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- 1 OCT. - Entire Battalion, less 2nd Platoon, Company "C", remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. West of Stegen, Luxembourg (P-863383). Companies performing motor maintenance. 2nd Platoon, Company "C" on road block mission 2 Mi. West of Stegen. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 2 OCT. - Entire Battalion, less 2nd Platoon, Company "C", remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. West of Stegen, Luxembourg. Companies performing motor maintenance. 2nd Platoon, Company "C" on road block mission 2 Mi. West of Stegen. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 3 OCT. - Entire Battalion, less 2nd Platoon, Company "C", remained in bivouac area. Companies performing motor maintenance. 2nd Platoon, Company "C" on road block mission 2 Mi. West of Stegen. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 4 OCT. - Entire Battalion, less 2nd Platoon, Company "C", remained in bivouac area. Companies performing motor maintenance. 2nd Platoon, Company "C" on road block mission 2 Mi. West of Stegen. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 5 OCT. - 2nd Platoon, Company "C", relieved of road block mission 2 Mi. West of Stegen, Luxembourg and moved to bivouac area at 0830 hours. Company "C" relieved of attachment with GCB and returned to Battalion Control. Entire Battalion moved from present bivouac area 1 Mi. West of Stegen, Luxembourg to new bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium (K-870010), arriving at 1700 hours. Weather Cloudy with some rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 6 OCT. - Remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Companies performing motor maintenance and improving camp area. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 7 OCT. - Remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Companies performing motor maintenance and improving camp area. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 8 OCT. - Remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Companies performing motor maintenance. Pioneer Platoon constructed movie house. Weather Cloudy. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 9 OCT. - Remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Companies performing motor maintenance. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 10 OCT. - Remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Companies performing motor maintenance. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 11 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "B", Company "C", Rcn. Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac near Faymonville, Belgium. Company "A" attached to CCR and alerted for movement. Mission to proceed to Kalterherberg, Germany (K-192145) for Anti-Tank defense for CCR. Company "A" left bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium at 1540 hours. 1st Platoon plus Company Rear Echelon attached to CCR trains and arrived at new bivouac area 2 Mi. N of Faymonville, Belgium at 1610 hours. 2nd Platoon plus 1 Section of Rcn. Plat. attached to 47th Infantry Bn. left bivouac area





1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium at 1540 hours and arrived at new bivouac area 2 Mi. N. of Elsenborn, Belgium (K-925083) at 1640 hours. 3rd Platoon plus 1 Section of Recon. Platoon attached to 10th Tank Battalion left bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium and arrived at new bivouac area 2 1/2 mi. N. of Elsenborn Belgium at 1655 hours. Company "A" Headquarters attached to CCR Headquarters and left bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium at 1540 hours and arrived at new bivouac area 2 Mi. N. of Elsenborn, Belgium at 1630 hours. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.

- 12 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "B", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Company "C" remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium and was attached to CCB on 6 hour alert. Company "A" 1st Platoon plus Rear Echelon moved from 2 Mi. NW of Faymonville, Belgium at 1400 hours and arrived at new bivouac position 1/2 Mi. S of Elsenborn, Belgium at 1510 hours. 2nd and 3rd Platoons, Company "A" remained in bivouac 2 Mi. North of Elsenborn, Belgium. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 13 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area 1 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium. Company C.P., Company "A", left bivouac area 2 Mi. N. of Elsenborn, Belgium at 1600 hours and arrived in city of Kalterherberg, Germany at 1640 hours. Company "B" attached to CCA and left bivouac area 1/2 Mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium at 0700 hours and arrived in new assembly position 1 Mi. S. of Butgenbach, Belgium (K-912035) at 0800 hours. Company "B" left bivouac area 1 Mi. S. of Butgenbach, Belgium at 1800 hours for new bivouac area. Still enroute at 2400 hours. Captain Joseph A. Patalive, FA, Battalion Executive Officer, promoted to rank of Major effective 1 October 1944 per Par. 2, SO 217, Hq. TUSA, dated 1 Oct. 1944. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 14 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in bivouac area. Company "A" moved from Kalterherberg, Germany to bivouac area 2 Mi. NW of Elsenborn, Belgium, at 1510 hours. 1st and 3rd Platoon attached to 95th FA Bn. for indirect fire mission. 2nd Platoon remained attached to 10th Tank Battalion. Company "B" arrived at new bivouac area at Heerlen, Holland (K-764555) at 0455 hours. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 15 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Company "B", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac areas. Company "C" Executive Officer moved with billeting party of CCB at 1300 hours NE approximately 40 Mi. to select bivouac area. Company left bivouac area 1 mi. SE of Faymonville, Belgium at 1500 hours and arrived at new bivouac area 3/4 Mi. E. of Obr. Forstbach, Germany (K-889375) hours. Company attached to CCB and 7th Corps. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 16 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "B", Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac areas. Company "A" remained in bivouac area. 1st and 3rd Platoons of Company "A" attached to 95th FA Battalion for support fire. 2nd Platoon of Company "A" attached to 47th Infantry Battalion. Disposition of Company "B" is 1st Platoon with 47th FA Battalion; 1 Platoon with 34th Tank Battalion and 1 Platoon in Reserve. Weather Rain. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 17 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac area.



- 26 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac area. Company "A" fired indirect fire missions throughout entire day and expended 293 rounds of 3" HE ammunition. Results unobserved. Company "B" moved from bivouac area 1½ Mi. E. of Ubachsberg, Netherlands to new bivouac area near Bambusch, Belgium, (K-895982). Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 27 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Company "B", Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac areas performing motor maintenance. Company "A" fired indirect fire missions during day and expended 156 rounds of 3" HE ammunition. Results unobserved. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 28 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Reconnaissance Co. Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac area. Company "A" fired indirect fire missions during day and expended 112 rounds of 3" HE ammunition. Results unobserved. 1st Lt. Joseph F. Bayer, 01821956, AUS-TD promoted to Captain; 2nd Lt. Louis (MII) Dickscherer, 01824152, AUS-TD and 2nd Lt. David (MII) Fratti, 01824163, AUS-TD, promoted to 1st Lt. per Par. 1, S.O. 296, Hq. FUSA, dated 28 October 1944. Company "C" moved from bivouac area near Obr. Forstbach, Germany at 0800 hours and arrived in new bivouac area ½ Mi. W. of Elsenborn, Bel (898085) at 1130 hours. Company relieved of attachment to GCB and reverted to Bn. Control. Company "B" moved from bivouac area 1½ Mi. E. of Ubachsberg, Netherlands at 0730 hours and arrived at new bivouac position near Moderscheid, Belgium (898990) at 1100 hours. Pvt. Wellington Brundage Company "B", DOW 4 September 1944. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 29 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Company "B", Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Hq. and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac area. Company "A" fired indirect fire missions during entire day. Expended 108 rounds of 3" HE ammunition. Results unobserved. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 30 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Company "B", Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac area. Company "A" fired interdiction fire from 1000 hours to 0400 hours. Results unobserved. Rounds fired 420 3" HE ammunition. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.
- 31 OCT. - Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Company "B", Company "C", Reconnaissance Company Headquarters, and Medical Detachment remained in respective bivouac area. Company "A" fired interdiction fire during day, and fired 108 rounds of 3" HE ammunition. Results unobserved. Weather Fair. Health of Troops Excellent.

