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HEADQUARTERS 80TH TANK DESTROYER BN
Vic of SAARLAUTERN

1 January 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 1 DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 1944

MAPS: BOULAY 35/12, ST AVOLD 35/13, WALDWISSE 35/11 1/50000

1. 1 December 1944

Bn Forward CP moved from VOELFLING (181777) to GUISENGEN (215822).
Bn Rear CP and Rear Ech - No change.
Company "A" CP remained at CHATEAU-ROUGE. 1st and 2nd platoons remained at VILLING. 3rd platoon moved to direct fire positions in vic of ST BARBARA (21817). Company CO with one section of Rcn attached reconnoitered for direct fire positions.
Company "B" - CP and 1st and 2nd platoons remained at KERFRICH-HEMMERSDORF. 3rd platoon covered approaches to OBER-LIMBERG.
Company "C" - CP moved from ALZING to KERLINGEN. 1st platoon moved to GUISENGEN and covered approaches to that town. 2nd platoon moved from vic of LEIDINGEN to IHN and covered approaches to that town. 3rd platoon moved from vic of SCHRECKLING to KERLINGEN, and covered approaches to that town. Company Commanders with one section of Rcn attached continued reconnaissance for direct fire positions.

2. 2 December 1944

Bn Forward and Rear CP and Rear Ech - No change.
Company "A" - CP and 1st and 2nd platoons moved from CHATEAU-ROUGE to GUISENGEN. 3rd platoon no change.
Company "B" - No change.
Company "C" - CP and 1st and 3rd platoons - No change. 2nd platoon moved from vic of IHN to ST BARBARA (240817).
Rcn platoons - No change.

3. 3 December 1944

Forward and Rear CP and Rear Ech - No change.
Company "A" - CP remained in position. 1st platoon moved from GUISENGEN to direct fire positions (224811). 2nd platoon moved from GUISENGEN to direct fire positions (228814). 3rd platoon remained in position.
Company "B" - No change.
Company "C" - CP and 3rd platoon moved from KERLINGEN to WALLERFANGEN (260818). 2nd platoon no change. 1st platoon moved from GUISENGEN to vic of NIEDER LIMBERG and HOFFLIMBERG.
Rcn platoons - Continued road and position reconnaissance.

4. 4 December 1944

Bn forward CP moved from GUISENGEN (215822) to WALLERFANGEN (259818).
Bn Rear CP and Rear Ech remained in VILLING (125719).
Company "A" - CP located in GUISENGEN (215822). Company fired on the following towns in support of 95th Div river crossing at SAARLAUTERN: SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, SAARWELINGEN, FRAULAUTERN, DILLINGEN AND HULZWEILER. Rounds fired 158 HE and 30 APC. All direct fire.
Company "B" - CP and 1st and 2nd platoons moved from KERFRICH-HEMMERSDORF (193817) to ITZBACH (225845). 3rd platoon was unable to get into fire positions due to necessity of doing their own pioneer work to get to fire positions. 1st and 2nd platoons continued work on their positions.
Company "C" - CP located in WALLERFANGEN (260818). From direct fire positions company supported river crossing of 95th Div by firing on DILLINGEN, SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, and road from DILLINGEN TO SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. Also fired on pill boxes and CP's in this area. Rounds fired 127 HE and 68 APC.
Rcn platoons - 1st platoon reconnoitered road and position areas along river. 2nd platoon with company "B" at ITZBACH.

