AFTER ACTION REPORT
621st ARMD INF. BATTALION
14TH ARMOR DIVISION

NOV 44 THRU APR 45

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SUBJECT 3-5,(T-1782)
after action report
Nov 11

11 Nov - 5 officers and 15 pcns departed from their staging area by rail for
ortieux-la-verriere 1300

12 Nov - 5 officers and 6 pcns departed from their staging area by truck conv
for ortieux-la-verriere at 1700.

13 Nov - a arrived at chatel-homexy at 1500.

14 Nov - used in bivouac 6 miles from homexy at ortieux-la-verriere frd, france

15 Nov - noted clearing mine fields had 2 casualties and 1 in-steel, 2
in-steel, 110mm. Changed bivouac area 5 miles of homexy.

20 Nov - under march to 1 mile of the 3rd line by sarnioun
-embury liers, arrived at reoccupation 2600 and stayed in column on
roadside all night, in the darkness a half-track from m-t turned
over killing 2 men - injuring 3.

21 Nov - left at 1700 for chernyvia - embury liers - french-embury - afrikail - int. 11th
-embury liers - int. gendarmes - machine gun.

22 Nov - in morning first resistance was encountered at 1400, 2000. In front of
clearing of homexy a road block consisting of fields was cleared by automatic weapons,
and 30 ccm. was eliminated. The road block could not be cleared until arrival of tank "zgor" because of mortar
concentration on road blocks.

23 Nov - 0000 - continued the attack - resistance was easily swept away
and the road blocks. 13 00 was taken in our sector at 1000.

24 Nov - continued the attack. 0000 - at 3rd small arms fire. At
outskirts of homexy at 0200, continued until the afternoon consisting of
dynamited road cleared by automatic weapons. 1000 was
eliminated, road repaired by engineers and other conv by
men. Column halted at 0300 at 1900 to allow passage of conv. At
the same time, the 1st conv proceeded at 1000. The 2nd conv was 4000,
which stayed there until morning of 27 due to a complete lack of
food. 11th conv proceeded at 1800. 13th conv proceeded at 1800. At
embury liers - afrikail - int. gendarmes - machine gun.

Every resistance met with heavy fire from automatic weapons, heavy
missiles, 20 mm. cans and 40 mm. anti-tank guns. Very enveloped left flack
of column and at 0000 we were forced to withdraw our heavy
convoy.
line set up at 1922-726 at 0200.

28 Nov - withdrew column and troops under cover of this force to Hindelsheim. Suffered vehicular casualties of 2 M4 tanks, 1 M47/75 3.7m. 1 T90, 1 M109, 1 T90, 1 M109, and 1 105mm howitzer retrieved but out of action. Personnel casualties 35 KIA and 4 WIA. 1500 proceeded to Kiechhofheim and remained until 29 Nov 44. Then proceeded to Wellwiler via Oberwil-Oberrhein.

29 Nov - met enemy resistance 800 yds of St. Pierre. Set up PFC at W 518-775 to 1600-771. Sent out patrols to reconnoiter stream crossings, bridges, and number of troops and activity in St. Pierre.

30 Nov - attack at 0815. Stiff resistance from automatic weapons ended in buildings. mortar and artillery fire also received. Town taken at 1530, 30 Nov 44. Outpost and security were set up for the night and preparation made for the attack on Epfig the following morning.

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VEHICULAR CASUALTIES

1 = M41 Half Track
1 = M8 37mm Gun
3 = 6-pdr Gun
1 = Armored Trailer
2 = Cargo Trailers
2 = M4A1 Tanks
1 = Armored Car 88

MATERIAL CASUALTIES

1 = 57mm AT
1 = 81mm Mortar
1 = 306
2 = 305
1 = 510
Army matériel captured was piled in the towns of Le Domois, Schirmeck, St Pierre and Sibermheim for salvage by rear echelon. No estimate of matériel is available.

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1 Plt B-94
Men Plt Hq Co 62 & 1 Assault Gun
1 Plt C-48
1 Plt 0-62 (on tanks)
1 Plt 0-125
1 see WO Plt Hq Co 62
Hq 62
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Hq Co 62 (-)
C-48 (-)
Med Det 62
1 Plt 0-62
0-48
0-25

22 Nov

1 Plt B-90
Men Plt Hq Co 62 & 1 Assault Gun
2 Plt C-48
1 Plt 0-52 (on tanks)
1 Plt 0-125
0-52 (-)
1 see WO Plt Hq Co 62
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C-48 (-)
C-62 (-)
Med Det 62
AT Plt 0-62

22 Nov

1 Plan for attack (see road fighting formation 22 Nov)

A Point
1 Platoon C-48 with 1 platoon 0-52 on tanks. When enemy resistance
is met infantry dismount and deploy to right and left to overcome
resistance. Tanks support infantry by direct fire.

