

UNIT REPORT

No. 4

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Unit: 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion
 From: 010001 October 1944
 To : 312400 October 1944.

MAPS: Central Europe GSGS 4414 1:25,000.
 GSGS 4416 1:100,000.

1. ENEMY

a. Units in contact.

KG Wegelein	2 Bn KG Trier
1412 Inf Bn	73 Engr Bn
275 Engr Bn	5 GAF Fort Bn
16 BZ Engr Bn	KG Pfend
365 Inf Bn	KG Brandes
328 Inf Bn	24 GAF Fort Bn.

(The above units under control of 275 Inf Div)
 (1st Bn. 1055 Inf.)
 (Under control of 89 Inf. Div)

b. Enemy Reserves.

No reserve, as such, is known to exist.

c. Enemy activity during period.

The enemy engaged in intensive patrolling and generally sporadic artillery and mortar fire. His patrols ranged from 3 to 10 men in size and one as large as 70 men was reported, in vicinity of HOFEN (K9514). Other patrols of normal size and normal procedure continued to operate along the line (K0307) to (K9709) engaging in a fire fight only when necessary. Enemies entire action was limited to intelligence or counter intelligence activity. From 28 October 44 to the end of the period the enemy shelled guns positions and rear area installations sporadically and in several instances in a concentration with guns ranging in caliber from 105mm to 170mm. These guns fired together and seemed to be firing from the same location. Several concentrations fell at (K96403695) consisting of both calibers (105mm and 170mm).

d. Enemy strength, material means, morale and probable knowledge of our situation.

(1) On our immediate front he has available an estimated 3000 men and 3 medium Artillery Battalions. However, it is estimated that he may be able to mass as many as 9000 men. Six (6) Battalion Medium and Heavy Artillery and 20-30 tanks for use against us by drawing from less active fronts and other units undergoing training deep in Germany.

(2) Supply as far as food and ammunition is concerned is fair up to this point although there is definitely a shortage of AT guns, Bazookas, and Artillery pieces. Each machine gun is reported to carry from 8000, to 11,000 rounds each. No evidence as to the availability of any of the new mines although many new types are being used has been found.

(3) Enemy morale is not that of a victorious army, but could be called fair under their present situation. This probably because they are fighting on their own soil, some in or near their own homes. Despite this spirit shown to us he is easily brokendown by long periods of artillery fire and air bombardment which shows that the lessons taught in France have been carried home. The continued use of the

SS and the SA in his rear areas is becoming somewhat of a disturbance to the individual soldier.

(4) The enemy probably has some knowledge of our situation inasmuch as his patrols have been very active and his reconnaissance aircraft have made several flights over our area. Due to his knowledge of the limitations of this particular terrain which is even readily seen from a map reconnaissance. His knowledge of our gun positions is probably very accurate. (Evidenced by counter battery).

e. The enemy may attack from the Northeast to the Southwest astride the road from HURTGEN (FO40355) with as much as 2 Battalions of Infantry supported by 4 Battalions of Medium and Heavy Artillery and from 10-20 tanks to eject us from our salient into his line to enable him to reoccupy the Siegfried Line. This plan could be put into operation within five hours time.

He may carry out this same plan from the direction of WOFFELSPACH (FO527).

It is possible for the enemy to use planes in numbers up to 10 or 20 to support any attack or counterattack that he may throw against us. These could consist of fighters and fighter bombers.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. Does not apply.

b. See overlay attached as inclosure #1.

c. Attached to 28th Infantry Division Artillery.

d. General: The month of October, 1944 was one of relative quiet for the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion, although guns were in position the major part of the time. The 28th Infantry Division, which this unit supported, continued as part of the V Corps of the U.S. First Army. Enemy activity experienced by the division was slight.

At the beginning of October the 28th Infantry Division, with the 630th TD Bn in direct support, was part way through the SIEGFRIED LINE inside the German border. The 109th RCT (supported by Company "A" (minus 1st Platoon) had made a partial penetration in the vicinity of SEVENIG and HARSPELT and the 110th RCT (supported by Company "E") had a fair size hole in the line vicinity BERG and HECKHUSHEID. Elements of the battalion constituted part of Task Force "X", protecting Division South Flank.

