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1. APRIL 1945

Squadron closed Rossdorf, Germany at 0340. Day spent on maintenance of vehicles and preparation for next operation - 2 Rcn. platoons from A and D attached to "F" and 1 tank platoon from F attached to A and D respectively. Squadron on 2 hour alert.

2 APRIL 1945

Squadron moved from Rossdorf at 0230. By passed CCA column and assembled in Wintersbach and Heimbucherthal. B Troop atchd. CCB. C Troop atchd. CCA. A D and F recoinitered to Partenstein and area S of Lohr. D Troop received heavy fire from Partenstein - F stopped short of Lohr by CCB. - A bogged down on bad roads S of Lohr. - Sq captured 15 PW's and cleared towns of Krommenthal and Wiesthal. Sq CP at Rechtenbach at close of day.

3 APRIL 1945

Sq Hq, A, E & F in Rechtenbach, D Troop in Krommenthal. D Troop maintained IN with other units in Division and with units of 3rd Inf. Div. in our zone. Reconnoitered for routes from Partenstein to Lohr. Partenstein cleared by CCA. - D troop moved to Lohrhampton and Sq Hq, F & A moved to Ruppertshtuten, at 2150.

4 APRIL 1945

A Troop moved to Ranyersbrunn at approx 0300 and recoinitered towards Reineck and Burgsinn. Reached Burgsinn 1400 and located bridge across Sinn River. - Reconnoitered north and cleared Rossbach. D troop moved from Krommenthal to Aura - Reached Aura 1030 and recoinitered N & W towards Rossbach and Weissenbach,, Encountered Arty fire at 1405 and began rcn. towards Bruchenaue. Sq lost contact with D troop at 1500 and attempts were made to establish liaison. F troop moved to Lohr at 0001, were held up by blown bridges until 0600 when bridges were repaired by 125th Engrs. F troop then moved to Ruppertsweiler and cleared road between there and Lohr. Reached Langenprozelten at 1200 but were not permitted to pass through CCC. - Moved to Burgsinn at 2000. Sq captured 41 Pws 33 Italian laborers at close of day Sq CP was in Burgsinn on east side of sinn river.

5 APRIL 1945

F troop moved south, met reinforced Inf Co from CCR and moved out on mission to liberate American Pw's at Hammelburg. Cleared Graffendorf-Burgsinn road and proceeded towards Michelau. Detached from Sq. SQ atchd, CCA at 0900. Moved out on right flank of CCA with A troop on Rt. (South) and D on left. D troop took Dreistelhof, Breitenbach, Mitgendorf, Shitdeck. Occupied and outposted Geroda. D received heavy S.P. fire from vic Geroda. A troop took and cleared towns of Detter, Modles, Ober Leichtersbach, Leichtersbach, Schadra. Received heavy arty and small arms fire from Geroda at approx 1500. Attacked and took Geroda by 1900, killing approx 20 ey and capturing 142. Knocked out 1 ey half track, 1-88mm gun and 1 other artillery piece. Sq CP located at 498878 from 1500 until close of period. E Troop in support of A in attack on Geroda. Lt. Bennett of F troop captured when his tank was hit at Geroda.

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Sq moved out at 0800 with A troop assigned left route (N W) and D on Rt. A troop cleared towns of Platz at 0900, Waldfenster at 1000, Zallbach at 1130, Burkardroth at 1200, Stangenroth at 1215 and Gefall at 1420. Entered Langenleiten at 1330 but ~~were~~ forced to withdraw by enemy tanks and small arms fire. Determined amount of resistance at Langenleiten for 68th Inf. D Troop took town Wallbach at 1225, Steinberg at 1345, Prennich at 1345. Met 4 enemy tanks at 667907 which knocked out one of our Armored cars. Troop forced to withdraw to Steinberg where they knocked out 1 enemy tank. 68th Inf. relieved Sq on attack North. D troop protected right flank of 68th and A troop supported their attack. At approx 1600 D troop was attacked by 4 enemy tanks and was forced to withdraw to Stangenroth. Sq contacted elements of 3rd Inf. Div at Stangenroth and outposted the town for the night. 50 Pw's captured during the period, 4 tanks, 5 trucks, 2 75mm guns and 5 supply wagons were knocked out. Sq CP in Stangenroth at end of period.

7 APRIL 1945

A troop passed through 68 Inf. at Langenleiten and reconnoitered north to Sandbach. D troop reconnoitered for alternate routes to east by way of Schmalwassen, Friendly Inf. was engaged in knocking out resistance at Schmalwassen, and Steinach and D was unable to pass through. A, C and Sq CP were assembled in Sandbach for possible movement to E or NE. Orders were received to move Sq to Burkardroth and seize crossings at Frank Salle river between Bad Kissengen and Aschach. Sq assembled vic: Burkardroth with Sq Cp in Burkardroth at 2300. D 48 and A Co. 636 TD Bn Atch'd.

8 APRIL 1945

A troop moved out from Stangenroth at 0800. Crossed Frank Salle river at Aschbach: captured towns of Windheim, Burglauer and Niederlauer. Secured bridges at Burglauer and cleared and outposted the town. Maintained contact with 7th Inf. Regt in zone. D troop moved out from Zollbach to Bad Kissengen. Were not permitted to cross Frank Salle River at Bad Kissengen.

Sq. CP moved across Frank Salle River at Aschbach. Received orders to reassemble Sq at Burkardroth at approx 1400. D 48 and A 636 were used as Sq reserve during the days operation but reverted to control of their parent unit at end of the period. Sq was reassembled at Burkardroth at 2000. The results of the days operations were 19 Pw's captured, 2 machine guns and 1 flak wagon destroyed and 2 15 car railroad trains captured.

9 APRIL 1945

Squadron, still minus B, C, and F and still attached to CCA received orders to reconnoiter Div. assembly area in the vicinity of Renteverts-Hausen. Contacted elements of 2nd Cav group on right flank of 3rd Army, 11th Armd. Division and 180th Inf. Regt. D troop reconnoitered woods east of Haina where 1000 ey Inf. had been previously reported. Found numerous road blocks but no enemy troops. This was the Squadrons first contact with 3rd Army troops. Sq Cp in Renteverts-Hausen at close of period.

10 APRIL 1945

Sq reverted to Div. Control at 0945 with 1 platoon A 636 attached T D sections were attached to A & D troops. C Troop returned to Sq control at 0945 and closed at Eichach at 1700. F troop returned to Sq control at 0830 and was given the mission of reconnoitering in the zone of the Corps left flank and maintaining contact with the 45th Div and the 106th Cav. A troop maintained contact with elements of the 2nd Cav Group and 11th Armd Div on Rt flank of 3rd Army. D troop continued reconnaissance of suspected ey pockets in woods E of Haina. Sq CP moved to Haina.

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11 APRIL 1945

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A Troop and D troop screened area from Heldburg to 11 Armored Division to block escape route for enemy stragglers which were being flushed from the north east by the 2nd Cav. group. C troop maintained contact with 11th Armored Division. Units on left and captured towns of Linderau, Erlebach, Ummerstadt and Colberg. C troop had stiff fire fight in Ummerstadt and captured 29 Pw's. Sq C.P. moved to Heldberg at 1400. Sq attached to CCR at 2130 and C troop attached to CCA at 1800.

12 APRIL 1945

Sq moved out ahead of CCR columns bypassed blown bridges and attempted to find crossings of Main River vic Liechtenfels. D troop drew small arms fire from Lichtenfels and 25th Tank Bn passed through to take town. A bridge was discovered south of Lichtenfels which was improved by the Engineers. 8 Pw's were captured during period and towns of Siemau, Buch-am-Frost and Schney were captured. Sq Cp closed in Stetten at end of period.

13 APRIL 1945

Sq moved out ahead of CCR with mission to reconnoiter to new assembly area in the vicinity of the Nurnburg-Bayreuth autobahn. D troop captured enemy training camp at Tannfeld with many Pw's and supplies. F, E and Sq Hq picked up many enemy stragglers from woods vic Tannfeld. D troop overcame resistance at Weismain, Freinfels, Hollfeld and Schonfeld, and completed reconnaissance to Busback. Approx 500 pws were captured including 1 Col. 1 Lt. Col and 1 Major. Twenty trucks and wagons were captured or destroyed. Sq CP closed in Trumdorf at close of period. Squadron lost several vehicles during march and at close of the period were rounding up all stragglers.

14 APRIL 1945

Squadron moved out from Busback area with mission of reconnoitering across second autobahn to secure assembly areas for CCR. A and D troops with 1 Sect of TD's each reconnoitered zone. Met resistance at several points. Over ran towns of Mistlegau, Mistlebach, Pittersdorf, Pettendorf, Creez, Bamreuth, Muthmannsreuth, Wieglathal, Trockeau, Arnoldsseuth, Schwurz, Gottsfeld, Buhl, Creussen, Neudorf, Pegnitz and Schnabelwaid. Cut Nurnburg, Bayreuth and Schnobelwaid. Cut Nurnburg, Bayreuth Autobahn- Encountered Swiss Red Cross column on autobahn, captured german guards and liberated canadian Pw's who were driving Red Cross vehicles, destroyed and dispersed enemy wagon train along autobahn, took Pegnitz by surprise capturing approx 500 prisoners evacuated same to Linderhardt. 2 Platoons were employed in setting up Pw cage at Lindenhardt which handled approx 1500 Pw's. At Creussen A troop liberated approx 600 slave laborers and political prisoners, captured several high ranking nazis and an aircraft, automatic weapons and submarine engine factory at Trockau a maintenance shop and considerable equipment was captured at Pegnitz. A large supply of enemy ammunition was destroyed and 15 trucks and 12 trailers were captured. 3 100mm howitzers, 6 tractors 12 wagons and 3 busses were destroyed along route. At the close of the period Sq had closed in Creussen, set up all around security and requested reinforcements to hold town. A troop contacted friendly Cavalry about 15 Km to the north. The nearest elements of the Division was CCR and its advance positions were approx 30 kms to rear of Sq. Just before dark one enemy liaison plane flew over Creussen and observed Sq position there.

