

UNIT REPORT
No. 3From: 010001 September 1944
To : 302400 September 1944Units: 630th Tank Destroyer Bn.
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1. ENEMY:

a. Two (2) SS Pz Div consisting of SS Regiment Der Fuhrer, SS Regiment Das Reich, 78th Replacement Battalion, 1st Fortress Bn, 36 Marsch Battalion, CT Kentner, CT Wegelein, CT Ring and CT Trefental. Artillery Units consist of 492 FA Bn, 628 FA Bn and 14th Obs Bn.

b. No actual reserves known to exist.

c. Does not apply.

d. Enemy consists of approximately 4200 to 5000 men. He has at his disposal on this front about eighteen artillery pieces ranging in size from 75 to 210mm and about the same number of tanks both MK IV and MK V's. The morale of the enemy is poor because of scarcity of both food and water which however may be corrected. A few SS men have been added to each unit to keep men from deserting. Greatest factor of morale is the fact that there is little heavy artillery and armored support. His knowledge of our situation at this time is probably fairly complete due to his active patrolling and having captured several of our men.

c. The enemy is capable of at any time to counterattack any of our salients into his line with a force of about one battalion of infantry and not more than 20-25 tanks. This may be carried out during daylight or at night inasmuch as during clear nights the moonlight offers good vision. He may also assemble a mobile force comprised of unidentified units of the 1st SS Pz Division to use for counterattacking purposes to restore either of our salients into his defense.

(1) From the period 010001 Sept 44 to 072400 Sept 44 enemy action was limited to light delaying action by the enemy from the COMPLEGNE North to ST QUENTIN. Between 1 Sept 44 to 2 Sept 44 six (6) pilotless bombs flew over our area. Stragglers from the enemy delaying units continued to be picked up.

(2) From the period 072400 Sept 44 to 102400 Sept 44 enemy action was limited to light delaying action consisting of defended road blocks and blown bridges. On some roads large craters were blown. Trees were blown across road in many places between FLORENVILLE to the German border East of ULFLINGEN (P7670).

(3) From the period 102400 Sept 44 to 302400 Sept 44 enemy action consisted of light counterattacks against our lines either late in the evening or during the night. On some occasions he infiltrated behind our lines to reoccupy captured pillboxes and brought fire on our rear the following morning. As we moved into position overlooking the Siegfried line there was little resistance until the second and third days when the enemy managed to occupy a great number of pillboxes and bunkers. During this period enemy artillery fire arranging in caliber from 75mm to 210mm continued to fall sometimes sporadically and sometimes in concentrations. By the 17 Sept 44 the enemy had effected a complete manning of the defenses to our front. Especially strong resistance was met at KESFELD (P9273) on 18 Sept 44 enemy staged a counterattack consisting of approximately 200 infantry men and succeeded in recapturing Hill 515 (878699). During this period enemy tanks have been reported in concentrations of 5 and 6. However, none have been used in any of the enemy counterattacks. Several SP guns of caliber ranging from 75mm to 150mm have been reported and seem to fire a few rounds from one position then move rapidly to another. During the last eight (8) days of the period the enemy

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engaged in aggressive patrolling LIELER (P8371) to MARNACH (P8063). Patrols ranging in strength from 5 to 50 men infiltrated thru the valleys along the OUR RIVER during both dark and daylight hours. In one instance during daylight several German soldiers in civilian clothes halted one of our vehicles and took the vehicle and crew back into Germany. In one other instance a patrol of unknown strength overcame an outpost of five men and carried them back into their own lines. Also during the last three (3) days of this period much evidence of mine laying by the enemy was in evidence all along the line.

RECAPITULATION OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

- a. Infantry. Enemy patrols active in all sectors with small scale counterattack consisting of from 50 to 200 infantry men in size.
- b. Armored. Very few tanks have been reported and then only in concentrations of five and six. None have been used in attacks.
- c. Aviation. One ME 109 flew over our positions and strafed one nearby unit. No other air activity has been observed.
- d. Engineer. Enemy has indulged in many mine laying operations in front of his pillboxes all along our sector to keep our tank dozers from covering up embrasures.
- e. Artillery. Sporadic artillery fire of from 75mm to 210mm has fallen on our front from 10 Sept 44 to the end of period. Mobile SP guns have been extensively used, along our front. One railway piece has been reported.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Does not apply.
- b. See overlay attached as inclosure #1.
- c. Attached to 28th Infantry Division Artillery.
- d. Company A in general support of 109 Inf RCT. This Combat Team was held in Division reserve, ready to move on call. FO #14, O11300B moved the Combat Team through the 112th RCT and advanced as rapidly as possible, clearing up pockets of resistance in zone. 1st Reconnaissance Platoon, supporting Company "A" continued route reconnaissance. At close of period the RCT had not crossed the AISNE RIVER as adequate bridges were not complete.

