

**SECRET**

AFTER ACTION - COMPANY C

Company C upon being attached to 304, 9th Arm Div, proceeded to Anomen, Belgium, and arrived at 1500 hours on 14 December. The unit received artillery fire on the 15th at 2000 hours, and was alerted for movement. At 0615 on 17 December the 1st Platoon was ordered to the vicinity of Ouren, Germany, and upon arrival there at 0715 hours was led into previously selected positions by an officer of the 113th Inf Regt. Capt Collins had halted the column and was proceeding forward on foot when enemy tanks and infantry attacked. After a day long engagement the platoon was ordered to retire to Weiswarpach, Belgium, by the Platoon Commander at 2100. At a cost of two M-18's, 1 M-20, five Jeeps and seven personnel, an unknown number of enemy infantry, and 14 Mark IV and V tanks were destroyed. At 0800 hours 18 December the platoon made a road march to the vicinity of Longvilley and rejoined the Company.

Upon his return to Company at 1000 hours 17 December, Captain Collins ordered the remainder of the Company alerted for movement to Ouren, Germany, to support the 1st Platoon. Movement was made to a position of readiness at Wilwerdang, Belgium. At 1101 hours a reconnaissance disclosed that road blocks and enemy fire made it impossible to move as planned. At 1400 hours the 2d Platoon was ordered to Clarvaux, Belgium, to support the 110th Inf. A force of enemy armor consisting of 27 tanks and half-tracks were engaged, and at 2030 hours the Platoon returned to rejoin the Company at Weiswarpach, Belgium. One Mark IV tank, one personnel carrier, one armored car and an undetermined number of infantry in a building were destroyed with the loss of one M-18.

At 1800 hours 17 December the Company less 1st, 2d and one Platoon of Ron Company was ordered by CGR to move to bivouac area in the vicinity of Oberwaspach, Belgium. Organisation closed in new area at <sup>17430</sup>~~1800~~ December and 2d Platoon rejoined the company for a road march from

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ulwerdang to the vicinity of Oberwampach, Belgium.

At 1000 hours 18 December Company less 1st Platoon and one Platoon of Ron Company was ordered by OGR to make road march to vicinity of Longvilley, Belgium. Gun positions were established south of Longvilley, Belgium, with the command echelon in Longvilley. At 1230 hours 18 December the 3d Platoon was ordered by OGR to change their gun positions to vicinity of Wincarage, Belgium, and closed in new positions at 1400 hours 18 December 1944.

At 0600 hours 19 December 1944 the 2d Platoon made effort to get to Bastogne, Belgium. Encountered enemy small arms fire and destroyed enemy scout car plus personnel. At this point the enemy had surrounded the 2d Platoon and they were ordered by Lt Dodge to abandon vehicles and destroy same, which they did. Lt Dodge's men were in rear of enemy lines for four days.

At 0200 hours 19 December the 3d Platoon in position at Longvilley, Belgium, was attacked by enemy infantry. In this engagement the 3d Platoon destroyed enemy personnel carrier loaded with infantry plus unestimated number of foot troops. All of Ron vehicles were lost in this engagement. At 0530 hours 19 December Lt Bong was ordered to send one destroyer to investigate a number of enemy tanks at rear of Team Cherry of the 10th Armored Div, who were in column west of Longvilley, Belgium. This destroyer found four Mark IV's in column but was ordered not to fight, but to return and protect the rear of Team Cherry Column. At 1200 hours 19 December enemy armor and infantry attacked Longvilley, Belgium, in force, and at 1230 hours 19th OGR of the 9th Armored Div moved out of Longvilley and their move was covered by the 3d Platoon and in this covering action the 3d Platoon lost three destroyers and was credited with one enemy tank plus foot troops. The 3d Platoon's security vehicles were jammed in the 9th Armored Div armored column and could not get out, and the enemy was shelling the column with field artillery pieces and mortar fire. Lt Bong considered

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the situation hopeless at this point, and loaded all of his men on his one remaining destroyer and they fought their way into Bastogne, Belgium; there the 3d Platoon attached themselves to Company C, 609th TD Bn of CCB of the 10th Armd Div.

At 0630 hours 20 December the 3d Platoon's one remaining destroyer was attached to a combat team of the 10th Armd Div, and was sent out to establish a road block. One crew of the 3d Platoon found an abandoned M-10 and manned the M-10 to reinforce one of the positions of the 609th TD Bn. At 1000 hours 21 December the crew knocked out one Mark V tank. At 1435 hours 21 December the M-10 and crew were ordered to return to Bastogne, Belgium. Due to lack of fuel the M-10 and crew were used as road block.

At 0530 hours 22 December the M-18 of the 3d Platoon was relieved from attachment to the combat team of the 10th Armd Div and was sent to Champs, Belgium, where in the company of two destroyers of the 705th TD Bn, and infantry of the 101st Airborne Division, seized the town of Champs and all the high ground around the town. During the night of the 23d the remaining M-18, under the control of Sergeant Snipulski, and the gun manned by Corporal Zickelofs, knocked out two tanks. Their mission in this engagement was direct support of the infantry. This position was held for three days and nights, and on 25 December the last M-18 of the 3d Platoon was knocked out by enemy mortar fire after repeated enemy attacks. After their vehicle was knocked out the men were used to relieve the men of the 609th TD Bn, also as security in the town of Bastogne.

At 0930 hours 23 December ~~this organization~~ <sup>C Company</sup> was ordered by CCB to make road march to vicinity of Tintigny, Belgium, and arrived in billets at 1640 hours at Tintigny. Captain Collins reported to CCB in Tintigny, and found that the organization had been attached to Captain Gould of the 2d Tank Bn. On reporting to Captain Gould the ~~organization~~ <sup>C Company</sup> was ordered to move to Villers-Sur-Semene, Belgium, and prepare to defend the town.

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Upon arriving in Villers-Sur-Semone outposts were established and a 24 hour patrol was put into effect.

From 24-28 December Company C maintained outposts and road patrols as well as obtaining lost and damaged equipment. At 1000 hours 29 December at Villers-Sur-Semone, Belgium, organization was ordered to move to Tintigny, Belgium, arriving there at 1035 hours, and found billets.

On 30 December at Tintigny, Belgium, at 0300 hours the Company was ordered to report to <sup>2nd TK Bn</sup> ~~Headquarters~~ in preparation for move to Las Louches, France. At 0930 hours organization made road march to Las Louches, France, arriving at 1700 hours and was billeted.