15 APRIL 1945

At approx 0100 reinforcements consisting of 1 Company of Armored Inf. from the 62nd Inf Bn and 1 platoon of medium tanks from the 25th Tank Bn arrived

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at Creussen and were immediately organized in defensive positions and as a Sq reserve. A troop sent a patrol north to contact friendly units vic. Bayreuth. At 0945 outposts reported 2 enemy tanks approaching Creussen from the east along the road from Schnabelwaid. After a short fire fight our tanks had knocked the both out. At approx 1030 enemy tanks and infantry were moving around the south, east and north flanks of Creussen. E troop was in firing position on the N W side of Creussen and was caught in cross fire from 5 enemy tanks. E troop knocked out 3 of the attackers, lost 1 M7, 1 M8 and 1 half track and were finally able to withdraw into creussen. Hq troop commander, S-4 and Sq Ln Officer were all captured in the vicinity of Gottesfeld but Hq Tr Commander and S-4 escaped. Two of the Sq gas trucks were knocked out and both drivers killed. A PW gave information that a enemy task force of 50 tanks and several hundred infantry had left the panzer training camp at Grafenwohr with the mission of recapturing Creussen and Bayreuth. By then the only route out of Creussen was north to Bayreuth and A troop's patrol had succeeded in contacting friendly forces there. During the balance of the day the Squadron drove off several counter attacks and placed artillery fire on enemy assembled positions and tanks. Called for air support and friendly air was able to knock out 3 or 4 enemy tanks. CCR sent a task force of 2 platoons tanks and 1 platoon Inf. to relieve Squadron. At Gottesfeld they encountered enemy tanks and knocked out 5, losing 4 of their own. When the task force cleared Gottesfeld, opening a route of escape, a strong point was established there and the road between Creussen and Trockeau was patrolled. By the close of the day the Sq had accounted for 17 enemy tanks 43 Pw's an unknown number of enemy killed and 4 towns, used by the enemy as assembly areas, destroyed. Creussen was still in our hands and the enemy counter attack on Bayreuth had been stopped.

16 APRIL 1945

During the night considerable tank activity was heard in the woods south and west of Creussen but all enemy patrols and attempts to penetrate our lines were broken up. At daylight A troop sent patrols north and north east and determined that the enemy had left the area Creussen-Birik-Naunkirchen contact was maintained with the friendly units vic Bayreuth. The Sq OP in Creussen directed Arty fire on many enemy positions and prevented any further counter attacks. D troop patrols determined that there were still enemy tanks in woods south and south west of creussen.

17 APRIL 1945

At 0345 unidentified aircraft reported over Creussen. Tank activity continued in the woods. At 0900 patrols were sent out to locate enemy tanks and discovered two behind a road block on the Creussen-Schnabelwaid road. At 0925 orders were received attaching the Squadron minus its attachments to CCA and CCA ordered Sq to protect its left flank as it moved south along Autobahn. CCA's progress was delayed by remnants of enemy tank force and the Squadron moved south to Flech and from there generally towards Velden. North of Velden D troop again encountered enemy tanks but was able to by pass them. The entire Squadron closed vic Velden, establishing contact with the 48th Tank Bn. there at Velden an enemy position gas DP was found and approx 200 Pws were taken.

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18 APRIL 1945

Squadron moved out from vic Velden on left flank of CCA captured and cleared towns of Fisenbaun, Hegendorf, Neuchting and Appelsberg. A troop engaged 4 enemy tanks in fire fight at Lanterhofen and were not able to enter town. D Troop moved to Pilsach but were forced to withdraw by enemy tanks engaged in fire fight with tanks and SP's at Troutmannshofen. Attacking tanks were identified as part of 17 Pz Gren. Div whose complete order of battle D troop captured. During the period the Squadron destroyed 2 ey SP's, 1 half track, 1 tank, and 1 flak wagon. 3 enemy half tracks were captured along with 35 Pw's. At the close of the period the Sq CP was located in Unterwall where a number of allied Pw's were liberated.

19 APRIL 1945

Squadron continued to screen and protect left flank of CCA while 48th tank Bn attacked Newmarkt. A troop continued to meet resistance at Lanterhofen and took Trautmannshofen. D troop took Pfeffershofen, Pilsach and Pelchenhofen. At the close of the period the Sq (-) was assembled vic Wendelstein for a new mission. D troop was attached to CCA and C troop returned to Sq control. Instructions were received to reconnoiter south to sieze crossings of the Danau river vic Ingolstadt.

20 APRIL 1945

Sq moved out of Wendelstein at 0600. Both C and A troops met resistance along autobahn vic Altenfelden. Resistance along autobahn vic Altenfelden resistance was determined to be 2 co's SS troops several tanks and SP guns. C troop was leapfrogged to south and took Meckenlohe, Eichelburg, Birkach and Heuberg. A troop took Brunnau and Guggenmuhl. Enemy tanks forced A troop out of Guggenmuhl and friendly artillery was directed on A troop killing two and wounding 4 men. Squadron CP moved to Roth after town had been cleared by 100 Cav Group, and C troop. Sq reverted to Div Control at 1800

21 APRIL 1945

A troop reconnoitered from Brunnau and took towns of Eichelburg, Eckersmuhlen, Hoftetten and Unter Rodel. At Unter Rodel considerable small arms fire was encountered as weass as SP and arty fire. C troop took towns of Henberg, Hilpotstein, Solar, Grauwinkel, Jarsdorf, Eibach and Patersholz. 2 enemy tanks were encountered at Mindorf but were driven off by E troop 51 Pw's were taken during the period.

22 APRIL 1945

Squadron continued mission of reconnaissance in Div zone. A troop worked towards meckenhausen, Pierheim, Morlach and Sindorsdorf. C troop reconnoitered towns of Pattersdorf and Eysolden and Pyras. minefields in Pyras held up their progress. Stiff resistance was encountered in both eysolden and Pyras and friendly units from the Div. attached. During the period the Sq took 23 Pws destroyed 1 enemy armored car and neutralized 2 Arty pieces. The squadron ended the days operation with A troop in Pyras, C troop in Eysolden and Sq Cp in Jarsdorf. At 1700 orders were received attaching Sq (-) to OGR.

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23 APRIL 1945

Sq moved out with C troop ahead of 62nd Inf and A troop ahead of 47 tank Bn. Met strong resistance vic Alfershausen and elements of CCR passed through to take town. A troop took Steindl and C took Trifembach. Sq CP in Eysolden at close of period. 5 Ps's captured and 1 enemy killed. D returned to Sq control.

24 APRIL 1945

Sq moved out in same formation ahead of CCR. A troop ahead of 47 tank Bn. reduced several road blocks and reconnoitered for stream crossings vic Grosdorf. Observed and reported enemy positions on E bank of river. C troop reduced enemy positions and roadblocks and occupied town of Gungolding. At approx 2000 C troop was counter attacked and forced to withdraw to Phaldorf by an estimated Inf. Bn. D troop reconnoitered for routes Hirnstetten, Sornhill, encountered resistance in Hirnstetten. 17 Towns were cleared 16 Pw's captured 1 truck and 1 motorcycle were destroyed. Sq CP was in Phaldorf at end of period.

25 APRIL 1945

Elements of 86 Inf. passed thru our positions to retake Gungolding and secure bridgehead there. C troop maintained Ln with them at Gungolding while a task force from D troop reconnoitered for possible crossing to SW. Sq CP remained in Phaldorf awaiting completion of bridge at Gungolding. D atchd to CCA.

26 APRIL 1945

Bridgehead secured and bridge completed at Gungolding early in the morning Sq moved across river ahead of CCR reconnoitered and cleared road blocks and light resistance to Stammham where resistance was encountered at Hepberg. This was contained by 47th While they attacked Koshing. D and C reconnoitered alternate routes. Information received that bridge across Danube was intact at Volberg and A troop immediately began moving toward that site. Met D troop on same mission at Gross Mehring at which time Air Op reported bridge blown. All troops assembled at Gross Mehring on the Danube to await further orders.

27 APRIL 1945

Contact patrols established to friendly units vic Ingolstadt. Troops remained in Gross Mehring working on maintenance. A small amount of enemy Arty fire was received from across the Danube.

28 APRIL 1945

Squadron still attached to CCR crossed Danube at Ingolstadt at 1000 and began reconnaissance of routes and assembly areas for CCR. At approx 1100 were attached to CCA and given mission of protecting CCA left flank on attack towards Landshut to sieze crossings of Isar river. Made contact with CCA units at Manching, bypassed CCA columns and got out on left flank at Meilenhofen while 60th Inf was attacking Mainburg. Sq closed vic Meilenhofen during the night. 17 Pws during period. Sq atchd to Div.