Company B on move with 110th Infantry Combat Team.

Company C general support of 112 RCT. Gun positions displaced by bounds and route reconnaissance continued. The RCT was tied down around COMPIEGNE due to crossing of the AISNE and OISE RIVERS to their front. The Bridges were blown and the Engineers were constructing others for crossing of Division troops. In the vicinity of 479026 (E of COMPIEGNE) the 1st Platoon, which was ~~protecting the right flank~~ protecting the right flank and had no infantry with them, ran into a Enemy road block protected by about 100 men. One three inch gun pushed into position by a Jeep and two (2) rounds APC and two (2) rounds of HE fired into same. Thirty-one (31) prisoners taken, 4 wounded, and 2 killed. The Air Corps was called on to knock out the road block by the 85th Reconnaissance, and one of our men was wounded due to air support. Captured 32 trucks and passenger cars, 1 motorcycle, 3 truck loads of bicycles, 1 75mm SP Anti-tank gun, 14 Machine Guns (M34 and 42's), and individual weapons. At close of period Combat Team was waiting to cross the river as soon as heavy bridges were complete.

During late afternoon of 2 September 44 the Division motorized elements of the infantry regiments and began a fast movement North with the final objective of ATH, BELGIUM. The XIX Corps was on division's left, VII Corps to our right and the Fifth Armored and Fourth Infantry Divisions to our front. Companies were in direct support of Infantry RCT's as follows; and were moving with them.

Company A with 109 RCT

Company B with 110 RCT

Company C with 112 RCT



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At 020015 the Battalion C.P. moved out through PONT STE MAXENCE to North. At 0415 C.P. pulled off road and halted until 0730 when long march began again. At 1200 it was reported to the Battalion Commander that a small group of Germans were in a house in vicinity CANDOR. Three M-20's and one quarter ton moved to the area and surrounded the house with a few rounds of ammunition being expended. Three Germans were killed and five captured. The Battalion Executive Officer was killed in the action. Movement to North continued during afternoon and night and at 030600 the C.P. pulled into area, vicinity of NAUROY.

Company A spend night with 109 RCT vicinity of COMPIEGNE and moved North during the day.

Company B began movement over OISE RIVER at 1600 and remainder moved during afternoon and night and during day of 2 September over route HAM toward ST QUENTIN.

Company C spent night of 1st in vicinity of COMPIEGNE with 112th RCT and remainder in this area during the day.

No encounter with enemy was made by battalion during period, but 110th Infantry encountered resistance in ST QUENTIN just before Company "B" moved through.

Operations for period 030600 - 092400

At the beginning of the period, 3 September 0600, this battalion was attached to the V Corps and in support of 28th Infantry Division. The Division was making a fast move to the North along main route COMPIEGNE, NOYON, HAM, ST QUENTIN, toward final objective ATH, BELGIUM. Company A was in direct support of the 109th RCT, Company B of the 110th RCT, and Company C of the 112th RCT.

At 030600 the Battalion C.P. pulled into area vicinity NAUROY with Headquarters, 28th Division Artillery. Company B supporting 110th RCT was in position to Northeast at ESTREES., (813614). During morning Company C moved N to vicinity NOYON, closing at 1345. Company A moved N. with 109th RCT to vicinity ARCHERY. No contact was made with enemy by battalion during day.

At 040730 Division and Battalion began move South and East on two routes (one through NOYON and one through COMPIEGNE) to new assembly area between LAON and BETHEL, prepared to move to the East. At 1800 C.P. closed in new area at NIZY LE COMTE, Co. "A" closed into area vicinity HANNOONE with 109th RCT at 1200. Company "B" remained in position at ESTREES. Company C moved from NOYON and at 1455 closed in area RECOURNAGE. Three prisoners were taken enroute. All TD companies moved with Infantry RCT's. No contact made during day.