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5. 5 December 1944
Bn forward CP and 1st Rcn platoon in WALLERFANGEN (259818)
Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon in VELLING (126722). Bn med Det in GUISENGEN (215822).
Company "A" - CP in GUISENGEN (215819). 2nd and 3rd platoons vic of ST BARBARA (231817) and (229805). 1st platoon moved from (225811) to (281805).
Company "B" CP and 1st and 2nd platoons in ITZBACH (225845). 3rd platoon (247840).
2nd Rcn platoon with 3rd platoon of "B" company.
Company "C" CP and 3rd platoon in WALLERFANGEN (259817), 1st platoon in HOFLEINBERG (255824), 2nd platoon in ST BARBARA (242817).
Company "A" - 1st platoon moved from position vic of (225811) to direct fire positions across SAAR RIVER at (281805). Mission of platoon was to prevent any German tanks breaking through and destroying bridge across SAAR RIVER. 2nd platoon inactive. 3rd platoon from positions fired 100 rds HE at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and DILLINGEN.
Company "B" - No report.
Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 65 rds HE from 1900 4 Dec to 0600 5 Dec 44 on road between SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and DILLINGEN, 31 rds HE and 28 AFC on pill boxes in vic of DILLINGEN and 30 rds and 28 AFC at cross road in vic DILLINGEN. 2nd platoon fired 90 rds HE and 2 AFC on road between SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and DILLINGEN from 1900 4 Dec to 0600 5 Dec 44. 3rd platoon no firing. Total rounds fired 216 HE and 58 AFC.
No losses in personnel. 5 tires damaged due to artillery and small arms fire.
Combat efficiency - Excellent
6. 6 December 1944
Bn forward CP and Rcn platoons in SAARLAUTERN (282794), Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon in VELLING (126722), Bn Medical Det in GUISENGEN (215822).
Company "A" - CP and 1st and 3rd platoons in SAARLAUTERN (286794), 1st platoon located at (281805).
Company "B" - CP 1st and 2nd platoons at ITZBACH (225845), 3rd platoon at (247840).
Company "C" - CP and 3rd platoon in WALLERFANGEN (259817), 1st platoon in HOFLEINBERG (255824), 2nd platoon in ST BARBARA (242817).
Bn forward CP moved from WALLERFANGEN TO SAARLAUTERN.
Company "A" - 1st platoon continued to cover roads approaching bridge over SAAR RIVER. No enemy encountered, no rounds fired. Enemy Artillery fire landing in platoon area. 2nd and 3rd platoon moved from positions on high ground west of SAAR RIVER to town of SAARLAUTERN in order to be on call for crossing to east side of river.
Company "B" - Action of Dec 5. 1st and 2nd platoons remained in position outposting ITZBACH. 3rd platoon from direct fire positions fired 18 rds AFC and 35 rds HE at enemy pill boxes and MG emplacements and one enemy mortar position and into three buildings housing German soldiers. Targets were in the west end of PATCHEN and between that town and the SAAR RIVER. Firing enabled elements of 358th Inf to occupy PATCHEN on the morning of the 6th without encountering any enemy fire from mortar and MG.
Firing resulted in 5 known enemy casualties.
Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 12 rds HE and 22 rds AFC at pill boxes located at (232850) and (234334). 2nd platoon fired 256 rds HE and 6 rds AFC on road between SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and DILLINGEN and at pill box along road.
Combat efficiency - Excellent
Losses: 2 EM killed, 9 EM wounded.
7. 7 December 1944
Bn forward CP and Rcn platoons located SAARLAUTERN (282794). Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon located SAARLAUTERN (281795). Bn Medical Det at GUISENGEN (215822).
Company "A" - CP and one section of 2nd platoon and 3rd platoon in SAARLAUTERN (286794). 1st platoon one section 2nd platoon at (281805).
Company "B" - CP and 1st and 2nd platoons at ITZBACH (225845), 3rd platoon at (247840).

Company "C" - CP and 3rd platoon at WALLERFANGEN (259817), 1st platoon HOFLINBERG (255824), 2nd platoon ST BARBARA (242817).

Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon moved from VELVING to SAARLAUTERN. Departed between the hours of 0840 and 1115 and arrived between 0930 and 1200. Move was by infiltration.

Company "A" - 1st platoon remained in position guarding approaches to bridge over SAAR RIVER. One section of 2nd platoon moved across SAAR RIVER and took up direct fire positions guarding approaches to bridge. 3rd platoon remained in SAARLAUTERN.

No rounds fired and no enemy encountered.

Company "B" - Report for Dec 6th CP. 1st and 2nd platoons remained outposting ITZBACH. 3rd platoon fired 15 rds APC and 15 rds HE at 2 heavy pill boxes, 2 LG positions and 1 mortar position. 2 pill boxes neutralized, 6 enemy in mortar positions killed.

This firing allowed 2nd bn of 358 Inf to cross SAAR RIVER without drawing fire.

Company "C" - 1st platoon remained in position, no action, 2nd platoon fired 60 rds HE on road between SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and DILLINGEN and pill boxes in vic of (285815). 3rd platoon no change.

Combat efficiency Excellent.

8. 8 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Company "A" - No action.