During days 2-3-4 October 1944, the Division was relieved by elements of the Second Division and Eight Division (VII Corps), and Division and battalion moved to new assembly area vicinity of CAMP ELSENBORN, BELGIUM, prior to new move East to German border and attack against line. On 8 October elements of the battalion were given a tactical and technical proficiency test. On 9 October 1944, the battalion was given orders to support 110th Infantry, with mission of protecting Division North (left) flank. Companies remained on this mission (with slight changes) until 24 October. With exception of artillery and mortar fire no enemy was encountered by battalion during period.

On 24 October battalion assembled in assembly area vicinity CAMP ELSENBORN. On the 26th the battalion moved North vicinity ROTT, GERMANY and East. Companies "B" and "C" went directly into position and Company "A" into assembly area. On the 28th October indirect fire positions were occupied by six platoons. Plans were made for support of artillery during new attack and then reverting to primary role of direct fire. No enemy contacted during latter part of period.

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010600 - 011800 October 44.

Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 878717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank.

Company "B" continued to give flank protection to 110th RCT with Second Platoon West of BERG and third platoon in general area of HECKHUSHEID, and first platoon at P913768 and P924764.

First Platoon, Company "A", and both Reconnaissance Platoons, continued action as part of Task Force "X", commanded by Battalion Executive Officer. The mission of the Task Force was to protect the Division South Flank, West of the OUR RIVER. During day patrols were sent East to the German border and at night road blocks and outposts were manned. At 010830 strong enemy patrol tried to reach MARNACH and were fired on by Second Reconnaissance Platoon. Two of our men were slightly wounded. During period Reconnaissance Platoon wounded several Germans, but they were able to withdraw to East.

Company "C" (minus second platoon) spent night 1 October in positions vicinity P894775 and North giving TD protection to 112th RCT. At 010900 Company "C" (-) moved North with Division advance party to new assembly area.

Second Platoon, Company "C", continued to give TD protection to Division Command Post. During day platoon went into indirect fire position near P767674. Concentrations fired at BASEBURG, DAHNEN, and general vicinity East of the OUR RIVER, with total of 636 rounds fired.

Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.

011800 - 021800 October 44.

During night, 1-2 October, Company "A" withdrew second and third platoons, which had been protecting 109th RCT's flank, to assembly area at Company C.P. location P822732. Platoons in new positions by 0600. No enemy encountered during day.

Company "B" continued to give flank protection to 110th RCT with first platoon at P913768 and P924764, second platoon West of BERG, and third platoon in general area of HECKHUSHEID. Sporadic enemy artillery received during period.

First platoon, Company "A" and both Reconnaissance Platoon, continued action as part of Task Force "X", commanded by Battalion Executive Officer. The mission of the Task Force was to protect the Division South Flank, West of the OUR RIVER. During day patrols were sent East of the German border and at night road blocks and outposts were manned. At 030130 patrols of enemy was encountered by Second Reconnaissance Platoon at P807637. Two enemy were killed. Three were injured but were able to withdraw to own positions under cover of darkness. Shortly after day-break, first reconnaissance platoon captured two enemy at HEINERSHEID.

Company "A" (minus second Platoon) placed guns in position in Division new assembly area, vicinity of CAMP EISENBORN. Second Platoon, Company "C" continued to give TD protection to Division Command Post. During morning platoon went into indirect fire positions at P788676 and fired 6 concentrations at LANGFUR, RIPPELD-INGEN, and area East of the OUR RIVER. Four hundred and seventy five (475) rounds HE expended.

Battalion Command Post remained at P777713.

021800 - 031800 October 1944:

Company "A" second and third platoons spent night of 2-3 October at Company C.P., location P822732. At 0800, first platoon reverted to Company, and at 1000 Company began move with 109th RCT to new Division assembly area.

Company "B" continued to give flank protection to 110th RCT with first platoon at P913768 and P924764, second platoon West of BERG. Third Platoon, Company "B", moved to rear to protect Division Rear echelon.

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021800 - 031800 October 1944: (Cont'd)

Both Reconnaissance Platoons relieved from attachment to Task Force "X" at 0800, and at 1000 began move with Company "A" to new Division assembly area, vicinity of CAMP ELSENBERN.

Company "C" (minus second platoon) placed guns in position in Division new assembly area, vicinity of CAMP ELSENBERN. Second Platoon, Company "C" continued to give TD protection to Division Command Post. During morning platoon went into indirect fire positions at P788676 and fired 300 rounds HE in vicinity of DASBURG.

Battalion Command Post moving at 1530 to new Division assembly area, Camp Elsenborn.