At 050730 the 109th and 112th RCT's (Company A and Company C in support respectively) moved East encountered very little opposition. Little resistance was encountered and advance was rapid. Companies performed normal support missions. At 051140 Company B departed ESTREES and arrived .3 miles N. of GRANDCHAMP (215596) at 2330. Bn C.P. moved to 608192 (.6 miles SW of WAGNON) and spent night there. Guns of Company A and "C" were in position during night. No contact was made during day.

During night 5-6 September Company A was attached to Task Force "S" and Company B placed in direct support of 109th RCT. Company C continued in support of 112th Inf RCT.

Company A moved E. toward MEZIERES at 060700 and spent day in movement. At dark Company "A" has closed in assembly area at 818282 (one mile N. of BOULZCOURT). Company "B" moved with 109th RCT and spent night in vicinity SW of MEZIERES. Company "C" moved with 112th RCT and spent night in assembly area with 112th RCT on West bank of MEUSE RIVER. At 1610 Battalion Command Post moved and at 1800 closed in area at 832259 (1.5 miles E. of BOULZICOURT). No contact was made with enemy during day.



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At 070930 Company A began movement E. with Task Force "S" over route FLIZE, DONCHERY, W. SEDAN and at 1900 Tank Force was ordered to take town of TINTIGNY (398228) using route NE to FLORENVILLE then E. on main road toward ARLON. During hours 2200 - 2400 enemy small arms fire and a few rounds fired indirect from a tank were directed at column of Task Force in area West of FLORENVILLE.

Company B moved East 7 September with 109th Infantry over route NOHON, LUMES, ST. MENGES, VIVONINE, LACHAPPELE, and placed guns in position in vicinity of 1827 (1 mile W. of FONTENVILLE).

Company C moved with 112th RCT over same route TF "S" followed. Second platoon was placed in support of Task Force of 3rd battalion, 112 Infantry, which moved E, at 2000 to take area between ST REMY and ETHE. Company C placed guns in position for night in vicinity of CARIGNAN. One enemy personnel half-track was destroyed around 2300 and one gun probably neutralized. One Company officer was killed in action.

At 1300 C.P. moved E. over route of 112 Infantry and spent night at 066260 (.5 miles E. of DOUZY).

During day 8 September Company A moved E. with Task Force and was in assembly area for night vic 395227 (W. of TINTIGNY).

Company B moved East with 109 RCT over route FLORENVILLE, JACNOILLE, ROSSIGNOL, and MARBEHAN and placed guns in position near RJ at 403266.

Company C (-second platoon) moved with 112th RCT to East and placed guns in position for night in vicinity of VILLERS - LA FLOU (3811). Third platoon supporting 3rd Battalion, 112th Infantry, was in position for night in vicinity of 382083 (DAMPICOURT).

Battalion C.P. moved at 1330 to 241235 (.5 miles W. of FLORENVILLE).

No enemy was encountered by battalion during day, with exception of three prisoners captured by Company C and two prisoners captured by Second Reconnaissance Platoon.

During day 9 September, Company A continued in attachment to Task Force S and remained in assembly area given above, as 5th Armored Division moved through Task Force. 3rd Platoon was moving E. at 100600.

Company B (-1st Platoon) continued move E. and at 1705 fired 13 rounds HE at enemy infantry in woods at 5632. Results unknown. At 2100 guns of second and third platoons were in positions at CR at 572335 and RJ at 559305, respectively.

First Platoon attached to 110th Infantry at 062330 and in morning moved with 109 Field Artillery Battalion to their assembly area to North with infantry. Night of 9 September platoon was in position in area 380405 with 110th Infantry.

Company C followed 112th RCT and spent night 9 September in assembly area at 485126.

During week no tanks were encountered by battalion and infantry encountered only slight resistance.

Operations for period 100600 - 170600 Sept 44

General - Battalion remained attached to Fifth Corps in direct support of 28th Infantry Division during week. Movement to North and East was made in early part of week, placing Division in Northern LUXEMBOURG, just West of the OUR RIVER and the SIEGFRIED LINE. Steady enemy resistance was encountered, including machine guns, small arms, mortar and artillery fire. No use of tanks (other than scattered elements) were reported in Division area.

