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**HEADQUARTERS
818TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

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AGO 436, US Army
2 February 1945

UNIT HISTORY

1 January 45 to 31 January 45

1. Origin of Unit:

- a. Designation: 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self Propelled).
- b. Date of organization: 15 December 1941.
- c. Place of organization: Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- d. Authority for organization: The 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion (less Co's "B" and "C") was activated by authority of General Order Number 13, Headquarters, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and in compliance with letter, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, file AG 330.2 (11-17-41) MB-M-C. On 6 March 1942, Companies "B" and "C" were activated.
- e. Sources of Personnel: 143rd, 77th and 349th Field Artillery Regiments and Selective Service. On 7 March 1943, 327 enlisted replacements were received making a total of approximately 750 enlisted men and 15 officers for the battalion.

2. Changes in Organization: Unit designation has not changed. Tables of Organization, however, have changed from T/O 18-25, dated 8 June 1942 to T/O and E 18-25, dtd 27 June 1943 and on 5 November 1944 to T/O and E 18-25, dtd 15 March 1944.

3. Strength. Commissioned and enlisted:

- a. At beginning of period: 41 O 1 WO 589 MM.
- b. Net increase: None.
- c. Net decrease: 7 per cent.
(Note: 35 MM transferred 11 Jan 45 to the 79th Reinforcement Battalion).
- d. At end of period: 38 O 1 WO 547 MM.

4. Station (Permanent or temporary) of unit:

- a. Arrived STOWELL PARK, WILTSHIRE, England, 14 May 1944.
- b. Departed from STOWELL PARK, WILTSHIRE, England, 11 July 1944 and arrived UTAH BEACH, vicinity ST MERE BOLISE, France, 14 July 1944.
- c. At end of period: Battalion CP, Headquarters Company, Company "A", Hon Company and Medical Det CP's at BERUS, Germany; Company B at SAARLAUTERN, Germany; Company C at USERNBERN, Germany.

5. Marches:

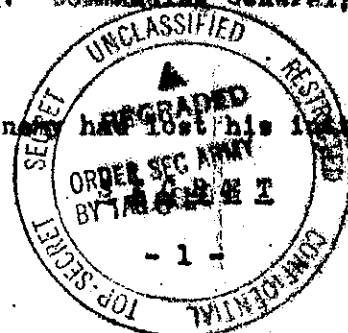
a. At beginning of period Bn CP was at GREVELS-BRESEL, Luxembourg. At 1430 hrs, 22 Jan 45, Bn CP moved to BORNAL, Luxembourg, traveling a distance of 7 mi. Roads covered with snow, weather very cold. At 0900, 23 Jan 45 Bn CP started march to WILTZ, Luxembourg, arriving there at 1045 hrs traveling a distance of 11 miles. Roads covered with snow, weather very cold. At 1700 hrs 28 Jan 45 Bn less Co's A, B and C, started motor march from the vicinity of WILTZ, Luxembourg to the vicinity of BOULAY, France and at 0600 hrs 29 Jan Bn closed into new area at BERUS, Germany, traveling a distance of 93 miles. Roads covered with snow. Very cold. Battalion in this area at close of period.

- 6. (1) a. Name of Campaign: Luxembourg-Belgium-German counter-offensive.
- b. Duration: From beginning of period to 28 Jan 45.
- c. Purpose: To seal off enemy counter offensive.
- d. Authority ordering: Commanding General, 26th Infantry Division.
- (2) a. Name of Campaign: Germany.
- b. Duration: 29 Jan 45 to date.
- c. Purpose: To defeat the enemy in the SAAR Valley.
- d. Authority ordering: Commanding General, 26th Infantry Division.

7. Battles:

(a) The Enemy.

- (1) By 1 Jan 45, the enemy had lost his initiative and started a process



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of gradually withdrawing his depleted panzer divisions while holding the flanks with infantry and VG divisions. Enemy had been well prepared for the Ardennes offensive with a few exceptions, notably gasoline and transport. Replacements of personnel and vehicles, including armor were not readily available. There was a partial breakdown of the enemy supply system. There were no special weapons used. However, rockets and plastic mines were used more extensively. Enemy morale was reported high during the initial phases of the offensive but grew progressively worse, partly because of extreme cold and shortage of hot food.