29 APRIL 1945

A troop moved out and captured and cleared towns of Unter Wagenback, Thonhauser Walkersshofen, Spitsan, Tabekreid, Ober and Nieder Hornback, Hinterlaber, Pfeffenhasuser, Elfing, Ober and Nieder, Neinhäuser, Halshorn, Weimiche Schachten, Grafenham, Windham, Ober and Unter Glaim, Kaufelkafen, Klopfern and Ergolding. Fire fights at Pfeffenhauser. Ober Newhauser, Glaim and Ergolding liberated 2 POW camps with approx 400 allied P W's, British, Poland, Czech, American, French and Russian nationalities. A Troop met Enemy column attempting to escape to Landshut at Glaim and dispersed same by Arty and tank fire. Cut Enemy escape

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route. C Troop moved out from Buch at 0700. Captured towns of Potzmes, Attenhofen, Koppenwall, Rainertshouser, Aggstell, Sussbach. Encountered resistance in all towns. Cut enemy escape route to Weihestephan. Liberated 15 American Officers POW's. E Troop supported Sq. Fired 5 missions on Enemy escape route and drove off 1 Co enemy which attempted to attack flank of Sq vic Takaried. F Troop broke up attack on Sq trains at Newhauser. 1 Section of F's M24 tanks supported A Troop. During the day the Sq destroyed 4 enemy tanks 1 Arm'd Car, 1 S P gun, 3 sedans, 6 trucks, and 1 37mm A.T. Gun. Captured 1 Locomotive, 16 box cars, 8 passenger cars, 1 150mm gun and approx 600 PW's. Contacted 99th Div elements. At close of period Sq was assembled in Ergolding, outposting town and protecting POW's

30 APRIL 1945

Sq remained in Ergolding while bridges at Mooseburg and Landshut were constructed. Maintained Las with 32nd Cav on left and friendly units from the Div on right. Reconnoitered routes to Landshut and Furth. Atch'd to CCR at 1300. Captured 70 PW's.

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1 MARCH 45

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2 MARCH 45

Received Operating Instructions No. 19 ordering "B" Troop to relieve "C" Troop in attachment to CCA effective 050000 March to 060600 March. Received orders to move troops out of Lechwiller and Jetterswiller. Bivouac parties sent to vicinity of Printzheim but area found to be unsatisfactory.

3 MARCH 45

Squadron Command inspection of men and vehicles combat loaded.

4 MARCH 45

"E" Troop moved to Lupstein, closed 1200. "D" Troop moved to Lupstein and closed at 1400. Other troops on training schedule.

5 MARCH 45

At 1800 "B" and "C" Troops changed positions. "C" Troop moved to Waldolwisheim; "B" Troop moved to Bueswiller. Relief completed at 2200. Other troops on training schedule.

6 MARCH 45

No Change

7 MARCH 45

No Change

8 MARCH 45

No Change

9 MARCH 45

Operating Instruction No. 21 received at 2000 from Liaison Officer. "C" Troop attached to CCB, 94 (-) attached to CCA. Squadron Commander ordered "D" to relieve "A" Troop. CCA to take over portion of 36th Division's zone commencing at 112000 March.

10 MARCH 45

No Change.

11 MARCH 45

At 1500 Squadron left Maennolsheim, closing in Dauendorf at 2200. Relief of 142nd Inf begun. "A" Troop on right of zone. "B" Troop on left.

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12 MARCH 1945

"A" Troop sent patrol to front at 0700. Patrol drew fire and returned to Troop. At 1830, "A" Troop reported twenty to twenty-five rounds heavy mortar landing in Newburgh. At 1930, "B" Troop reported five rounds of mortar fire at 965265. Squadron requested artificial moonlight but was informed that the searchlights would only be used on schedule. At 2015, 25-30 rounds 3" fell in Dauendorf.

13 MARCH 1945

"B" Troop captured two PWs at 0720 which were evacuated to CCA. One partially exploded round of 105 MM was found in Dauendorf and sent to S-2 CCA. "B" Troop patrol of previous night reported in that they had been pinned down by 3A and mortar fire and were not able to continue mission. This report came to Squadron at 0730. At 1810, 15 rounds medium artillery fell in Dauendorf. Word of enemy raids on Hageneau received from CCA at 2155 and our troops were alerted for possible raids in our area. At 2345, "B" Troop patrol returned and reported seeing many flares along route. A five man enemy patrol followed them to the mill and were dispersed by machine gun, rifle grenade and assault gun fire.

14 MARCH 45

"A" and "B" Troop returned. Patrols from "A" unable to cross Moder River. At 0945, "B" Troop reported enemy attempting to build bridge at 973265. Our assault guns forced them to abandon the job. At 0945, a civilian woman was killed in Dauendorf by a stray small arms bullet. All troops were cautioned to allow no traffic to move between 1900 and 0300. At 1545 word was received that the 36th Division would pass through our lines and that we were to support them by fires. Black smoke was observed at 968270 by "B" Troop at 1900. At 1925, "B" Troop reported machine gun fire behind their positions. This fire was determined to be friendly but at 1940, an undetermined number of Germans were reported crossing the river in front of "B" Troop. They were dispersed by machine gun and assault gun fire. One round of enemy mortar landed on "A2 Troop's position at 2030. One man killed. Two rounds enemy artillery over "E" Troop at 2315. Friendly engineer bridged river to our left front at 2400.

15 March 1945

At 0030, "E" Troop received one round enemy artillery. Elements of 36th Division moved through our positions and began crossing Moder River at 0100 and considerable firing began to the left of "A" troop at 0130. "A" Troop received considerable heavy mortar at Newburgh and "E" Troop fired counter battery missions at 0232. "A" Troop reported 88 MM fire on road to Newburgh from north at 0245. At 0655, "B" Troop reported that their positions were being attacked. Enemy dismounted men were crossing Moder River to their front and Enemy vehicles were moving out of the woods. "E" Troop and Division Artillery fired emergency barrages. "B" Troop fired machine gun and mortars and the attack was beaten off with estimated 20 to 30 enemy killed. The attack was

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initially estimated approximately company strength. At 1100, "A" Troop was pulled out of the line and attached to CCB. Squadron Headquarters and "A" Troop moved to Altekendorf.

16 MARCH 1945

At 1030, "D" Troop was released from attached to 1st Armored Group and closed in Bossendorf at 1230. Plans made for employment of the Squadron in event the 36th Division breaks through to North and East.

17 MARCH 1945

No Change.

18 MARCH 1945

At 0545, Squadron moved from Altekendorf following COA. Route: Mertzwiller, Gunstett, Surbourg. Due to traffic conditions route had to be changed and Squadron moved via Hageneau to Surbourg. Went into assembly positions in the vicinity of Hohwiller at 1738. All troops closed at 1800, "C" Troop with COA reconnoitered to Wintzenbach. Received orders from COA to send patrols to Beinwald to reconnoiter routes through Bienwald and secure exist on north edge of woods. Patrols were sent out in peeps to work mounted as far as possible and then move out dismounted.

19 MARCH 1945

"D" Troop reached Schleithal approximately at 1000. Captured several PWs and some enemy trucks. Moved on to Niederlaterbach and cleared town. Balance of Squadron moved to Hohwiller at 1055 and to Schleithal closing at 1245. Orders received to move to assembly positions north of Altenstadt.

20 MARCH 1945

Squadron moved to Altenstadt leaving Schleithal at 0115 following TF Blue, COA. Closed in assembly position at 0625. "E" Troop went into firing position and in doing so one half-track struck a mine and was badly damaged. Artillery and nebelwerfer fire in vicinity of CP and "E" Troop position. One "E" Troop half-track was struck by nebelwerfer. At 1130, "A" Troop was given mission of patrolling and reconnoitering Bienwald. One Platoon "F" was attached to "A" Troop for this mission. "A" Troop reported road block and AT ditches in woods and were fired on by enemy at 253485. Captured one wounded PW; at 2020 one Platoon F was attached to "D" and "D" Troop was given orders to move to Bienwaldmuhl and then reconnoiter woods on right of "A". "F" Company was given mission of clearing Altenstadt road of all traffic.

21 MARCH 1945

"D" Troop closed at Bienwaldmuhl at 0800. "A" Troop located road block at 253485 which was defended by small arms fire. Established contact with French Task Force there. "D" Troop cleared road blocks and mines in Bienwald with help of tank dozer. At 1630, "A" Troop reported that the French had discovered an enemy tank in the vicinity of the defended block. "D" Troop relieved "A" Troop at 1612.

22 MARCH 1945

"A" Troop relieved "D" Troop at 0700. Reported 88 or 105 MM fire in their position at 0845 and by around a crater at 25485 who appeared to be laying mines. At 1520, "E" Troop fired on a suspected anti-tank gun position N of the crater and at pillboxes S of Steinfeld which an "A" Troop patrol had reported occupied. One light tank from "F" Company ran towards the crater in an attempt to draw fire. Two rounds light artillery were drawn. COA Commander visited Squadron CP and gave orders to push on to the extent of our firepower. By was very alert to our efforts. At 1830 an "A" Troop patrol reported a second crater just N of that previously reported and beyond that a tank barrier, cables stretched across the road and many fallen trees. "D", "E" Troops and "F" Company fired harrassing fire at 1835 and "A" Troop received a large volume of artillery, mortar and small arms in return.