Daily Operations - 10 Sept 44.

At beginning of period Company "A" was attached to Division Task Force S and in assembly area vicinity 390228, (.5 miles W. of TINTIGNY). At 2250 the third platoon moved East. The remainder staying in area for the night. At 0245, balance of company



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moved E. with Task Force over route ESTALLE, VANCE, HEIDEN, to take ARLON. First Reconnaissance Platoon attached to Company A entered ARLON at 1316. At 1600 Company entered town and, following orders of Task Force, placed guns in position around ARLON.

At 1800 Company B (2nd Plat) was moving NE with 109 RCT from NARAY-la-NEUVE thru HEINSERT to regimental objective (RF at 572334). Enroute at 1705, Company fired 12 rounds HE at enemy infantry in woods at 5632. Second and third platoons were placed in position guarding this area for night. During day Company continued move with Inf to N. and NE over route MARTELANGE, WARNACH, BAVIGNE, NOTHUM, WILTZ, WEICHERDANGE. At close of period Company was on road in vicinity WEICHERDANGE. Second Reconnaissance Platoon served as reconnaissance agency for regiment on move. Second Platoon, Company B continued move with 110th RCT over route through BASTOGNE to NE.

Company C continued move with 112th RCT objective MESSANCY. Company spent night in assembly area at 485126. In morning began movement through CHATILLON, MEIX-le-TIGE, toward MESSANCY. At 1515 Company was in assembly area at 583128. At close of period Company was moving.

At 1100 Battalion Command Post moved to area at 528282 (2 miles E. of HABAY-la-NEUVE). Rear echelon moved to close vicinity. No enemy activity was encountered by battalion.

11 September 1944. Company A placed guns in position for night giving defense of Task Force S around ARLON. At 110730 TF began move North to new assembly area for Division following route of 109th Infantry. At 1400 TD rejoined 109th Infantry in vic of CLERF and Company A relieved Company B in support of the RCT and moved with RCT to new area, placing guns in position to give TD defense. C.P. located at 792709 (HOLLER).

Company "B" placed second and third platoons in position night 10 September vic WEICHERDANGE with 109th Infantry. In morning began move to new area over route CLERF to North. Second Reconnaissance Platoon attached to Company "B" reconnoitered route for RCT. At 1400 Company was held back and Company A moved through relieving them of support of 109th RCT. During afternoon Company "B" moved to area of 110th Infantry, giving them direct TD support. At close of period guns were being placed in position.

Company C spent night 10 September giving TD protection to 112th Infantry vic of MESSANCY. In morning began move to new assembly area with RCT but at 1700 while enroute between ARLON and MARTELANGE, orders were changed and RCT with Company C was attached to 5th Armored Division, operating to right (south) of Division area.

No enemy activity was encountered during day except stray Germans and two half-tracks seen by Reconnaissance at CLERF.

At 1330 Battalion C.P. moved to 77713 (1 mi e. of BINSFELD).

12 September 1944. Company A had guns placed in position for night in assembly area of 109 RCT vicinity of HOLLER, C.P. located at 792709 HOLLER. During day three sections were moved to give protection to new position of infantry. Three prisoners (1 1st Lt., 1 Cpl, 1 Pvt) were captured by 2nd Plat in vic of 830682 during morning. At close of period 2nd Platoon and third platoon were planning move with 1st and 3rd Battalions of 109th Infantry East over OUR RIVER.

Company B placed guns in position for night in area of 110th Infantry vicinity of WILWERDINGEN. At 120730 one enemy personnel half-track was knocked out by 1st Plat at 804751. Four enemy were killed and three were wounded and captured. At 1700 2nd Plat was moving East over OUR RIVER with battalion of 110th Infantry and remainder of Company was planning move with regiment.

Company C attached to 112th RCT, attached to Fifth Armored Division. Reconnaissance Platoons continued support missions.

13 September 1944. Company A moved elements during night with 109th RCT over OUR RIVER to position inside GERMANY. Second and Third Platoons occupied positions



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across border during day, with first platoon remaining to West of River. At 1730 First Platoon was ordered to move to area vicinity 820680 to give TD protection to East Flank of Division Area. Position occupied by 1930.