(2) Enemy made maximum use of terrain which was favorable for defense. Heavy snow made offensive operations difficult. Maximum use was made of natural obstacles, mines and demolitions to destroy all bridges. Enemy's defense was primarily delaying. There was heavy small arms and mortar fire. Few tanks were employed.

(3) Disposition of enemy units: At the start of period the enemy had already gone over to the defensive. The 26th Div was opposed primarily by the 9 VG Div. 5 Para Div was on our left flank. 79 VG Div was on our right flank. Elements of Fuehrer Brig, 130 Pz Lehr Div and 2d Pz Div were identified on our front and left flank. After 15 Jan elements of 276 VG Div, 187 VG Div, 340 VG Div and 26 VG Div were identified. In the SAARLAUTERN sector the 719 Inf and elements of 347 Inf and 778 VG Divs were identified.

Only a few small and unimportant counterattacks were launched by the enemy in the Ardennes sector, none in Saarlautern sector. Enemy use of air power was negligible. Little armor was used. Artillery fire in the Ardennes sector was medium to light. In the Saarlautern sector very light. The following enemy losses were inflicted during period by 818th TD Bn:

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| 3 Tanks - Mk IV | 2 MG nests |
| 4 81 guns | 1 Church steeple (OP) |
| 1 Towed gun | 3 Strong points |
| 1 Cond car | 75 Casualties (est) |

(4) Prisoners captured by TD Bn - None.

(b) Elements effecting action:

(1) Effectiveness of enemy information, reconnaissance. Limited because of Allied air superiority and defensive attitude of the enemy.

(2) Attitude of civilian population was friendly. No particular effect on military operations.

(3) Terrain was very rough, broken by numerous small rivers and scattered woods. Roads were generally poor, made especially so by heavy snow and ice. Terrain was unfavorable for attack and for tank action.

(c) Action:

(1) The 818th TD Bn was assigned to the III Corps and attached to the 26th Inf Div from 1 Jan 45 to 28 Jan 45. From 28 Jan 45 to close of period the Bn was asgd to XX Corps and atchd to 26th Inf Div. Location of Units CP's: vic GRUNYCS-BRESIL from 1 Jan 45 to 22 Jan 45; vic BONNAL 22 Jan 45, vic WILTZ from 23 Jan 45 to 28 Jan 45; vic BIERUS, Germany from 28 Jan 45 to close of period. Supporting units: The organic 57mm AT units, plus the organic and attached artillery of the 26th Div, and the 736th Tank Bn and the 778th Tank Bn all provided additional AT protection.

(2) Mission: The mission of the 818th TD Bn during the entire period was to provide anti-mechanized protection for the 26th Inf Div. Additional secondary missions were supporting the 263 PA Bn with indirect fire, and closely supporting the infantry with direct fire against enemy pockets, MG nests, and houses.

Operations: During the greater portion of the period the 818th TD Bn was atchd to the 26th Inf Div which was counter-attacking the Souther flank of the German offensive in the norther part of Luxembourg, commonly known as the ARDENNES salient.

On 1 Jan 45 Co A 3d pl moved to position S of NOTHUM at P671500; 1st pl in pos at BAVIGNE P648487; 2d pl at BONNAL P673486 in defense of Div CP. Co B 1st pl fired 200 rds 50 cal on en foot trps and MG from its pos vic BUDERSCHMID P710498, results unknown. One sec of 2d pl at BUDERSCHMID, other sec atchd to 26th Ron Tr at BAVIGNE. 3d pl in pos S of ROULLINGEN P691515. Co C 1st pl in KAINBOFF P683483; 2d & 3d pl in pos in BAVIGNE guarding road net, Ron Co 1st pl moved to vic of HIRSHMELK P708431 and began manning OP's vic NOTHUM P671508 and vic NECHER DUNKRODT P664488. 2d pl manning OP's vic BUDERSCHMID P707499. 3d pl moved to vic ESCH SUR LA SURE P708472 and continued with road security patrols between Div and Regt's OP's.