031800 - 041800 October 1944:

Company "A" spent night 3-4 October in assembly area at 92875 with 109th RCT. Day spent in assembly area on reconnaissance and maintenance. Company "B" (minus third platoon) continued to support 110th RCT with guns at BERG and HECKHUSHEID.

Third Platoon, Company "B" continued to give anti-mechanized protection to Division rear echelon, vicinity 1 mile SW of UFLINGEN.

During period, Company "C" (minus second platoon) had guns in position protecting new Division assembly area vicinity of CAMP ELSENBERN, BELGIUM.

Second Platoon, Company "C", continued mission of protecting elements of Division Command Post, one-half mile NW of HINSFELD, LUXEMBOURG.

At 031600 Battalion Command Post and rear echelon began move North to new assembly area at CAMP ELSENBERN over route WILWEDANGE, OUDLER, ST.VITH, AMPLEVE, BURLENBACH, ELSENBERN; arrived at new area at 031815 at K99083.

During afternoon 4 October, first and third platoons, Company "A" supporting first and third battalions, 109th Infantry, moved into gun positions; first East and Southeast of ELSENBERN, third North and Northeast of ELSENBERN.

041800 - 051800 October 1944:

Company "A" continued to give anti-mechanized protection to 109th RCT, which remained in assembly area vicinity ELSENBERN, BELGIUM. First Platoon in position at K937066 and K938073; second in assembly area with Company C.P. at K924074, and third platoon in positions at K937080 and K925085.

Company "B" (minus third platoon) relieved at BERG AND HECKHUSHEID, LUXEMBOURG, by 612th TD Bn at 041930 and moved to assembly area at BERG REULAND. Started road march to new Division assembly area with 110th RCT at 0700, arriving at CAMP ELSENBERN, BELGIUM, at 1200. Guns placed in position around new area. Command Post located at K901084.

Third Platoon, Company "B", moved North to new area in morning, protecting Division rear echelon on move. Guns placed in defense of Division Command Post during afternoon, relieving two platoons of Company "C".

Company "C" (minus second platoon) continued to give TD protection to new assembly area until relieved by third platoon, Company "B". Second Platoon rejoined Company at 1300 and during afternoon Company moved to area of 112th RCT vicinity of BERG.

First and second reconnaissance platoon continued maintenance in assembly area at K917082.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

051800 - 061800 October 1944:

Company "A" gave TD protection to 109th RCT during night 5-6 October, with first platoon in positions at K937066 and K938073, third platoon in positions at

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051800 - 061800 October 1944 (Cont'd):

K937066 and K938073, third platoon in positions at K937080 and K925085; second in assembly area with Co. C.P. at K924074. During morning 109th Infantry began move to new assembly area to SE at 1800 Company was moving to new positions as follows:

Company "B" (minus third platoon) continued to be in Division reserve, with Command Post located at K899086. However, platoons remained in position as follows: First vicinity K928110; second vicinity K900110. Third platoon continued in position at K900070 in defense of Division Command Post.

Company "C" continued direct support of 112th RCT. During afternoon Company moved to assembly area at K970043, with Command Post located at K977044.

First and second reconnaissance platoons continued maintenance in assembly area at K917082.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

No enemy encountered during day. Division beginning to move East toward new objectives.

061800 - 080600 October 1944:

Company "A" remained in assembly area with first and third platoons during night at K970063. Second Platoon in positions at K972057 and K980058; Command Post at K983054.

Company "B" remained in gun positions during night as follows: First vicinity K928110; second vicinity K900110; C.P. at K899086. Third platoon in position at K900070 in defense of Division Command Post.

Company "C" remained in assembly area during night at K9794 with Command Post at K979043.

At 0700 all companies began move to battalion assembly area vicinity K900080 last company closing at 1030. Reconnaissance platoons moved from platoon assembly area to battalion area.

No enemy contact during day - Battalion C.P. remained at K899083.

At 1800, 3rd Platoon, Company "B" moved to near position as shown on overlay. At close of period, 080600, units were disposed as given above and on overlay.

080600 - 081800 October 1944:

Battalion less third platoon, Company "B", remained in assembly area at K9008. At 0900 tactical proficiency test was given to Companies "A" and "C" by the following officers:

Colonel George P. Seneff, O-6954, FA, Hq. 28th Div Arty; Lt. Col Glenn Cole, O-19917, Inf (TD), 629th TD Bn; Major William W. Bodine, Jr. O-410029, FA, AT Sec, Hq 28th Inf Div.

Units returned to battalion assembly area by 1300.