Company "B" moved it's platoons late afternoon of 12 Sept 44 with Infantry Battalions of 110th RCT over OUR RIVER into position for night inside Germany. Platoons were in new areas 2230. Heavy enemy artillery fire was received in regimental area during day. Around 1100 one platoon (vicinity BERG) fired on three halftracks at 918741 which were bringing enemy infantry up to man pillboxes. Enemy was scattered. Fire was also laid in woods at 913734 and one vehicle was set on fire. At 1200 one officer and ten men were wounded and four men were killed by enemy artillery fire in this area. All were from first platoon.

First Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company "A" paying particular attention to the right (South) flank located at 885755, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile E of STUEBOGN-ERAUF.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon supported Company "B" and crossed into GERMANY over ford at 865764 at 121475. At 1900 platoon knocked out one enemy halftrack at 985749. Company "C" continued in support of 112th RCT, which in turn was attacked to 5th Armored Division.

Battalion C.P. remained at 7777713, 1 mi NW of BINSFELD and at 1130 rear echelon closed into near area.

14 September 1944. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT. During night. second and third platoons were in position in vicinity of SEVENIG (877728) During day second platoon supported 2nd Battalion and third platoon supported 1st Battalion. Second Platoon moved to positions NW of WARSFELT (Area 880728). Company fired 19 rounds of APC and 99 rounds HE during day. One enemy OP was destroyed and three pillboxes fired upon. First Platoon, Company "A", supported by First Reconnaissance Platoon, continued in position in vicinity of 820675 giving TD support to right (South) flank of the Division.

Company "B" had guns in position during night at 887746, 891750, and 891953 West of BERG. These positions were occupied during day. Thirty rounds of HE was fired during period.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company "B".

Company "C" continued in direct support of 112th RCT which was attached to Fifth Armored Division.

Battalion Command Post remained in position at 777713, 1 Mile NW of BINSFELD.

15 September 1944. "A" Company continued support of 109th RCT. Second and third platoons displaced forward slightly during night, second platoon supporting Battalion vicinity HARSFELT (885723) and to SE, third platoon, supporting First Battalion vicinity SEVENIG at (824712) and East. One section, third Platoon at (824712) fired 39 rounds APC and 2 rounds HE on enemy at 883694 and 877698. Section was credited with two machine guns and three pillboxes during day. Damage to pillboxes could not be observed closely. First Platoon, Company "A" vicinity of HEINER-SHEID, supported by the First Reconnaissance Platoon, continued to protect South Flank of Division Area West of OUR RIVER. At 1725 this reconnaissance platoon reported enemy observes on hill at 865670 and one gun was moved to position to fire on them. Twenty-one rounds of HE, and three rounds of APC were expended, scoring 50% hits on three different emplacements. No movement was observed after firing.

Company "B" continued direct support of 110th RCT in general area West of BERG. Second platoon moved at dark to new positions. Third Platoon moved up during day. Enemy pillboxes were under observation, but due to situation were not fired upon. At 151630, First Platoon ordered to move to protect Division C.P. and at 1700 moving.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company "B".



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Company C continued direct support of 112th RCT, which was attached to the Fifth Armored Division, 112th RCT reported at 9327 at 1700.

Artillery and mortar fire was received by Companies during day - one man, Company "A" wounded.

Battalion C.P. remained in present area (777713) one mile NW of BINSFELD.

16 September 1944. During night of 15 September Company "A" remained in position giving direct support to 109th RCT in vicinity of SEVENIG (874712) and HARSPELT (883922) with second and third platoons. During day positions changed slightly. At 1430 second Platoon destroyed 5 enemy Mark V tanks, knocked out at 900710. During day company also destroyed one fortified house, 1 Anti-tank (88-mm) gun, 1 observation post, and 3 machine gun emplacements. All were by direct fire. Three men were injured by enemy artillery. First platoon, with supporting first reconnaissance platoon, continued to protect S. flank of Division, West of OUR RIVER. Fire was delivered on one occupied house.

Company "B" continued support of 110th RCT with second and third platoons. At dusk one platoon was in area in vicinity of BERG and HECKHUSHEID. No firing was done during day. First Platoon, Company "B" continued mission of protecting Division Command Post.

Second Reconnaissance Platoon continued support of Company "B", also performing reconnaissance missions for the 109th RCT.

