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1 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A, minus 3d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Manternach. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Lellig, 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Herborn. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 3d Platoon located in the vicinity of Berbourg on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 283 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions and test fired 14 rounds of shell illuminating, MK24, Navy (mod 1) with M54 fuze. Results of this test fire unknown. Company B, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from vicinity of Consdorf (P998317), to new location in vicinity of Rippig (P979277). 1st Platoon located in the vicinity of Consdorf, on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 12 rounds 3" HE on registration mission and expended 148 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing fire on town of Irrel. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Consdorf, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Scheidgen. Company C, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in vicinity of Brouch. 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Jacobsberg on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Platoon expended 50 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions. 2d Platoon located in vicinity of Osweiler, 3d Platoon located in vicinity of Dickweiler. 1st and 2d Rec Platoons located in vicinity of Mensdorf. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance. The weather was partly cloudy and cold. Troops are all sheltered against the cold. Troops were given opportunity to attend religious services in all denominations.

2 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A, minus 3d Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 3d Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 204 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Zewen, Germany. Company B, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Did not fire or engage the enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 8 rounds

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3" HE on registration mission and expended 217 rounds 3" HE on harrassing mission on town of Irrel, Germany.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on second mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 5 rounds 3" HE and 3 rounds 3" HMC on registration mission and expended 105 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing mission on town of Minden, Germany.

1st and 2d Ron Platoons remained in same locations and held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold and snowy. Although the streets were covered with ice and snow, this did not result in impeding the movement of vehicles. Troops dined on turkey this day with all the trimmings.

3 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 3d Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 3d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 193 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Zewen, Germany.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 192 rounds 3" HE on interdiction mission on town of Irrel, Germany.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 10 rounds # on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Erzen, Germany.

1st and 2d Ron Platoons remained in same locations, and held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold and snowy. Temperature on this date dropped to 8 above zero.

4 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A, minus 3d Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 3d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 198 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Zewen, Germany.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended

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192 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Irrel and Diesburgerhof.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission, in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Ernzen. 1st and 2d Rcn Platoons remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather was cold and snowy during the period. Troops are granted opportunities to avail themselves of showers. The Battalion sector has generally been quiet for the past few days. No reports of American planes in enemy hands, flying bombs, butterfly bombs, have been reported. Morale and health of the troops continued at a high standard.

5 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Monsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 3d Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 3d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 213 rounds 3" HE and 7 rounds 3" MK 24 illuminating on unobserved harrassing missions on roads and crossroads in Zewen.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 192 rounds 3" HE on interdiction and TOT missions on towns of Diesburgerhof and Ernzen, Germany respectively.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same location and continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Wintersdorf, Germany.

1st and 2d Rcn Platoons remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The present emergency period since the counter-offensive has curtailed passes and certain other privileges. But troops realize the necessity for such restrictions and are devoting their rest periods in company and/or platoon areas. Showers are provided by the quartermaster at Hamm, Luxembourg with the showers. Clean socks and underwear are also provided.

6 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Monsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon re-

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mained at same location. 3d Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Berbourg (L045265) to new location in vicinity of Herborn (L059285). Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon moved from vicinity of Herborn (L058285) to new location in vicinity of Herborn (L058282), and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 150 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on roads and crossroads. Company B, minus 1st Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and platoons remained in same locations. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 205 rounds 3" HE on unobserved interdiction missions on town of Irrel, and registration mission.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 116 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Wintersdorf and expended 8 rounds 3" HE on registration mission.

1st and 2d Ron Platoons remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold and snowy.

7 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Monsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 2d Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 139 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing fire on roads and crossroads. Company B, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 192 rounds 3" HE on unobserved interdiction missions on towns of Irrel, and Ferschweiler.

Company C, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. 3d Platoon was shelled by enemy artillery during hours of 1115 to 1130, resulting in one member (enlisted) of this platoon being wounded. 2d Platoon did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Wintersdorf. 1st and 2d Ron Platoon remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

Troops were afforded opportunity to attend church services in all denominations. The weather continued cold and snowy. Roads were covered with ice and at least four inches of snow. Morale of the troops remained at a high standard as well as the health of the command. Sergeant Brumelow of Company C, received shrapnel wounds from enemy artillery.