On 2 Jan Co A 2d pl reld 3d pl and took up pos at P688502. 3d pl took over defense of Div CP at BONNAL. Co B 3d pl atchd to 3d Bn, 104 Inf Regt and moved in pos of Inf to pos NE of NOTHUM at P678515. The 2d sec 3d pl was also atchd to 3d Bn 104 Inf and moved to pos NE of NOTHUM at P678517. One destroyer of 2d pl Co C moved

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at 0600 hrs w/ Inf Co of 328th Inf Regt to pos at P650504 to furnish flank guard. This gun fired 20 rds HE and 800 rds 50 cal into en Inf and MG nests located at P650513 destroying 2 MG's and inflicting an estimated 20 casualties, killed & wounded.

On 3 Jan Co A 2d pl placed in support of 3d Bn, 328 Inf Regt, 1st sec of 2d pl remained at P670500 and 2d sec moved N of NOTHUM to pos at P669511. Co C 3d pl rec concentration of mortar fire in BAVIGNE killing Opl William M Diamond and wounding Sgt Jim E. Meredith and Pvt John L. Cannon. Ren Co 2d pl manning OP's vic KNIDERSCHMID P707499, vic BUDERSCHMID P709499 and at P750490, SW of BUDERSCHMID. On 4 Jan 328th Inf Regt in process of relieving 101 Inf Regt. Co A 2d pl fired 22 rds HE into town of BERLE w/ unknown results. Co C atchd to 328th Inf Regt placed 1st pl in direct support of 1st Bn. 2d pl in dir spt of 2d Bn moved to vic MECHER DUNKRODT P665488. 3d pl in direct spt of 3d Bn moved to pos N of NOTHUM at P670508. Co B rotated pls, 1 moved to P675517, 2 sec of 2 pl and 3d pl moved to BUDERSCHMID P710498. One destroyer of 2d sec 3d pl Co B hit by arty fire wounding Lt Henden who was evacuated.

On 5 Jan 1st pl Co A atchd to TF BAYNE to guard left flank of Div. Pl remained in BAVIGNE. Tree burst over one destroyer of 2d pl Co A seriously wounding Pvt Alex A. Kossire. Co C 1st pl moved to pos SW of NOTHUM at P669502. 3d pl moved to pos N of NOTHUM at P671510. One destroyer from 3d pl at 1530 hrs fired 15 rds HE from hull down pos at P670510 at a camouflaged pos at P665517 from which an en tank had been firing into friendly infantry pos. Black smoke was seen to come from the position and personnel from 3d Bn 328th Inf Regt confirmed an en tk was knocked out. 3d pl moved at 1730 hrs to KAUNDORF w/ 3d Bn which was placed in Regt's reserve. During day 2 destroyers of 3d pl hit by mortar fire but damage was slight - no casualties. Ren Co 2d pl OP at BUDERSCHMID directed arty fire disabling one en SF gun, destroyed one enemy tank (type unknown), and knocked out one towed gun (cal unknown).

On 6 Jan Co C 2d pl moved one sec to pos N of NOTHUM at P670512 and at 1000 hrs one destroyed fired 500 rds of 50 cal at an en command car destroying it and killing its two occupants. At 1050 hrs one destroyer from 1st pl Co C fired 30 rds HE fr positions at P669502 at an activity in vic of woods at P662519. Results unknown. 3d pl Co C moved to pos vic MECHER DUNKRODT. On 7 Jan Co A (less one pl) atchd to CT 101 as per Frag O 235 at 0800 hrs. On 8 Jan 45 Co A CP and 1st pl moved to sector of CT 101. CP to BASCHLEIDEN, 1st pl in pos at P612494. 3d pl moved to pos around NSCHDORF for defense of Div CP. As per FO 5 of 0900 hrs, CT 101 dissolved and Co A (less 3d pl) atchd to TF SCOTT in present location. As per FO 5 Co B (less 2d pl) atchd to 104 Inf Regt. The 2d sec of 2d pl and 3d pl took over pos of 1st pl at P675517. 1st pl moved to BUDERSCHMID, 2d pl moved at 0800 hrs to KAUNDORF in reserve pos. As per FO 5 Co C (less 3d pl) atchd to 328th Inf Regt, 3d pl moved to KAUNDORF in reserve under Bn control, 2d pl Co B also under Bn control. Ren Co 2d pl withdrew OP fr KNIDERSCHMID and pl CP moved with Co CP at WEISFELT L WAHL.