B Advance Party
0-52 (in H/T)
0-125
1 see WO Plt Hq Co 62
Hq 62
3/4 ton ambulance - 3m surg 1 ton
1 see WO Plt Hq Co 62
Hq Co 62 (-)
AT Plt 0-62

M-52 in vehicles ready to dismount and move forward on foot to help
point in overcoming any resistance too strong for it to cope with.
platoon prepared to move forward on call from point to remove road blocks, mines or any other vehicular obstacles. 1 Plt 4q Co 62 as support. 2 Plt 4q Co 62 as protection to 4q 62. 4q Co 62 (-) held in readiness to support advance by assault gun and mortar fire. 1 Plt 4q 62 held in readiness to repel armored attack from flanks or to dismount personnel when enemy resistance is met on a rifle platoon to move forward and assist the remainder of 4q 62.

support
-4q -
-35 -
red net 62
1 Plt 4q 62 (rear guard)

Majority of tanks were held in support because column was road bound and the fires of more than one platoon or tanks could not be employed.

Orders - to move aggressively down route to achievement - by-pass any small sector of resistance and reach achievement as quickly as possible.

by

1 - 4q attack (see route forinston 25 4q)

- 4q 62 proceeds point by 15 minutes, move aggressively,
check side roads at least 500 yds from main route of advance.

Point
1 4q 62
1 4q 62 (on tanks)
Tank 62

When enemy resistance is met infantry dismount and deploy to right and
left to overcome resistance. Tanks support infantry by direct fire.
Tank 62 move forward to remove road blocks.

Advance party
1 4q 62
-35 -
1 rec 4q 62 Plt 4q 62
4q 62
1/4 ton 4q 62 (-) in rear, ton
1 rec 4q 62 Plt 4q 62
4q 62 (-)

Platoon of engineers well forward to act on call of point or men to
remove vehicular obstacles. 4q 62 (-) ready to move forward dismounted
to point encountered resistance that it could not overcome. 1 Plt
the protect 4q 62. 4q Co 62 (-) ready to support advance by assault
tank and mortar fire.
D Support
O-62 (-)
Med Det 62
AT Plt O-62

O-62 held in support to be used in case advance party met resistance
it could not overcome - also used to mop up areas taken by advance
party.

II Orders - Same as for Nov 22

24 Nov

I Plan for attack (see road fighting formation 24 Nov)
Units employed in same manner as on 23 Nov

II Orders initially same as for Nov 23.
At 1800 orders issued to halt column at 0530-015 to allow passage of
column 41 of OCA

23 Nov

I Orders - remain in Le Dossa - Perform maintenance on vehicles and weapons.

26 Nov

I Orders - Same as for 25 Nov

27 Nov

I Plan for attack (see road fighting formation 27 Nov)

II Orders - Proceed to and silence pass west of Selestat. Met stiff enemy
resistance 1 mile N of Malmenheim and received orders to withdraw to
Milmheim. Reorganized there and awaited further orders.

28 Nov

I Orders - Proceed to Milsheim and await further orders.

29 Nov

I Plan (see road fighting formation 29 Nov)

II Orders - To continue advance to Selestat. Met enemy resistance 800 yds
W of St Pierre. Set up outpost line and planned attack of St Pierre on
30 Nov.

30 Nov

I Plan - Attack St Pierre at 0645 supported by two batteries F A. D-62
attached from North. O-62 from west. O-48 supported attack by direct
fire. Assault gun Plt and mort Plt 1st Hq CO 62 supported attack.

II St Pierre taken at 1750 - Orders issued to outpost town and plan on St
Epiph on 1 Dec.
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1 Dec 44 - We continued our attack on Epfig. Reconnaissance elements reported Epfig taken by elements of 103 Inf Div at 0800, 1 Dec 44. Restored road block north of Epfig and continued advance south on Highway 1322. Leading elements were fired on at Blies bridge at 1748. Enemy withdrew and we captured one track and 2-1/2 ton cannons. Repaired bridge and continued south on Highway 1322. Received interdiction artillery fire at 1701, 1555 and also at Blies bridge at 1735. Repaired Blies bridge and continued toward Heidelsheim on Highway 1321. At 1910 received enemy automatic fire and sniper fire from the town of Heidelsheim. All resistance ceased except sniper fire at 1700. At 1800, 1 Dec 44 started to receive artillery fire, shelling continued until our departure at 1930, 3 Dec 44. Elements of the 103 Inf taking over and outposting town.

