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- 1 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany, K-917292. Company "A" remained in bivouac area 2 miles east of Zweifall, Germany, K-989368, and are attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. Company "B" remained in bivouac area 2 miles west of Rotgen, Germany, K-896291. Company "B" plus Reconnaissance Platoon attached to CCB has 1st Platoon plus Reconnaissance Platoon in anti-tank defense; 2nd and 3rd Platoons in indirect fire positions and fired two (2) TOT's (counter-battery) missions totalling 68 rounds and three (3) interdiction fire missions totalling 75 rounds. Company "C" Command Post remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany, K-909289. Firing Platoons moved into assembly position about 1 mile SW of Hurtgen, Germany from Kleinhan, Germany. Company "C" attached to CCR outside Corps Sector. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany, K-904292. All 1/4 ton vehicles in the organization were sandbagged this date. Battalion Commander visited Company "B"; Battalion S-2 and S-3 visited Company "C"; Battalion Executive Officer and S-4 visited Company "A". Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 2 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Letter received this date showing 628th T.D. Bn. (SP), less Company "C", relieved from attachment to V Corps, APO 305, U. S. Army and attached to VII Corps, APO 307, U. S. Army, effective 29 November 1944 per Par. 7, Troop Assignment #142, Hq. First United States Army. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Company "A" plus Reconnaissance Platoon attached to CCA ready to support CCA in tactical mission. 2nd Platoon, Company "A", attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. 2nd Platoon moved from bivouac area 2 miles east of Zweifall, Germany at 1030 hours and arrived at Hurtgen Forest K-038369 at 1230 hours. Encountered no enemy action. Company "B" attached to CCB remained in bivouac position 2 miles west of Rotgen, Germany. 2nd and 3rd Platoons placed in indirect fire positions as reinforcing fire of 71st F.A. Battalion fired 2 TOT (counter-battery) missions totalling 48 rounds and 2 interdiction missions totalling 50 rounds, and 1st Platoon, plus Reconnaissance Platoon in anti-tank position. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Captain Douglas H. Ketchum reassigned and joined from Hq. 3rd Replacement Depot and assigned duty as Combat Liaison Officer. 1st Lt. Daniel G. French, reassigned and joined from Hq. 3rd Replacement Depot and assigned duty as Platoon Leader. Battalion Commander visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 3 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Enemy strafed area and one plane was shot down to rear of bivouac area by Anti-Aircraft Battalion. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Enemy aircraft strafed area hitting transportation platoon quarters. No casualties. Company "A" remained in bivouac position 2 miles east of Zweifall, Germany attached to CCA which is further attached to 4th Infantry Division and is supporting them in attack on Struss, Germany. 2nd Platoon plus one section Reconnaissance Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion, and remainder of company is in reserve. Company "B" remained in bivouac positions. 2nd and 3rd Platoons placed indirect fire on enemy positions, acting as reinforcing fire for the 71st Field Artillery Battalion. Fired one TOT battery of 24 rounds and