Company "B" - No action.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 20 rds APC and 8 rds HE at pill boxes and vehicles at (275835). Vehicles knocked out. 2 rds of APC and 2 rds HE, harassing fire, at (285825). 17 rds HE at bridge and house at (329833). 3rd platoon, no action. 2nd platoon fired 252 rds HE and 12 rds APC at RJ (278835) and pill boxes in vic of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.

9. 9 December 1944

No change in location of Bn forward CP, Bn Rear CP, Rear Echelon, Medical Det. Company "A" and Company "B". 3rd platoon of Company "C" moved to vic of (269809).

Company "A" - continued reconnaissance for direct fire positions for remaining guns in company, in order to further protect bridge head over the SAAR RIVER.

Company "B" - No action.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 100 rds HE from 1145 to 1530 hours into SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, 23 rds HE from 1300 to 1530 hours in vic of road at (275825). 30 rds HE in area northeast of DILLINGEN. 2nd platoon fired 89 rds HE at pill boxes and RJ in vic of (278826), 20 rds HE from 1900 to 0600 hours at road and RJ in vic (278882). 3rd platoon fired 198 rds HE at pill boxes in vic of (278802).

Combat efficiency Excellent.

10. 10 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Company "A" - continued reconnaissance for direct fire positions for remaining guns of company. Located positions for 3rd platoon at north east edge of SAARLAUTERN for fire into FRAULAUTERN and ENSDORF.

Company "B" - No change.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 85 rds HE from 0930 to 1500 hours at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, 57 rds HE from 1300 to 1530 hours at DILLINGEN, 40 rds HE from (275834) to (279837) and 22 rds HE into SAARWELLINGEN. 2nd platoon fired 59 rds of HE at pill boxes and RJ's located in grid square (2882), 227 rds HE harassing fire same area as above from 1900 to 0600 hours. 3rd platoon fired 226 rds HE and 196 rds APC from 0900 to 1630 hours at pill boxes located in grid square (2782) and (2882).

Combat efficiency Excellent.

11. 11 December 1944

Bn Forward CP and Rcn platoons located at SAARLAUTERN (282794). Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon located SAARLAUTERN (281795). Bn Med Det at GUISENGEN (215822). Company "A" CP and one section of 2nd platoon and 3rd platoon in SAARLAUTERN (286794). 1st platoon and one section of 2nd platoon at (281805). Company "B" CP and 1st and 2nd platoons at ITZBACH (225845), 3rd platoon at (247840). Company "C" CP at WALLERFANGEN (259817), 1st platoon HOFLINBERG (255824), 2nd platoon ST BARBARA (242817), 3rd platoon in vic of (269809).

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Company "A" moved one gun of 3rd platoon into direct fire position at (289799) in order to bring direct fire on pill boxes and buildings on east bank of SAAR RIVER still in enemy hands. This gun fired 2 rds HE and 2 rds APC. Poor visibility is reason for small amount of fire. Remainder of company, no change.

Company "B" - No change, 3rd platoon unable to fire due to smoke.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 150 rds HE from 0900 to 1200 at SAARLAUTERN - RODEN and 51 rds HE into pill boxes and buildings north of DILLINGEN. 2nd platoon fired 279 rds HE from 1300 to 1900 at pill boxes and RJ's in grid squares (2782) and (2882), harassing fire. 3rd platoon fired 300 rds HE and 71 rds APC from 0800 to 1630 at pill boxes located in grid squares (2782) and (2882). Backs of 2 pill boxes knocked out. Total rds fired 780 rds HE and 71 rds APC.

12. 12 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Company "A" - 3rd platoon fired 100 rds HE and 15 rds APC at pill boxes in vic of (2980) and (3080). Remainder of company, no change.

Company "B" - No change.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 200 rds HE from 0900 to 1530 at SAARLAUTERN - RODEN. 2nd platoon fired 332 rds HE at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and RJ's north of town and pill boxes in grid square (2882) from 0800 to 1900. 3rd platoon fired 250 rds HE and 159 rds APC at pill boxes in grid squares (2782) and (2882) from 0900 to 1600. Results of fire 5 enemy soldiers killed, house set afire.

13. 13 December 1944

No change in location of any units except 3rd platoon of Company "A" now has 3 guns in vic of (289799).

Company "A" - No firing, continued rcn for gun positions.

Company "B" - No change.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 105 rds HE from 0900 to 1530 into SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 2nd platoon fired 225 rds HE 0700 to 1900 at RJ's. 3rd platoon fired 46 rds HE and 15 rds APC from 0900 to 1500 at pill boxes in grid squares (2782) and (2882).