Proceeded to rejoin our division at Hochfelden by way of Epfig, St Pierre, Bertweiler, Semmiller, Osthol, Molochrome, Vasseloben to Hochfelden then Wieserheim. Arrived at 2200, 3 Dec 44. Remained in Wieserheim from 4 Dec to 22 Dec reorganizing and re-supplying. 13 Dec 44 at 0945 proceeded to Seulles near Perot making no enemy contact, but receiving some artillery time fire as the head of the column entered Seulles at 1600. 14 Dec 44 - Patrols report SP and MG gun in R114966. Captured Schenkenhaus at 1000 after artillery preparation. Enemy had withdrawn hurriedly allowing us to capture two 37mm guns and a side of beef. Enemy blew bridge at R114966 and withdrew before our reconnaissance forces at Ingolstein. We advanced dismounted toward Riedelstein and found bridge blown. Hostile artillery fell in Riedelstein preventing repair of bridge. The road between Ingolstein and Riedelstein was cleared of mines, and vehicles moved up to Riedelstein. Occupation of town was completed at 1700, but a pillbox NW side of Riedelstein continued firing. Six enemy tanks were reported in Riedelstein earlier in the day. 15 Dec 44 - Artillery and mortar fire fell around bridge site. Unable to complete bridge until 0900. Rains out of town under constant shelling. Reconnaissance party knocked out by mine at R114945. Enemy small arms and automatic fire stemmed our advance and limited it to 1000 yards. Our combat patrol killed 4 enemy and took 7 Pows at R114966. 16 Dec 44 - Pushed through to Wieserheim after heavy artillery preparation. Town captured and secured 1045. CG requested to investigate town. Absence of enemy records and papers found in town. Entered Germany 1202. Pushed on to Schenken and Hochsteinbach. Two pillboxes located at R114966. Remained in Schenken overnight receiving interdiction mortar and artillery fire. 17 Dec 44 - Pulled back beyond Wieserheim to allow 366th Inf to bunk Bergheim. At 2000 we moved back to Schenken receiving artillery fire as we moved back. Recovered AF guns but unable to locate them. Pulled back to Hochsteinbach and established security. At 0100 on 18 Dec we were relieved by the 69th Inf and moved to division reserve in Oberachbach. For route see overlay. From 18 to 22 Dec 44 remained in Oberachbach reorganizing and re-supplying.

22 Dec 44 - moved to Bertweiler making reconnaissance and preparing to relieve the 121st Cavalry. 23 Dec 44 - moved to Philippsburg. All units completed relief by 1300. Outpost lines set up. See overlay. Enemy patrol active after 2000. Civilians Pows reported artillery positions vicinity 892396. Blies bridge via 921271. 24 Dec 44 - During early morning hours artillery fell at 0650. A counter-attack took place from 0700 to 0830, but was repulsed after their commanding officer was killed. 30 civilians were forced out of the town of Heidelsheim by the enemy, because the enemy was moving in. 3 Co patrol reached Neuleichten and found it unoccupied. Civilians claimed hills east of town were occupied, and read to Neulechten mixed.
A Co patrol investigated Neudorf and drove two squads of enemy out. One PW taken. An 88mm fired 9 rounds at A Co outpost from Q375462. 25 Dec 44 - Patrol headed for Neudorf, met resistance at Q375469. Fire-fight resulted in location of pillboxes at Q910466, 909466, 917466 and a shed of 88mm ammunition at Q35467. Patrol received SMG fire from Q383464690. Same patrol questioned civilians and reported 900-500 men in hills behind Equeschardt. Aid station located Q375469. 43 combat troops and 20 labor troops vicinity Q375469. 26 Dec 44 - 2 PWS taken. Claimed to be moved in to reinforce infantry in Waldau area. Wearing air corps uniform. Artillery active during morning hours. Shelling Phillipseburg with 77 rounds. OPs and outposts received heavy shellings. Plane reported artillery positions at Q9125030 and Q1255100 fired on and fired effective. C Co patrols report dugout at Q349466. Encountered 2 men and killed them. Civilians reported 40 men in hills north of Waldau Q4349465. 3 men in civilian clothes walked out of pillbox known to be occupied by Germans. Tank with crew seen moving in a position at Q316463. Total of 261 shells fell in Phillipseburg during day 26 Dec 44. 27 Dec 44 - Patrols unable to contact enemy. Four rounds enemy artillery fell Q909462. Our artillery was active firing known pillboxes and occupied towns. 28 Dec 44 - Artillery fired on large concentration of men, which seemed to be withdrawing or being relieved. The effect of fire was good. A Co patrol discovered a road block and was fired on by 6 or 8 defenders at Q377462. After dark, vehicular movement was heard on the road to Neudorf, but this movement ceased when artillery fell on the suspected location. 29 Dec 44 - Patrols investigated pillboxes and artillery fired suspected locations of enemy. Enemy OP or OP located at Q41804795. 30 Dec 44 - C Co pinned down 3 men patrol and killed 1 man later identified as a sergeant. Our artillery knocked out a vehicle drawing an artillery piece. Mortar and artillery fell intermittently in Phillipseburg. 31 Dec 44 - 1430 Enemy vehicles were heard on north side of lake at Q353450. Active patrols found no enemy in the sector during daylight hours, but a six man patrol with a dog infiltrated our lines at Q392452 at 2040.
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1st Lt. Dean T. Jones