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3 interdiction fire missions totalling 75 rounds. 1st Platoon plus Reconnaissance Platoon attached remained in Anti-Tank Defense under 5th Armored Division. Enemy aircraft attacked Company "B"'s position and one enemy plane (ME-109) was destroyed. Company "C" C.P. moved from bivouac area at Rotgen, Germany to assembly area 1 mile east of Hurtgen, Germany F-040373 and joined firing platoons of Company. 1st and 2nd Platoons left assembly area with 10th Tank Battalion to take town of Brandenburg, Germany. 3rd Platoon remained in assembly area. 1st and 2nd Platoons assisted in taking objective and then set up road block positions. Company was attacked by enemy aircraft and one enemy plane (ME-109) was destroyed. Recon. Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 4 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Battalion area strafed by six enemy planes. No casualties. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac positions attached to CCA. 2nd Platoon further attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. Company "B" remained in bivouac area 2 miles west of Rotgen, Germany. 2nd and 3rd Platoons placed in indirect fire positions and fired 3 interdiction fire missions totalling 75 rounds. 1st Platoon moved from road block position 2 miles west of Mutzenich, Germany and joined company in bivouac area 2 miles west of Rotgen, Germany. Company "C" remained in bivouac area 1 mile east of Hurtgen, Germany. 3rd Platoon remained in assembly area. 1st and 2nd Platoons remained on road block positions in Brandenburg, Germany. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited all companies. Weather Cloudy. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 5 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac area 2 miles east of Zweifall, Germany, attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. 2nd Platoon further attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. 2nd Platoon fired at enemy planes over bivouac area and expended 2300 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. Company "B" remained in bivouac positions. Platoons fired 2 TOT missions totalling 13 rounds and 3 interdiction fire missions totalling 77 rounds. 1st Platoon in position in vicinity of Rotgen, Germany. Company "C" less 3rd Platoon remained in bivouac position 1 mile east of Hurtgen, Germany. 3rd Platoon moved from assembly area attached to 47th Armored Infantry on mission of taking town of Bergstein, Germany. No further information available. Recon. Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area. Company "C" further attached to 10th Tank Battalion. Building fell on 1 M-36 Destroyer damaging traversing mechanism and one M-36 Destroyer out of action due to mines. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited Company "C". Battalion S-3 visited Company "B". Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 6 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac area 2 miles east of Zweifall, Germany attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. Company "B" remained in bivouac position 2 mile west of Rotgen, Germany. Firing Platoons placed indirect fire on enemy positions and fired 3 interdiction fire missions totalling 75 rounds. Company "C" Command Post remained in assembly position 1 mile east of Hurtgen, Germany. Firing Platoons assisted in taking town of Bergstein, Germany and set up road blocks. Company "C" had one Officer and 4 EM KIA, 3 EM SFA, 5 EM LWA and 2 EM MIA in this action. Reconnaissance Company C.P. remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Pioneer Platoon went on mission to build road for removal of Company "C" destroyer which was disabled by land mine.

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Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited all companies. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 7 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac area 2 miles east of Zweifall, Germany, attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. 2nd Platoon fired 10 rounds HE registering on base point. Company "B" remained in bivouac area 2 miles west of Rotgen, Germany. Firing Platoons fired 3 interdiction fire missions totalling 75 rounds. Company "C" Command Post remained in bivouac area 1 mile east of Hurtgen, Germany. Firing Platoons remained in road block position in Bergstein, Germany. Company "C" knocked out 6 Mark VI tanks at ranges of 1500 yards to 2500 yards. Two M-36's were lost due to enemy fire using white phosphorus shells. Three other destroyers hit land mines but can be recovered. 3 EM KIA, 2 EM LWA this date from Company "C". Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Pioneer Platoon went to area near Brandenburg, Germany to neutralize enemy mine field. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited Company "C". Battalion S-3 visited Company "B". Battalion S-1 left with CCA Billeting Officer to find new bivouac area. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 8 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters moved from bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany at 0930 hours and arrived at new bivouac area in Hahn, Germany K-915359 at 1030 hours. Billeted in houses. Headquarters Company left bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany at 0930 hours and arrived in new bivouac area in Hahn, Germany, K-915359 at 1030 hours. Company "A" remained in bivouac area 2/3 miles west of Zweifall, Germany attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. Company "B" left bivouac area 2 miles west of Rotgen, Germany at 1330 hours and arrived at new assembly area at Friesenrath, Germany, K-903347 at 1500 hours. Company fired 6 interdiction fire missions totalling 180 rounds. Company "C" Firing Platoons moved from road block positions in Bergstein, Germany back to assembly area 1 mile east of Hurtgen, Germany about 0430 hours. Left assembly area at 1330 hours and moved to Rabotrath, Belgium. Wheeled vehicles moved from Rotgen, Germany to Rabotrath, Belgium. Company billeted in barns. Reconnaissance Company and Medical Detachment left bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany at 0930 hours and arrived in new bivouac area in Hahn, Germany at 1030 hours. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 9 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" left bivouac area 2/3 miles west of Zweifall, Germany at 1230 hours and arrived at new bivouac area in Hahn, Germany at 1330 hours. Attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. Company "B" remained in assembly position in Friesenrath, Germany, K-903347. No enemy action reported. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Rabotrath, Belgium. Recon. Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Captain Douglas H. Ketchum relieved of duty with Headquarters and assigned duty with Headquarters Company. 1st Lt. Daniel C. French relieved of duty with Reconnaissance Company and assigned to Company "C" as Platoon Leader. Battalion S-2 and S-3 visited Company "C". Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 10 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac area attached to CCA for anti-tank defense. Company "B" left assembly area at Friesenrath, Germany at 1330 hours and arrived at new assembly area at Kleinbau, Germany, F-043373 at 1540 hours. Company "C" remained in bivouac area