14. 14 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Company "A" - 3rd platoon fired 40 rds HE, 15 with T-105 fuze and 20 rds APC at pill boxes in grid square (3080).

Company "B" - No change.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 21 rds HE at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 2nd platoon 218 rds HE at pill boxes and RJ's in grid squares (2782) and (3083). 3rd platoon fired 205 rds HE and 412 rds APC at pill boxes and houses in grid square (2782).

15. 15 December 1944

No change in location of any units except 3rd platoon of Company "B" moved from direct fire positions (247840) to OBERLIMBERG.

Company "A" - Fired 77 rds HE and 94 rds APC at pill boxes in grid square (3080).

Company "B" - 3rd platoon moved from direct fire positions at (247840) to OBERLIMBERG. Maintenance and cleaning of vehicles in preparation for relieving company "A".

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 212 rds HE at pill boxes in area north west SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 3rd platoon fired 41 rds HE and 360 rds APC at pill boxes and house in grid squares (2782) and (2882).

16. 16 December 1944

Rcn platoons located (284814). Company "B" CP, 1st and 3rd platoons located vic of (281815), 2nd platoon located (281805). No change in location of any other units.

Company "A" - 1st platoon relieved by 2nd platoon of company "B" from protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER. Remainder of company, no change.

Company "B" - Moved from ITZBACH to SAARLAUTERN - RODEN with primary mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER and countering any tank threat to the left of the 379th Inf Regiment. 1st platoon took up positions covering RR underpasses (283315) and (282817). The third platoon covered road running north and south along grid lines 28. 2nd platoon relieved 1st platoon of company "A" at bridgehead. 36

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 202 rds HE at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 2nd platoon fired 300 rds HE at pill boxes and RJ's in grid squares (2782) and (2882). 3rd platoon fired 25 rds HE and 180 rds APC at pill boxes in grid squares (278826) and (282825). Results, 7 pill boxes neutralized.

17. 17 December 1944

Bn Forward CP, Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon in same location. Rcn platoons ~~located~~ located (282794). Company "A" 1st and 2nd platoons located (284803), 3rd platoon same location. No change in locations of companies "B" and "C".

At 1200 hours Bn relieved from attachment to 4th TD Group and attached to 5th Inf Div with primary mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER at SAARLAUTERN. At 1400 hours received verbal orders to effect relief of 3rd Bn 2nd Inf, now guarding bridge, by 0600 hrs 18 Dec 1944.

Rcn platoons relieved from mission at 0800 and moved back to vic of (282794). At 1600 hrs Rcn officer given mission to set up a warning and patrol system up stream from bridge in vic of (287807).

Company "A" - At 1300 hours company given mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER on south side of bridge. Guards to be placed on both sides of bridge to check all vehicles crossing bridge from either direction and to have patrols and listening posts along south bank of River in vic of SAARLAUTERN. To relieve elements of 3rd Bn 2nd Inf now guarding south side of bridge by 0600 18 Dec. 1st and 2nd platoons moved to bridge area at 1700 hours in order to effect relief.

Company "B" - At 1530 hours company CO received mission to protect north side of bridge over SAAR RIVER and to relieve elements of 3rd Bn 2nd Inf. now guarding bridgehead, by 0600 18 Dec Company CO made rcn and plans for moving 1st and 3rd platoons to vic (281805).

Company "C" - Company given mission to continue direct fire support of Inf Regt attacking north along SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and BILLINGEN road, by fire on pill boxes and other targets along that road. 1st platoon fired 249 rds HE at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN and SAARWELLINGEN. 2nd platoon fired 303 rds HE and 2 rds APC at RJ's and pill boxes in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 3rd platoon fired 101 rds HE and 310 rds APC at pill boxes in grid squares (2783) and (2882). 3rd platoon also prepared positions for two guns in vic of (266811). Positions to be occupied during the night of 17-18 Dec.

Battle losses - 1 jeep and 1 gun damaged by shell fragments - Gun back in position, estimate it will take 48 hours to repair jeep

18. 18 December 1944

Bn forward CP (283801), Bn Rear CP and Rear Ech (281795). Rcn Plts (286805). Company "A" CP (287794), 1st and 2nd platoons of Co "A" (284802), 3rd platoon "A" (289799), Company "B" CP and all plts (281805), Company "C" CP (251817), 1st platoon (254824), 2nd platoon (240818), 3rd platoon (268807).