S-8
1st Lt. Richard A. Hileman

3d Co. Comdr
1st Lt. Millard C. Robinson

4th Co. Comdr
Capt Daniel E. Iannella

5th Co. Comdr
Capt James A. Johnson

6th Co. Comdr
Capt Howard & Trammell

7th Co. Comdr
1st Lt. Eugene E. Petheram

Med Det. Comdr
Capt. Laurence C. Thouven

Br. Trn G
Capt. Norval C. Jones

Attached

59th Tank Bn

3d Co. Comdr
Capt John D. Wilson

29th Tank Bn

2d Co. Comdr
1st Lt. Homer L. Wagner

2d Plt. Ldr
1st Lt. James Freer

1st Plt. Ldr
2d Lt. Henry J. Solor

14th Eng. Bn

2d Plt. Ldr
1st Lt. James Willsey

3d Co. 1st Rdr 1st Lt. Donald O. May

14th Cav. Regt. Med. Meca

6th Co. Comdr
Capt. Carl Steffens

6th Lt. Ldr
Lt. John Krakor

8th Actg. Plt. Ldr
9/3rd. 1st. Joseph B. Kak

500th AFA Bn

C Btry. Comdr
Capt. Newman
31 Mort Br

C Co Comdr Capt Robert B Smith
B Co Comdr 1st Lt James Davis

117 Cav Rcn Sect Mttn

A Co Comdr Capt Fites-Randolph

645th TD Br

2d Actg Plt Ldr 5/Sgt Edward Tousignant

Support

540th Eng Br

Co Comdr 1st Lt Kuzse

17th FA Br

FC 1st Lt Wagner

Promotions & Appointments

To Captain

1st Lt Lawrence G Thouin 0 515 573 MC

Battfield Appointments

2d Lt Waelford J Bledgett 02 000 647 INF
2d Lt James V Bailey 01 692 672 INF
2d Lt Roland L Accox 02 000 648 INF
2d Lt Joseph F Collins Jr 01 692 637 INF
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2d Lt Robert L Barbripton 01 692 636 INF