On 9 Jan 26th Inf Div and TF SCOTT jumped off in atk of 1000 hrs. Co A 2d pl in spt of 2d Bn, TF SCOTT, moved to pos at P629507. One destroyer struck AT mine and temporarily danged. 1st sec 2d pl Co B moved to pos vic KAUNDORF at 1400 hrs in res under Bn control. Co C (less 3d pl) atchd to 328th Inf Regt sptd atk of Inf. As per Frag O 238 one sec of 3d pl Co C atchd to 26th Ren Tr and moved to vic BASCHLEIDEN. Ren Co 1st pl moved to BOULAIEN and established OP's in sector of TF SCOTT P61494 and P615504. 2d pl moved to vic GREVELS-BRESIL and continued to man OP's vic NOTHUM P672503 and vic BUDERSCHMID P708500. On 10 Jan Co A rotated 2d & 3d pl's in pos. 2d pl in NSCHDORF in defense of Div CP. 3d pl in pos at P639505. Co B 3d pl and 2d sec of 2d pl moved in spt of Inf to pos at P678527. Co C 1st pl moved to pos covering road network at NON SCHUMANN in spt of 1st Bn 328th Inf Regt from pos at P668523. On 11 Jan 45, Co A 1st pl in spt of 3d Bn, 101 Inf Regt moved to pos at P616507. Co C 1st pl moved to pos vic NOTHUM P670506; 2d pl moved its pos to P67252. Ren Co 1st pl withdrew OP at P614494 and established OP's at P615504 and P612501. 2d pl OP at NOTHUM moved to P676505.

On 12 Jan, Co A 3d pl sptd 2d Bn, 101 Inf Regt in mopping up area to final objective. As per Frag O 245 at 1335 hrs, Co A (less 2d pl) rel'd fr atchmt to 101 Inf Regt and reverted to Bn control. Co A 3d & 1st pls moved to assembly area at BASCHLEIDEN. Co C 2d pl moved in spt of Inf and took up pos at P673529. Ren Co 1st pl withdrew OP's at P615504 and P612501 and established an OP at P620529. On 13 Jan 45 Co A (less 2d pl) moved at 0900 hrs to assembly area vic HAMEROUCK P643285. As per Frag O 247, 1 sec Co A atchd to 26th Ren Tr and 2d sec of 3d pl moved at 1600 hrs to BUDERSCHMID. Co C CP moved to BAVIGNE at 1700 hrs. 1 sec of 2d pl moved to pos at P668524, other sec to pos of readiness in BAVIGNE. One sec 1st pl moved to pos covering road network at P649544, one sec moved to pos of readiness in BAVIGNE. As per Frag O 247, one pl Co C in Div Res reverted to Co control and one sec of Co

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control and one sec of Co atchd to 26th Ren Tr moved to reserve pos at KAUNDORF. As per same order 2d pl Co B reverted to Co which was atchd to 104th Inf Regt. 1st & 2d secs of 2d pl Co B rotated positions, first sec to P675517 and 2d sec to KAUNDORF. Ren Co 1st pl withdrew its OP's and moved to PRATZ P706353, 2d pl moved to MECHER DUNKRODT P665487. One 1-ton vehicle 2d pl strafed by unidentified aircraft, damaging it. No casualties. 3d pl reld fr mission of road patrol.