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8 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Munsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 2d Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 210 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing mission on town of Trierweiler, Germany.

Company B, minus 1st Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 192 rounds 3" HE on unobserved interdiction on town of Ferschweiler, Germany.

Company C, minus 3d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon moved from vicinity of Jacobsberg (L027293) to new location in vicinity of Dickweiler (L089323). 2d Platoon remained in same location. Platoon did not fire or engage enemy during period. 3d Platoon moved from vicinity of Dickweiler (L089323) to new location in vicinity of Jacobsberg (L027293) for secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Minden, Germany.

1st and 2d Ron Platoons remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance. The weather continued cold and snowy. The battalion vehicles are being coated white for camouflage. The battalion sector has been generally quiet, with the exception of one platoon in Company A receiving shell fire from enemy artillery causing one enlisted man to receive knee injuries while diving in for shelter.

9 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Munsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 2nd Platoon, remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 200 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing mission on roads and road junctions in vicinity of Trierweiler.

Company B minus 1st Platoon continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment, and remained in same locations. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 313 Rounds of 3" HE, and 2 Rounds MK 24, on unobserved interdiction missions on roads and town of Ferschweiler. Results on MK 24 are unknown due to poor visibility.

Company C minus 3rd Platoon continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy.

3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 100 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Menningen.

1st and 2d Ron Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance. The weather continued cold and snowy. Morale and health of the command remained at high standard.

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10 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Munsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A minus 2nd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy. 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 200 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Trierweiler and Sirzenich, Germany.

Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. Platoon expended 89 Rounds of 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Minden, and Irrel, Germany. The Platoon also expended 8 Rounds 3" HE on an unobserved TOT mission on town of Irrel, Germany.

Company C minus 3rd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 8 Rounds 3" HE on a registration mission, and expended 90 Rounds 3" on unobserved harrassing missions on the town of Menninger.

1st and 2nd Ron Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold and snowy. 15 EM were transferred from this battalion, this date, to the 630th TD Bn.

11 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Munsdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A minus 2nd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy. 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 18 Rounds 3" HE, and 1 Round MK 24, on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Zewen, Germany. The 1 Round of MK 24 was fired on request of Infantry.

Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on primary mission, in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 33 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved interdiction mission. The Platoon also expended 7 Rounds of MK 24 on test fire, results were excellent.

Company C minus 3rd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 96 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on roads in vicinity of Edingen, Germany. 1st and 2nd Platoons remained in same location.

1st and 2nd Ron Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

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12 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A minus 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. The 2nd Platoon remained in the same location and continued on secondary mission in support of the 29th Field Artillery Battalion.

The Platoon expended 104 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Zewen, Fusenich, and Trierweiler, Germany.

Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 99 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved interdiction missions on town of Eruzen.

Company C minus 3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 32 Rounds 3" HE on TOT mission on Machine Gun nest.

1st and 2nd Ron Platoons remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

This battalion completed 4 years active service at midnight this date.

This unit commenced active duty on 13 January 1941 as the 102nd Anti Tank Battalion, being redesignated on 16 December 1941 to the present 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion. The Battalion Commander extended his wishes to the few original personnel left in the organization since its tour of active duty.

13 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A minus 2nd Platoon continued on primary mission in support of the 8th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon remained in same location, 3rd Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Herborn (L 059285) to new location in the vicinity of Mompach (L 085288), Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period. 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 103 Rounds of 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on roads and crossroads in vicinity of towns of Trierweiler, and Zewen.

Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. The Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 6 Rounds 3" HE on registration mission, and expended 101 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved interdiction mission on town of Diesburghof.

Company C minus 3rd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. The Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon did not fire for period.

1st and 2nd Ron Platoons remained in same locations, one section of each Platoon executed reconnaissance for probable 3" gun positions in 12th Infantry Regiment and 5th Infantry Division Sectors respectively.