Company "C" continued support of 112th RCT, which remained attached to the Fifth Armored Division.

Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.

Operations for period 170600 - 240600 September 1944.

General. During week 170600 - 240600 September 1944, the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion continued to support the 28th Infantry Division, both attached to V Corps. The 112th RCT, with Company "C" in direct support, was attached to the Fifth Armored Division. Division and battalion continued push through the SIEGFRIED LINE, but little progress was made. Gun platoons remained in same area for the entire week, with two platoons engaging in indirect fire several days with good results. Battalion C.P. remained at 777713, .5 miles NW of BINSFELD, LUXEMBOURG.

Daily Operations - 170600 - 170800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second and third platoons in vicinity of SEVENIG (874712) and HARSPELT (883992), as Div continued drive through the SIEGFRIED LINE. Company protected flank of regiment and did not encounter any enemy. First Platoon, Company "A" continued in position at HEINERS-SCHIED, supported by First Reconnaissance Platoon, protecting Division Flank, West of OUR RIVER. At 1355, one section ordered to vicinity MORNACH to relieve Infantry Anti-tank guns at that position. Second Reconnaissance Platoon given mission of supporting this section.

Company "B" continued direct support of 110th RCT. Slight movement made in gun positions, with second platoon in area W. of BERG and third in area vicinity of HECKHUSHEID. First Platoon continued mission of protecting Division C.P.

171800 - 181800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second and third platoons in position in vicinity of SEVENIG (third platoon at 870716 and 803713) and N of HARSPELT (second platoon at 879728 and 885728). Third platoon expended 8 rounds APC and 8 rounds HE during day, knocking out 1 CP, 1 machine gun emplacement, and 1 pillbox. The first platoon remained in position protecting the South Flank of the Division Area West of the OUR RIVER. One section located vicinity HEINERS-SCHIED, supported by the First Reconnaissance Platoon at KALBORN. Second section located at MARNACH (805631) supported Second Reconnaissance Platoon.

Company "B" continued support of 110th RCT with second Platoon West of BERG and third in position around HECKHUSHEID. No enemy action was encountered by the Company, though Infantry encountered strong resistance. First Platoon remained in position in vicinity of Division Command Post, supplementing Command Post defense. At 1530 platoon moved to 798662 and fired 120 rounds HE (5 concentrations) indirect at targets East of



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OUR RIVER. Platoon at 1800 returned to original positions.

181800 - 191800. Company "A" minus first platoon continued to give flank support to the 109th RCT; third platoon vicinity of SEVENIG, second Northwest of HARSPELT. No action reported during period except enemy artillery. First platoon, Company "A" continued to protect Division South Flank West of OUR RIVER. One section, with support of first reconnaissance platoon remained in position vicinity HEINERSHEID and the second, supported by second reconnaissance platoon, protected road net at MARNACH.

Company "B" minus first platoon, continued to support the 110th RCT. Second Platoon West of BERG, third platoon vicinity of HECKERSHEID. No activity reported except enemy artillery. First Platoon, Company "B" continued in position in Division Command Post Defense. At 1030 platoon moved to 787668 where it went into indirect fire position. Sixteen concentrations, totaling 306 rounds, were fired at enemy work troops, pillboxes, columns, etc., across (East) OUR RIVER in area DASBURG, DAMNEN, DALEIDEN.

191800 - 201800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon at 870717 and 873714, protecting regiment's flank. No activity was reported until 1745 when third platoon knocked out one enemy Anti-tank gun and one machine gun emplacement with three rounds HE and fired eight rounds at dispersed enemy.

First Platoon, Company "A", continued to protect Division South Flank west of the OUR RIVER, with one section, supported by First Reconnaissance Platoon at HEINERSHEID, and another section, supported by Second Reconnaissance Platoon at MARNACH.

Company "B" continued to give flank protection to 110th RCT with second Platoon West of BERG and third Platoon in general area of HECKHUSHEID.

First Platoon, Company "B" continued its mission of defense of Division Command Post.

At 1000 First Platoon of Company "A" and Company "B" moved to vicinity of GRINDHAUSSEN and went into indirect fire position. During afternoon, Platoon of Company "A" fired 210 rounds of HE, Company "B", 294 rounds of HE.