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1 Jan 1945 at 0001 vehicles were heard at Q824473. At 0002 enemy attack across the entire front of our battalion zone. The main effort by enemy being made on battalion left flank in the sector of C Co, by estimated 2000 infantry supported by five (5) Mark IV tanks. At 0200 tracks tracks of 6 enemy and 3 dog were discovered to rear of our lines. SA were heard in Neunhoffen - Q9146. Flares were continuously sent up by the enemy. Intense AW fire followed at 0200. Bazookas being used by enemy on right flank of Co A near Neunhoffen. 0230 - enemy patrol of 10 men reported at Q882456. At 0325 enemy had placed SA and AW fire on road at Q823446. At 0402 receiving heavy mortar fire at Q834472. Our intense mortar and AG fire forced enemy to start digging in at Q834455. At 0430 communication with Co C lost. At 0450 vehicles were seen on trail and enemy were heard in our tactical wire at Q903455. At 0500 sporadic SA and AW fire received from Q825458 and Q835455. An explosion was observed at Q844350. Our AG fire forced enemy to withdraw from Q904456. Fiercest part of fight now at Q794453. At 0555 attack shifted in intensity to Q854454. Two enemy mortars located firing from Q914452. At 0600 enemy driven back to Q811458 under fire of our 4.2 mortars. At 0815 all enemy observed were wearing full field equipment with extra shoes. At 0905 two enemy tanks believed to be Mark IV observed in Neunhoffen. At 0915 enemy reorganizing at Q829462. Fired on by our artillery, 10 enemy observed traveling NW into Neunhoffen. 0920 - enemy attack at Q831454. 1000 - enemy attack repulsed at Q884454. At 1115 30 rounds medium arty fell in Philipsbourg. 20 rounds of mediumarty fell at Q824452. At 1220 five enemy tanks and two armored cars reported advancing down the railroad track from Bannstein to Philipsbourg. Intermittent arty fire fell until 0400 2 Jan 1945. 2 Jan 1945 - enemy infiltrating behind A and B Co at 0405. Intense hand grenade and SA fight in both company sectors. At 0710 enemy armed with automatic pistol at CR874429. S/Sgt Lepak, Co A, captured 19 enemy 0750. Co A trapped two enemy platoons in draw at Q889445. At 0835 two medium tanks of LB-25 supported by the 14 platoon of A Co placed fire on enemy in draw at Q880445. At 0840 Co A captured 104 enemy infantry and 23 evacuated. 6 officers one of which was wounded, for a total of 133 PW's. A and B Co estimated 309 dead in front of their positions. C Co estimated 1000 dead, no PW's. At 1120 - 3 rounds of lightarty fell in Philipsbourg. Enemy sniper firing on personnel outside En CP at Q875428. 2 rounds of lightarty fell in Philipsbourg at 1310. At 1320 we were relieved by the 275th Inf of 70th Inf Div. At 1330 we reverted to Div Pns and moved to Ingwiller, where we were in the process of reorganization and resupply until 1700, 4 Jan 1945. At 1700, 4 Jan moved to Kindwiller where we established defensive line Zinswiller, Rothbach, Offwiller and Ingwiller. We remained in this area through the 10th of Jan. On the 11th of Jan we moved to Gurstedt via Ingwiller and Gundershoven. On the 12th we moved to Kuhlendorf via Soultz and Rohwiller. At 1300 the 12 Jan 45 this battalion attacked toward the high ground north of Hatten. Companies A and C, the assault companies, passed the LD and received heavyarty and mortar fire at R156350. At 1400 75 and 88mm enemy AT guns fired on our troops from positions vio R162445 and R156339. Mortar and Arty fire was placed on the enemy. At 1430 Rcn 2A-94 reported being pinned down vio of R173355. A and C Co plus 62 Rcn receiving heavy casualties from enemy tank, mortar, arty and SA fire, were forced to withdraw. Reported enemy infantry dug in at R162445. Two Mark VI tanks and 75mm AT gun at R154377. Mortar position at R185414. 88mm AT gun at R175339. 20mm AA gun at R159341. C-25 attached to 62d AT lost two HAA tanks.
destroyed one enemy 88 AT gun. Unknown number of enemy personnel. 13 Jan 45 at 0835 0-25 in fire fight with enemy tanks knocked out 2 Mark IV tanks and at 1020 0-25 hit and burned one Mark IV. At 1030 0-25 was sent to attack the high ground north of Hatten. But was forced to withdraw by intense AT fire and tank fire from Hatten, Stundwiller and high ground north of Rittershoffen. 14 Jan 45 - we received intermittent arty fire and mortar fire on our front lines and in Kuhlendorf. 15 Jan 45 - vehicles were heard in vic of R165343. 7 enemy vehicles moved north from Rittershoffen at 1200. 1300 - patrol reported 3 enemy digging in vic of R165348. Received sniper fire from vic of knocked out tank R158345. Fired into tank with bazooka - sniper fire ceased. Intermittent harassing arty fire fell in Kuhlendorf through out the afternoon and night. 16 Jan 45 - 1040 - received enemy fire of 40mm and mortar on our outposts. 1050 - received intense mortar barrage on outpost line. Enemy fired 2 rounds of 88mm into our knocked out tank at R158345. Undetermined number of infantry reported at creek bed at R165343. Enemy tank believed to be Mark IV withdrew from orchard at R165343, fired on by our tanks, reported burning. At 1310 enemy armored personnel carrier and Mark IV tank vic 169346 hit and set afire by assault guns 62d AIB. At 1545 two bombs were dropped in Kuhlendorf by two ME-262's. Enemy SP reported vic R173346 Enemy towed 88 and undetermined number of vehicles reported vic R158345. 17 Jan 45 - 1040 - undetermined number of enemy vehicles, one personnel carrier, on self-propelled reported vic R169352. Interdictory light and medium arty fire fell in Kuhlendorf throughout the day. 0800, 18 Jan 45, 3 enemy tanks, one half-track with infantry reported vic R171348. These vehicles were destroyed by direct fire of B-25. Mark VI seen at R160343. At 1630 enemy smoke-screen between our position and Rittershoffen. Patrols which pushed through to investigate were forced back by the heaviest mortar barrage we have encountered to date. At 1400 - 4 enemy killed attempting to enter our knocked out tank at R158345. Interdictory fire fell in Kuhlendorf during the day. 1800 - increased activity reported in Rittershoffen. 19 Jan 45 - 0145 - Blackout lights reported vic R171349 - fired on by our assault guns. At 0800 - one enemy tank and infantry reported in vic R159343 - fired on by arty. 0945 - 3 enemy half-tracks abandoned vic R164332 - fired on by 0-25, they were destroyed. Personnel from abandoned enemy half-tracks reported going toward Oberroedern. Enemy 40mm At gun destroyed by 0-25 at R179343. Wrecked L-1 Rcn plane reported at R165348, identity unknown. Enemy tank with infantry at R168350 fired on and destroyed by 0-25 at 1035. At 1040 3 enemy tanks and MG reported vic R179343. Enemy infantry between RJ and woods, same area. 1100 - one enemy SP, one Mark V or VI, hit and reported burning vic R171347 by 0-25. 40 rounds of 150mm arty fell in Kuhlendorf 1315 to 1330. 20 Jan 45 - 0130 - 4 rounds of 150mm arty fell in Kuhlendorf. 0830 - Heavy enemy smoke-screen 400 yards to front of our position. Intense heavy shelling of our front line positions throughout the day. Enemy flares reported to our front at intervals throughout the night. 21 Jan 45 - at 0220, acting as a rear guard for the withdrawal of the 18th AD, started withdrawing. At 0645 withdrawal by way of Holwiller, Soultz, to high ground north of Surbourg was completed. Small enemy patrols with bazookas reported in Holwiller. At 0730 completed withdrawal by way of Hagenuer passing through new MLR to Saassolheim where we reverted to Corps Reserve. 21 Jan through 31 Jan devoted to reorganization and resupply. During this period we received 145 reinforcements.
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  - Maj Arthur J Richards 13–31 Jan 45

