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HEADQUARTER S COMPANY
820th Tank Destroyer Battalion
 A.P.O. 339, U.S.Army

AFTER/AFTER BATTLE REPORT
1 DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 1944 INCLUSIVE

1 Dec 1944 - Moved from bivouac area Danville, France at 0900. Arrived bivouac area Laon, France 1730 hours. 2d Reconnaissance Platoon ordered as Route Markers.

2 Dec 1944 - Moved from bivouac area Laon, France 0800 hours. Arrived bivouac area four (4) miles east Charleroi, Belgium 1200 hours. Moved to Charleroi, Belgium at 1730 hours arrived billet at 1830 hours. 2d Reconnaissance Platoon ordered as Route Markers.

3 Dec 1944 - Moved from billet Charleroi, Belgium 1000 hours. Arrived billets (V) K 5150 Laafelt, Belgium 1700 hours. 2d Reconnaissance Platoon ordered as Route Markers.

4 & 5 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment. Maintenance Platoon very busy with vehicle repair. Organization of billets complete.

6 Dec 1944 - Lt. Carr and Sgt. Son joined Battalion from Detached Service Mine and Booby Trap Course, Engineer School, Epervanay, France.

7 & 8 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment. Received alert orders for movement in the morning.

9 Dec 1944 - Moved from billet at Laafelt, Belgium at 0530 hours. Arrived billets Weisten, Belgium P 8183 at 1300 hours. Both Reconnaissance platoons ordered as Route Markers departed Laafelt, Belgium. 0430 hrs.

10 & 11 Dec 1944 - Care and cleaning of equipment.

12 Dec 1944 - 1st and 2d Reconnaissance Platoons attached to "A" Company for duty and rations. Received alert orders for movement of Rear Echelon to Eimerschied, Belgium. Captain Evleth went forward to reconnoiter billets in Eimerschied, Belgium P 9399.

13 Dec 1944 - CP Group departed for Eimerschied, Belgium at 1300 hours. Rear Echelon made preparations for movement in morning.

14 Dec 1944 - Rear Echelon less Motor Maintenance Platoon moved from Weisten, Belgium to Eimerschied, Belgium P 9399 at 1230 hours. Three (3) two and one-half (2½) ton cargo trucks were sent forward and attached one to each gun company.

15 Dec 1944 - No movement. No fire on this sector. Periodic Robot Bombs passed over. Motor Maintenance Platoon joined.

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16 Dec 1944 - Heavy enemy artillery fire seen approximately five (5) miles east beginning at 0530 hours, and lasting until 0800 hours. Rear Echelon was ordered ready to load at 1000 hours and ordered to load at 1500 hours, and ordered to move to Crombach, Belgium Coordinates P 8285 at 1630 hours. Arrived Crombach at 1730 hours and billeted for the night. Two (2) enlisted men Company "A" joined Rear Echelon. Four (4) enlisted men Company "B" joined Rear Echelon.

17 Dec 1944 - Lt. Kelly ordered to forward CP for duty. Rear Echelon ordered to move from Crombach, Belgium and arrived Coordinates P 6274 two (2) kilometers north of Houffalize, Belgium at 1530 hours. Twenty-three (23) enlisted men Company "C" and twenty-six (26) enlisted men Company "B" joined Rear Echelon at 1630 hours. No fire fight.

18 Dec 1944 - Three (3) officers and one hundred (100) enlisted men Company "A" and 1st and 2d Reconnaissance Platoons, and one (1) officer and fifty-one enlisted men Company "B" joined Rear Echelon. Rear Echelon ordered to move at 1400 hours and arrived at Rondeux, Belgium Coordinates P 4284 at 1730 hours. Two Reconnaissance Platoons were ordered to reequip with available equipment from Rear Echelon and attached troops for further duty at the front. Lt. Hamlin joined Rear Echelon at 1800 hours.

19 Dec 1944 - No change or movement of Rear Echelon. Two Reconnaissance Platoons left Rear Echelon at 1100 hours for forward CP. Major Adams joined at 1000 hours to take command.

20 Dec 1944 - No change or movement of Rear Echelon. Lt. Pietranton and five (5) enlisted men Communication Platoon joined at 1200 hours.

21 Dec 1944 - All troops alerted at 0130 by Major Adams. At 0230 two thirds (2/3) of command ordered on guard duty at all times. 0800 hours order to load and prepare to move. Lt. Gay with M-20 and two (2) 1/4 ton trucks and eight (8) enlisted men went north on road to Hotton as a reconnaissance party. Two (2) miles north of Rondeux the party encountered a German patrol. One (1) 1/4 ton truck was lost after a small fire fight. Rear Echelon ordered to move at 0900 hours and arrived Cinay, Belgium coordinates P 1392 at 1500 hours.

22 Dec 1944 - Rear Echelon ordered to move from Cinay, Belgium at 1100 hours. Column was stopped at St. Severin, Belgium by heavy movement of troops and road priority. Bivouaced at St. Severin for the night.

23 Dec 1944 - Moved from bivouac at 1200 hours and arrived Esneux, Belgium Coordinates K 465173 at 1315.

24 Dec 1944 - Set up necessary guard for Rear Echelon.

25 Dec 1944 - Personnel Section joined Rear Echelon at 1330 hours.

26, 27, 28, 29, & 30 Dec 1944 - Continued necessary guard duty for equipment and billets.

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31 Dec 1944 - CP Group and both Reconnaissance platoon joined Rear Echelon.

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