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- 1 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters left bivouac position at Seny, Belgium (K-574001) at 1430 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Chevron, Belgium at 1630 hours. Battalion attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium (P-426998). Company "A" moved from bivouac position in Les Avins, Belgium at 1700 hours and arrived at Chession, Belgium (K-594033) at 2400 hours. Company "B" left bivouac position at Abee, Belgium at 1300 hours and arrived at Chevron, Belgium at 1715 hours. 1st Plat. under control of 517th Airborne Regiment located at P-645970; 2nd Platoon under control of 508th Airborne Regiment located at P-622964; 3rd Platoon under 508th Airborne Regiment located at P-627972 (Haute Bodeaux). Company "C" moved from bivouac position in Abee, Belgium SE about 18 miles to join 82nd Airborne Division. 1st Platoon at P-555927 and P-574937; 2nd Platoon at P-586874 and P-586991, moved in defensive positions in vicinity of Bra, Belgium attached to the 504th Airborne Regiment. 3rd Platoon at P-574960 in defensive position attached to 505th Parachute Regiment Command. Company C.P. located at Chevron, Belgium. 3rd Platoon in vicinity of Trou De Bra, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium (P-426998). Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium (P-426998). Captain Hal A. Burgess, Jr., promoted to Major per Par. 2, S.O. #1, Hq. FUSA, APO 230, U.S. Army, dated 1 January 1945. Date of rank from 1 January 1945. Duty Battalion S-3. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 2 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Chevron, Belgium. Battalion S-2 visited Companies and looked for new bivouac area to South. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" left bivouac area at Chession, Belgium at 0900 hours and arrived at new bivouac position 2 1/2 miles West of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium at 1100 hours. Company in reserve position for 82nd Airborne Division Sector. Company "B" Command Post and Firing Platoons remained in respective bivouac positions. Company "C" firing platoons remained in respective positions. Company Command Post moved from Chevron, Belgium to Trou De Bra, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. 1st Lt. Frank E. Hart, Jr., AUS, relieved of assignment and duty with Company "C" and was assigned to Company "B" as Platoon Leader per SO #2, this Hq. dated 2 January 1945. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 3 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Chevron, Belgium. Battalion Commander and Battalion S-2 visited the Firing Companies. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac position in reserve for 82nd Airborne Division sector. Company "B" Firing Platoons remained in firing positions. Company Headquarters section left Chevron, Belgium at 1300 hours and arrived at Harze, Belgium at 1355 hours. Firing Platoons under artillery fire from enemy guns. Company "C" Command Post remained in bivouac position. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Platoons moved to attack with 325th Airborne

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Regiment reached objective in vicinity of Amcomont, Belgium (P-628929). Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 4 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Chevron, Belgium. Battalion Commander visited Firing Companies. Headquarters Company, less Motor Maintenance Platoon, left bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium at 1000 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Harze, Belgium (K-531064) at 1100 hours. Company "A" moved from assembly area 2½ miles west of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium to new assembly area 1½ miles SW of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium. Company held in reserve in 82nd Airborne Division sector. Company "B" 1st Platoon moved into attack in vicinity of Basse Bodeaux (P-642974); 2nd Platoon moved into attack in vicinity of Reharmont, Belgium (P-639952); 3rd Platoon in assembly position in vicinity of P-631980. Two M-36 Tank Destroyers out of action and 1 M-8 out of action as result of hitting enemy mines. One enemy Mark V tank destroyed by 2nd Platoon. Four Company "B" EM wounded in this action. Company "C" Headquarters and 3rd Platoon remained in position. 1st and 2nd Platoons moved from positions East approximately 6 miles to assembly area in vicinity of Fosse, Belgium (P-651958). Reconnaissance Company Headquarters left bivouac position in Bomal, Belgium at 1000 hours and arrived at new bivouac area 2 miles South of Harze, Belgium (K-545044), at 1200 hours. Medical Detachment left bivouac area at Bomal, Belgium at 1030 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Harze, Belgium at 1500 hours (K-532066). 2nd Lt. Craig L. Vinson, relieved of assignment as Platoon Leader with Recon. Company and assigned duty as Platoon Leader, Company "C", this organization. 2nd Lt. James A. Wing relieved of assignment as Transportation Officer, Headquarters Company and assigned duty as Platoon Leader, Company "A". Weather: Snow. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 5 JAN. - Battalion Forward Command Post moved from bivouac position in Chevron, Belgium at 0930 hours and set up Command Post at Haute Bodeaux (P-627974). Battalion Rear Command Post remained in bivouac area at Chevron, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Harze, Belgium. Motor Maintenance Platoon remained in Bomal, Belgium. Company "A" remained in assembly positions as reserve for 82nd Airborne Division. Company "B" Headquarters Section left Harze, Belgium at 1400 hours and arrived at new location in Haute Bodeaux, Belgium (P-625974) at 1500 hours. 1st Platoon location, 1st Section at P-665985, 2nd Section acting as road block at P-670965. Platoon attached to 517th Airborne Regiment. 2nd Platoon located at P-649721 and attached to 505th Airborne Regiment. 2nd Platoon took 34 Prisoners of War. 3rd Platoon located at P-640952, relieved of attachment to 508th Airborne Regiment and attached to 505th Paratroop Regiment. Co. "B" Command Post moved to Fosse, Belgium from Trou de Bra, Belgium. 1st and 2nd Platoons remained in positions in Fosse, Belgium. 3rd Platoon moved into town of Amcomont, Belgium to assist in taking town. While moving into town lost 1 Tank Destroyer M-36 by enemy mine and mortar fire. 1 EM LWA and 1 Officer LIA. Objective taken and Platoon set up defensive positions in town. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Harze, Belgium. Captain Paul L. McPherran relieved of assignment and duty as Commanding Officer, Company "B", this organization at 1200 hours and assigned to 106th Infantry