Third Platoon, Company "B" remained in position at K900070 in defense of Division Command Post.

No enemy contact during period. Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

081800 - 091800 October 1944:

During night (8-9 October) battalion (minus third platoon, Company "B") remained in assembly area vicinity K9008. (S. CAMP KLEINBORN). At 091100, ordered received from 28th Division Artillery that Battalion had mission of reinforcing 110th Infantry, defending Division N (left) Flank. Company "B" assigned sector from K-926100 to K946074, Company "A" (supported by first recon Plat) given sector from 00 (N-S line) East to 109th Infantry defenses along line just S. of 07(E-W) line.

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OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 010600 to 312500 October 1944;
081800 - 081800 October 1944; (Cont'd).

Company "C" (supported by second Reconnaissance Platoon) assigned sector from 967 (N-S) line East to 00 (N-S) line, tying in with Company "A" at stream bed at 00 (N-S) line and being just below 07 (E-W) line. Positions were reconnoitered and at 1700 units were moving to these positions.

Third Platoon, Company "B" continued defense of Division Command Post along 09 (E-W) line just North of CAMP ELSENBORN.

091800 - 101800 October 1944:

During late afternoon 9 October, companies and reconnaissance platoon moved to positions protecting Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry. Platoons of Company "A" placed generally in line from 00 (N-S) line East to front of 109th Infantry defenses along line just S of 07 (E-W) line. First Reconnaissance platoon supported Company "A". Company "A" C.P. at K010055.

Company "B" (minus third platoon) moved first and second platoons to cover area from K926100 to K946074.

Company "C" moved to positions defending area from H-S line 967 East to N-S line 00, coordinating defenses with Company "A" in area at stream bed at N-S line 00. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "C", C.P. located at K981055. All units in above positions prior to dark.

During morning 10 October slight change made to improve some gun positions. Company "B" moved gun section to K956086, Company "B" CP moved to K936081. No contact made with enemy during day. Battalion CP remained at K899083.

101800 - 111800 October 1944.

During period battalion continued to mission of protecting 28th Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry.

Platoons of Company "A" were in position generally in line from N-S line 00 East to front of 109th Infantry defenses along line just S of 07 (E-W) line. Company C.P. located at K010055. First reconnaissance platoon continued support of company, furnishing screen and security.

Company "B" (minus third platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K926100 to K957-086. Company C.P. located at K936081.

Company "C" had guns in positions defending area from N-S line 967, East to N-S line 00, just S. of E-W line 07, coordinating defenses with Company "A" in area of stream bed at N-S line 00. Second Reconnaissance platoons supported Company "C", command Post located at K981055.

Third Platoon, Company "B" continued in defense of Division Command Post.

During day TD company officers and NCO's reconnoitered area of Division for future operations. Elements of both reconnaissance platoons reconnoitered area of Fourth Infantry Division to determine road road net, tank approaches, tank obstacles, etc.

No contact made with enemy during day.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083 (CAMP ELSENBORN)

111800 - 121800 October 1944.

During period battalion continued mission of protecting 28th Infantry Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry.

Platoons of Company "A" were in positions generally on line from N-S line 00 East to front of 109th Infantry defenses along line just S of 07 (E-W) line. At 1730 mortar fire in area of first platoon killed one and injured four men in

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111800 - 121800 October 1944 (Cont'd)

first platoon. At 1830 platoon withdrew 700 yards to rear to new positions for night, and in morning platoon moved to positions at K001065. Company C.P. moved to K994057. First reconnaissance platoon continued support of company.

Company "B" (minus third platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K926100 to K957086. Company C.P. located at K936081.

Company "C" had guns in positions defending area from N-W line 967, East to N-S line 00, just S. of E-W line 07, coordinating defenses with Company "A" in area of stream bed at N-S line 00. Second Reconnaissance platoon supported Company "C". Company Post located at K981055.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 287 Reconnaissance Troop and 38th Cav Squadron.

Third Platoon, Company "B", continued in defense of Division Command Post.

During period, with exception of occasional mortar and artillery fire, no enemy was contacted.

121800 - 131800 October 1944.

During period battalion continued mission of protecting 28th Infantry Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry.

Company "A" (one Platoon) were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along a line just S. of 07 (S-W) line. Company C.P. at K994057. First Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company.

Company "B" (minus third platoon) were on NW-SE line from K926100 to K957-086. Company C.P. located at K936081.