Company "A" - At 0800 Dec Bn relieved elements of 3rd Bn 2nd Inf from protecting bridgehead over SAAR RIVER. Bn forward CP moved from (282794) to (283801) at 1330 hours. Company "A" relieved elements of 3rd Bn 2nd Inf guarding south side of bridge over SAAR RIVER at 0600 18 Dec. 1st platoon occupying positions on the east side of the bridge, 2nd platoon on the west side. Light MG's placed in positions to cover SAAR RIVER bank. 3rd platoon remained in direct fire positions, fired 52 rds HE and 25 rds APC at pill boxes on east side of SAAR RIVER between (301795) and (301801).

Company "B" - Moved remainder of company to vic of (281805) to take up positions around north side of bridge over SAAR RIVER. 1st platoon occupied positions on the east along river bank, 3rd platoon along north west side of woods. 2nd platoon remained in position with guns covering road approaching bridge from north. Company relieved elements of 3rd Bn 2nd Inf that were guarding north side of bridge at 0600 18 Dec.

Company "C" - Remained in direct fire positions, giving support by fire on pill boxes, houses and roads on east side of SAAR RIVER. 1st platoon fired 116 rds HE at pill boxes in vic of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, 2nd platoon fired 350 rds HE at pill boxes and RJ, (275828), (283826) and (294828). 3rd platoon fired 226 rds HE and 250 rds APC at pill boxes and houses in vic (279822).

19. 19 December 1944

Bn forward CP, near CP and Rear Echelon no change. Company "A" CF (287800), remainder of company no change. Company "B" no change, Company "C" CF, 1st and 3rd platoons no change, 2nd platoon (274801).

Company "A" - Continued mission of protecting bridgehead over SAAR RIVER.

Company "B" - Continued mission of protecting bridgehead over SAAR RIVER.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 100 rds HE at pill boxes and houses in vic of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, 2nd platoon fired 350 rds HE at pill boxes and RW north of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 1st and 2nd platoons moved from vic of St BARBARA and took up positions to cover approaches to bridge over SAAR RIVER from the west. Two 3" guns and two MG's were placed into position to cover area by fire. 3rd platoon fired 45 rds HE and 396 rds AFC at pill boxes and houses in vic of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN north of (280825).

20. 20 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Company "A" - Continued mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Company "B" - Continued mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 102 rds HE at pill boxes and houses in vic of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN near cemetery. 2nd platoon no action, 3rd platoon fired 289 rds HE and 456 rds AFC at houses and pill boxes in grid squares (2782)(2783).

21. 21 and 22 December 1944

Bn forward CP (283801). Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon (281795). 1st Rcn platoon (286805), 2nd Rcn platoon vic of (237874). Company "A" CF (284800), 1st and 2nd platoons (283803), 3rd platoons (290798). Company "B" CF and 3 platoons in vic (281805). Company "C" CF and 1st platoon (259817), 2nd platoon (274801), 3rd platoon vic of (237874).

Bn attached to 90 Inf Div VCG 95th Div as of 1200 2, Dec. Bn ordered to move one company immediately to occupy positions in 90 Div sector. At 1500 21 Dec Bn detached from 90 Div and attached to 95th Div with primary mission of AT defense over SAAR RIVER.

Company "A" - 21 Dec - company remained in position protecting south side of bridge over SAAR RIVER with 1st and 2nd platoons. 3rd platoon fired 30 rds HE at enemy in vic of ENSDORF. 22 Dec - Company remained in position.

Company "B" - Remained in position protecting north side of bridge over SAAR RIVER with all platoons.

Company "C" - 21 Dec - CF moved from (289817) at 1000 hours to (285801). 1st platoon moved at 0900 hours to (281802) to take up positions on north side of bridge over SAAR RIVER. At 1300 hours company CO received orders to move his company to vic of GUISENGEN. Company moved out at 1400. At approximately 1500 company arrived in vic of GUISENGEN and was ordered to reoccupy positions just held. Positions were reoccupied at 1700. 3rd platoon fired 20 rds HE and 213 rds AFC at pill boxes in grid squares (2782) and (2882). 22 Dec - At 1300 hours company CO received orders to send one platoon to support L 379th Inf Regt in REMLINGEN for AT defense of that town. Platoon moved at approximately 1630 hours. Company CP and 1st platoon moved to ALLERFANGEN and set up AT defense in that town.