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Division per Par. 4, SO 1, Hq. FUSA, dated 1 January 1945. 1st Lt. Frank E. Hurt, Jr., is relieved of duty as Platoon Leader, Company "B" and assigned duty as Commanding Officer, Company "B". Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 6 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac areas in Haute Bodeaux and Chevron, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Harze, Belgium. Motor Maintenance platoon left Bomal and rejoined company at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" less 2nd Platoon left assembly area 1 1/2 miles SW of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium and moved to new assembly area at Arbrefontaine, Belgium in support of 508th Airborne Regiment. 1st and 3rd Platoons moved out at 0300 hours and travelled approximately 4 miles. 1st Platoon located at P-632918 and 3rd Platoon located at P-646912. 2nd Platoon in support of 325th Airborne Regiment moved out at 2245 hours and travelled approximately 4 miles to new location at P-627917. Company "B" 1st and 2nd Platoons remained in same positions and were relieved of attachment to 505th and 507th Airborne Regiments. 3rd Platoon located at P-640952. All Platoons under enemy artillery fire this day. Company "C" Command Post, 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained in bivouac position in Fosse, Belgium. 1st Platoon moved from Fosse, Belgium SW into defensive positions in vicinity of Quartiers, Belgium (P-678947). Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position in Harze, Belgium. Battalion Commander visited Hq. 5th Armored Division. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 7 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac areas in Haute Bodeaux and Chevron, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position in Harze, Belgium. Company "A" 2nd Platoon moved out at 2300 hours 6 January 1945 two miles west of Arbrefontaine, Belgium and joined 325th Airborne Regiment near Menil, Belgium. 1st and 3rd Platoons moved out at 0300 hours and joined the 508th Paratroop Regiment 2 miles south of Arbrefontaine, Belgium, and went into action during morning. Company Command Post located at Arbrefontaine, Belgium and Company Headquarters Section at Basse Bodeaux, Belgium. Company "B" 3rd Platoon went into the attack in the vicinity of Goronne, Belgium and destroyed one Tiger Tank. 1st and 2nd Platoons came off the line at 1500 hours and went into assembly position in vicinity of P-639951. Two prisoners of war taken by 3rd Platoon this day. 1st Platoon relieved 3rd Plat. at P-675894, at 1700 hours this day. Eight EM KIA, 1 EM WIA and 3 M-36 Tank Destroyers lost during this action. Company "C" Headquarters and 2nd Platoon remained in position in Fosse, Belgium. 3rd Platoon moved from Amcomont, Belgium back to Fosse, Belgium. 1st Platoon moved from Quartiers, Belgium to assist in taking town of Mont, Belgium. 2 M-36 Tank Destroyers knocked out by enemy mines and shrapnel. 2 EM wounded in this action. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position in Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment left bivouac area at Harze, Belgium at 1300 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Haute Bodeaux, Belgium, P-625947 at 1550 hours. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 8 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac area in Haute Bodeaux and Chevron, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" 2nd Platoon in defensive anti-tank positions for 325th Airborne Regiment at Arbrefontaine, Belgium.