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at Rabotrath, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 11 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" 1st and 3rd Platoons attached to 34th Tank Battalion; 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. Company "A" moved from bivouac area at Hahn, Germany at 0800 hours and arrived at new assembly area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Grosshau, Germany at 1610 hours. Enemy artillery active throughout day. Company "B" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Kleinbau, Germany. Firing Platoons placed indirect fire on enemy positions. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Rabotrath, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 12 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac area attached to 34th Tank Battalion and CCA for anti-tank defense. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. Enemy artillery active during day. Company "B" remained in bivouac area $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Kleinbau, Germany. Company in indirect fire positions and delivered indirect fire on enemy positions. Company "B" attached to CCB to act as reinforcing fire for 71st Field Artillery Battalion and are on call for direct support. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Rabotrath, Belgium. Company "C" plus Reconnaissance Platoon attached to CCR outside Corps Sector performing motor maintenance and training of replacements for future operations. Reconnaissance Company and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 13 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac positions attached to CCA and 1st and 3rd Platoons further attached to 34th Tank Battalion and 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Field Artillery Battalion. Enemy artillery active throughout the day. Company "B" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Kleinbau, Germany. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Rabotrath, Belgium training replacements and performing motor maintenance. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited "A" and "B" Companies. Battalion Executive Officer visited Company "C" Weather Cloudy. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 14 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Grosshau, Germany. 1st Platoon moved from bivouac area with Company "B", 34th Tank Battalion, at 1015 hours. 3rd Platoon moved out with Company "A", 34th Tank Battalion at 1030 hours. 2nd Platoon attached to 46th Infantry (CCA). 1st Platoon met enemy action about 1100 hours. One Destroyer (M-36) knocked out by enemy anti-tank fire. Company "B" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Kleinbau, Germany. 1st and 2nd Platoons in indirect fire positions, placing indirect fire on enemy positions. 3rd Platoon on mission in support of 15th Infantry. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Rabotrath, Belgium. Company on 2 hour alert to move to assembly area near Rotgen, Germany. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Commanding Officer visited VII Corps Headquarters and 5th Armored Division Artillery. Battalion S-1 went for replacements to Verviers, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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- 15 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" attached to 34th Tank Battalion for anti-tank defense. 1st Platoon with Company "B", 34th Tank Battalion; 2nd Platoon with Company "C", 46th Infantry Battalion; 3rd Platoon with Company "A", 34th Tank Battalion. Company Headquarters with 34th Tank Battalion Headquarters. 1st and 3rd Platoons engaged in attack with CGA. Fired 21 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of AP. Knocked out one enemy anti-tank gun (88 mm), one enemy machine gun, 14 enemy killed and 14 prisoners of war taken. Enemy artillery active throughout the day. Company "B" remained in bivouac area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Kleinhaus, Germany. Company remained in indirect fire positions placing fire on enemy positions. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Rabotrath, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Battalion S-2 and S-3 visited Company "B". Battalion S-1 went to get replacements in Verviers, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 16 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" 1st Platoon attached to Company "B", 34th Tank Battalion remained in bivouac area. Received heavy artillery and mortar fire. 3rd Platoon attached to Company "A" 34th Tank Battalion held anti-tank positions near Kufferath, Germany, received heavy artillery and mortar fire and at 1500 hours moved to east end of Kufferath. 2nd Platoon remained in area attached to Company "C" 46th Infantry (CGA). Co. Headquarters remained in bivouac area with 34th Tank Battalion Headquarters. Company "B" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Kleinhaus, Germany. Company remained in indirect fire positions placing fire on enemy positions. Company "C" moved from bivouac area in Rabotrath, Belgium at 1430 hours. Travelled east about 10 miles to assembly area in Rotgen, Germany. Company attached to 10th Tank Battalion. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Comdr. and S-2 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 17 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" attached to CGA, 1st Platoon attached to Company "B", 34th Tank Battalion remained in area. Enemy artillery and mortar fire active throughout the day. 2nd Platoon attached to Company "C", 46th Infantry Battalion remained in area. 3rd Platoon attached to Company "A", 34th Tank Battalion, remained in area. Enemy artillery and mortar fire active throughout the day. Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area with 34th Tank Battalion Headquarters. Company "B" C.P. remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Kleinhaus, Germany. Firing Platoons moved up to the town of Strass, Germany acting as right flank security for CGA. Contacted enemy foot troops, fired on same, damage inflicted unknown. Company "C" C.P. remained in bivouac position in Rotgen, Germany. Company alerted to enemy paratroop activities at 0500 hours. Company on one minute alert at 0600 hours. 1st Platoon moved from assembly area about 2200 hours with a married platoon of 47th Armored Infantry to defensive position in vicinity of Fausterbach, Germany. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Foot patrols sent out in 1 mile radius of Battalion area in Hahn, Germany looking for paratroops dropped by plane. Road blocks placed at night consisting of six M-20's and crews. Battalion was given the mission of organizing anti-paratroop patrols for the area in the vicinity of Hahn, Germany. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Commanding Officer and S-2 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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- 18 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Enemy planes active over area throughout day and night. Flares were dropped in Battalion Area. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Enemy planes active over area throughout day and night. Company "A" attached to CCA, with 1st and 2nd Platoons attached to 34th Tank Battalion for anti-tank defense. 3rd Platoon now being held in reserve. No direct enemy action encountered. Enemy artillery and mortar fire active throughout the day. Company "B" firing platoons remained in anti-tank defense positions at Strass, Germany. Under enemy artillery fire during day. Sgt. Homer R. Lindler, 34306202, Company "B", honorably discharged to accept commission as 2nd Lt., AUS per Sec. X, AK 615-360 and TWX A-38733, Hq. First United States Army, dated 16 December 1944. Company "C" Command Post, 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained in assembly area in Rotgen, Germany. 1st Platoon remained in defensive position. Enemy aircraft activities throughout the day. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area. Enemy bombers over area during night. Road blocks and road patrols functioned all night and also during day. More enemy fighters over area at 0800 hours. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Commanding Officer and Battalion S-3 visited Company "B". Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 19 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Anti-paratroop patrols out. Enemy planes dropped flares during night. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company alerted to move. Company "A" moved from bivouac area at Grosshau, Germany at 1540 hours and arrived at new bivouac position $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Rotgen, Germany at 1915 hours. Company under Battalion control. 2nd Platoon attached to Company "B", 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company "B" moved from Kleinhau, Germany at 1100 hours, and arrived in vicinity of Rotgen, Germany at 1600 hours. Company attached to 102nd Cavalry units. One Platoon of Company "A", 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Company "B", 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion. 1st Platoon of this organization and one Platoon of Company "A", in vicinity of Lamersdorf, Germany. 2nd Platoon at K-925245 and 3rd Platoon at K-943242. Company "C" 1st Platoon moved from defensive position in vicinity of Faustenbach, Germany back to assembly area in Rotgen, Germany at 1130 hours. Platoon relieved by one Platoon of Company "B", this organization. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Road blocks and road patrols still active daily. Occasional enemy reconnaissance planes dropped flares during night. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander's party moved from bivouac area in Hahn, Germany at 1645 hours and arrived in new area in Rotgen, Belgium at 1715 hours. Battalion transferred from VII Corps and 5th Armored Division to XIX Corps and 78th Infantry Division for tactical control. Battalion Headquarters attached to CCR. Company "A" plus Reconnaissance Platoon attached has two plat. in anti-tank positions along road K-949302 S² to K-965274. 2nd Platoon Company " " attached to Company "B". Company "B" with Reconnaissance Platoon plus 1 Platoon Company "A" attached to 102nd Cavalry for anti-tank defense. Company "C" plus reconnaissance platoon remains attached to CCR in assembly position in vicinity of K-321288. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 20 DEC.- Battalion Forward Headquarters located in Rotgen, Germany. Rear Battalion Command Post located in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company located in Hahn, Germany. Road Patrols out for anti-paratroop defense. Company "A" remained in bivouac area $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Rotgen, Germany. 1st and 3rd Platoons providing anti-tank defense. 1st Platoon at K-961283 and 3rd Platoon at K-950300. 2nd Platoon attached to Company "B", this Battalion. Company "B" remained in