The weather was fair and continued cold. - 7 -

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14 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. Company A minus 2nd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period. 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 66 Rounds of 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Trierweiler and Zewen, Germany.

Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 68 Rounds 3" HE on an unobserved interdiction mission on town of Ernzen, Germany.

Comapny C minus 3rd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. The Platoons did not fire or engage enemy. 3rd platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 64 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on town of Godendorf. At 1430 this Platoon was strafed by what was reported P 47's accompanied by one(1) twin motor plane with German markings. The P 47's bore white markings around the wing. The strafing resulted in the killing of one enlisted man, wounded 2 enlisted men and injuring one enlisted man.

Although our air forces disclaim the fact that our P 47's are in enemy hands, it was established without doubt in anyones mind witnessing the strafing that the planes definitely ^{were} our P 47's.

1st and 2nd Rcn Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

15 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A minus 2nd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. The Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon did not fire. Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. The Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 90 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing mission on town of Ernzen. Company C minus 3rd platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 27 Rounds 3" HE on a registration mission .

1st and 2nd Rcn Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

This Battalion received verbal orders to prepare for movement to new sector. More information forthcoming. The weather during the day was clear and cold. Streets were covered with a thick layer of ice. Health and morale of the command remained at a high standard.

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16 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A minus 2nd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 2nd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 96 Rds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions and roads and crossroads, in vicinity of Zewen, Germany.

Company B minus 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoon expended 15 Rounds 3" HE on an unobserved interdiction mission on town of Ernzen, Germany. Company C minus 3rd Platoon remained in same locations and continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. 3rd Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 64 Rds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on roads in vicinity of Olk, Germany. 1st and 2nd Rcn Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

17 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Christnach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Infantry Division.

This Battalion relieved by 691st T. D. Bn. (attached to 87th Infantry Division) The relief was accomplished by 162000. This Battalion moved to new sector and relieved the 803d T. D. Bn (attached to 5th Infantry Division). This relief was accomplished by 171700. Battalion CP moved from area located in Mensdorf, Luxembourg to new area located in Christnach, Luxembourg (P 949341).

Operations and Intelligence Sections departed old area at 0800 arrived and opened CP in new area located in Christnach at 0930. Sx and balance of the CP group departed old area at 1015 and arrived in new area at 1150 hours.

Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from vicinity of Manternach to new location in vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg (P907357). 1st Platoon moved from vicinity of Lellig to new location in vicinity of Kenvelbach. 2nd Platoon moved from vicinity of Herborn to new location in vicinity of Berens, 3rd Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Monpach to new location in vicinity of Hiruzenhaf. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.

Company B in Battalion reserve. Company CP moved from location in vicinity of Rippig to new location in vicinity of Waldbillig (P958338). 1st Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Consdorf, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Chrisnach (P956328). 2nd and 3rd Platoons moved from locations in vicinity of Herborn and Scheidgen respectively to new locations in the vicinity of Mullenthal (P975335 and P974334). The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period.

Company C minus 2nd Platoon continued on primary mission in wupport of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from location in vicinity of Brouch to new location in vicinity of Beaufort (P959388). 1st and 3rd platoons moved from locations in vicinity of Diekweiler and Jacobsberg respectively to new locations in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg (P958394 and P962383).

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2nd Platoon held in reserve moved from location in vicinity of Osweiler, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Beaufort (P955374). The Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period.

1st and 2nd Ron Platoons moved from location in vicinity of Mensdorf, Luxembourg to new location in vicinity of Christnach, Luxembourg. (P949341). Platoons held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold and snowy. Roads were covered with a thick layer of ice. The new area occupied by the Battalion CP was subjected to artillery fire of a high calibre. Although shells dropped very close to the buildings occupied no casualties were incurred.

18 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Christnach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

During the 24 hour period the Battalion CP was subjected to artillery fire (estimated to be 105mm-155mm). Approximately 25 Rounds landed in the area.

Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment.

Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The platoon expended 68 Rounds 3" APC and 15 Rounds 3" HEP on 3 direct fire missions. The platoon fired (1st Plt) on the town of Bittendorf in support of Infantry, fired on a chateau located at P910445 scoring hits, and fired at a machine gun nest located at P911422 destroying the gun and crew. 2nd and 3rd Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy. Company B in Battalion reserve. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. They did not fire or engage the enemy.

Company C minus 2nd Platoon continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Company CP and Platoons remained in same locations. 2nd Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.

1st and 2nd Ron Platoons remained in same location, held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

19 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Christnach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Approximately 15 Rounds of enemy artillery fell in the Bn. CP area estimated to be 105mm to 155mm.

Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment.

Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during period.

Company B in Battalion reserve. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.

Company C minus 2nd platoon continued on primary mission in support of the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Company CP and platoons remained in same location. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.

2nd Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Bn. The Platoon did not fire during period.

1st Ron Platoon remained in same location. The platoon executed reconnaissance for probable 3" gun positions in the 8th Infantry sector.

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2nd Platoon remained in same location. The platoon executed reconnaissance for probable 3" gun positions in 8th Infantry Regiment sector north of Sure River. The weather continued cold and snowy. Roads were covered with a thick layer of ice. The morals and health of the command remained at a high standard. Entire Battalion was equipped with latest issue of sleeping bags.

20 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Christnach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP located in same location. All platoons moved to new locations. 1st platoon now located in vicinity of Moestroff(P924419). The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period.

Company B continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment.

Company CP and all platoons moved to new locations. Company CP now located in vicinity of Stegen(P876378). 1st, 2nd and 3rd platoons now located in vicinity of Gilsdorf- coordinates(P888429), (P884428) and (P888415) respectively. Platoons did not fire or engage the enemy.

Company C minus 2nd platoon continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. The Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. They did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 2nd platoon remained in the same location, and continued on secondary mission in support of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 10 Rounds 3" HE on a registration mission, and expended 114 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing mission on town of Hommendingen. The platoon also fired unobserved TOT mission on target in woods in vicinity of Hommendingen. The target consisted of 20 enemy vehicles and 150 enemy troops.

1st Tn platoon remained in same location. The platoon furnished guides for 2nd platoon, Company "B", going into positions on north side of the Sure River.

2nd Ron platoon remained in same location. The platoon swept road and area for mines in vicinity of P911424 and P914427 for Company "A".

The Battalion CP area was subjected to enemy artillery on a very light scale in comparison to previous days. Every effort is being made to shelter troops against the cold and snowy weather, and continue to operate consistent with the situation.

The morale and health of the command remained at a high standard.

21 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Christnach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.

Company B continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment.

Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period.

Company C minus 2nd platoon continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period. 2nd platoon remained in same locations and continued on secondary mission in support of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 10 Rounds on a registration

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mission. The platoon also expended 87 Rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on roads in vicinity of Hommendingen.

1st Rcn platoon remained in same location. The platoon secured new Bn CP area. 2nd Rcn platoon remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The Battalion CP Group preparing for movement to new area located in Medernach, Luxembourg(P907356). The weather continued cold and partly cloudy.

22 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

The Battalion Cp plus both Rcn platoons moved from area located in Christnach Luxembourg(P949341) at 0800 to new area located in Medernach, Luxembourg P907356. New Battalion CP opened at 0900.

Company A continued on primary mission of support to 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from area located in Medernach to new area located in Eppeldorf(P930395). All platoons remained in same locations. 1st platoon expended 51 Rounds APC, 52 Rounds 3" HE and 3 Rounds MK 24 illuminating one direct fire mission on bunkers in vicinity of (P920447) in support of tanks and infantry. 2nd and 3rd platoons did not fire or engage the enemy.

Company B continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. They did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations.

Company C minus 2nd platoon continued on primary mission in support of 22nd Infantry Regiment. The Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 2nd platoon continued on secondary mission in support of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion. There was no change in location. The platoon expended 96 Rounds 3" HE on 24 unobserved harrassing missions on town of Nusbaum.

