

HEADQUARTERS, 37TH TANK DEPARTMENT BATTALION

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SUBJECT: After Action Report for 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944.

TO : Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.

Under the provisions of paragraph 10, AR 345-105; as changed by change number 3, the following After Action Report for this command is submitted:

On 1 November the entire battalion was in bivouac  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of Lenoncourt. The battalion had been pulled out of the line and was in a rest area. On 2 November the battalion was put on a two hour alert. However passes to Nancy continued and the battalion policy of getting the utmost in maintenance done and providing as much recreation for the men was continued until 6 November 44. On the latter date "A" Company was attached to CCB Fourth Armored Division; and the first platoon of "B" Company was attached to the 25th Cavalry Squadron. On the 7th the first platoon of "B" Company moved to an assembly area in vicinity of Courbisseaux at 1400 and on the next day "A" Company moved out one platoon going to an assembly area near Serres and the rest of the company going into an assembly area near Haracourt. On the same day one platoon of "C" Company moved to Serres and was attached to the 37th Tank Battalion.

On the 11 November the platoon of "C" Company attached to the 37th Tank Battalion received a heavy shelling near Obreck killing the platoon leader and six men and wounded seven men. On this day the battalion (-) received orders to move to Chateau Salins the following day. On 12 November the Bn (-) moved out at 1130 and moved with Reserve Command, Fourth Armored Division, 20 miles Northeast to Chateau Salins closing in billets there at 1430. Two outposts consisting of one platoon each were established, one Northeast and one West of the town. "C" Company moved this same day to the vicinity of Chateau Salins and the following day to Conthill.

The battalion (-) remained in Chateau Salins until 20 November when it moved to Haboudange. "C" Company remained in position on a line along the high ground east of Conthill protecting the left flank of CCA. On 17 "C" Company was attached to the 6th Cavalry Group and on the 18th moved to Nancy to join the cavalry group. On the 17th "B" Company less one platoon was attached to CCA and on the 19, joined it in an assembly area near Lubreccourt North of Chateau Salins.

During the period 8 November to 17, "A" Company had taken part in the advance of CCB to Morhange. "A" Company on the move with CCB to Courbisseaux. The company was heavily engaged northeast of Morhange and was shelled. On these two days the loss was one man killed and one officer and eight enlisted men wounded.

The battalion (-) remained billeted in Haboudange until 29 November 44. On that day the battalion (-) moved out of Haboudange at 1530 and moved east 24 miles closing in billets at Fenetrange at 1730.

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"C" Company was released from attachment to the 6th Cavalry Group and reverted to Corps control. "C" Company moved from Nancy to Zommange on this day and on the 10th, "C" Company was attached to CCB and relieved "A" Company which reverted to Battalion control. "A" Company had proceeded with CCB on its advance through Dieuse, Mittersheim, and Fenetrange and when relieved was east of the Saar River in the area of Fenetrange. When relieved "A" Company returned to the battalion at Fenetrange.

"B" Company with CCA had followed CCB across the Saar and was engaged in the fighting north and east of Fenetrange. From 28 November to 30, the battalion (-) remained in billets in Fenetrange. "A" Company outposted the town to the south and North, each of the two outposts consisting of one gun section.

During the month Captain Dunton and Captain Trover were transferred out of the battalion.

During the month the battle casualties suffered by the battalion were:

Officers, KIA 1; wounded and evacuated 2; enlisted men KIA 7; wounded and evacuated 31. Replacements received were: Officers 11; Enlisted Men 33.

The battalion destroyed 2 Mk V tanks; 1 88mm Antitank gun; 1 artillery piece; 3 mortars; 2 anti-tank rocket projectors; and 1 armored vehicle during the month.

On 30 November the strength of the Battalion was 37 Officers; 1 Warrant Officer; and 593 Enlisted Men.

For the Commanding Officer

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