Company "C" moved third platoon to vicinity K966068 during afternoon of 12 October and widened area of second platoon. Guns of Company were covering area from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00, just S of 07 E-W line. Second Reconnaissance platoon supported Company "C". Command Post located at K981055.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 287 Reconnaissance Troop and 38th Cav Squadron.

Third platoon, Company "B", continued in defense of Division Command Post.

No contact made with enemy during period. Battalion Command Post remained at K899083 (CAMP ELSENBORN).

131800 - 150800 October 1944.

During period battalion continued mission of protecting 28th Infantry Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry.

Platoons of Company "A" were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along line just S. of 07 (S-W) line. Company Command Post at K994057. First reconnaissance platoon continued support of Company. At 1030 enemy small arms fire was directed at right section of third platoon, and a patrol of the reconnaissance platoon and squad of Infantry investigated. Sergeant in charge of Infantry was killed in action. Enemy apparently withdrew.

Company "B" (minus one platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K926100 to K957086. Company Command Post located at K936081. During morning first platoon and third platoon exchanged positions, placing first platoon in defense of the Division Command post.

Guns of Company "C" were covering area from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. Second reconnaissance platoon supported Company "C". Command Post located at K981055.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 287 Reconnaissance Troop and 38th Cav Squadron.

At close of period, 180600, units were disposed as given above and on overlay.

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150600 - 151700 October 1944:

Platoons of Company "A" were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along a line just S. of 07 (E-W) line Company Command Post at K994057. First Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of company.

Company "B" (minus 1st Platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K926100 to K957086. Company Command Post located at K936081.

First Platoon Company "B" continued in defense of Division Command Post.

Guns of Company "C" were covering area from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "C". Command Post located at K981055.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 28th Reconnaissance Troop, and 38th Cav Squadron.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083, (CAMP ELSENBORN).

151800 - 161700 October 1944.

Platoons of Company "A" were in position during night generally along line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along a line just S of 07 (E-W) line. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported company. During morning 16 October, company was relieved in area by Company "C" and Second Reconnaissance Platoon, and Company "A" and First Reconnaissance Platoon occupied area from N-S line 966 East to NS line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. Company Command Post moved to K981055.

Company "B" (minus First Platoon) had guns in a NW-SE line from K926100 to K957086. Company Command Post located at K936081.

First Platoon, Company "B", continued in defense of Division Command Post. (Two guns in 257th Ordnance for 6 months check).

Platoons of Company "C" during night covered area from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00, just S. of 07 E-W line. Second Reconnaissance Platoon relieved First Reconnaissance Platoon and Company "C" relieved Company "A" during morning. Command Post moved to K984062.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083, (CAMP ELSENBORN).

161700 - 171700 October 1944:

Platoons of Company "A" were covering area from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "A", command post located at K981055.

Company "B" (minus one platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K926100 to K-957086. Company Command Post located at K936081.

Second Platoon, Company "B" in defense of Division Command Post.

Platoons of Company "C" were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along a line just S of 07 (E-W) line. Company Command Post located at K994057. Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of company.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 28th Reconnaissance Troop and 38th Cav Squadron.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083 (CAMP ELSENBORN).

171700 - 181700 October 1944:

Platoons of Company "A" were covering area from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "A". Company Command Post located at K981055.

Company "B" (minus one platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K926100 to K-957086. Company Command Post located at K936081.

Second Platoon, Company "B" in defense of the Division Command Post. Platoons of Company "C" were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along a line just S. of 07 (E-W) line. Company Command Post located at K994057. Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 28th Reconnaissance Troop and 38th Cav Squadron.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083, (CAMP ELSENBORN).

181700 - 191700 October 1944:

Platoons of Company "A" were covering area from N-S line 966 East to E-S line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. First reconnaissance platoon supported Company "A", command post located at K981055.

Company "B" (minus one platoon) were on a N-W S-E line from K926100 to K957086. Company Command Post located at K936081.

Second Platoon, Company "B" in defense of Division Command Post.

Platoons of Company "C" were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along line just S of 07 (E-W) line. Company Command Post located at K994057. Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of company.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 28th Reconnaissance Troop, and 38th Cav Squadron.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083 (CAMP ELSENBORN).

During afternoon of 19 October an inspection of vehicles was conducted by the Third Armored Group.

191700 - 201700 October 1944:

Platoons of Company "A" were covering area during night from N-S line 966 East to N-S line 00 just S. of 07 E-W line. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "A", Command Post located at K981055. During afternoon second platoon, Company "B", and platoons moved to positions previously occupied by Company "B", First Reconnaissance Platoon given mission to support Company "B". Company "A" Command Post moved to K928079.