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  - Capt Charles E Stratman 13–31 Jan 45

- **S–3**
  - Maj William T Higgins Jr

- **S–4**
  - Capt Ernest M Gifford

- **S–2**
  - Capt Arlus L Gambrell

- **Ln C**
  - Capt Charles E Stratman 1–12 Jan 45
  - Capt Howard A Trammell 13–31 Jan 45

- **S–3 AIR & Com C**
  - 1st Lt Dean T Jones 1–12 Jan 45

- **S–1**
  - 2d Lt Charles O Collins 13–31 Jan 45

- **Hq Co Comdr**
  - Capt Willard C Robinson

- **A Co Comdr**
  - Capt Daniel R Iannella 1–12 Jan 1945
  - 1st Lt Dean T Jones 13–31 Jan 1945

- **B Co Comdr**
  - Capt James Mohr 1–12 Jan 1945
  - 1st Lt Robert H Peoples 13–31 Jan 1945

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Silver Star
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BRONZE STAR

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UNIT HISTORY REPORT 82D ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

1 March 1945 - The battalion continued its mission of defensive positions Uberach, Pfaffenhoffen and high ground east of Pfaffenhoffen. Enemy generally non-aggressive but sensitive to our patrols using his artillery and mortar extensively throughout the day and night. There was heavy flare activity. Considerable enemy motor movement between Bittshofen and Q927289. C Co patrol reached objective at RR Station which was unoccupied by enemy.

0500, 2 March 1945, B Co took three PW's. Continued enemy artillery activity which fell in Uberach and Niedermorden, 150 rounds falling in the period of 1900-2200.

0300, 3 March 1945, A Co patrol had fire fight with enemy vic RR Station. Enemy not aggressive but continued use of his mortar and artillery throughout day and night. Continued heavy flare activity throughout battalion sector.

0615, 4 March 1945, seven PW's were taken by B Co. Heavy vehicular traffic in the vicinity Bittshoffen between hours of 0200 and 0400. B Co OP in Uberach received burp gun fire from corner of woods during the morning. Mortar position located by assault gun OP Q9092289 and neutralized by assault gun platoon. Enemy mortar and artillery light throughout day and night. Continued heavy flare activity due to our patrols probing their positions.

5 March 1945 - enemy remained non-aggressive and decreased their mortar and artillery fire throughout day and night. Approximately 45 rounds of mortar and artillery fell during this 24-hour period.

6 March 1945, C Co patrol reached objective at RR Station and found positions unoccupied. B Co received harassing burp gun fire from corner of woods throughout day. Enemy mortar fire increased, approximately 60 rounds fell in Uberach. Flare activity heavy throughout night.

7 March 1945, enemy very quiet. Received 18 rounds mortar in Niedermorden, but continued heavy flare activity.

Enemy action during the period of 8th and 9th of March very quiet. Light artillery and mortar fire during period. Flare activity decreased also.

The battalion was relieved by the 68th AIB, 10 March 45, and moved to Ettendorf 10 March 45. Co Co moved to Altenheim and was attached to 47th Tank Battalion. A Co moved to Wickersheim and B Co to Bossendorf. En Hq moved from Ettendorf to Alteckendorf at 1100, 12 March 45. Co C 47th Tk Bn was attached to 62d AIB and billeted in Alteckendorf from 12 March to 19 March, reorganising and resupplying under COMRA.

1900, 19 March 45, the battalion moved to assembly area Niederbichdorf via Hockfelden, Hageneu, and Sembourg arriving at 2305.

0530, 20 March 45, battalion moved to vic Aschbach. A Co in Leiterswiller, B Co in Hoffen, C Co in Altenheim. 2015, 21 March 45, battalion marched to assembly area and attack position vic Leiterswiller, Germany, and prepared to attack Steinfeld 17 Feb through the 5th Arm 23, 21 March 45.
0455, 21 March 1945, attack jumped off. A and B Co's on the left and C Co on the right. C Co entered Steinfeld thru heavy mortar barrage and AW fire at 0515. A and B Co's entered Steinfeld at 0525 thru heavy SA and AW fire from pill boxes. By 0700 the area assigned to C Co was cleared. B Co moving slowly from house to house under heavy enemy SA, artillery and mortar fire, reached and secured final objective at eastern end of town. A Co receiving small arms and mortar fire from pill boxes fought house to house and secured their objective. At 1300 enemy counter-attack preceded by artillery barrage was beaten off by all three companies.