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bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Rotgen, Belgium. Firing Platoons still in anti-tank positions. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Rotgen, Germany awaiting movement orders. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Pioneer Platoon on one minute alert to move out and lay mine fields if necessary. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander, S-2 and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Cloudy. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 21 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters Forward Command Post located in Rotgen, Belgium. Rear Command Post located in Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Hahn, Germany. Still on alert for enemy agents and road patrols still out. Company "A" remained in bivouac position $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Rotgen, Germany, providing anti-tank defense in designated sectors. 2nd Platoon of Company "A" still attached to Company "B", this organization. Company "B" remained in position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Rotgen, Germany. Firing Platoons remained in anti-tank position in vicinity of Rotgen, Germany. Encountered no enemy action this day. Company "C" moved from assembly area near Rotgen, Germany at 1645 hours. 1st Platoon moved with 47th Armored Infantry to a defensive position SE of Eupen, Belgium, K-813250. 2nd Platoon moved with 10th Tank Battalion to defensive position near Eupen, Belgium. 3rd Platoon moved with 35th Reconnaissance Battalion to a defensive position in Kettenis, Belgium. Company attached to GCR, 5th Armored Division and Company Headquarters moved to Eupen, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Road patrols and road blocks still active entire day. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander, S-2 and S-3 visited "A" and "B" Companies. Weather Cloudy. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 22 DEC. - Battalion Forward Command Post at Rotgen, Germany. Battalion Rear Command Post at Hahn, Germany. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company "A" remained in bivouac position $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Rotgen, Germany. Platoons in anti-defense positions. 3rd Platoon moved from K-950300 at 1715 hours and arrived in new bivouac position at K-984308 at 1910 hours. Encountered no direct enemy action. Company "B" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Rotgen, Belgium. Firing Platoons remained in anti-tank defense positions in vicinity of Rotgen, Germany. No action reported. Company "C" remained in bivouac positions in Eupen, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Road blocks and road patrols still active entire day. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Battalion Commander, S-2 visited Company "A" and "B". Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 23 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters Forward and Rear Command Posts remained in respective bivouac positions. Alerted for movement at 1830 hours. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Company alerted to move out. Company "A" remained in bivouac area $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles East of Rotgen, Germany. Company less 2nd Platoon employed on anti-tank defense. 2nd Platoon attached to Company "B" this Battalion. 1st Platoon in indirect fire positions in same area as for anti-tank defense. Company "B" remained in bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Rotgen, Germany. Firing Platoons remained in anti-tank defense positions in vicinity of Rotgen, Germany. Enemy artillery fire placed in area. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Eupen, Belgium. 1st Platoon fired 35 rounds to register in Platoon. Entire company then moved to assembly area in Kettenis, Belgium, set up bivouac area and awaited further movement orders. Company relieved of attachment with GCR, 5th Armored Division and returned back to Battalion Control. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Road blocks and road patrols active entire day. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Hahn, Germany. Bn. Commander and S-3 visited "A" and "B" Companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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- 20 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters moved from bivouac area in Hahn, Germany and Rotgen, Belgium at 0700 hours and arrived in new bivouac area at Erezee, Belgium, P-449906 at 1530 hours. Headquarters Company left bivouac area at Hahn, Germany at 1200 hours and proceeded through Liege, Belgium to new bivouac area at Bomal, Belgium, P-426998, arriving at 1745 hours. Company "A" moved from bivouac area 1 1/2 miles east of Rotgen, Germany at 0400 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Soy, Belgium, P-416898 at 1335 hours. Enemy artillery active throughout the day. Company "B" relieved of attachment to 102nd Cavalry Squadron and attached to 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion. Moved from bivouac area 1/2 mile west of Rotgen, Germany at 0700 hours. Arrived at new bivouac area at Erezee, Belgium at 1600 hours. 2nd Platoon contacted enemy infantry and tanks at 2300 hours at Grandmenil, Belgium and destroyed 2 enemy tanks. 4 EM of Company "B" LWA in this action. 3rd Platoon located at Grandmenil and 1st Platoon on road block at Amonines, Belgium. Company "C" moved from assembly area in Kettenis, Belgium at 0900 hours and moved south and arrived at new bivouac area in Erezee, Belgium at 1400 hours. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters left bivouac area at Hahn, Germany at 0315 hours by convoy, and arrived at new bivouac area in Erezee, Belgium at 1400 hours. Medical Detachment left bivouac area at Hahn, Germany at 1200 hours. Arrived at new bivouac position at Bomal, Belgium at 1900 hours. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 25 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Erezee, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium awaiting further orders. Company "A" attached to OGR, 3rd Armored Division as anti-tank defense. Encountered no direct enemy action. Enemy artillery active throughout the day. 1st Platoon at P-411897, 2nd Platoon at P-423900 and 3rd Platoon at P-392898. Company "B" 3rd Platoon located in vicinity of Grandmenil, Belgium. 2nd Platoon in mobile reserve. 1st Platoon on road block at Amonines, Belgium. No enemy action reported this day. Company "C" alerted to move at 0030 hours. 1st and 3rd Platoons moved to road block position in vicinity of Fanzel, Belgium. 1st Platoon at P-460933, 3rd Platoon at P-460930, 2nd Platoon moved into reserve position east of Erezee, Belgium at P-460930. Company "C" C.P. located in Marmont, Belgium, P-475990. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Erezee, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Battalion Commander, S-2 and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 26 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Erezee, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area providing anti-tank defense for 3rd Armored Division Task Force H. 1st Platoon located at P-411897. 2nd Platoon located at P-423900. 3rd Platoon located at P-392898. Command Post located at Soy, Belgium, P-416898. Company "B" relieved from attachment to 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion and returned to Battalion control. Headquarters and 1st Platoon left bivouac position in Erezee, Belgium at 1640 hours and arrived in vicinity of Oppagne, Belgium at 1720 hours. 1st Platoon on road block at Amonines, Belgium. 3rd Platoon in anti-tank position 1 mile east of Clerneid, Belgium. Company "C" in bivouac in Marmont, Belgium attached to OCA with firing platoons on road block and anti-tank defenses. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters located at Erezee, Belgium. Medical Detachment located in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 27 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters left bivouac position at Erezee, Belgium at 0800 hours and arrived in new bivouac position at BelleVue, Belgium at 0930 hours, P-433969. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium.