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1st and 3rd Platoons engaged in battle with enemy in vicinity of Conte, Bel. (P-678872). Losses inflicted on enemy during action were 2 Mk. IV Tanks, 1 half track, 1 towed 88 mm gun and 20 enemy killed. Company "B" 1st Platoon located in vicinity of Coronne, Belgium. 2nd and 3rd Platoons at Reharmont, Belgium. Firing platoons under enemy artillery fire. Number of enemy killed by direct fire of firing platoons unknown. Company "C" remained in bivouac position at Fosse, Belgium (P-651953). Reconnaissance Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Basse Bodeaux (P-643971). Battalion Commander and S-2 visited Firing Co's. Weather Snow. Health of Troops Excellent.

9 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac area in Haute Bodeaux and Chevron, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac positions at Abbrefontaine, Belgium. Company "B" Headquarters Section remained in bivouac area. One section of 1st Platoon located at P-684897 and one section at P-898677 2nd and 3rd Platoons located at Reharmont, Belgium. Company relieved from attachment to 82nd Airborne Division and attached to 75th Infantry Division. Company "C" remained in bivouac position at Fosse, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Basse Bodeaux, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited Firing Companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

10 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac area in Haute Bodeaux and Chevron, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" Command Post remained in bivouac area at Arbrefontaine, Belgium. 2nd Platoon acting as anti-tank defense for 508th Paratroop Regiment at Arbrefontaine, Belgium. 1st and 3rd Platoon providing anti-tank defense for 325th Airborne Regiment in vicinity of Jaubville, Belgium (P-678872). Company "B" 1st Section of 1st Platoon located at P-695890 and 2nd Section at P-695898. 2nd and 3rd Platoons located in vicinity of Fosse, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited all Co's. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

11 JAN. - Battalion Rear Command Post moved from bivouac area in Chevron, Belgium at 0845 hours and arrived at Forward Command Post area in Haute Bodeaux, Belgium at 0930 hours. Battalion relieved of attachment to 82nd Airborne Division and attached to the 75th Infantry Division. Company "A" 1st Platoon moved from position near Conte, Belgium to position in town of Rencheux, Belgium, P-698893 at dawn; 2nd Platoon remained in reserve at Arbrefontaine and 3rd Platoon in vicinity of Conte. Platoons attached to 289th Infantry, 75th Division. Company "B" Headquarters Section remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. 1st Section of 1st Platoon located at P-695890, 2nd Section of 1st Platoon located at P-695898. 2nd and 3rd Platoons located at P-638954. Company under Battalion control supporting 75th Infantry Division. 1 EM wounded by sniper. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Fosse P-651953. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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- 12 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" in support of 289th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division. Firing Platoons in vicinity of Arbrefontaine, Belgium. 1st Platoon moved from Rencheux, Belgium, to vicinity of Arbrefontaine, and 3rd Platoon moved from Conte, Belgium to vicinity of Arbrefontaine at 1000 hours. Company "B" Headquarters Section remained in bivouac position at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. 1st Platoon located at Rencheux, Belgium, P-695893 and was under enemy artillery fire entire day. 1st Platoon acting in support of 289th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division, moved from Rencheux, Belgium to vicinity of Coronne, Belgium. 2nd Platoon attached to 1st Battalion, 289th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division, moved from Arbrefontaine, Belgium to vicinity of Provedroux, Belgium. 3rd Platoon moved 3 miles from position at Arbrefontaine, Belgium to Coronne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Fosse, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux. Battalion Comdr., Bn. S-2 and Bn. S-3 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 13 JAN. - Battalion Forward Command Post left bivouac position at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium at 1630 hours and arrived in new position at Gernechamps, Belgium, P-640897 at 1700 hours. Rear Command Post remained in bivouac position at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" Command Post and Firing Platoons remained in respective positions. Company "B" Command Post remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. 1st Platoon located at Rencheux, Belgium. 2nd and 3rd Platoons located at P-675871. Firing Platoons under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Fosse, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-2 visited Firing Companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 14 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac area in Gernechamps and Haute Bodeaux, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" Command Post and Firing Platoons remained in respective bivouac positions. Company "B" Headquarters Section remained in bivouac area in Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. 1st Platoon on line at Rencheux, Belgium. 2nd and 3rd Platoons on line at P-675871. Firing Platoons still under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Fosse, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited Firing Companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 15 JAN. - Battalion Forward and Rear Command Post remained in bivouac area in Gernechamps and Haute Bodeaux, Belgium, respectively. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium. Company "A" Command Post remained in bivouac position. 2nd Platoon relieved of attachment to 1st Battalion, 289th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division at 0800 hours and moved from position at Provedroux, Belgium, to position in vicinity of Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Firing Platoons now being held in reserve. Company "B" Headquarters Section and Firing Platoons remained in respective positions. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Fosse, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area, preparing for possible movement. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area.