23 MARCH 1945

At 0725 "A" Troop received a considerable volume of small arms and artillery fire and had to withdraw about 800 yards. They reorganized and moved back to reoccupy their original positions to the left of the French and S of the craters. Orders received not to get too much involved. "D" Troop moved out at 0800 to establish counter reconnaissance screen from Steinfeld to vic of Hoftelhof and contact "C" Troop there. One battery, "E" Troop, went in to position via Kapsweyer to support screen. Patrol established between "A" and "D". Squadron Headquarters moved to Kapsweyer at 0955 after receiving orders to assemble Squadron in the vicinity of Kapsweyer in order to exploit a possible break through at Schmidt. Closed in Kapsweyer at 1027. "D" Troop took 55 PWs from pillboxes; bypassed our infantry. At 1405, "D" Troop ordered to move out and reconnoiter ahead of COA to Minfeld, Kandel, Rheinsabern, Leinsweiler. Remainder of Squadron followed minus "F" and Headquarters and Service. At 1700, "F" Company remained as rear guard for COA. "D" Troop reached Schmidt at 1520, Frankenfeld at 1630, Minderschlacken at 1845 where they established a PW collecting point. Reached Rheinsabern at 2145. "C" Troop relieved "D" on reconnaissance and reached Neupfots where they were halted by US, 35th Infantry Division. Remainder of Squadron closed in Rheinsabern at approximately 2230. Squadron Headquarters captured 5 PWs. "D" Troop captured approximately 181 PWs during operation.

24 MARCH 1945

Orders received to alert Squadron for movement, at 1020. "A" Troop reconnoitered towards Sanderuborn; met resistance at road block SW of town and were unable to proceed. Contacted COB, 14th Armored Division who were preparing to attack Sanderuborn. At 1625 Squadron received orders to follow 60th Infantry and move to assembly area in vicinity of Winden by route of Rheinsabern, Minderschlacken, Hefen. Revert to Division control on closing in assembly area. Moved at 1930, closed at 2105.

25 MARCH 1945

Cleared towns of Winden, Hergersweiler, Barbelroth. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Clearing out pillboxes in our vicinity and reconnoitering of routes leading from our area.

26 MARCH 1945

Orders were received at 1400 for the Squadron to initiate immediate reconnaissance for possible movement to the Rhine. "A" and "B" Troops sent out route Reconnaissance patrols. "B" Troop closed in Barbelroth at 1600 under Squadron control.

27 MARCH 1945

"D" Troop attached to 1st Armored Group for rear area security patrolling. "A" Troop given mission of clearing woods west of Bergzabern. Captain Wamma in charge of reinforcement school.

28 MARCH 1945

"A" Troop clearing area west of Bergzabern; found bazookas, 3 50mm mortar, 1 50mm AT Gun. "B" and "C" Troops ran patrols in our area. Reinforcement School continued.

29 MARCH 1945

"A" Troop continued clearing woods west of Bergzabern and balance of Squadron patrolled Squadron Area and worked on maintenance. Reinforcement school continued. Orders received at 2240 to alert the Squadron for movement to assembly area west of Rhine in the vicinity of Worms. "A" Troop ordered to cease patrol in woods and return by infiltration to Linden.

30 MARCH 1945

Squadron remained on alert status. Received word by Liaison Officer that the assembly area had been changed. Reinforcement School discontinued at noon.

31 MARCH 1945

Orders received at 1130 for Squadron to be prepared to march at 1700. At 1530 orders were received to cross Rh at Bergzabern at 1700. Squadron moved out, crossed Rh at 1700; destination - Rosendorf via Worms and Gerolstein.

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1 FEBRUARY 1945

"A" and "B" Troops continued patrolling on Army boundary from Glädisheim to Marlenheim. They reported in every 2 hours with negative information. Squadron reported negatively to Division every two hours. "C" Troop remained attached to CC-A with one platoon of E Troop with them. "D" Troop remained attached to CC-B with one platoon of "E" Troop with them. Headquarters, "E" (-) and "F" Troops remained in their assembly areas and continued with their training. Captain Hendron visited all Troops to check on what they were doing.

2 FEBRUARY 1945

All Troops - no change from previous day. Captain Dixon visited all Troops and reported that the training they were carrying was progressing very well. "A" and "B" Troops were both firing 60 mm mortars and bazookas.

3 FEBRUARY 1945

All Troops - no change from previous day. Captain Armstrong visited all Troops.

4 FEBRUARY 1945

At 1010 word was received from Division to discontinue the patrolling mission along the Army boundary and to assemble "A" and "B" Troops in vicinity of the Squadron. This word was sent out to the Troops at once but at 2100 the Troop Commanding Officers reported in to Squadron Command Post with word that they had been unable to find any place to move to. They were ordered to assemble their Troops in the towns they were now in and stay there until they received further orders. Remainder of Squadron - no change. Captain Hendron visited all Troops.

5 FEBRUARY 1945

At 0900 Colonel Coolidge former Commanding Officer of the Squadron dropped in to pay the Squadron a visit. He is now an observer with the Army Ground Forces. He visited all Troops. At 0930, Major Milsey of Division Trains reported in to check on rear area security. All Troops - no change from previous day.

6 FEBRUARY 1945

At 1000 the Squadron Command Post was visited by Brig. Gen. Smith, Division Commander. At 1030 orders were received from G-3, 14th Armored Division to attach "B" Troop to 35th AAA Brig. at Saverne. "B" Troop Commanding Officer reported to Commanding General, 35th AAA Brig. and received mission of running security patrols in the Corps Rear Area. "A" Troop moved to Altenheim, closing at 1600. All other troops on training schedule.

7 FEBRUARY 1945

"C" Troop was released from CC-A and reverted to Squadron control at 0600. "A" Troop moved to Waldolsheim, closing at 1100. "C" Troop remained at Wilwisheim. At 2300 message was received from Commanding General,

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Seventh Army to alert Squadron to apprehend 2½ Ton 6x6 truck #4150427, bumper mark 28 X S47. All Troops in training schedule.

8 FEBRUARY 1945

"C" Troop moved to Lockwiller. "B" Troop reverted to Squadron control from attachment to CC-B but remained at Winterhouse. All Troops on training schedule. Lt Nanna reported to Squadron Command Post as S-2, Captain Hendron assigned Commanding Officer, Troop "D".

9 FEBRUARY 1945

"D" Troop moved to Reutenbourg, closing at 1100 and began program of maintenance and cleaning up. All Troops on training Schedule.

10 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. All Troops on training schedule. Security plans for towns submitted.

11 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. All Troops on training schedule.

12 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. "E" Troop received one 105 MM Howitzer M-7. All Troops on training schedule.

13 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. All Troops on training schedule.

14 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. All troops on training schedule.

15 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. All Troops on training schedule. Squadron on tw hour alert. "A" Troop on 1/2 hour alert.

16 FEBRUARY 1945

"E" Troop moved to Jetterswiller and closed at 1500. Others no change. All Troops on training schedule. Squadron on two hour alert, "A" Troop on 1/2 hour alert.

17 FEBRUARY 1945

Advance notice received from Lt Lowman, Liaison Officer, that "D" Troop would be attached to CC-B at 0800 tomorrow. Captain Hendron notified and ordered to report to CC-B Headquarters at Schwindratzheim at 180800 February. Other troops no change. All Troops on training schedule.

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18 FEBRUARY 1945

"B" Troop attached to CC"B" as of 0800 per O.I. #15, Headquarters, 14th Armored Division (CC"B" to take up defensive positions vicinity of Niedermörsen relieving part of 10th Division). Other Troops no change. All Troops on training schedule.

19 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. "D" Troop attached to CC"B" operating three OPs south of Staffenbaffen and patrolling on Division Front. "B" Troop attached to 1st Armored Group. Apprehended three deserters and were commended by Brig Gen Townsend, 35th AAA Brigade. Other troops on training schedule.

20 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. Troops under Squadron control on training schedule.

21 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. Troops under Squadron control on training schedule.

22 FEBRUARY 1945

No change. Troops under Squadron control on training schedule.

23 FEBRUARY 1945

"D" Troop captured three Pws while on patrol to Bitchhoffen. S/Sgt Grossen and T/5 Bukoff ordered decorated with Bronze Star for this action. A Lancaster bomber crashed vicinity of Furchhausen at 1935. "A" Troop picked up flight-officer and "F" Company picked up pilot, both Canadians. Troops under Squadron control on training schedule.

24 FEBRUARY 1945

Command inspection of men and vehicles of all Troops under Squadron Control.

25 FEBRUARY 1945

OI #18, Headquarters 14th Armored Division ordered "C" Troop to relieve "D" Troop commencing 262000 February 1945, and to be completed by 270600 February 1945. Verbal orders issued to "A" Troop to relieve "B" Troop of attachment to 1st Armored Group by 261200 February 1945.

26 FEBRUARY 1945

"B" Troop closed in the town of Waldowisheim at 1325, after being relieved by "A" Troop from security patrolling duties with 1st Armored Group. "A" Troop closed in Phalsbourg at 1300 and began security patrols in rear areas. "C" Troop relieved of "D" Troop from duties with CC"B", 14th Armored Division completed by 2400. "D" Troop reverted to Squadron Control.

27 FEBRUARY 1945

After reverting to Squadron control, "D" Troop closed in Lochwiller at 0100. No further change in situation. Present situation as follows:
Squadron Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Troop in Maennolsheim.

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"A" Troop attached to 1st Armored Group with mission of patrolling Corps rear areas. Their Command Post located in Phalsbourg.

"B" Troop located in waldowisheim performing training and maintenance under Squadron control.

"C" Troop attached to CC-B, 14th Armored Division. Patrolling in CC-B zone and maintaining Ops.

"D" Troop located in Lockwiller performing maintenance and training under Squadron control.

"E" Troop located in Jetterswiller. Training .

"F" Company located in Walsehheim - training.