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Company "A" attached to CCB, 3rd Armored Division remained in bivouac area near Soy, Belgium, providing anti-tank defense. Company "B" 1st and 3rd Platoons moved back to company assembly position at Oppagne, Belgium. No enemy action reported this day with the exception of 1st Platoon being under enemy artillery fire. Company "C" with reconnaissance platoon attached to CGA, 3rd Armored Division. Company Command Post located at Marmont, Belgium. Platoons in anti-tank positions. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters left bivouac position at Ezeze, Belgium at 0815 hours and arrived at new bivouac area at Tour Lahere, Belgium, P-436972, at 0900 hours. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited firing companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

28 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in BelleVue, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac position in Soy, Belgium providing anti-tank defense for CCB, 3rd Armored Division. Company "B" left bivouac area at Oppagne, Belgium at 1500 hours and arrived at new bivouac position at Hyde, Belgium at 1615 hours. Company Headquarters Platoon remained at Oppagne, Belgium. No enemy action reported this day. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Marmont, Bel. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters left bivouac area in Tour Lahere, Belgium at 1415 hours, and arrived at new bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium at 1445 hours. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Battalion Commander, S-2 and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

29 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in BelleVue, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Company Executive Officer returned from Bastogne, Belgium and reported that the baggage and duffle bags stored there were a complete loss. Company "A" remained in bivouac position at Soy, Belgium providing anti-tank defense for CCB, 3rd Armored Division. Company "B" firing platoons left assembly position at Hyde, Belgium at 1400 hours and arrived at new assembly position at Petit Han, Belgium at 1455 hours. Headquarters Section left Oppagne, Belgium at 1430 hours and arrived at assembly area at Petit Han, Belgium and joined company at 1500 hours. No enemy action reported this date. Company "C" remained in bivouac position in Marmont, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Battalion Commander visited Company "A" and "C". Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

30 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position in BelleVue, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area in Soy, Belgium providing anti-tank defense for CCB, 3rd Armored Division. No direct enemy action encountered. Company "B" remained in assembly position at Petit Han, Belgium. No action reported this day. Company "C" Command Post, 1st and 3rd Platoons remained in position. 2nd Platoon moved from reserve position to Command Post position. Company alerted to move and reverted back to Battalion control. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

31 DEC. - Battalion Headquarters left bivouac area in BelleVue, Belgium at 1330 hours and arrived in new bivouac area in Seny, Belgium at 1545 hours, (K-344094). Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" left bivouac area at Soy, Belgium at 1320 hours and arrived in new bivouac area 2/3 mile north of Les Avine, Belgium at 1730 hours. Company went into reserve with

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GCB, 3rd Armored Division. Company "B" left assembly position at Petit Han, Belgium at 1100 hours and arrived at new bivouac position at Abee, Belgium at 1400 hours. No action reported this date. Company "C" moved from position in and around Fanzel, Belgium at 0600 hours and moved to an assembly area in Petit Han, Belgium, later moved from assembly area NW to Abee, Belgium, K-310109. Company billeted in barns. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.



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