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| 1 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0800 | | 1. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. "A" Co. fired 183 rounds H.E. at 3 heavy machine gun nests. Hits were observed. Effect 3 probable M/G's. | |
| 2 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0800 | | 2. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. "B" Co. neutralized one OP Vic K8458. | |
| 1400 | | | "C" Co. fired at and neutralized four (4) OP's vic K863585. | | |
| 1520 | | | "A" Co. knocked-out one (1) S/P - 20 Germans killed while swimming across Canal - Serious damage to a Motor Park. | | |
| 3 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0800 | | 3. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. "C" Co. knocked-out a pillbox that was holding up infantry. | |
| 1140 | | 4. | | Air OP reports unknown number of tanks in Ubach at dark yesterday. | Sent to all companies. All companies. |
| 1215 | 1215 | | 5. | | |
| 2030 | 2030 | | | | |
| 4 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0825 | 0825 | 6. | | 5 tanks at coor. K87465866. | All companies. |
| 0920 | | 7. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. 1st plat. "B" Co. destroyed two (2) M/G's and three (3) pillboxes coor. K841578. | |
| 1545 | | 8. | | One (1) 88mm in slag pile at coor. K862562. From Air OP via Rcn Co. Div. M.P. reports four (4) Germans in civilian clothing in blue sedan license No. 063315 equipped with two (2) way radio, in this area. | |
| 1600 | 1615 | 9. | | Div. Arty. reports at KJ K84725630 on road running SE; 1st house is police station, next two (2) are pillboxes. 1st plat. "A" Co. fired indirect on coor. K694877. Heavy M/G destroyed. At coor. K714881 rounds observed on target. 88mm gun. Effect probable destroyed. | Sent to "B" & "C" Co. Sent to "B", "C" and Hq. Co.'s |
| 1600 | 1615 | 10. | | | |
| 1800 | 1825 | 11 | | At coor. K681885 enemy forcing crossing of Canal. Effect dispersed with unknown number of casualties. | Sent to "B", "C" & Rcn Co.'s |

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| 5 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 1000 | | 12. | | <p>G-2 Periodic Report- 30th Inf Div. 1st plat. "B" Co. coor. K850596 and K850587 fired 33 rounds at pillboxes. Effect neutralized. 2nd plat fired 24 rounds H.E. on enemz positions coor. K865591. Results neutralized. 5 rounds of A.P. fired. 2nd plat. "B" Co. fired five (5) rounds H.E. and 11 rounds A.P. at pillboxes and 8 rds H. E. and 2 A.P. at OP. Results neutralized. 3rd plat. fired 15 rounds H.E. 9 rounds A.P. at pillbox and OP coor. K865591. Results neutralized.</p> <p>Group of 12 or more FW190's over this sector- No bombs dropped. No strafing this immediate vicinity. Three (3) enemy maps of Aachen taken at Palenberg today by "C" Co.</p> | <p>Sent to "B", "C", RCn & Hq.</p> <p>Sent to Div G-2.</p> |
| 1000 | | | | | |
| 1600 | | | | | |
| 1600 | | | | | |
| 1435 | 1436 | | | | |
| 1615 | 1620 | | | | |
| 6 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 1030 | | 13. | | <p>G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. Bridge out at K821543. Road from Horbach to Richenich from K809497 to K819477 is mined in front of pillbox line. Source overlay No. 35, Oct. 5 from 105th Engr Bn.</p> | |
| 1030 | | | | | |
| 1030 | | | | | |
| 1145 | 1200 | 14. | Two(2) Mk VI's located at K872586. | Sent to "B", Rcn, and L'O.2 | |
| 1330 | 1330 | 15. | Six (6) Mk VI's and one (1) Mk V at K870575. | Sent to "B" & "C" Co.'s | |
| 1600 | 1610 | 16. | Six (6) tanks reported by Tac/R at K9060 moving South 1st and 2nd plat.'s of "A" Co. fired on coor. K734871. An enemy pontoon bridge was completely destroyed. | Sent to "B", "C" & Rcn Co. | |