On 14 Jan Co A CP moved to MECHER DUNKRODT P665487, 3d pl moved to vic NOTHUM. 1st pl reld 2d pl in pos vic ESCHDORF for defense of Div CP. 2d pl moved to vic NOTHUM. 2d sec 2d pl Co B moved to pos at P695498 and 1st sec joined it as same point in spt of 1st Bn 104th Inf Regt. 3d pl moved at 1400 hrs to BUDERSCHNEID. Co C 1st pl in pos covering road network at P650540; 2d pl moved to vic BERLE P651530; 3d pl moved to BAVIGNE P645487 at 1300 hrs. Ren Co CP and 1st pl moved to LULTZHAUSEN P674471; 3d pl moved to HEINSPILT L WAHL to perform maintenance; Pio pl moved to INSENBORN P668462 at 1200 hrs. 2d pl continued to man OP's at P676505 and vic BUDERSCHNEID P708500; 1st pl established OP at P656523. On 15 Jan Co A 2d pl moved to pos at P682511. 1st sec 3d pl Co C reld 1st pl in pos at P650540 and 1st pl moved to pos of readiness at BAVIGNE. Ren Co Pio pl began camouflage (snow) painting of Bn vehicles. On 16 Jan, 1st sec of 3d pl Co C reld 2d pl at BERLE P651530 at 1700 hrs. 3d pl returned to pos of readiness in BAVIGNE P645487. Ren Co 3d pl reld 3d pl and began manning OP's at P676505 and vic BUDERSCHNEID P708500. 2d pl moved to HEINSPILT L WAHL to perform maintenance.

On 17 Jan as per Frag O 254 of 0900 hrs, Co A (-) reld from atchmt to 101 Inf Regt; one sec 3d pl reld fr atchmt to 26th Ren Tr; 1st pl reld fr atchmt to 26th Div Hq Co, and entire Co atchd to 104th Inf Regt. 1st pl moved to pos at P695498, 1 sec of 3d pl moved to BUDERSCHNEID and joined rest of pl. 2d pl moved to KAUNDORF P684484. Co A CP moved to INSENBORN. As per Frag O 254, Co B reld fr atchmt to 104th Inf Regt; one pl atchd to 26th Div Hq Co, one sec atchd to 26th Ren Tr; and remainder of Co B placed under Bn control. 1st sec 1st pl atchd to 26th Ren Tr and remained in BUDERSCHNEID. 2d pl moved to ESCHDORF and took up pos in defense of Div CP. The 2d sec of 1st pl moved to assembly area vic ESCH SUR LA SURE. As per Frag O 254, one pl Co C atchd to 101 Inf Regt and 1st pl moved to pos 8 of NOTHUM at P675504 at 0900 hrs.

Upon recommendation of the Bn Cdr, Commanding General 26th Inf Div approved policy of placing a TD Co in direct support of atkng Inf Regts, the remaining TD Co in general spt thereby increasing flexibility of TD Bn and fixed responsibility. Consequently, on 18 Jan 45, as per Frag O 257 of 1100 hrs, Co A reld fr atchmt to 104th Inf Regt and placed in direct spt of Regt. As per same order Co B 2d pl reld fr atchmt to 26 Div Hq Co, but remained at ESCHDORF to guard Div CP, 1st sec 1st pl reld fr atchmt to 26th Ren Tr and placed in spt of troop; and remainder of Co B placed in general spt of Div. As per Frag O 257 Co C reld fr atchmt to 328th and 101st Inf Regts and spt of Div. As per Frag O 257 Co C reld fr atchmt to 328th and 101st Inf Regts and placed in direct spt of Regts. Ren Co 3d pl moved OP from BUDERSCHNEID to P705493 and continued to man OP at P676505. 1st pl manning OP at P656523. On 19 Jan Co C 2d pl of 2 MLO's and 1st sec of 3d pl moved at 0900 hrs to indirect fire pos at P651508 in spt of 263 FA Bn. At 1400 hrs pl began H & I firing unobserved on 10 concentrations. At close of period this pl had fired 40 rds HE. On 20 Jan Co A 1st pl moved to BERLE, 2d pl to MECHER DUNKRODT, 3d pl to P664506 to spt atk of 101 Inf Regt. Co B 2d pl moved w/ Div Hq Co to BAVIGNE, 1st pl moved w/ 26th Ren Tr to vic BERLE. Co C 1st, 2d, and 3d pls moved to DONCOOLS, prepared to spt atk of 328th Inf Regt. 2d pl and 1st sec 3d pl fired 56 rds HE indirect fire before being reld at 1400 hrs. Ren Co withdrew OP at P705493 and established OP's at P660543 and P677525.