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at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium. Battalion Commander and Battalion S-2 visited Firing Companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 16 JAN. - Battalion Forward Command Post left bivouac position in Gernechamps, Belgium at 0815 hours and arrived at Battalion Rear Command Post at 0900 hours. Battalion Command Post left bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium at 1300 hours and arrived in new bivouac position in Francorchamps, Belgium, K-734077 at 1500 hours. Distance travelled 20 miles. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area in Harze, Belgium. Company "A" relieved of attachment to 75th Infantry Division and returned to Battalion control. Company "A" moved from bivouac position in vicinity of Arbrefontaine, Belgium at 1000 hours and arrived at new bivouac position at Ruy, Belgium at 1300 hours. Company "B" Firing Platoons relieved from attachment to 75th Infantry Division and taken off line and put in XVIII Corps Reserve under Battalion Control. Company left bivouac position at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium at 1130 hours and arrived at new bivouac position 2 mile east of Roanne, Belgium, K-688037 at 1230 hours. Company "C" 1st Platoon moved from position in Monte, Belgium to assembly position in Fosse, Belgium. Company moved from Fosse, Belgium at 1120 hours NE approximately 15 miles to billets in Ruy, Belgium, arriving at 1500 hours. Reconnaissance Company remained in bivouac area at Harze, Belgium, alerted to move. Medical Detachment left bivouac area at Haute Bodeaux, Belgium at 1200 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Francorchamps, Belgium at 1500 hours. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 17 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Headquarters Company left bivouac position at Harze, Belgium at 0800 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Chateau 2 mile south of Spa, Belgium, K-675115, at 0915 hours. Company "A" remained in bivouac position at Ruy, Belgium engaged in motor maintenance and general clean-up. Company "B" remained in bivouac position at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium doing motor maintenance. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters left bivouac area 2 miles south of Harze, Belgium at 0915 hours, travelled 16 miles north and arrived at new bivouac area in Spa, Belgium at 1030 hours. Medical Detachment left bivouac position in Francorchamps, Belgium at 0900 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Exbomont, Belgium at 1100 hours. Battalion Commander visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 18 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position at Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Company received typhus and typhoid shots. Company went to Spa, Belgium for showers. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium performing motor maintenance on all vehicles. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Spa, Belgium and company began one week rest period by performing maintenance on all vehicles, arms, signals and chemical warfare equipment. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 19 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Men sent to Spa, Belgium for baths. Battalion Commander visited Hq. 5th Armored Division and Division Artillery. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position near Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at