28 FEBRUARY 1945

No change in situation.

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JANUARY 1

At about 0120 we received word from 117 that they were being counter-attacked in part of their sector. At 0527 "D" Troop reported that they were engaged in a terrific fire fight and also that it sounded as if "B" Troop were being attacked also. At 0530 "B" Troop requested permission to remove most of their vehicles out of the area as they were being surrounded. This attack continued and at 0630 both troops began falling back to their secondary positions. Reports were received that tanks could be heard coming up to reinforce the enemy attack. At 1130 Lt. Kraker, 3rd platoon, "B" Troop reported in to the CP with 5 PW's he had picked up at a road block which he encountered while trying to withdraw. Enemy continued his attack and at 1330 the Squadron CP moved to vicinity of Wingen. Orders were given for "B" Troop to withdraw through the 19th Armd. Inf. Bn. which had come up to help check the attack. "E" Troop was also to withdraw and try to go to Reipertswiller. "D" Troop was to go to Barenthal, task force Hqs, and help them out as the Hqs. was in danger of being cut off. "B" Troop was able to withdraw as planned. "E" Troop had to withdraw with "B" Troop to Wingen. "D" Troop also had to go to Wingen as the enemy held the road to Barenthal. The Squadron regrouped immediately and "D" Troop moved to Wilmaineau with the mission of sending patrols to Wildenguth and Reiptersweller. "E" Troop had lost 10 1/4 tons and were in need of more regrouping. They sent one patrol to road junction at 735388 which was to remain there during the night. They reported in every hour and had negative information.

JANUARY 2

At 1005 "D" Troop reported 25 tanks North of Reipterswiller which were investigated and found to be friendly. At 1145 "D" Troop reported the enemy on the NE, E and NW side of Wildenguth but that their platoon there were able to get out. At 1602 "B" Troop reported that friendly Inf. reported about an enemy Bn of Inf and 1 tank (Sherman) were opposing them. At 1600 oral orders were received that the Squadron would revert back to Division control as soon as possible and move to assembly area in vicinity of Mirwiller. Plans were made for the Squadron to move at 0830. At 1730 Lt. Compton was sent to friendly Inf. to act as L/C. At 1800 "D" and "E" Troop started to assemble for the move to new assembly area. Lt. Compton returned at 1150 with word that enemy were attacking and friendly Inf. were being forced back.

JANUARY 3

At 0205 Lt. Compton reported that the enemy attack was being contained, after having pushed back about 600 yards. At 0800 3q began moving to Kirwiller and were closed in at 1142. The 3q remained here the rest of the day and spent the time in re-organizing and resting.

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JANUARY 4

"D" Troop sent a small patrol out at 0730 to check the route to Ihalsburg in preparation for a probable move there. They returned at 1100 with information that the road was clear. A Command checked with OC "B" in preparation for relieving "A" Troop and letting "B" troop take over there patrolling duties. Remainder of Sq spent the day in maintenance of vehicles, weapons and other equipment.

JANUARY 5

At 0840 "B" Troop began relieve of "A" Troop, but was stopped at 1050 as a phone call from Division ordered the Sq to assemble "B" Troop for other duty. At 1030 orders were received to attach "D" Troop to 79th Inf Div and for them to move to Meyersheim at once. They left at 1330 and a messenger reported back at 1730 with word that "D" had closed in Meyersheim. Remainder of Sq stayed in Kirwiller the rest of the day.

JANUARY 6

Orders were received at 0900 to have "B" Troop relieve "C" Troop of patrolling and road blocks west of Bouxwiller. They left at 1330 and had completed the relief by 1630. At 2010 orders were received for the Sq to take over the outposting of Bouxwiller. Major Smith and Capt. Zelinski left at once to make arrangements for outposting of Bouxwiller with "B" Troop. At 2300 Major Smith returned with word that the outposts were now set up.

JANUARY 7

"B" Troop continued patrolling west of Bouxwiller and reported negative information in this area. "F" Company continued outposting of Bouxwiller. At 1100 word was received to move the remainder of the Sq to Bouxwiller. The Sq moved at 1400 and at 1615 were closed in Bouxwiller.

JANUARY 8

"B" Troop continued patrolling west of Bouxwiller and "F" Company continued outposting Bouxwiller. At 1000 plans were made by "L" Troop to take over some of the outposts and help in outposting Bouxwiller. This was completed by 1130. Remainder of Sq was in Bouxwiller. A Command visited "B" Troop at Meyersheim.

JANUARY 9

"B" Troop continued patrolling west of Bouxwiller and "F" Troops continued outposting of Bouxwiller. Capt Dixon left at 0910 to visit "B" Troop, and returned at 1215. At 1430 a runner from "B" Troop reported in, and said that "B" Troop had reverted back to our control and was on their way here now. "B" Troop closed in Kirwiller at 1700. At 2105 a call was received

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from "B" stating that a 1/4 ton had slid off the road and one man was killed.

JANUARY 10

"B" Troop continued patrolling to west of Bouxwiller. "A" & "F" Troop maintained outposts in Bouxwiller, "D" Troop stayed in Altwiler.

JANUARY 11

At 0800 orders were received for Sq to march to Gunderschoffen, and at 1145 moved out. The Sq was attached to Division Reserve for the march, and after closing in Gunderschoffen would revert to Division troops again. Squadron closed in Gunderschoffen at 1830 and the town was outposted by "A" & "F" troops. At 1615 the L/O reported in with two routes the Division wanted patrolled. "A" Troop was given the mission of sending a patrol every hour from Niederonn to Rothbach and "D" Troop was given mission of patrolling from Morsbronn to Haguenau every two hours. These patrols left immediately and reported negative information. At 1830 L/O reported in with orders to reconnoiter line Schwebwiller Hohwiller, Hermerswiller, and to set up listening posts along this line. "D" Troop was given this mission and was relieved of the patrolling from Morsbronn to Haguenau. "B" Troop was given the mission of taking over "D" Troop's patrolling. L/O reported in at 2330 with orders for "D" Troop to assemble and move to Gunstett and be closed in by 0800. Also that "D" Troop would discontinue listening post and patrolling during daylight.

JANUARY 12

Orders were given, for the new mission, to "B" Troop at 0015. The 1st Sgt of "D" Troop was sent out with word for "D" Troop to discontinue patrolling during daylight. At 0300 L/O returned with orders for "D" Troop to assemble by infiltration to Gunstett also for the Sq Cpl to move to Laubach. At 0745 Sq Cpl left Gunderschoffen and closed in Laubach at 0815. At 1125 orders were sent back to have Hq & Service to move after lunch to town of Laubach. Orders were also given for "A" & "F" to move to town of Eschbach after dinner. Remainder of the Sq had closed in the new location by 1608. At 2045 "B" Troop was ordered to continue on their on their present mission, but had to do it with reduced forces. At 2045 L/O reported in with orders to have "D" Troop establish a recon screen along general line Soultz-Hoffen with purpose of protecting left rear of the Division. Two platoons of "A" were attached to "D" for this mission. These instructions were given to the 1st Sgt of "D" Troop at 2055, with orders to execute the plan as soon as possible. "D" Troop Commander was to send word of when he was in position, also send an overlay of his position.

JANUARY 13

At 0200 a runner from "D" returned with word that they were in position. Both "D" and "I" troops reported negative information the remainder of the day. They did however make contacts with friendly forces and learned positions of all of the friendly forces in their vicinity. Sq C moved to the vic of Kersronn at 1100. At 2150 word was received to place "I" Company on 15 minute alert, as the enemy were counter attacking and that it maybe necessary to use "I" Troop. The remainder of the day was notified at once of the enemy counter attack. The counter attack was repulsed at no great loss of ground.

JANUARY 14

The enemy counter attack which started turned back at 0800 and "I" Company was placed on 30 minute alert. At 1200 orders were received from G-3 14 AB to have "I" Company move to vicinity of Niederbetsdorf. This word was sent to "I" at once and they began moving. Sq Command and G-3 left at 1300 to go to advance C-14 AB to get more information on mission "I" Company was to have. At 1655 Sgt Balzell returned to C-14 with instructions to move to vicinity Niederbetsdorf, and also to bring the aid station and part of the maintenance section to Niederbetsdorf. The C-14 medical and maintenance moved in Niederbetsdorf at 1915. The Command left at 1940 for a meeting at 14 AB advance CP, a call was received from the C-14 Command at 2100 to have "I" Troop move back at the CP when he returned. The Col. returned from division at 2130 and had received orders reverting "A" Troop to our control. "P" Troop was to remain in position of Hittenshoffen and protect the flank. A, B, & D reported negative information all day.

JANUARY 15

Troops A, B, D & E remained on same mission and reported negative information. At 1715 oral orders were received for "I" Company to displace two platoons forward on a line 175324 to 188318 to further protect the flank of Combat Command B. These orders were given to Troop commander and also orders to "A" Troop Commander to help "I" find routes in and out of their new positions. At 1800 orders were given to "D" troop to have one platoon ready on call to come to Niederbetsdorf if necessary. "D" Troop was ordered to send a L/O to Sq CP in case it was necessary to call on "D" Troop for help. At 1955 orders were received from Combat Command Reserve. "A" Troop was given mission of recalling its troops from their present mission and for them to go dismounted into Hatten to help the Infantry. At 1920 word was received from "I" troop that they were under heavy Anti-tank fire. Orders were issued for them to withdraw to original positions. At 2255 word was received that "A" Troop was on their way into Hatten.