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| 7 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 1000 | | 17. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. 2nd plat. "B" Co. fired 15 rds A.P. and 19 rds H.E. at enemy OP and pillboxes. Pillbox at K868564 destroyed. Pillboxes at K868566 & K861568 neutralized. | |
| 1600 | 1610 | 18. | | Extensive mine field reported at K889596. Rcn Co. captured 2 PW's. Turned over to PW Cage. PW's taken at K8658. 1st plat. "B" Co. fired 89 rds H.E. 2 mortars destroyed at K837586. One (1) OP destroyed at K838585. One (1) enemy bazooka team at K837586. One (1) M/G nest at K848553. One (1) M/G nest at K848551. 2nd plat. "B" Co. fired 22 rds H.E. and 15 rds of A.P. Destroyed OP at K873562. Destroyed pillbox at K868564. 1st plat. destroyed pillbox at K848559. 40 PW's captured. Also 30 enemy riflemen killed at K836577. PW's turned over to 119th regiment. | Sent to "B", "C" & Rcn Co. |
| 8 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0930 | 1005 | 19. | 20. | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. Roads and fields heavily mined on both sides coor. K843569 to K839567 to K845560 to K847568. Mine field along main road from bridge K845535 to RJ K851539. Minefield along road leading North from CR K847536 extending from 80 to 100 meters. Road from CR K84755360 to RJ K848532 was prepared for mines. Leading Northwest from RJ coor K844535 to Northeast is mined. Sideroad leading Northeast from CR coor K836526 mined for one hundred meters. Mines at K835548 in road near church. | Sent to "B" Co. |
| 1830 | 1835 | 21. | | Two (2) tanks type unknown shelling Alsdorf from K897542. | Included in report to companies this date. "B", "C" and Rcn Co. |

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| | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">8 October, 1944, Cont'd</p> <p>"C" Co. 2nd plat. captured 4 PW's, turned over to 117th Inf Regt, PW Cage.</p> <p>"B" Co. 1st plat. fired 14 rds H.E. at pillbox K853517 knocked it out caused 20 Germans to surrender to infantry. 13 rds of H.E. in town of Bardenberg destroying 5 OP's.</p> <p>"C" Co. Sgt. Morgen in trying to locate a position for his M10 was attacked by German infantry, he escaped by using his pistol and on reaching M10 opened up with his .50 caliber, killing at least 6 of the enemy.</p> | |
| | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">9 October, 1944</p> | |
| 0920 | 0925 | | | Air OP reports 6 tanks type unknown at K901541. From Ren Co. | "B" & "C" Co.s |
| 0930 | | 22. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | |
| 1430 | 1430 | 23. | | Tanks number and type unknown at K885505 at 1330 hrs. | "B" & "C" Co. |
| 1550 | 1550 | 24. | | 15 enemy tanks at K874504, type and direction of travel unknown reported at 1525 hrs. | "B" & "C" and Ren Co. |
| 1930 | 1930 | 25. | | 3 tanks attacked to North from K873505 at 1840 hrs. Outcome unknown. | "B", "C" & Ren Co. |
| 2050 | | 26. | | 1st plat. "B" Co. knocked out one (1) Mk V tank at K861491. | "B", "C" & Ren Co. |
| 2230 | 2235 | 27. | | Enemy tanks vicinity of K859-505, type and number unknown, they have infantry with them. "C" Co. captured 4 PW's and turned them over to 117th Regimental I.P.W. | "B", Ren & L.O. 2 |
| | | | | 1st plat. "B" Co. fired 3 rds at OP's neutralizing it. | |

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| 10 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 1030 | 1030 | 28. | | Tanks moving Southeast at K864499 at 0830. Div arty fired on same. | "B", "C" & Ren Co's |
| 1110 | 1115 | 29. | | Two (2) enemy tanks at K918496 at 0905 hrs. | "B", "C" & Ren Co's |
| 1130 | | 30. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | |
| 1135 | 1140 | 31. | | 108th Pz Brigade reported vicinity of Bardenberg and Southeast. May have 20 to 30 tanks. | "B", "C" & Ren Co.'s |
| 1400 | 1405 | 32. | | 9 tanks reported vicinity of K888-502. From L.O.#2 | "B", "C" & Ren Co's |
| 1520 | 1520 | 33. | | 6 tanks at K886514 - 5 knocked out by artillery and TD's. | "B", "C" & Ren Co's |
| 1600 | 1600 | 34. | | 30 tanks and assault guns at K885499 going South. Size and type unknown. | "B" & "C" Co's |
| 11 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 1000 | | 35. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. | |
| 1410 | 1410 | 36. | | Column of 15 tanks and 150 H/T reported Southeast from K970655 was hit hard by air 1230 hrs. | "B" & "C" Co's |
| 1412 | 1412 | 37. | | 15 tanks reported at K970655 moving Southwest at 1300 - Unknown number of tanks and S/P vehicles moving on same road Southeast K925528. | B, C & L.O.#2 |
| 1430 | 1435 | 38. | | Armored column moving west from K9548. Reported by fighter bombers. | B, C & Ren |
| 2045 | 2045 | 39. | | Unknown number of tanks moving North west out of Euchen at 2030 hrs. From "C" Co. | B, C & L.O.#2 |
| 2100 | 2100 | 40. | | Powerhouse reports seeing 2 paratroops dropped by enemy plane over Custom area at 1930 hrs. | B, C & Ren Co's |
| | | | | 2nd plat. "A" Co. fired at Ferry Crossing on Canal. Effect good. Docking installation damaged. | |
| | | | | 3rd plat. of "C" Co. knocked-out one (1) Mk V tank. Was knocked-out by artillery but was F.O.'d by plat. leader of 3rd plat. and Cpl. the coor. is K902524. | |

