

ADJUTANT GENERAL
14th Tank Destroyer Battalion
A.F.S. 14, U.S. Army

ATTACHMENT A - RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON
REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS 14TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
1 DECEMBER TO 15 DECEMBER 1944 INCLUSIVE

- 1 Dec 1944 - Marked route for battalion move from bivouac, Anville, France to Leon, France.
- 2 Dec 1944 - Marked route for battalion on move from bivouac Leon, France to Charleroi, Belgium.
- 3 Dec 1944 - Marked route for battalion on move from bivouac Charleroi, Belgium to new station billets Isafelt, Belgium.
- 4 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment.
- 5 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment.
- 6 Dec 1944 - Lt. Carr (Platoon Leader) Detached Service, Line School, Bernay, France to duty with platoon.
- 7 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment.
- 8 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment.
- 9 Dec 1944 - Left billets at 0430 hours, route markers for battalion on move from Isafelt, Belgium to Geisten, Belgium.
- 10 Dec 1944 - Checking equipment and vehicles. General duty.
- 11 Dec 1944 - Checking equipment and vehicles.
- 12 Dec 1944 - Attached to Company "A" for duty and rations. Company "A" attached to 14th Cavalry Group at Landerfeld, Belgium. 1st Section relieved 2d Reconnaissance Platoon 619th Tank Destroyer Battalion from road patrol duty. Section billeted in Landerfeld for night.
- 13 Dec 1944 - 2d Section moved from Geisten, Belgium to Lauzerath, Belgium joined by 1st Section. Negative reports from patrols.
- 14 Dec 1944 - Mounted road patrols, reports negative. Furnished 1st Platoon Company "A" with two (2) caliber .30 Machine Guns.
- 15 Dec 1944 - Road patrols continued, reports negative. Plans made for disrupted patrol into German lines following evening.

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16 Dec 1944 - Position shelled by enemy artillery commencing at 0915 hours continuing until approximately 0730 hours. Unable to contact Company "A" CP by phone, situation at other positions unknown. Mine men sent to reinforce 2d Platoon Company "A" (also in Lauzerath). No contact with enemy made. At approximately 0830 hours, ordered to withdraw as fast as possible, leaving any equipment that might hinder evacuation. One car, armored, L-8 left in Lauzerath because of mechanical failure. Set up road-block on outskirts of Landerfeld to prevent encirclement. Harassed by an occasional round of enemy artillery. Ordered to act as rear guard for Company "A" on withdrawal to Herresbach, Belgium. 1st Reconnaissance Platoon, less two (2) L-8's joined Company "A" at Herresbach. Spent night in Herresbach.

17 Dec 1944 - Platoon Leader and 2d Section ordered to reconnoiter routes out of Herresbach. Contacted 14th Cavalry Group CP at Peyerode, Belgium, ordered to have Company "A" CO report there. Company "A" (with two (2) reconnaissance platoons) to act as security for 14th Cavalry Group CP move to St. Vith at approximately 0930 hours, move to Nieder Dunels at approximately 1300 hours, 1st Reconnaissance Platoon sent to Rear Echelon, moved to Poteau at approximately 1400 hours. Ordered to escort Company "A" (less one section, 2d Platoon, Company "A") to Battalion Rear Echelon, believed to be in vicinity of Houffalize, Belgium. Spent night in Vielsalm because of shortage of gasoline. Couldn't learn whereabouts of Forward CP.

18 Dec 1944 - Contacted and joined Battalion Rear Echelon about three (3) kilometers north of Houffalize. Approximately 1500 hours Battalion Rear moved to vicinity Rendoux, Belgium, acted as rear guard.

19 Dec 1944 - Replacements of shortages of clothing and equipment made by drawing same from Headquarters, "A", "B", and "C" Companies. Departed with 1st Reconnaissance Platoon to Forward CP at Vielsalm.

20 Dec 1944 - Mounted patrols sent to Poteau, located three (3) inch gun. Ordered to recover same. Mission accomplished in spite of enemy mortar fire.

21 Dec 1944 - Reconnaissance patrol sent to Baldange. 2d Reconnaissance Section convoy guard for 106th Division.

22 Dec 1944 - Platoon sent to reinforce road-block north of Bastogne, situation well in hand, reinforcement not needed.

23 Dec 1944 - Platoon acted as convoy guard for Headquarters Company, Special Troops, 106th Division, on move to Vic. Harre, Belgium. Rejoined Forward CP and moved to St. Antoine, Belgium, at 1700 hours. Acted as advance guard for Forward CP on move to Moupet, Belgium arriving at approximately 1930 hours.

24 Dec 1944 - Maintenance of equipment.

25 Dec 1944 - Moved to Belle Croix, Belgium with Forward CP. Attached to Company "B".

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26 Dec 1944 - Advance guard for Company "B" on move to Vic Harre. Set up tank warning system one (1) kilometer north Manhay, Belgium.

27 Dec 1944 - Manned tank warning system. Made plans to give infantry support to 2d Platoon, Company "B", in event of attack.

28 Dec 1944 - Manned tank warning system.

29 Dec 1944 - Manned tank warning system.

30 Dec 1944 - Manned tank warning net. Company "B" relieved at 1400 hours. Moved to Belle Croix and joined Forward CP.

31 Dec 1944 - Moved with Forward CP to Esneux, Belgium, relieved from duty with Company "B". Rejoined Headquarters Company.

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