On 21 Jan 45 Co A in spt of 101 Inf Regt moved 1st and 3d pls vic bridge at P656565 to P686543 and P683543. Co B 1st pl in spt of 26th Ren Tr moved to P718476, 3d pl to INSENBORN, Co B CP moved to LULTZHAUSEN. Co C CP moved to DONCOOLS and all pls crossed river at P656565 in spt of 328 Inf Regt. 2d pl fired 6 rds HE at enemy foot troops firing from P649550 at 550 yds range. Results unknown. Ren Co manned OP's at P660545, P665555, and P689520, maintained liaison with adjacent units. Pio pl cleared roads vic P653565. On 22 Jan 45, Bn CP and Hq Co moved to BONNAL at 1430 hrs. Gun Co's advanced forward in spt of Inf; no enemy contacted. Ren Co established OP's at P679584, P667563, P698504, and P695553. On 23 Jan Bn CP moved to WILTZ at 0900 hrs. Sgt Houston Baxter, Co A, killed by shell fragments at P718548. On 24 Jan 26th Inf Div continued attack at 0900 hrs. Co A 3d pl fired 50 rds HE at enemy pers from vic P735578. Results could not be observed. Pl later fired 4 rds HE and 8 rds APG at range of 4000 yds at 2 enemy vehicles. Friendly troops reported 2 vehicle, believed to be SP guns, knocked out. At 1300 hrs Co C 1st pl fired 31 rds HE into enemy trps and houses in URSPILT, range 3000 yds. Houses left burning and there were several casualties. Later 1st pl fired 2 rds APG at enemy tank located at P785649, range 2500 yds, and tank was left burning. At 1330 hrs 2d pl fired 2 rds APG and 6 rds HE at

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tank, range 2500 yds. Results unknown. Recon Co established OP's at P750654, P732586, and P750614.

On 25 Jan 45, Co A 3d pl destroyed one SP gun, cal unknown at P783608. Recon Co had two 4-ton vehicles shot up by SA and MG fire at P787613. Vehicles were recovered with slight damage. On 26 Jan Co C 3d pl fired 7 rds APC and 5 rds HE into church steeple and houses in town of MARNACH P801629, destroying church steeple and neutralizing fire coming from houses. Recon Co 1st pl established OP at P802653. As per Frag O 280, Co B attached to 104th Inf Regt at 2330 hrs. On 27 Jan 45, Co A moved to assembly area vic WILTZ. Co B began mvmt w/ 104 Inf Regt at 1400 hrs to vic BOULAY France. Co C 1st & 2d pls moved to assy area vic DEIFELT at 1600 hrs. Recon Co held at 1500 hrs and entire Co moved to vic WILTZ.

On 28 Jan, Co A attached to 101 Inf Regt moved from WILTZ to assy area vic DENTING, France, at 1515 hrs Co B held elements of Co C, 607th TD Bn in SAARLAUTERN, Germany at 1830 hrs. Co B CP located at Q284798; one sec 1st pl took up ready pos at Q282807, 2d sec at Q282801; one sec of 2d pl took up ready pos at Q280813, 2d sec at Q281807; 3d pl took ready pos at Q290809. Co C attached to 328th Inf Regt moved w/ Regt to assy area vic UBERHERRN, Germany. Bn CP, Hq Co & Recon Co left WILTZ at 1700 hrs and moved by way of LUXEMBOURG, THIONVILLE, BOUZONVILLE to BIEUS, Germany, approximately 95 miles. On 29 Jan 45, Co's A, B & C held fr attachmt to Regts. Co A placed in general spt of Div; Co B placed in direct spt of 104th Inf Regt; Co C in direct spt of 328th Inf Regt. On 30 Jan 45, Co A moved to assy area vic BIEUS at 1300 hrs. Co C 3d pl moved to DIFFERTEN Q297718. Recon Co 2d pl moved to SAARLAUTERN and established OP at Q282806. Pic pl camouflage painting Bn vehicle. On 30 Jan Co's A, B, and C - no change. Recon Co 3d pl moved to DIFFERTEN Q303718 and 0900 hrs and established OP in vic WANGAEN Q313748.