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| 12 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0817 | 0817 | 41. | | Unknown number of tanks reported at K873495. Also some tanks moving West from Euchen toward 2nd Bn of Custom. From L.O. #2 | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 0900 | 0900 | 42. | | 12 enemy tanks by Air OP at K876499. Also 8 tanks by ground OP at K806500 at 0845 hrs. | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 1000 | 1400 | 43. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. Enemy Armor along RR track from K882500 to K876495 at 1315 hrs. from "C" and Ren Co's | B and L.O.#2 |
| 1400 | | 44. | | | |
| 1420 | 1420 | 45. | | Ren reports enemy strong point at K846504 at 1325 hours. | B, C and LO#2 |
| 1450 | 1450 | 46. | | Division being counter-attacked by elements of the 116th Pz and Adolph Hitler SS Div. Estimated to be regt of inf with 30 to 40 tanks. Being hit now by all available air and arty. Time 1200 hrs. From L.O.#2 | B, C, & Ren Co's |
| 2010 | | | | 1st plat. Co. "B", fired 2 rounds AP at Mark V tank, range 1000 yards, at coor. K877494. Destroyed. "A" Co. 2nd plat. fired indirect on M/G positions at K733870. Effect good. | |
| 13 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0910 | 0915 | 47. | | PW reports 80 tanks in town of Weiden. From L.O.#2 | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 1000 | 1500 | 48. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. Teller mines at K845530, K850529, K853529, K853531. From 105th Com. Bn. Obstacle report No. 41 | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 1500 | | 49. | | | |
| 1540 | 1540 | 50. | | 50 tanks in Geilenkenchen at K8964. By Air OP. | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 14 October, 1944 | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 51. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. 2nd Armored reports minefields laid at K91465604, 91425636, 91265644 as of 11 October. | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 0830 | | 52. | | | |
| 1030 | | | | Picked-up a civilian, with Dutch identification papers, at our C.P. He was carrying a U.S. Carbine M1. His explanation was that it was given him by an American soldier in Kerkrade. Turned over to 30th Div CIC. | |
| 1335 | 1335 | 53. | | 3 tanks moving Southwest from K919511 and 8 tanks at K915509. Reported by ground OP. From L.O.#2 | B, C & Ren Co's |
| 1350 | 1350 | 54. | | 5 tanks seen at K915406 at 1300 hrs. | B, C & Ren Co's |

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| 15 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 55. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. | | |
| 1530 | 1535 | 56. | | Unknown number of tanks that were counter-attacking 1st Div moved back and are now heading North. | B, C & Ren Co's and | |
| 1655 | 1655 | 57. | | A/P mines laid by Custer - 6 (K89405304) - (K89335252) 2 - (K89285240) 17 - (K89255218) - (K89205178) 4 - (K88005066) - (K88125054) along RR with trip wire. 4 - (K88005046) - (K88185050) | | |
| 16 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 58. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | | |
| 1055 | 1100 | 59. | | 1st Div being counter-attacked. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 1145 | 1150 | 60. | | Claim enemy is using sherman tanks. | | |
| 1230 | 1230 | 61. | | 2 guns at K932506 picked up by Air OP. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 1340 | 1345 | 62. | | Air OP reports 4 guns Caliber unknown at K944487. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| | | | | Several reports of considerable tank movement vicinity Weiden K885478. | | |
| 17 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0845 | | 63. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | | |
| 0845 | 0900 | 64. | | Enemy mines at K89255120 200 yards on East West Road. Also from K832503 to K834502. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 2030 | 2035 | 65. | | Infantry reports 3 enemy tanks at K867483. Also 11 tanks at K878482. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 18 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 66. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | | |
| 0930 | 0930 | 67. | | Mark VI knocked-out by 1st plat. of "B" Co. at K862468 at 1200 yards. It burned. 4 rounds of AP used. | | |
| 1050 | 1050 | 68. | | 1st Div. being counter-attacked vic. of K867470. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 1125 | 1125 | 69. | | 3 enemy tanks seen at K869469. Type unknown. Time 1050. | B, C & LD#2 | |
| 1145 | 1145 | 70. | | Enemy bicycle platoon at K894486 at 1145 hrs. | L.O.#2 | |
| 19 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0900 | | 71. | | G-2 periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | | |
| 1100 | 1100 | 72. | | 2 Mark V tanks moving north at K918514. | B, C & Ren Co's | |