1st and 2nd Rcn platoons located in new area in town of Medernach, Luxembourg (P907356). The 1st platoon reconnoitered for friendly dispositions and front lines in 4th Infantry Division Sector. 2nd Rcn Platoon held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

Personnel on 72 hour pass returned. The weather continued cold and partly cloudy. Morale and health of the command continued at a high standard.

23 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period.

Company B continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from Stegen (P876378) to new location in vicinity of Gilsdorf, Luxembourg (P882418). 2d Platoon moved from Bastendorf, Luxembourg (P889441) to new location in vicinity of Longsdorf, Luxembourg (P898452). 3d Platoon moved from Gilsdorf, Luxembourg (P888417) to new location in vicinity of Blusmuhle, (P887429). The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry

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Regiment. The company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 164 rounds 3" HE on unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Hommendingen, and Newenig. Also woods in the vicinity of Seimerich.

1st Rcn platoon remained in same location. The platoon executed reconnaissance for gun positions of 1st Platoon, Company B. Also established observation posts at (P888478) and (P895489).

2d Rcn Platoon remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold and partly cloudy. The morale and health of the command remained at a high standard.

24 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.
Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. The company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. Company did not fire or engage enemy during the period.
Company B continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. Company did not fire or engage enemy during period.
Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP and both platoons remained in same location. The platoons did not fire or engage the enemy during the period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 168 rounds 3" HE on registration and unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Nusbaum, Kewing, Hommendingen, and roads in vicinity of Nusbaum.

1st Rcn Platoon remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2d Rcn Platoon remained in same location. The platoon executed reconnaissance for probable 3" gun positions in vicinity of Fouhren.

The weather continued cold, snowy and partly cloudy.

25 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.
Company A continued on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. The company CP and all platoons remained in same locations. The company did not fire or engage enemy during period.
Company B, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP remained in same location. 1st Platoon moved from vicinity of Walsdorf to new location in vicinity of Longsdorf (P898459). 3d Platoon moved from location in vicinity of Bleesmuble to new location in vicinity of Fouhren (P880470). 2d Platoon on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon moved from location in vicinity of Longsdorf to new location in vicinity of Bastendorf (P888441). The company did not fire or engage enemy during period.

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Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 112 rounds 3" HE on 24 unobserved harrassing missions on town and roads in Nusbaum (L004471).

1st and 2d Rcn Platoons remained in same location. Both platoons held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

26 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery.

Company A, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP, 2d and 3d Platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon moved from vicinity of Bettendorf to new location in vicinity of Moestroff (P913412). The platoon is on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. Did not fire during period.

Company B, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. The Company CP and both platoons remained in same location. Did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon moved from location in vicinity of Bastendorf (P888441) to new location in vicinity of Bastendorf (P882438). The platoon did not fire during period.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 120 rounds 3" HE on 30 unobserved harrassing missions on the town of Hommendingen.

1st and 2d Rcn platoons remained in same location. Both platoons held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

The weather continued cold, cloudy with snow flurries.

27 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 4th Division Artillery. At 2400 hours this Battalion is relieved from attachment to 4th Division Artillery and 4th Infantry Division and attached to 80th Infantry Division per par 5a, Operational Directive #74, Headquarters XIII Corps dated 26 January 1945.

Company A, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission in support of 8th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon on secondary mission in support of 29th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE RC on 50 unobserved interdiction missions on towns of Geichlingen, Qbersgegen, and Korperich.

Company B, minus 2d Platoon, on primary mission in support of 12th Infantry Regiment. Company CP and 1st Platoon remained in same locations. 3d Platoon moved from vicinity of Fouhren to new location in vicinity of Savelborn (P934355). This platoon was temporarily attached to Company C. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy

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during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 42d Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 100 rounds 3" HE on 4 unobserved interdiction missions on towns of Geichlingen, Lahr, Obergegen, and Koperich.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission in support of 22d Infantry Regiment. The Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. The 2d Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 44th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon moved from location in vicinity of Beaufort (958357) to new location in vicinity of Beaufort (P952385). The platoon expended 155 rounds 3" HE on 38 unobserved harrassing missions on town of Misbaum, Kewing, and Hommendingen.