Company "B" (minus Second Platoon) were on a NW-SE line from K936100 to K957086 during night. In afternoon first and second platoons relieved two platoons of Company "A". Company Command Post moved to K981055.

Second Platoon, Company "B", in defense of Division Command Post.

Platoons of Company "C" were in position generally on line from N-S line 00 East toward front of 109th Infantry along line just S. of 07 (E-W) line. Company Command Post located at K994057. Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company.

Liaison maintained with 110th Infantry, 109th Infantry, 28th Reconnaissance Troop and 38th Cav Squadron.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083, (CAMP ELSENBORN).

During day three inch gun books were inspected by Third T.D. Group.

201700 - 220600 October 1944:

Company "A" - During night first platoon in positions at K924098 and K933096; second platoon at K947088 and K953084; third platoon at K964064. During morning 20 October first platoon took up defense of Division Command Post at K902-098 with one section and sent two guns to 257th Ordnance for six months inspection. Third platoon moved to positions vacated by first platoon at K924098 and K933096.

Company "B" - First platoon in position at K977063 and K983065 and third

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Platoon in position at K987065 and K953084, K994061. Second Platoon in defense of Division Command Post during night and in morning moved to K964064. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "B". Company "B" C.P. located at K982054.

Company "C" Platoons in position as follows: First - K007063 and K012-065; Second - K996096; third - K016064. Company Command Post at K984062. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company.

Battalion Command Post located at K899083.

No contact made with enemy during period.

220600 - 221700 October 1944:

During period battalion continued mission of protecting 28th Infantry Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry.

Company "A" had guns in position as follows: Second Platoon at K947088 and K953084; third platoon at K924098 and K933096; first platoon in defense of Division Command Post at K902089 with one section, and two guns in 257th Ordnance for six months inspection. Company "A" C.P. at K928079.

Company "B" - First Platoon in positions at K977063 and K983065; second platoon in position at K964064; third platoon in positions at K987065 and K994061. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company. Company "B" C.P. located at K982054.

Company "C" - Platoons in position as follows: First platoon at K007063 and K012065; second platoon at K996056; third platoon at K016054. Company C.P. at K984062. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company.

No contact made with enemy during period.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

221700 - 231700 October 1944:

During period battalion continued mission of protecting 28th Infantry Division left (N) flank, reinforcing 110th Infantry.

Company "A" had guns in position as follows: Second Platoon at K947088 and K953084; third platoon at K924098 and K933096; first platoon in defense of the Division Command Post at K902089 with one section, and two guns in 257th Ordnance for six months inspection. Company "A" C.P. at K928079.

Company "B" - First Platoon in positions at K977063 and K983065; second platoon in position at K964064; third platoon in positions at K987065 and K994061. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company. Company "B" C.P. located at K982054.

Company "C" - Platoons in position as follows: First platoon at K007063 and K012065; second platoon at K996056; third platoon at K016064. Company "C" C.P. located at K984062. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company.

No contact made with the enemy during period.

During day, 22nd Infantry Regiment relieved 109th and 112th Infantry and one "C" Company of 801st T.D.Bn. (Toed) took up gun positions on North flank of regiment (22nd). Plans made with C.O., Company "B" 801st T.D.Bn. and 22nd Infantry for our units for our units to move out of positions morning of 24 October 44.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

231700 - 241700 October 1944.

Company "A" in positions as follows, protecting area from tank attack from North: Second Platoon at K990086 with one section (two guns in 257th Ordnance for six months inspection); third platoon at K924098 and K933096; first platoon in defense of the Division Command Post vicinity K902089. Company C.P. at K928079.

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231700 - 241700 October 1944: (Cont'd)

Company "B" - During night Company "B" occupied positions as follows: First platoon in positions at K977063 and K983065; second platoon at K964064; third platoon at K987065 and K944061. First Reconnaissance Platoon supported company. During morning Company and Reconnaissance Platoon moved to battalion assembly area vicinity K9007. Company C.P. new location at K901073.

Company "C" - During night Company "C" occupied positions as follows: First platoon at K007063 and K012065; second platoon at K996056; third platoon at K016064. Company C.P. at K984062. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company. During morning Company "C" and Reconnaissance Platoon moved to battalion assembly area vicinity K9007. Company C.F. new location at K908081.

