, Luxembourg (P995245). 1st and 2d Platoons moved from locations in vicinity of Consdorf to new locations in vicinity of Beidweiler, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Colbet to new location in vicinity of Beidweiler. Did not fire for period or engage the enemy. Company C, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from location in vicinity of Berg to new location in vicinity of Brouch. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Jacobsberg on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. 2d Platoon moved from vicinity Berg to new location in vicinity of Osweiler. 3d Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Berbourg to new location in vicinity of Dickweiler. 1st Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Kochenshever. The platoon executed zone and area reconnaissance for direct fire positions in 22d Regiment sector. 2d Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Neudorf. The platoon executed reconnaissance and secured gun positions for Company A. The weather was clear and cold during period. Units of this Battalion did not contact enemy during period.

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27 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery. Company A, minus 3d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in the vicinity of Manternach. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Lellig, 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Monpach, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Berbourg, Luxembourg. The 3d Platoon on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion, and expended 50 rounds 3" HE. Company B, minus 3d Platoon, in reserve. Company CP located in vicinity of Breinert. 1st and 2d Platoons located in vicinity of Beidweiler. 3d Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Beidweiler to new location in vicinity of Herborn for primary mission. Company C, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Jacobsberg. The platoon expended 54 rounds 3" HE on registration and unobserved harassing missions in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Osweiler, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Dickweiler. Did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Kochenshever. Executed zone and area reconnaissance for direct fire positions in 22d Infantry sector. 2d Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Neudorf. Executed zone and area reconnaissance for direct fire positions in 22d Infantry sector. -----  
28 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Menndorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery. Battalion CP Group moved from location in vicinity of Neudorf, Luxembourg (Vp 875146) at 0900 to new location in vicinity of Menndorf, Luxembourg (Vp 969183). Arrived in new area at 0930. Travelled approximately six miles. Company A, minus 3d Platoon, remained in same location in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. 3d Platoon remained in same location on secondary mission in support of



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29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 150 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions.

Company B, minus 3d Platoon, in reserve in same locations. 3d Platoon in same location on primary mission. No ammunition expended.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon remained in same location on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 60 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions.

1st Ron Platoon moved from vicinity of Kochenshever to new location in vicinity of Mensdorf (Battalion CP area). The platoon executed area reconnaissance in vicinity of Junglinster and Echternach, south to old area boundary in vicinity of Osweiler.

2d Ron Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Neudorf to new location in vicinity of Mensdorf. The platoon executed area reconnaissance in vicinity of Bewir, Berbourg, and for possible Battalion gun positions and vicinity of Consdorf and Berdorf for possible gun positions for Company B.

The weather was cold and a few snow flurries came down. Reports continued to be received at this headquarters of German soldiers in American uniforms. In one instance it was reported that a German paratrooper identified himself as an officer from XII Corps. Troops were enlightened of this fact and were on the lookout for this man.

29 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 3d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 3d Platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP, 1st and 2d Platoons, located in vicinity of Consdorf, Luxembourg. 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Scheidger. 1st Platoon on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 1st Platoon expended 150 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Minden and Ebingen.

1st and 2d Ron Platoons located in vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg. Both platoons executed area reconnaissance for direct fire positions in 22d Infantry Regiment sector.

Weather continued cold and clear. Troops are sheltered in the field, in huts and roofed slit trenches. Morale and health of the command remained at a high standard.

30 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 3d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 3d Platoon

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remained in same location on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Zewen.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The 1st Platoon remained in same location on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion--expended 80 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Menningen.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 1st Platoon on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Company did not fire during period.

1st Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2d Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg. The platoon executed area reconnaissance for direct fire positions in the 22d Infantry Regiment, sector.

The weather was partly cloudy and snow flurries were present. Enemy planes continued active over the Battalion sector.

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31 December 1944 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to Fourth Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 3d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 3d Platoon remained in same location on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 200 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Zewen.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 1st Platoon on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 172 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Erzen and Fernweiler.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. 1st Platoon on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions.

1st Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg. The platoon executed area reconnaissance for direct fire positions in 22d Infantry Regiment sector.

2d Ron Platoon located in vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg. The platoon was held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.  
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