(3) Special Weapons used: None. Communications: Radio and wire communications were both used by units of Bn. Wire maintenance was great due to ice and snow conditions.

(4) Assistance from supporting artillery and engineers. The 26th Div Arty sptd the Bn with the secondary mission of anti-tank defense by both direct and indirect fire. Engrs provided bridges, cleared roads of mines, and maintained roads which were especially difficult because of snow and ice.

(5) Use of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers etc: None.
 (6) Supply and Evacuation:

a. During the time covered by this report the Bn was attached to the 26th Inf Div. All supplies were handled through normal channels of the Div. Their supply branches serviced the Bn w/ the exception of Class III, Class V, and Ordnance Class II, which was drawn from the assigned Corps or Army installation. The assigned Ordnance unit was the 562nd Heavy Tank Company of the 24th Ordnance Battalion.

b. Rations and Pz rations have been very satisfactory, with a larger percent of B rations being utilized as conditions warranted.

c. Some additional winter clothing have been drawn as follows: Mittens, 150 pair; shoe pads 126 pr; sleeping bags 100%, and jacket, pile, to replace the Combat jacket 110 ea. In each instance where the items were not available for all personnel, the gun companies were given priority.

d. All the vehicles in the Bn have been snow camouflaged by the Pic Pl of Recon Co. However, all vehicles have to be constantly touched up to blend with terrain.

e. Ammunition. Basic load was maintained by replacement from assigned ASF's.

f. Status of supply at close of period:

BRANCH	ON HAND
Ordnance	75%
Quartermaster	100%
Medical	100%
Chemical Warfare	100%
Engineer	100%
Signal	95%



g. Evacuation of personnel was through Bn Aid station and Regt medical units.

8. Commanding Officers in important engagements:

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Lt Col G. L. HALL, Battalion Commander
 Capt EMIL J. MICHAL, Co A to 8 Jan 45
 Capt NORMAN H. DAVIS, Co A from 8 Jan to date
 Capt JAMES R. HENNINCK, Co B to 20 Jan 45
 Capt ROBERT T. CHRISTIANSON, Co B from 20 Jan 45 to date
 1 Lt JOHN A. HAUTH, Co C
 Capt LOUIS O. D'AMICO, Rcn Co
 Capt ROBERT T. CHRISTIANSON, Hq Co to 8 Jan 45
 Capt EMIL J. MICHAL, Hq Co from 8 Jan to date
 Capt HERMAN J. WILLIAMS, Medical Detachment.

9. Losses in action. Officers and Men:

(1) a. Engagement. LUXEMBOURG-BELGIUM-GERMAN counter offensive.

b. Killed: Two

1. Diamond, William	32395009	Co G
2. Baxter, Houston B.	32681484	Co A

c. Wounded: Twelve

1. Higgins, Grady H.	38088834	Co A
2. Makey, Cecil L.	6285537	Co A
3. Kensire, Alex A.	38088868	Co A
4. Chavez, Patricio	38012128	Co A
5. Hayworth, Richard W.	34433386	Co A
6. Ryan, Harry F.	18162269	Co A
7. Shugars, Joseph C.	33031239	Co B
8. Headen, Claude, 1 Lt	0334821	Co B
9. Demagalski, Joseph J.	33010501	Co B
10. Spears, Robert Jr.	35636385	Co G
11. Meredith, Jim H.	7084185	Co G
12. Cannon, John L.	32862100	Co G

d. Missing: None.