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| 20 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 73. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. Mines at K89255120 for 200 yards on East West road. Also at K832503. A/P minefield at K847583. Mustard pots at 906537. | Sent to all Co's | |
| 0930 | 1100 | 74. | | | | |
| 1600 | 1600 | 75. | | 13 tanks at K930569 at 1400 hrs. Have put air on them. 1st plat. "B" Co. fired one round H.E. at enemy infantry, coor. K858473. 6 Enemy killed. | B, C & Ren | |
| 21 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 76. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. 2 Mark V tanks stationary at K868486 at 0900 hours. | B, C & IO#2 | |
| 0930 | 0935 | 77. | | | | |
| 1525 | 1530 | 78. | | Division laying smoke in Division zone, watch for artillery. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 1630 | 1635 | 79. | | Friendly mines laid by Custer at K894527 to K890516 - K889524 to K887517 - K877512 to K883508 - K879510 to K878504 - K869506 60 mines - K872497 14 mines - K872493 54 mines - K874498 to K878501 149 mines. At K90605459 6 A/P mines - K90595440 6 A/P mines - K90565470 to K90565484 18 A/P mines - K90765401 to K90765388 29 A/P mines - K89605262 to K89695270 15 A/P mines - K89805282 to K89935292 11 A/P mines - K90845460 1 A/P mine - K90645390 1 A/P mine. | B, C & Ren Co's | |
| 2200 | | 80. | | | | |
| 22 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 81. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf. Div. 2nd plat. "B" Co. knocked-out one (1) S/P 75mm at K865476 at 1000 hours. Range 900 yards. 2 rds HVAP and 2 rds APC fired. | | |
| 1200 | | 82. | | | | |

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| 23 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 1200 | | 83. 84. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. 1st platoon Company "B", knocked-out a Mark V tank on October 12, previously reported. Fired 2 rounds APCBD at 1000yards, hitting just below turret on the side. Tank did not burn, but has not moved from that position K877493. Cpl. Hiatt was gunner, Sgt. Frinchi & Sgt. Nebola, Co. "B", 803rd T.D. Bn. See 12 October. 2nd platoon "B" Co. fired 12 rounds H.E. at enemy OP's in building coor. K863477. Result 3 enemy OP's destroyed. | | |
| 24 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 85. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30th Inf Div. | | |
| 25 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 | | 86. | | G-2 Periodic Report - 30 inf Div. | | |
| 26 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0655 | 0655 | 87. | | Heavy vehicular movement reported moving Northeast from Hongen toward Schlieden. | B,C and Ren Co's | |
| 0800 | 0830 | 88. | | Anti-tank Bulletin, VII Corps - 4 copies - No. 87. | B,C,Ren & Hq. Co's | |
| 0600 | | 89. | | G-2 Periodic Report No. 142 - VII Corps | | |
| 27 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0930 1600 | | 90. 91. | | Anti-tank Bulletin No. 89 - VII Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 143 - VII Corps. | All Co's | |
| 28 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 0830 1600 | 1000 | 92. 93. | | Anti-tank Bulletin No. 90 - VII Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 144 - V II Corps. | All Co's | |
| 29 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 1600 | | 94. | | G-2 Periodic Report No. 145 - VII Corps. | | |
| 30 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 1000 1200 | 1100 1600 | 95. 96. | | Anti-tank Bulletin No. 91 - VII Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 146 - VII Corps | All Co's | |
| 31 October, 1944 | | | | | | |
| 1200 1400 | | 97. 98. | | Anti-tank Bulletin No. 92 - VII Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 147 - VII Corps | All Co's | |