No contact made with enemy during period.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

Area formerly protected by Companies "B" and "C" now covered by Company "C", 801st Tank Destroyer Bn and AT Company, 22nd Infantry, which moved into position on 23 October 1944.

241700 - 251700 October 1944:

Company "A" (minus first platoon) protecting sector from tank attack from North, with second platoon at K950086 and third platoon at K924098 and K933096. Company "A" C.P. located at K928079. First Platoon in defense of Division Command Post moved North to new assembly area of Division (vicinity ROTT, GERMANY) and placed guns in position protecting Division Command Post at ROTT. (K923326).

Company "B" in battalion assembly area vicinity K9007. Company C.P. at K901073.

Company "C" in battalion assembly area vicinity K9007. Company C.P. at K908081.

First and Second Reconnaissance Platoons in battalion assembly area vicinity K9007.

No contact made with enemy during period.

Battalion Command Post remained at K899083.

During day reconnaissance made of new area (now occupied by 39th and 60th Infantry of Ninth Division).

251700 - 261700 October 1944:

Battalion (minus first platoon, Company "A") spent night in assembly area vicinity K9007. At 261040, battalion began move to new area of 28th Infantry Division to North over route CAMP EISENBORN and EUPEN, BELGIUM AND ROTGEN, GERMANY. Battalion in new area at 1340.

Company "A" moved into assembly area vicinity K914337 with Command Post located at K914337. Reconnaissance made of area of 109th RCT.

Company "B" moved into assembly area vicinity K974313 and began reconnaissance for positions in area of 110th RCT. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "B" and moved with them. At 1700 first platoon of Company "B" was in position at K982308 and K984309; second platoon in assembly area at K970307; third platoon in position at K992513 and K997312; Command Post located at K986316. Second Reconnaissance Platoon formed screen on road at K973300.

Company "C" moved to positions as follows: Command Post at K973355; first platoon at K988356 and K993349; second platoon at K975353 and K985364; third platoon at K954364 and K958362.

First Platoon, Company "A" protecting Division Command Post from tank attack, had one section at K924366 and one section at K934344.

First Reconnaissance platoon in assembly area with Company "A".

No contact made with enemy during period.

Battalion Command Post moved to MULARSHUTTE, GERMANY, with rear echelon located at 927348. 53

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261700 - 271700 October 1944:

Company "A" (minus first platoon) spent night in assembly area, vicinity K914337 with First Reconnaissance Platoon. First Platoon in defense of Division Command Post with section at K924366 and K934344. During morning third platoon relieved first platoon in defense of Division C.P., placing one section at K932343 and two guns at 257th Ordnance for six months check. Second platoon moved to positions at F004340 and K998352; first platoon moved to positions at F008342 and F011337; Command Post moved to K991337.

Company "B" attached to 110th Infantry, disposed as follows: First Platoon at K983308; second platoon moved to positions at F004311 and F019326; third platoon moved from positions at K992813 and 997312 to assembly area at K975336; Command Post located at K986316. Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company with screen at K973318.

Company "C" in positions as follows: Command Post at K973355, first platoon at K988356 and K993349; second platoon at K978353 and K985364; third platoon at K954364 and K958362.

During morning one man, first platoon, Company "B", injured by booby-trap on anti-personnel mine at K982307.

No contact made with enemy during period.

Battalion Command Post remained at Mularshutte (K929344) Germany.

271800 - 290600 October 1944:

During night Company "A" occupied positions as follows: First platoon at F008342 and F011337; Second Platoon at F004340 and K998352; Command Post at K991337 Third platoon, with one section in defense of Division Command Post at K932343 (two guns in 257th Ordnance for six months check). During day First and Second Platoons moved to K959359 (first) and K959358 (second) and occupied indirect fire positions. Company "A" C.P. moved to SWIEFALL (K961364) and the two platoons were tied into the 107th Field Artillery Bn. Registration being attempted at 1700.

Company "B" attached to 110th Infantry was disposed as follows: First Platoon at K983308; second at F004311 and F019326; Command Post at K986316. Just prior to darkness, 27 October, third platoon moved to indirect fire position at K975325, tied in with 109th Field Artillery Bn. Missions assigned for indirect fire during night 28 October.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon formed screen, supporting Company "B"; held screen at K973300.