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Ruy, Belgium, performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment. Company being inspected on all ordnance equipment and vehicles. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Snow. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 20 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position at Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment. Company completed ordnance inspection. Company "B" remained in bivouac area near Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company remained in bivouac area at Spa, Belgium, continuing motor maintenance and preparing for ordnance inspection. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Captain John S. Wright, Bn. S-2, left for Paris, France to attend school on Army Education-Information Officer. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 21 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. 2nd Lt. James A. Wing, transferred from Company "A" as Platoon Leader to Company "C" as Platoon Leader. 1st Lt. Pete Watral, reassigned to Company "A" upon return as casual from the 3rd Repl. Depot, with duty as Platoon Leader. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 22 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium performing motor maintenance. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area near Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander and Battalion Executive Officer visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 23 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Ordnance inspection of small arms and vehicles this day. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium performing motor maintenance and cleaning of equipment. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Spa, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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- 24 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Movies were held in Spa, Belgium for personnel of the Battalion. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium, performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 25 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Movies were held in Spa, Belgium for personnel of the Battalion. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Company "B" remained in bivouac area at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area at Spa, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander visited firing companies. Weather fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 26 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position at Francorchamps, Belgium. Battalion alerted to move. Battalion sent out billeting party to select new bivouac area. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Spa, Belgium. Company "A" remained in bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium performing motor maintenance. Company on 12 hour alert to move. Company "B" remained in bivouac position at Roanne, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac position at Ruy, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company remained in bivouac position near Spa, Belgium awaiting movement orders. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area at Exbomont, Belgium. Battalion Commander and S-3 visited Companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 27 JAN. - Battalion relieved of attachment to XVIII Corps (Airborne) per VCOG, First United States Army at 1200 hours and attached to 5th Armored Division, Ninth United States Army, per VCOG, First United States Army at 1200 hours this date. Battalion Headquarters moved from bivouac area at Francorchamps, Belgium at 1330 hours and arrived in new bivouac area at Herbesthal, Belgium, K-761304 at 1545 hours. Distance travelled 25 miles. Headquarters Company left bivouac area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of Spa, Belgium at 1300 hours and moved to new bivouac position at Herbesthal, Belgium, K-761304, arriving at 1930 hours. Company "A" left bivouac area at Ruy, Belgium at 1500 hours and arrived at new bivouac area at Neudorf, Belgium at 1800 hours. Company "B" left bivouac position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of Roanne, Belgium at 1500 hours and arrived in new bivouac position at Herbesthal, Belgium, K-761304 at 1700 hours. Company "C" left bivouac area in Ruy, Belgium at 1445 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Herbesthal, Belgium, K-761304 at 1715 hours. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters left bivouac area 1 mile south of Spa, Belgium at 1230 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Herbesthal, Belgium, K-761304 at 1415 hours. Medical Detachment left bivouac position at Exbomont, Belgium at 1600 hours and arrived at new bivouac position in Herbesthal, Belgium, K-761304 at 1800 hours. S/Sgt. Wade P. Abee, honorably discharged to accept commission as 2nd Lt. per Sec. X AR 615-360 and TRX AG File 237, Hq. XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U.S. Army, dated 25 January 1945. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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- 28 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position near Herbesthal, Belgium. Personnel attended movies in town and performing motor maintenance. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Herbesthal, Belgium. 2nd Lt. Wade P. Abee, O-2005383, AUS, assigned and joined from Hq. XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U.S. Army, per TWX AG File 237, Hq. XVIII Corps (Airborne), dtd 25 Jan. 45. Duty Motor Transport Officer. Company "A" attached to CCA, 5th Armored Division, left bivouac area near Neudorf, Belgium and went into assembly area in town of Rott, Belgium, K-853308. Company "B" remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium, performing motor maintenance. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area near Herbesthal, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 29 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position near Herbesthal, Belgium. Captain John S. Wright returned from SD in Paris, France where he attended school on Army Education-Information Officers. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "A" remained in assembly position in Rott, Belgium. Company less 2nd Platoon attached to 34th Tank Battalion, CCA, 5th Armored Division prepared for movement. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Armored F.A., 5th Armd. Division. Company "B" remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area near Herbesthal, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 30 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position near Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "A" less 2nd Platoon attached to 34th Tank Bn., CCA, 5th Armored Div. attached to 78th Infantry Division in assault on Eicherscheid, Germany. Attack launched at 0730 hours. 3rd Platoon attacked with Co. "A" of 34th Tank Bn. 1st Platoon with Co. "B", 34th Tank Bn. supporting, and 2nd Platoon in reserve firing indirect. 1 KM KIA and 1 EM LWA during action. Company "A" Command Post located at Simmerath, Germany, K-985222. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac area near Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "B" remained in bivouac position in Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac position near Herbesthal, Belgium. Battalion Commander visited all companies. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 31 JAN. - Battalion Headquarters remained in bivouac position near Herbesthal, Belgium. Battalion relieved of assignment to First United States Army and assigned to Ninth United States Army effective 27 January 1945 per Troop assignment #22, 12th Army Group, dtd 27 January 1945. Headquarters Company remained in bivouac position near Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "A" remained attached to 34th Tank Battalion, CCA, 5th Armored Division. 1st and 3rd Platoons in holding positions in vicinity of Eicherscheid, Germany. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th Armored F.A. and firing indirect. Company Headquarters section returned to Rott, Belgium. Company Command Post at Simmerath, Germany. Company "B" remained in bivouac position in Herbesthal, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Reconnaissance Company Headquarters remained in bivouac area in Herbesthal, Belgium. Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area near Herbesthal, Belgium. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

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