1st and 2d Rcn Platoons remained in same location. The platoons held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

This Battalion received a quota of one enlisted man for return to the United States under the provisions of Circular #124, Headquarters, ETOUSA. Private First Class Chester R. Moore, a member of Company A, was selected.

The weather continued cold and snowy. Morale and health of the command remained at a high standard.

28 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 80th Infantry Division.

Company A, minus 1st Platoon, on primary mission. 2d and 3d Platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon remained in same location, on secondary mission in support of 512th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoons did fire during period.

Company B, minus 2d Platoon, on primary mission. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location on secondary mission in support of 905th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon did not fire during period.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, remained in same locations on primary missions. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon remained in same location. On secondary mission in support of 314th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 11 rounds 3" HECR on one registration mission.

1st and 2d Rcn Platoons remained in same location. Held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

Effective this date the Battalion Commander assumes duties of Division Anti-Tank officer in addition to his regular duties per VOCG 80th Infantry Division. The weather continued cold and snowy. The battalion has received authorization from the 80th Infantry Division to issue passes to troops for the purpose of visiting the city of Luxembourg from 1000 hours to 1800 hours daily. Five percent of the command is permitted to be absent.

29 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 80th Infantry Division. Company A, minus 1st Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and all platoons remained in same location. 2d and 3d Platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 1st Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 512th Field Artillery Battalion. The

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platoon did not fire during period.

Company B, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 905th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 77 rounds 3" HERC on 4 unobserved harrassing missions on towns of Koperich, Obersgegen, Ammelingen, And Seim Erich.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during period. 2d Platoon continued on secondary mission in support of 314th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon did not fire during the period.

1st Ron Platoon remained in same location. The platoon was held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance.

2d Ron Platoon remained in same location. The 1st section reconnoitered for disposition of friendly mines and engineer installations in the 318th Infantry Regiment sector.

30 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 80th Infantry Division.

Company A, minus 1st Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and 2d Platoons remained in same location. The 3d Platoon moved from vicinity of Moestroff to new location in vicinity of Reisdorf (P944420). The platoons did not fire or engage enemy 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 512th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 38 rounds 3" HERC on one registration mission.

Company B, minus 2d Platoon, continued on secondary mission. Company CP and 1st Platoon remained in same locations. 3d Platoon was detached from Company C and moved to new location in vicinity of Gilsdorf (885413). The platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 905th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon expended 12 rounds 3" HE and 18 rounds 3" HERC on one registration mission.

Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP remained in same location, 1st and 3d Platoons moved from location in vicinity of Beaufort, to new locations in vicinity of Beforderharde and Hardthof respectively. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 314th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon did not fire during the period.

1st Ron Platoon remained in same location. The platoon executed reconnaissance for 3" and 57mm anti-tank gun positions along Division Reserve Battle Line.

2d Ron Platoon remained in same location. The platoon executed reconnaissance for 3" and 57mm anti-tank gun positions in 318th Infantry Regiment sector.

The morale and health of the command remained at a high standard. The weather continued cloudy, cold and snow remained on the ground. Troops received coffee and doughnuts from the Red Cross Clubmobile.

31 January 1945 -- Vicinity of Medernach, Luxembourg.

This Battalion attached to 80th Infantry Division. Company A, minus 1st Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and both platoons remained

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in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period. 1st Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 512th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon did not fire. Company B, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of 905th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon did not fire. Company C, minus 2d Platoon, continued on primary mission. Company CP and both platoons remained in same locations. The platoons did not fire or engage enemy during the period. 2d Platoon remained in same location and continued on secondary mission in support of the 314th Field Artillery Battalion. The platoon did not fire. 1st and 2d Ron Platoons remained in same location. Both platoons held in reserve for emergency reconnaissance. Troops were paid. Morale and health of the command remained at a high standard. Passes to the city of Luxembourg authorized this Battalion.