Indirect firing was directed on 1 road block at 854621; 2. DASBURG; 3. Mined roads and barracks or fortified houses on road E. of DASBURG (grid 62); 4. Personnel and vehicles at DAMNEN; 5. Personnel and vehicles at DALEIDEN; and 6. Fortified houses at PREISHEID.

No enemy encountered by battalion during period.

211800 - 221800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with Second Platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon at 870717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank.

First Platoon, Company "A", continued to protect Division South Flank, West of the OUR RIVER, with one section, supported by the First Reconnaissance Platoon at HEINERSHEID, and section supported by Second Reconnaissance Platoon at MARNACH.

Company "B" continued to give flank protection to 110th RCT with Second Platoon west of BERG and third Platoon in general area of HECKHUSHEID.

First Platoon, Company "B", continued its mission of defense of Division Command Post.

At 0800 First Platoons of Company "A" and Company "B" moved to area West of GRINDHAUSSEN and West into indirect fire positions. During day, platoon of Company "A" fired 192 rounds HE and platoon of Company "B" fired 388 rounds HE. Indirect fire was directed at: 1. Vehicles and personnel at DASBURG; 2. PREISHEID; 3. IRRNAUSSEN; 4. NEIPELDINGEN; 5. DAMNEN. Platoons returned to normal positions prior to 1800.

No enemy action was directly encountered by battalion, although forward positions of Company "A" and Company "B" received artillery fire at intervals during period. At 0825, First Reconnaissance Platoon investigated report of GERMANS in KALBORN (838-684) but did not engage in action against the enemy.



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221800 - 240600. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second Platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 870717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank. At 231800, one machine gun emplacement knocked out by 3rd Platoon, indirect fire.

First Platoon, Company "A" continued to protect Division South Flank, West of the OUR RIVER, with one section, supported by First Reconnaissance Platoon at HEINERSHEID, and section supported by Second Reconnaissance Platoon at MARNACH.

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

First Platoon, Company "B", continued its mission of defense of Division Command Post.

No enemy engaged by battalion during period, however, enemy artillery fire continued to fall in areas of forward platoons.

At close of this period, battalion was employed as shown above and on overlay.

Operations for Period 240600 Sept to 010600 October.

General. During week 240600 to 010600 October 44 this battalion continued support of 28th Infantry Division, both attached to V Corps. Division front was to East, along SIEGFRIED LINE, with division being in place in Northern LUXEMBOURG, Southern BELGIUM, and Eastern GERMANY. The Fourth Infantry Division operated to the North, the Fifth Armored Division to the South. The Division continued to hold positions on the SIEGFRIED LINE, but no major attack was launched. The battalion encountered no tanks during the week and had only limited contact with the enemy.

Daily Operations. 240600 - 241800 September 1944. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second Platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 879717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank. One machine gun emplacement neutralized and approximately 10 enemy killed. Ten rounds HE and 4 rounds APC fired direct. One prisoner captured.

First Platoon, Company "A" continued to protect Division South Flank, West of the OUR RIVER, with one section, supported by the first reconnaissance Platoon at HEINERSHEID, and section supported by the Second Reconnaissance Platoon at MARNACH. At 1515 battalion ordered to alter these positions and to establish road blocks at 813630 (with 28th Reconnaissance Troop) and at 823675, in order to coordinate and improve protection of this 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.

First Platoon, Company "B" continued its mission of defense of Division Command Post.

Company "C" continued support of 112th RCT (RCT attached to Fifth Armored Division) Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.

241800 - 251800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 870717 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.

First Platoon, Company "B" continued its mission of defense of Division Command Post.

First Platoon, Company "A" and both Reconnaissance Platoons were placed under Division Task Force "X" night of 24 September. Task Force was commanded by Battalion Executive Officer, and had the mission of protecting Division South Flank, West of the OUR RIVER. Included in Task Force were 28th Reconnaissance Troop, Company "B", 741st Tank Battalion, and elements of this battalion. At daybreak four Germans were killed at RODER. In afternoon, seven others were captured.

Company "C" continued attachment of 112th RCT, attached to Fifth Armored Division. Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.



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251800 - 261800 September 1944. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with Second Platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 870717 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.

First Platoon, Company "B" continued its mission of defense of the Division Command Post.

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 of GERMAN border and at night road blocks and outposts were manned.