The battalion cleared and outposted Steinfeld, 21 March 1945. During the attack on Steinfeld, the Battalion Commander, Lt Col James H Myers, was wounded and evacuated for the second time in a period of three months.

0500, 22 March 1945, 68th AIB passed thru our positions to attack the town of Schaidt. A and B Co had the missions of clearing the pillboxes and sealing them to the left and right of Steinfeld and Schaidt. Service Co, 62d AIB had the mission of welding all pillboxes to prevent further occupation. Bn Hq plus A and B Co moved to Schaidt in rear of CCB, as Division reserve and outposted town. Co C, 62d AIB remained in Steinfeld and secured the town.

1800, 24 March 1945. The battalion marched from Schaidt to Kapsweyer, Germany, where it remained to 31 March 1945, reorganizing and resupplying under CCB.

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2d Lt Valdo H Hunt 02 011 609 INF
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star
1st Lt Francis E Borre A Co
Sgt Robert F Lavelle Hq Co
Tec 5 Jack R Brown C Co
Pfc John S Nardone A Co
UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT (Narrative)

62d AIB billeted in Saassolheim 0235120 from 1 Feb to 27 Feb 1945. Time was spent in reorganizing, resupplying and training of reinforcements. On 27 Feb 45 at 1300 the 62d began march by infiltration to relieve 68th AIB in defensive position and occupy MLR on the right flank of 14th AD sector. This move was completed at 0130, 28 Feb 45. 282100 Feb 45 - 7 man patrol was sent out to capture a PW. This mission was accomplished and the patrol returned at 23345 Feb 45. Enemy action, non-aggressive, enemy artillery and mortar sporadic.

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Ln O - 2d Lt Raymond Gravelle
S-3 AIR & COM Q - 2d Lt Charles O. Collins
S-1 - 1st Lt Richard E. Riemen
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3v Co Comdr — Capt Eugene D. Petheram
Med Det Comdr — Capt Lawrence G. Thouin
Bn Mtr O — Capt Norval E. Jones

ATTACHED

14th Tank Bn
B Co Comdr — Capt Robert G. Elder

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

To Captain
1st Lt Eugene D. Petheram 01 311 426 INF
1st Lt Dean T. Jones 01 311 301 INF

Battlefield Appointments
2d Lt Gordon F. Krentz 02 007 052 INF
2d Lt Howard L. Laws 02 006 192 INF

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Silver Star
2d Lt John W. Pleacher Jr Co C
5/Sgt Augustin C. Bojorques Co C
Sgt John H. Barber Co A

Bronze Star
2d Lt Charles G. Galdivin Co A
T/Sgt Robert C. Burbank Hq Det
T/Sgt Dale L. Phipps Co C
Sgt Roland T. Kelly Hq Co
Sgt Norman B. Miller Co C
Sgt Benedict J. Kaczmarek Co C
Tec 5 Kenneth N. Grage Med Det
Pfc William A. Gerow Co A
Pfc John J. Cunningham Med Det
Pfc Fred Davis Co A
UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT  For April 1945

0500, 1 April 1945 the 62d AIR moved from Kapsweyer, Germany and marched to division assembly area in the (Route of march - Bergzabern, Landau, Offenbach, Geinsheim, Hafslch, Mucklenheim, Frankenthal, Worms, Benaheim, Rosdorf, Darmstadt, Uberau) vicinity Reidheim, Germany arriving at the town of Uberau at 1145. This battalion with attached units A-501, one platoon of 636 TD's, A Co-25th Tk En, one platoon of A-125 moved in rear of CC"B" as division reserve to jump off position at Lohr. B Co which throughout this operation was attached to CC"R" Hq was sent to Hambelsburg to liberate allied PW Camp.

The battalion was held up by CC"B" column which was being slowed down by numerous blown bridges and road blocks. Being unable to move, unit remained at Lohr until 0830 the 6th of April, during which time C Co was sent to outpost Gemunden.

At 0830, 6 April 1945 the battalion jumped off in the attack. Moved rapidly along route against spotty enemy opposition. At 2030 the battalion stopped for night at Munster.

At 0545 C Co attacked Hunsbach, this town being cleared by 0700. Unit then continued attack along route meeting light to moderate resistance, Co A leading. At 1205 Co A, while clearing town of Gressthal, was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar concentrations. During this time the battalion commander, Major Arthur J Richards was slightly wounded. Major William T Higgins Jr, battalion executive officer, was wounded and had to be evacuated. After clearing town, column was halted for the night in the town of Gressthal.

8 April 1945, the battalion was assembling and resupplying in the town of Gressthal.

1400, 9 April 1945 this battalion moved to Ostheim via Bad Kissingen, Munnerstadt and Neuustadt arriving at 1845. It remained here until 1815, 11 April. Then it moved to forward assembly area vicinity of Streufdorf.