JANUARY 16

B & D Troops continued patrolling and making contacts with friendly units. "P" Company remained in position to protect the right flank of the Division. At 0934 word was sent to "D" Troop to have the platoon, they had alerted, to report to the Sq CF at once. At 1045 orders were phoned in for the Sq to send one section of tanks to the vicinity of the cemetery in Hatten. They were to draw fire if possible and also feel out enemy installations. At 1100 oral orders were given to "P" Company to perform this mission. At 1105 the platoon leader of the 3rd platoon of "D" Troop reported in, and he was given the mission of taking over the patrolling that "A" Troop had been doing. At 1130 word was received from "P" Company that the section of tanks had left the railroad station at 160328 to proceed on their mission. At 1200 section of tanks were reported at a position 400 yards south of the cemetery and that they would be unable to get around the cemetery. At 1215 the platoon leader of the section of tanks reported in with information that the enemy were dug in around the cemetery and that they had an anti-tank gun at 172331, between two houses. This information was given at once to Combat Command R. At 1732 a patrol reported in from 3rd platoon of "D" Troop with information that an officer of the 19th Infantry, whom they had contacted, had told them there was a 4 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of 181321. G-2 14 Armored Division called at 2210 and gave Squadron a warning that there was a noticeable increase in enemy activity. At 2216 patrol from "D" Troop reported in with information that there was enemy activity consisting of noises and a number of flares seen north of the railroad station at 160328. B, D & F had negative information the remainder of the night.

JANUARY 17

At 0022 the patrol from 3rd platoon "D" Troop reported in that they had been fired on by an enemy patrol at 181317. Patrol notified all units along the way. The patrol from 3rd platoon "D" troop reported no signs of the enemy along the route when they went over it at 0350, this was the next patrol after the one that had been fired on. The car commander of the half-track that left with supplies for "A" Troop reported in that the supplies had been delivered and that they had evacuated 8 walking wounded. Also that a half-track from the 19th Arm'd Inf Bn had been hit by a bazooka on the return trip. "B", D & F Troops reported negative information remainder of the day. At 2016 orders were sent to "B" Troop relieving them of their present job and to assemble in vicinity of Helmerswiller. The CO of "B" Troop was to report to the CF at once. At 2350 orders were issued for "P" Troop to establish a defensive line from 151312 to 161323. They were to tie in with "P" Company and a guide from 3rd platoon of "D" troop would show them the route into these positions.

JANUARY 17 (cont'd)

The Recon section of 813 Tank Destroyer Bn was to coordinate with 3rd platoon of "D" troop in patrolling as they both were patrolling the same route. 813 tank destroyer recon section was to send patrols every 2 hours beginning on the even hours. 3rd platoon "D" was to send patrols every 2 hours beginning on the odd hours. "B" troop was to send a patrol to the south of Niederbetsdorf every hour. All of these patrols were to report directly to the Squadron, if it was positive information they were to report in on Sq command net if only negative they would report direct to Sq CP.

JANUARY 18

At 0215 "B" troop CO reported in that the platoon was on line and in position. Word had been previously reported that an enemy patrol was in the vicinity of Rail road station. Confirmation was had of this at 0230 and it was sent on to Division G-2. Patrols from "B" troop and 813 tank destroyers reported sporadic arty and mortar fire falling in vicinity of Rail road station and woods south of there, otherwise they reported negative information for the period. The "B" troop patrol reported negative information for the day. Reports were sent to G-3 14AD, negative reports every 8 hours and positive reports at time they happened. Squadron trains remained in Laubach and "F" troop remained in defensive position near the Rail road station.

JANUARY 19

All patrols reported negative information in early hours of the morning. At 0735 "F" Company platoon at railroad station reported a possible attack coming. Confirmation was recieved from Combat Command R, and immediately guns of "D" troop began firing. Platoon of "F" adjusted their fire. The attack growing on Hatten and at 0915 Sq commander left for 37th tank Bn Cp. Word was recieved from G-3 to send in reports every 30 minutes, but this was later changed to every hour. All patrols reported negative information of our area south of Hatten. They did however get information from 242 Infantry that one of their OP's had spotted a 50 man patrol. This was later investigated, but no enemy could be found although evidences of a large patrol had been seen. 3 men of the OP that had seen them were wounded and taken prisoner. The next patrol reported that our friendly Inf. had driven off this patrol. This patrol also reported that the town of Hatten was burning very brightly. Remainder of patrols reported negative information the remainder of the night.

JANUARY 20

All patrols kept on the same as the day before, they reported negative information all day. At 1400 the Sq Commander returned with orders that the Squadron would move some time this evening. All troop Commanding Officers were called together at 1430 and given warning of the proposed movement.

JANUARY 20 (cont'd)

"D" troop was to go to control of contact between B, "C" troop was to remain under control of contact between B and C. "D" troop was to remain under control of contact between C and D. Captain fixed last at 1430 to go to Division advance CP and returned after the night and orders that the Squadron would move out at 1800. Troops under command were notified of this and billeting parties were sent out. The Squadron left at 1800 and spent the remainder of the night in marching. The roads over which the Squadron marched were very crowded and slippery.

JANUARY 21

The Squadron moved in vicinity of Muenchshausen at 0800. Squadron headquarters, headquarters and service troop, "A" troop moved to location in Muenchshausen. E & F troops were in Weissenheim. At 1030 Captain ordered the Squadron to go to Division CP to notify both troops that an Squadron had been in. All troops spent the rest of the day in resting, cleaning up their vehicles and weapons.

JANUARY 22

The Squadron spent the day in catching up on maintenance and repair of all equipment. At 1330 a staff meeting was held to talk over future training of replacements and of the reorganizing of "A" troop. It was decided to put Lt. Kraker in "A" troop as CO and that Captain Kaiser would come to Squadron Hqs as C-3 and Lt. Nanna would take over "B" troop. At 1500 a troop commanders meeting was held to put out details decided on in staff meeting. At 1510 orders were received to establish counter Ron screen along army boundary from Elwisheim to Marlenheim. At 1615 Lt. Nanna left with "B" troop CO for 12 Arm Division CP to coordinate relief of their Ron who now had this screen. At 1830 "D" troop reverted back to Squadron control and the CO was to report to Squadron CP at 0800 in the morning for further orders. At 2300 word was received that "E" troop was in position and there it was at Schnersheim. This was passed on to Division.

JANUARY 23

At 0800 Lt. Nanna reported to Squadron CP and received orders to take part of counter Ron screen over from "B" troop. At 1000 word was received from Division that "C" troop had been detached from Division and were attached to 38 AAA Brigade. B & D troops sent in overlays of their positions and patrols, and this information was sent to Division. Both troops reported negative information all day. They reported in on radio every 2 hours, and Squadron reported to Division every 2 hours.

JANUARY 24

B & D troops continued reporting no relevant negative information. Remainder of Squadron spent the day in maintenance and repair of vehicles and weapons.

JANUARY 25

At 0830 orders were called in to have our troops report to Command B. Reports were sent out to have "B" troops call in their patrols and report to Command B. A troop was to have over patrols and were told by "B" troops. A & D troops reported negative information. The Squadron continued to report to Division every 2 hours. Remainder of the Squadron continued with maintenance and repair of equipment.

JANUARY 26

A & B troops continued to patrol along the border and reported negative information all day. They maintained contact with friendly units. HQs, C & F troops remained in same assembly areas and continued maintenance of vehicles and other equipment. Negative reports were turned into Division every 2 hours.

JANUARY 27

All troops--No change from previous day.

JANUARY 28

All troops No change from previous day. At 1500 Squadron Commander received orders to report to Division HQs at once. At 1800 he returned and said that he was being sent to Command A as executive Officer and that Major England was being put in as Squadron Commander. Major England had previously been with the Squadron before coming overseas. Col. Middleton left for Command A HQs at 1800.

JANUARY 29

All troops No change from previous day. At 1800 Major England arrived to take over the Squadron. Major England reported back from the hospital at 1400. S-3 sent out plans for future training during rest periods. Capt. in Squadron visited A, B, C & D troops and checked on maps, and found out what was to be done. Major England left at 1400 and visited the troops.

JANUARY 30

All troops No change from previous day. Captain Dixon visited A, B, C & D troops and checked to see if there was anything needed. Major England visited E & F troops to see how they were progressing.

JANUARY 31

All troops No change from previous day. Captain Dixon visited

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all troops and reported that training scheduled for period in rest area was progressing very well.

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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS FOR MONTH
OF
DECEMBER 1944

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NOVEMBER 30:

Late in evening the Squadron received orders from CG 79th Inf. Div. to move from Vicinity Vendenheim(Q9808) to vicinity Hoerdt (R0411), with the mission of protecting the right flank and rear of the 79th Inf. Div.

DECEMBER 1.

At 1300 the Squadron Comd. issued the order for the march from Vendenheim to Hoerdt. "D" Troop moved to vicinity of Weyersheim at 1430. "C" Troop moved to vicinity of Hoerdt at 1445. "F" Troop moved to vicinity of Weyersheim at 1500. "E" Troop moved to vicinity of Weyersheim at 1515. Hq & Sv Troop moved to vicinity of Hoerdt at 1525. "A" Troop moved to vicinity of Hoerdt at 1545. The Squadron closed in assembly areas at 1730 and outposted both towns.

DECEMBER 2.