Company "C" supporting 112th RCT (RCT relieved from attachment to Fifth Armored Division and proceeding to Division area).

Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.

At 1130, a 1½ ton supply vehicle of Company "A" captured by Germans in civilian clothes at BOMBATSH (P804635) and taken into woods and East to and across the OUR RIVER (P839635).

261800 - 271800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second Platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 870717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank.

Company "B" continued support in giving flank protection to 110th RCT with Second Platoon West of BERG and third Platoon in general area of HECKHUSHEID.

First Platoon, Company "B", continued its mission of defense of Division Command Post.

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.

Company "A" - One man wounded at 1400 by mortar fire. Three rounds HE and three rounds APC fired at 1730 at pillboxes and infantry by third platoon. Two (approx) killed.

First Platoon, Company "B" - at 1100 platoon moved South to 795665 into indirect fire position. Fired 294 rounds HE at Targets DASBURG, DAREN, and pillboxes and houses in their vicinity.

At 262100 Company "C" completed move with 112th RCT to new area vicinity of STEFFENEUSEN, and went into assembly area. C.P. located at P880782. In afternoon of 27 September, 6 guns and half-track returned to rear echelon for maintenance. Positions for remaining guns being reconnoitered in area of 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry.

Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.

271800-281800. Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second Platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 870717 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. First Platoon Company "B" moved at 280800 to vicinity 880782 with mission of protecting first Battalion, 112th Infantry, which was in Division Reserve.

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 GERMAN border and at night road blocks and outposts were manned.

At 1030, Company "C" (minus six guns and half-track at battalion rear echelon)



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moved South and entire Company placed in indirect fire positions with platoons at 788676 and 793677. Mission of Company was to fire at targets in Southern sector of Division area, East of the OUR RIVER, aiding Task Force "X".

Second Platoon, Company "C" given mission of supplementing defense of Division Command Post and was moving to these positions at 1700.

281800 - 291800 . Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second platoon at 878728 and 884728 and third platoon 870717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank. At 1645, fired 6 rounds HE and three rounds APC harassing fire, indirect.

Company "B" continued to give flank protection to 110th RCT with second platoon West of BERG and third platoon in general area of HECKHUSHEID. First platoon ordered to rejoin Company when relieved by Company "C".

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 GERMAN border and at night road blocks and outposts were manned. During night, probably around 2130 an outpost of the first reconnaissance platoon was captured at P834702. Five men were taken prisoner and 1/4 ton vehicle set on fire by the Germans. Prisoners were apparently taken down draw to East and toward the OUR RIVER.

During night 28-29 Sept, Company "C" had first and third platoons in indirect fire positions (C.P. at P784677) (first at P786674) (third at P790670). Three hundred and sixty rounds HE fired prior to 0700 at DASBURG, DAHMEN, and targets in vicinity. In morning second platoon joined 112th RCT and moved N. to area vicinity P880782 during afternoon. At 1800, second platoon moved back to position to support Division Command Post. During day 95 rounds HE fired indirect.

Battalion Command Post remained at 777712.

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Company "A" continued support of 109th RCT with second platoon at 878729 and 884827 and third platoon 870717 and 873710 protecting regiment's flank. During day 9 rounds HE fired direct (harassing)

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 P924746.

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. Enemy patrols coming across OUR RIVER were detected and fired upon.

Company "C" (minus second platoon) rejoined 112th RCT before dark, with first platoon in ready position at P883784 and third platoon with guns in position at P891779, 893781, 894774, 895774, C.P. at P882784. During day, first platoon tied in with 229 Field Artillery Battalion for indirect fire. Second platoon continued to defend Division Command Post.

Battalion Command Post remained at 777713.

At 010600 units were in position as shown above and on overlay.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- | a. | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Replacements needed</u> |
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| | Off - 32; WO - 2; EM - 686 | Off - None; WO - None; EM - 42 |
| b. | Battle Casualties: 2 Off & 4 EM KIA; 8 EM MIA; 1 Off & 6 EM SWA; 12 EM LWA; 2 EM LIA. | |
| c. | Prisoners captured: 82 | |
| d. | Evacuated: Normal. | |
| e. | Location of Battalion Supply Points: P770720 1 1/2 mi NE of ULFLINGEN. | |



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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.

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 inclosed are few.

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