22. 23 December 1944

Bn Forward CP, Rear CP, Rear Echelon, Rcn platoons, Company "A", Company "B", no change. Company "C" CF, 1st and 3rd platoons no change, 2nd platoon vic of (259817).

Company "A" - Continued mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Company "B" - Continued mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Company "C" - No firing for period, 2nd platoon moved from (274801) to vic (259817).

23. 24 December 1944

No change in any units.

Company "A" - Continued mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Fired 3 rds of illuminating shells.

Company "B" - Continued mission of protecting bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Company "C" - No firing for period.

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24. 25 December 1944

Bn Forward CP (283801), Bn Rear CP and Rear Echelon (281795), 1st Rcn platoon vic (259817), 2nd Rcn platoon vic (237874).

Company "A" - CP (284800, 3rd platoon (290798), 1st platoon vic (291785), 2nd platoon vic (259817).

Company "B" - CP, 1st and 2nd platoons vic (281805), 3rd platoon south side of bridge over SAAR RIVER.

Company "C" - CP and 1st platoon vic (214820), 2nd platoon vic (254824), 3rd platoon vic (237874).

1st Rcn platoon - moved to ALLERFANGEN to protect north flank second platoon of Company "A".

Company "A" - moved 1st platoon to vic of MISDORF, relieved elements of 607th TD Bn of AT protection of that town, relief effective at 1730 hours. 2nd platoon moved to ALLERFANGEN and relieved company "C" of AT protection of that town, relief effective 0745.

Company "B" - 3rd platoon relieved 1st and 2nd platoons of Company "A" of AT protection south side of bridge over SAAR RIVER. CO company "B" given responsibility of bridge head.

Company "C" - 2nd platoon moved to vic (254824) and placed 2 guns in direct fire positions overlooking the towns of BILLINGEN and SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.

25. 26 December 1944

Bn Rear Echelon and Rear CP moved to vic of BOUZONVILLE. No change in other units.

Companies "A" & "B" - No firing.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 167 rds HE, harassing fire, at roads, RJ's in vic of BILLINGEN. Fired 44 rds HE for registration.

26. 27 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Companies "A" & "B" - No firing.

Company "C" - 1st platoon fired 66 rds HE, indirect fire, from 1000 hours to 1510 hours at buildings, enemy MG emplacements and targets of opportunity. 2nd platoon fired 12 rds HE, harassing fire, from 0900 to 1030 hours in vic of BILLINGEN.

27. 28 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Companies "A" & "B" - No firing.

Company "C" - fired 53 rds HE at roads and RJ's vic of BILLINGEN. Fired 4 rds Illuminating Shells.

28. 29 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Companies "A" & "B" - No firing.

Company "C" - Fired 26 rds HE at enemy troops in vic of (278852) from 0945 to 1010. Fired 9 rds HE at MG nest vic (276832) from 1030 to 1045. Fired 31 rds for registration (275834) from 1045 to 1100. Fired 4 rds Illuminating Shells vic (282827) from 2020 to 2040.

29. 30 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Companies "A", "B" & "C" - No firing.

30. 31 December 1944

No change in location of any units.

Companies "A" & "B" - No firing.

Company "C" - From 1900 to 0500 fired 165 rds HE, harassing fire, vic of BILLINGEN, DIEPFLEN. From 0900 to 1500 fired 30 rds HE, registration and interdiction of roads.

21. Results of Operations:

(A) Fired 3,469 rds APC direct fire, 8,770 rds HE direct fire, 603 rds HE indirect fire, 11 rds Illuminating shells.

(B) Losses in Personnel:

10 M Killed
20 M Wounded

(C) Losses in Equipment:

1 Jeep damaged
2 3" guns damaged - 1 gun replaced
2 Half-tracks damaged

(D) Enemy PW's taken:

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(E) Enemy Losses:

2 light trucks destroyed
2 MG's destroyed
6 Pill Boxes partially destroyed
18 Pill Boxes neutralized
1 Mortar destroyed
5 Houses set on fire
20 Known enemy personnel casualties

32. Total Rounds Fired by this Battalion from 23 Sept 1944 (entered action on this date) to 1 Jan 1945:

36,010 HE
5,240 AFC
11 Illuminating Shells
41,261 Total

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