Orders received from CG 79th Inf. Div. to probe enemy defenses in vicinity North and West of Gamsheim(R 1110). Troop Commanders were called together and given orders for this patrolling. "D" Troop was given mission to start patrolling 3 December 44 in vicinity North of Gamsheim. "C" Troop was given mission to start patrolling 3 December 44 in vicinity West of Gamsheim. These patrols were to leave after daylight and return before darkness. "A" Troop was given the mission of sending a mounted patrol to the west along the VI corps boundary which was generally along the Q100 grid line. This patrol was to make one trip per day starting 3 December 44. One platoon of "A" Troop was to move to vicinity of Kilstett (R0900), and work with "B" Troop 117th Cav. Ren. Sq. in sending patrols to vicinity South of Gamsheim. They were also to send contact patrols from Hoerdt to Reichstat to contact "G" Troop 117 Cav. Ren. Sq. This patrol was to make three trips daily, 0830, 1230 and 1930.

DECEMBER 3.

Patrols from A, C, & D Troops left on mission assigned to them at 0830. Patrols from B Troop returned at 1200 and 1201, and reported approaches to Gamsheim defended by Small Arms and Mortar fire. C Troop patrol returned 1230 and reported trails Southwest of Gamsheim flooded. At 1300 Troop Commanders were called together at 1300 and given mission of sending out night patrols. C Troop was to send a dismounted night patrol to the South and West of Gamsheim. B Troop was to send a night patrol to the South and West of Gamsheim. E Troop fired two missions in the late afternoon, the first mission was partly successful and the second mounted fired was successful. Patrol from A Troop reported in at 1415 with negative information of route along VI Corps boundary.

DECEMBER 4.

Patrol from D Troop reported in at 0110 with information that there was activity between Gamsheim and the woods northwest of Gamsheim. The patrol from C Troop reported in at 0135 with information that there was no enemy activity along the trails to southwest of Gamsheim. D Troop sent a patrol out at 1230, which returned at 1830. They reported no signs of life in Herrlisheim (R1119) or Rohrwiller (R1217). They observed a pillbox at R124145 and also received small arms fire while observing the pillbox. The terrain around Herrlisheim was very flat and marshy. A Troop commander received word that remainder of his tanks were on the way up to his position from Zincourt. Two patrols from A Troop left at 1830 to patrol to the Southeast and South of Gamsheim. Patrol to the Southeast returned at 2330 and reported no enemy activity and that the terrain was only passable to foot troops. Patrol to Southwest returned at 2330 and reported no enemy activity noted, but a minefield was located at R113086.

DECEMBER 5.

D Troop patrol left at 0400 to investigate canal to the east of Gamsheim. They returned at 0830 with negative information. There were no daylight patrols scheduled for to-day, but four patrols were set up for to-nite. D Troop was to investigate canal northwest of Gamsheim and if possible get into the woods Northwest of Gamsheim. C Troop was to send a patrol to investigate trails and terrain Southwest of Gamsheim. A Troop was to send two patrols to the Southeast and South of Gamsheim. The patrol to the Southeast was to try and reach a reported bridge site East of Gamsheim. All patrols were to leave at 1830 and return around 1200 or before. C Troop patrol returned at 2245 and reported negative information of vicinity Southwest of Gamsheim. A Troop patrol to South of Gamsheim returned at 2300 and reported no enemy activity noted in town. A Troop patrol to East of town returned at 2315 and reported they did not get all the way to the bridge, but had heard dismounted men in the woods near the bridge site. D Troop patrol returned at 2430 and reported seeing 10-12 enemy carrying objects in vicinity of R1114 and R 115140. Enemy also had footbridge over canal at R116142 outposted.

DECEMBER 6.

Patrol from D Troop left at 0700 to investigate enemy movement reported last night. They were fired on by mortars and had 3 men injured and returned at 1030. Orders were received from the 3179th Inf. Div., at 1100, to conduct extensive patrolling this afternoon and make plans for attacking the town on 7 December 44. A Troop was to send a patrol of platoon size to the Southwest of Gamsheim. C Troop was to send two patrols of platoon size to the South and Southeast of the town. D Troop was to send two patrols of platoon size to the Northwest and North of the town. Patrols were to move out at 1430 and return by dark. All patrols returned by darkness with the exception of one from D Troop and one from C Troop who had to wait until cover of darkness to withdraw.

DECEMBER 6 (Cont)

Patrols all made contact and it was found out that the weakest defended section of town was the East and Southeast sections. At 1500 word was recieved that attachments of S & B Companies 19 Armored Infantry Battalion, C Battery 500 Armored Field Artillery, 2 platoon B Company 25th Tank Battalion, and 3rd platoon S Company 815 Tank Destroyer Battalion were on the way to join the Squadron for the attack in the morning. The Squadron Commander called a meeting of all Commanders at 2100 to issue the order for the attack. At 2100 orders were given for the attack on the morning of 7 December 44. The Artillery was to lay down a barrage on the town from 0800 to 0830. C & B Companies 19th Inf. were to be in position Southeast of town by daylight, and were to attack at 0830. A Troop 94th was to be in position Southwest of town by daylight, and were to attack at 0830. D Troop was to be in position North and Northwest of town by 0830, and had the mission of cutting off any possible retreat from Gumbshelm to the North. Platoon of Tanks are to initially support the Infantry from positions in Kilstett. Then were to withdraw to Weyersheim and on order move into Gumbshelm from the west. Platoon of Tank Destroyers were given mission of firing on possible OP's in the town from 0800 to 0830, and were then to stand by to fire on order only.

DECEMBER 7.

The attack jumped off as scheduled. A Troop were unable to get into town, but the Infantry made good progress and were in the center of the town by darkness. The Tanks tried to enter town from west, but ran into AT fire and withdrew to Weyersheim. B Troop recieved some Small Arms fire from North of town, but noticed no reinforcements being brought in. A Troop was relieved by C Troop at darkness and during the first few hours made good progress and were able to contact the Infantry in the center of the town. Orders were issued for the troops to hold their positions in the town and finish mopping up at daylight. At 1715 A Company of 19 Armored Infantry arrived to help in the mopping up of the town in the morning. They at once moved up to a reserve position between B & C Companies.

DECEMBER 8.

Troops began mopping up of town at daylight and the tanks were moved in from the South. Town was cleared at 1200 and D Troop was moved in to outpost the town. 27 PW's were taken during the operation. D Troop remained in the town during the night along with C Troop. The remainder of the 94th withdrew to original positions in Hoerdt and Weyersheim. All attachments to the Squadron were relieved at 1500 and left to join their parent organizations.

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D Troop remained in position in Gumbshelm and probed enemy defenses to the North. C Troop was to send patrols to the west of the town and investigate the reported bridge site. In role that D Troop reported they received mortar and small arms fire from Offendorf and were unable to get into the town. C Troop reported they were being fired on from pillboxes near the bridge site, and they were unable to get to the bridge site. A Troop was attached to the 313 Infantry Regt. at 1700 and left immediately.

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D Troop continued to probe enemy defenses in vicinity of Offendorf. They found trenches along outskirts of the town, but no enemy activity was noted in Offendorf. Troop sent another patrol to the bridge site and they were able to occupy the pillboxes at 1500. They also sent patrols to investigate the woods Northwest of Lambsheim, and found no enemy there. Later in the afternoon a D Troop patrol was able to enter Offendorf, they found the road from Karlsruhe to Offendorf mined. One of their armored cars had a wheel blown off, but no one was hurt. Both C & D Troops continued to trail the enemy East of Lambsheim during the night, but noted no enemy activity.

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The Squadron received order at 10 that they were to take control of 14th Armored Division, and were to move to position area in vicinity of Hohenhausen (28715). First elements of the Squadron moved out at 1300 and was closed in assembly area at 1400. Orders were received from 14th Armored Division at 1430 to take task force on line action and to move north through the area for it. A troop was put on alert to be ready to move with it. At 1500 troop commander reported to AG of 14th and received instructions.

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DECEMBER 14 (cont'd)

Squadron moved to 14th and 1st streets in town.

DECEMBER 15

Squadron received orders to move to Asenbach at 1530 and was closed in town at 1700. F Troop stationed in town.

DECEMBER 16

No change

DECEMBER 17

No change

DECEMBER 18

No change

DECEMBER 19

No change

DECEMBER 20

No change

DECEMBER 21

B Troop rejoined Squadron at 1330 and Remainder of Squadron no change.

DECEMBER 22

Squadron received orders to move to vicinity of Gundershoffen, and were to leave Asenbach at 1200. D Troop rejoined the Squadron at 1000. The Squadron now had A & C Troops and 1 platoon of E Troop detached to other units. Squadron closed in Gundershoffen at 1600 and Troop Commanders were called together and given instructions for a move from Gundershoffen to Mouterhouse. Squadron CP was to move at 0630, followed by D Troop. B Troop was to move at 0800. The Squadron had the mission of taking over defensive positions from the 106 Cav. Group.

DECEMBER 23

Squadron CP moved out at 0630 followed by D Troop, and arrived at Mouterhouse at 0730. D Troop and 1 Plt F relieved A Troop 106 Cav Recon Sq Meos and B Troop and 1 Plt F relieved B Troop 106 Cav Recon Sq Meos. E Troop went into position occupied by E Troop 106 Cav Recon Sq. Relief was effected by 1800. Remainder of F Troop and Hq Troop remained at Gundershoffen. B & D Troops established defensive positions N and NW of Mouterhouse and contacted the 106 Inf Div on the left and 68 AIB on the right. E Troop set up communications and registered their battery.