During night Company "C" was located as follows: C.P. at K973355; First Platoon at K988356 and K993349; Second Platoon at K978353 and K985364; third Platoon at K954364 and K958362. During day company was moved to indirect fire positions vicinity SWIEFALL and tied into 229th Field Artillery Bn. Location as follows: C.P. at K964366; first platoon at K964369; second at K964368; third at 963-368. Registration being attempted at close of period.

First Reconnaissance platoon moved to assembly area at K927348.

Battalion Command Post remained at MULARSHUTTE (K929344) GERMANY.

During night, 28-29 October companies fired indirect harassing fire at targets HUTTUEL, VOSSENACK AND SCHMIDT, GERMANY. Company "A" fired three rounds HE; Company "B" fired 21 harassing concentrations totalling 191 rounds HE, normal and 158 rounds HE, reduced; and Company "C" fired 108 concentrations, harassing fire, totalling 435 rounds HE.

291700 - 301700 October 1944:

During period Company "A" had first and second platoons tied in with 107th Field Artillery Battalion. Company "A" Command Post located at K961364,

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291700 - 301700 October 1944: Cont'd.

first platoon at K959359 and second platoon at K959358. 66 missions, harassing fire, were fired at 12 concentration points in vicinity of HURTGEN, GERMANY with a total of 263 rounds HE being expended.

During day third platoon, Company "A" was relieved from defense of Division Command Post and moved to indirect fire position formerly occupied by 3rd Platoon, Company "C" for indirect fire. New position at K964368.

Company "B" attached to 110th Infantry, had first platoon in position at K983308; second at FO04311 and FO19326; Command Post at K986316. Third Platoon, Company "B", in indirect fire positions at K975325, was tied in with 109th F.A.Bn. points in vicinity of SCHMIDT, GERMANY.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon, supporting Company "B", held screen at K973300.

Company "C" tied in with 229th Field Artillery Bn, was in indirect fire positions during night as follows: C.P. at K964366; first platoon K964369 second platoon at K963368; third platoon, Company "A" at K964368. Thirteen concentrations totalling 360 rounds HE were fired during night at SCHMIDT and vicinity. At 1130, 13 rounds fired in registration.

During morning, third platoon Company "C", relieved third platoon, Company "A", of defense of Division C.P. and placed one section at K932343 (two guns being sent to 257th Ordnance for six months check).

First Reconnaissance Platoon remained in assembly area at K927348.

During day liaison made with 109, 110, and 112th Infantry and plans formulated and reconnaissance made for future employment of battalion.

301700 - 311700 October 1944:

During period Company "A" had first and second platoon tied in with 107th F.A. Bn. Company "A" C.P. located at K961364, first platoon at K959359 and second platoon at K959358. Total of fifty missions were fired at 8 concentration points from HURTGEN to KLEIDHAM, GERMANY, with 216 rounds HE being expended. Third platoon, Company "A" tied in with Company "C" for indirect fire.

Company "B" attached to 110th Infantry, has first platoon in position at K983308, second at FO04311 and FO19326; Command Post at K986316. Third platoon Company "B" in indirect fire position at K975325, was tied in with 109th F.A. Bn; and fired 395 rounds HE in 60 missions, harassing fire, at STECKENBORN, HECKELSHEID, WOFFELEBACH, and RUNBERG, GERMANY.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon, supporting Company "B" held screen at K973300.

Company "C" tied in with 229th Field Artillery Bn, was in indirect fire positions during night as follows: C.P. at K964366; first platoon at K964369; second platoon at K963368; third platoon, Company "A" at K964368. Eleven concentrations, harassing fire, totalling 324 rounds HE were fired at SCHMIDT and vicinity.

First Reconnaissance Platoon remained in assembly area at K927348.

Battalion Command Post remained at MULARSHUTTE K929344.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Actual: Officers - 31; Warrant Officers - 2; EM - 718.
Replacements Needed: Officers - None; WO - None; EM - 10.
- b. Battle Casualties: 1 EM KIA; 1 EM SWA; 7 EM LWA.
Non-Battle Casualties: 1 Off Inj; 5 EM Inj; 59 EM Sk.
- c. Prisoners captured: None.
- d. Evacuation: Normal.
- e. Location of Battalion Supply points: VK927-348 3/4 Mi N Rott.
- f. Status of supply: 2 days rations; 2 days gas; 15 days oil; 2 days ammunition.
- g. Road net fair. Roads muddy and slippery due to rain. Circulation good.

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4. GENERAL:

a. The majority of orders given by this command for employment of guns are given verbally over radio or through personal contact by staff officer with company commanders, therefore, orders as inclosures are few.

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