10. Members who have distinguished themselves in action:

a. Awarded the Silver Star:

1. 1 Lt JAMES P. NOAKES, O1170120	Co B
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b. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal:

1. Major TEDDY L. MAWORTH	0269543	Bn Hq
2. Major ROBERT T. ALEXANDER	0316453	Bn Hq
3. T/Sgt John R. Gafey	32069415	Hq Co
4. W/Sgt Gread H. Orendorff Jr	6260013	Hq Co
5. 1 Lt HAROLD E. MUGGE	01823631	Co A
6. 1 Lt GORDON R. FERRIS	01822879	Co A
7. 1 Lt MARVIN W. MORRITT	01821612	Co A
8. Pvt Oscar Berger	33025514	Co A
9. Sgt Joseph M. Canatare	33025546	Co A
10. Pfc William F. Dapsis	31328572	Co A
11. Pfc Joseph A. Fiorentino	33780537	Co A
12. S/Sgt Salvatore Gambino	33026056	Co A
13. T/S Odell J. Jackson	37063001	Co A
14. Cpl John D. Mitchell	6959910	Co A
15. Sgt William Paulowitch	33031253	Co A
16. Cpl Oril E. Scott	38103186	Co A
17. T/S Lawrence H. Simpson	36824697	Co A
18. T/S William E. Wyatt	38089035	Co A
19. S/Sgt Alphas A. Dail	38098291	Co B
20. 1 Lt PHILIP FIELER	01824601	Co G
21. T/4 John J. Cadena	38029790	Med Det



11. Photographs of personnel, important scenes and events: None.

12. Miscellaneous:

1. a. 1 Lt FOWLER L. WRIGHT, O1824165, Co A and Corporal Lyman S. Andrews, 33758568, Rcn Co placed on temporary duty with reception station in the United States for a period of three months.

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b. 16 January 1945 marked six months continuous combat duty, including 3 campaigns.

c. Campaign participation to date:

Normandy Campaign (No 1), Letter Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, Subject: Battle Participation Awards - Normandy Campaign (No 1), file AG 200.6 OpQA, dated 16 November 1944.

Northern France Campaign (No 1), Ltr, Hq., ETOUSA, Subject: Battle Participation Awards - Northern France Campaign (No 1), file AG 200.6 OpQA, dated 1 December 1944.

Germany Campaign (no 1), Ltr, Hq., ETOUSA, Subject: Battle Participation Awards - Germany Campaign (No 1), file AG 200.6 OpQA, dated 24 December 1944.

d. Killed in action to date: 1 Officer, 17 EM.

Wounded in action to date: 4 Officers, 48 EM.

Missing in action to date: 0 Officers, 1 EM.

e. Total Awards received by members of this command for 6 months to date:

1. Silver Star - 7.

2. Bronze Star Medal - 41.

3. Croix de Guerre - 2.

f. Total number miles marched for past six months:

July - 49 miles. From UTAH BEACH to GRANVILLE, France.

Aug - 641 miles. From GRANVILLE, France to REIMS, France.

Sept - 137 miles. From REIMS, France to PAGNY-SUR-MOSELLE, France.

Oct - 40 miles. From PAGNY-SUR-MOSELLE, France to JOFFENCOURT, France.

Nov - 186 miles. From JOFFENCOURT, France to PELTERE, France.

Dec - 148 miles. From PELTERE, France to GREVELS-BRENSIL, Luxembourg.

Jan - 111 miles. From GREVELS-BRENSIL, Luxembourg, to REIMS, Germany.

Total distance 1,232 miles marched.

g. Enemy equipment destroyed for past six months:

1. Tanks, Mark IV	27
2. Tanks, Mark V	4
3. Tanks, Mark VI	1
4. Self propelled guns	4
5. AA and towed guns	13
6. Half tracks	11
7. Other vehicles	13
8. Machine guns	14
9. Mortars	4
10. OP's destroyed	8
11. Pill boxes	3
12. Ammunition and fuel dumps	2

h. Personnel killed and prisoners captured:

1. PW's captured	124
2. Enemy casualties (est)	133.



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