0630, 12 April C Co crossed L. D. and attacked to the south followed by column. The battalion proceeded as far as the Main river where it was held up by blown bridge. At 0701, 13 April, moved across bridge built by A-125 under Lt Dillard and proceeded forward, A Co leading, against no opposition arriving at Rothmansthal at 1303. At 1700 the battalion moved to the vicinity Fernreuth arriving at 2000. The battalion remained here picking up numerous prisoners from the town and surrounding woods. During this period C Co was sent to Crussen to aid 94th Rcn in guarding PWS. Attack by 20 SP's and Inf. Attack driven off. At 0630, 15 April the battalion moved from Fernreuth to new area at Buchenbach. A Co plus A-25 leading column and out-posting Kaltenthal. 16 April still in Buchenbach. Platoon, Co A placing post on Auto Bahn cutting it.

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28 JUL 1945
1300, 17 April after being relieved by elements of 71st Inf Div, the battalion moved to assembly area vicinity of Altdorf via the Autoban, Autoban to Lauf, Herbstbrook, then Altdorf, then to Deinschwanz - arriving here at 2045.

Following morning moved to take over position at Bittenhofen closing at 1215. A Co led in this march.

1430, Liaison officer orders battalion move to Wendelstein and relieve elements of 106 Cavalry Group in that zone and protect flank of 45th Div which was attacking Nuremberg. The route to this area was, Deinschwanz, Reichelshofen, Stockelsberg, Altdorf, Weinhof, Pengenhof and Feucht. A Co led this march. The battalion closed in at Leerstetten, C Co in Rednitzheinsbach, A Co in Schwand.

April 17th and 20th the battalion spent in Leerstetten. 21 April, 0600 the battalion attacked to the south, C Co in the lead, meeting very little resistance. At 1000 took Hilpoltstein and assembled there awaiting further orders from CCR.

At 1200 message from CO, CCR ordering one Co to be sent to the aid of 25th Tk En which was meeting stiff resistance at Allersburg.

22 April the battalion was still in Hilpoltstein.

23 April at 0815 the battalion moved to attack to the south C Co leading. At 0930 our column held up by 47th Tk column at Pyras. After numerous Rcn missions on different roads of suitable routes could not be found by 94th Rcn. At 1710 C Co attacked town of Stout after heavy artillery preparation. At 1830 the town was reported clear and outposted for the night, the remainder of the battalion staying in Eysolden. At 2200 the 14th Armored Division was transferred to the 3rd Corps, 3rd Army.

24 April at 0645 the battalion attacked to the south with Ingolstadt as the objective. The battalion proceeded as far as the Altmuhl river where it was held up by blown bridges.

25 April was spent in town of Hirnstetten awaiting completion of bridge.

At 1030 battalion moved from Hirnstetten crossing river and proceeded to objective where it encountered very little opposition. The battalion closed in Mailing at 1715.

27 April the battalion moved to Ingolstadt to take over police and holding of town.

1600, 28 April the battalion moved from Ingolstadt crossing Danube river and proceeded to assembly area at Aiglsbach via
Manching, Ernsgaden, Geisenfeld.

1100, 29 April Staff and Company Commanders meeting at battalion CP a new march order was issued moving the battalion to assembly area at Neuhausen.

While closing into town a new O. I. sent by radio moved the battalion to Moosburg to take charge of town and P W camp.

1745, 30 April A Co and C Co plus B-68 were committed to establish bridgehead on the high ground across Isar river. Crossed by foot over blown bridge of Isar river. Objective was taken at 2000 against enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, siezing and securing the bridge intact over the Isar Canal.

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1st Lt Edwin M Kosik 3-30 Apr 45

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Bn Mtr Off - Capt Norval E Jones

Attached

25th Tk Bn

A Co Comdr - 1st Lt John R Martin

Ron Plt Comdr - 1st Lt Richard M Grandin

3d Plt-A Comdr - 2d Lt Robert S Walton

3d Plt-D Comdr - 2d Lt Robert D McClerran

125th Engr Bn

1st Plt-A Co Comdr - 1st Lt John A P Dillard

636th TD Bn

3d Plt C Co Comdr - 2d Lt John P Kehoe

2d Plt C Co Comdr - 2d Lt Thomas L Copeland

501st FA Bn

A Btry Comdr - Capt Bernard P Gwalphney

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Promotions & Appointments

To Major
Capt Ernest X Gifford Jr 0 447 217 INF

To Captain
1st Lt Thomas R Day 01 015 286 INF

To 1st Lt
2d Lt David Klein 02 000 662 INF
2d Lt James J Kolar 02 006 410 INF
2d Lt Robert W Pawes 0 528 402 INF

Battlefield Appointments
2d Lt Gustav Hinrich

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

British Military Medal
T/Sgt James H Meeks Co A

Bronze Star
2d Lt Vernon L Conway Co B