DECEMBER 23 (Cont'd)

117th Cav Recon Sq moved into vicinity of contact area at 1400 and were to take over part of the defensive position to now occupied. The 117th Recon Sq Commander was to be in charge of operations in the sector held by the 94th & 117th. Troop A moved up with 117th and reported to Squadron Control at 1200.

DECEMBER 24

B Troop had some enemy patrol action against them in the 3 Armored Cars hit and destroyed. B Troop was relieved by C Troop of 117th of 117th, and then took over part of sector held by B Troop. This relief was effected by 1600. Commander of B Troop moved from Gundershoffer to Mauternhouse and closed in at 1830. C Troop moved from Gundershoffer to Mauternhouse and closed in at 1830. A Troop was attached to B Troop at 1030 and moved to B Troop. B & D were to remain in their established positions and hold their positions.

DECEMBER 25

B, D & E Troops remained in position. B Troop established OP's and observed enemy movements during the day. Various enemy movements were observed and brought under fire of E Troop. Engr. Squads from A 15th Armad Tng. was out all day laying wire, mines and a/r mines in front of our positions.

DECEMBER 26

B & D Troops remained in position and continued to fire on positions along with engr squads. All enemy patrol was observed near our position, and after a fire fight patrol was driven off.

DECEMBER 27

D Troop sent out a 15 man patrol to investigate the area to the NE of their position. They returned at 1450 and reported enemy activity at R 805486 which was defended by 3/A and mortar fire. Patrol was fired on but withdrew safely. B Troop observed enemy movement in Equilshardt. B Troop placed observed fire on the movement and fire was effective. No enemy activity was observed in Squadron Sector during the night.

DECEMBER 28

B Troop sent in 15 man patrol out to investigate the area to the NE of their position. They left at 0730 and returned at 1300. They located enemy MG positions at 807494 and drew fire from them. Both B & D Troops maintained OP's during daylight hours. They also selected secondary defensive positions, but did no work on them. No enemy activity in Squadron Sector during the night.

D Troop sent a 5 man patrol to their position. They left at 0830 and returned at 1430. They again received fire from road blocks 805486 and also mortar fire from 809489. Five enemy tried to infiltrate into B Troop's position and were captured. No enemy activity was had in Squadron sector during the night.

DECEMBER 30

At 0700 orders were received to select MLR positions. B & D Troops Commanders began work on this at once, they reconnoitered positions and made their selections. The Engineers went with the Troop CO's and were to start work on these positions on the 31st. Enemy activity was heard in front of Squadron sector during the day and was taken under observed Artillery fire with good results.

DECEMBER 31

B & D Troops maintained their defensive positions and continued work on the MLR. Enemy activity was observed to the N & NE of their positions and brought it under Artillery fire. Their position received a few rounds of Artillery and mortar fire, but no further enemy activity was had in the Squadron Sector.

TROOP "B"
94TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON MECHANIZED
HISTORY 1 Nov 44 to 30 Nov 44

Trp was bivouaced at Delta Base, France from 1 Nov 44 until 8 Nov 44 when track vehicles plus 2nd platoon of "E" trp departed from Marseilles via rail. Rest of trp departed from Delta Base on 11 Nov 44 overland enroute for Moriville, France. The track vehicles arrived at Chatel on the 11 Nov 44. Proceeded overland to bivouac in vicinity of Moriville.

The route of Trp was Aix and Valence. Refueled at Valence and bivouaced at St. Marcel, arriving at 1730 11 Nov 44. Billeted in an old cavalry post. Departed at 0700 12 Nov 44. Route Valence to Dijon. Refueled at Dijon. Billeted at park in the open arriving at 1930 12 Nov 44. Departed at 0715 13 Nov 44. Route N. to Langnes, Montigny, N.E. to Lamarche and Donbrat, N. To Contrexeville, N.E. to Mattaucourt to Homexy, arriving at bivouac at 1400 13 Nov 44. Set up administrative bivouac.

During the week at Moriville, time was spent sandbagging vehicles, and generally preparing for our initial entrance into combat. We had our Armored Cars welded with sheet iron and had gun mounts placed on vehicles.

Departed from Moriville at 2100 19 Nov 44 enroute to LaSalle. Route of march S. to Moriville E. to Moyemount to Romont and Ramvillier where we remained on the road all night due to traffic tieup on upper and lower roads leading to LaSalle.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd platoons reported to their respective columns and the morning of the 20 Nov 44. The 1st platoon was used as road guide in movement of CCA from vicinity of Corteaux to vicinity of LaSalle.

The 2nd platoon joined 62nd AIB on the same date, but was told to rejoin the troop as another movement was imminent.

The 3rd platoon marched in front of 48th column via Ramberviller, Baccarat, Montigny, Blamont, and Cirey.

Hq. platoon marched fr Ramberviller to LaSalle arriving at 1400 20 Nov 44. Upon receiving orders returned to Ramberviller to take our place in the movement of CCA to Cirey. The assault gun platoon was assigned to trp Hq. for the march.

The 1st and 2nd platoons were assigned the mission of guiding the CCA column to Cirey. The 3rd platoon was assigned the mission of leading CCA to Cirey.

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Hq platoon and assault gun platoon of 1st Trp. Spent the first night in Blamont. After arriving at 0100, 21 Nov 44. Departed Blamont at 0700, 21 Nov 44.

Both assault guns overturned N. of Baccarat and were evacuated to 135th Ogd.

The 3rd platoon as lead platoon for CCA arrived at Cirey on the morning of the 21st. In the afternoon the 3rd platoon led a patrol of light tanks and infantry to reconnoiter road to Bonen. Ran into road block in the vicinity of Atbarsviller just before dark. Was instrumental in killing 1 German and capturing 4.

Hq platoon and assault gun ammunition half-tracks entered Blamont at 1600, 21 Nov 44. Billeted in buildings. Troop - 3rd platoon assembled at Blamont with 15 Divisions MP's.

Hq platoon, 2nd platoon, and "E" trp were given the mission of rear guard for CCA until they reached Cirey.

Departed from Blamont at 0900, 22 Nov 44. Arrived at Cirey at 1700, 22 Nov 44. 1st platoon rejoined trp. 1st and 2nd platoons outposted all roads in Cirey.

The 3rd platoon outposted north flank in vicinity of Albertsvillers from morning of 22nd to evening of 25th while CCA column marched to Shirmeck. On the 22nd Capt. Fromer, Cpl Junius, and Tec 3 Sebastian were wounded by artillery fire.

Trp departed fr Cirey at 1300, 23 Nov 44, arriving at Lafrimboule where the trp and "E" trp performed a rear guard action. Billeted in houses along road and security posted to insure adequate security for column.

3rd platoon outposted flank of CCA in vicinity of Albertsviller.

Trp remained in Lafrimboule acting as rear guard for CCA 24 Nov 44.

Moved out for St. Quentin on the morning of 25 Nov 44. Entered St. Quentin at 1300, 25 Nov 44.

3rd platoon outposted flank of CCA in vicinity of Albertsviller 24 Nov 44.

The 1st platoon moved out of St. Querin at 0100 26 Nov 44 to rejoin 25th Tank Bn at Shirmeck.

The 2nd platoon moved out of St. Querin at 0100 to join 62nd AIB at Shirmeck.

The 3rd platoon still outposted on flank in vicinity of Albertsviller but rejoined the 48th at Shirmeck on 26 Nov 44.

Trp remained with 48th Tank Bn. Trp was under supervision one or two towns between.

Trp moved out of St. Querin w/platoon of 48th Trp for unit. Entered Shirmeck and joined GCA Hqs.

The 1st platoon moved out at head of 48th Tank column on 27 Nov 44. At Obernai contact was made with enemy. Disclosed that Obernai was in enemy hands. Information was given to column commander who brought up an assault platoon. 1st platoon was held in Obernai. Enemy was driven back to Gertwiller. During evening platoons outposted roads on right and left flanks of column.

The 2nd platoon joined 62nd AIB 27 Nov 44 and proceeded to Molsheim behind units of 48th Tank Bn, 62nd being in reserve.

The 3rd platoon ~~led~~ led column of 48th Tank from Shirmeck via Urmatt to Molsheim. Column turned S. at Molsheim to Obernai. 3rd platoon moved via Utdorp, Dittenheim, Innenheim, Kren-tergersheim to Merstratzheim protecting east flank of column. Found bridge blown at Merstratzheim along planned route of column. Column was detoured moving directly S. on the objective Selestat. One section moving in front of main body moving south from Obernai found road block N. of Coxwiller and neutralized same. Column proceeded S. to Valff. Neutralization of small arms' fire and bazookas and light AT guns was accomplished in about four hours by main body. Found road block at exit to Valff. Commander of column moved column back to Merstratzheim because Valff was under concentrated artillery and mortar fire and it was necessary to reorganize his column. Platoons helped outpost position during night.

The 2nd platoon of "B" trp (assault platoon) was assigned to 3rd platoon and supported them in their assignment during march and in action at Valff.

Trp hqs moved from Shirmeck to Obernai with GCA 26 Nov 44.

Trp trains moved from St. Querin to Shirmeck with 48th trains 26 Nov 44.

On 27 Nov 44 Trp hqs moved from Obernai to Coxwiller w/GCA.

Trains moved from Shirmeck to Rosheim 27 Nov 44.

On 28 Nov 44 the 1st platoon was given the mission to cover the withdrawal of infantry in Gertwiller at daybreak. Platoon was dug in 100 yds in front of tanks at 0100. At 0700 after the infantry withdrew we were pulled back and were told that at 0800 the platoon would lead the column into town which was believed to be clear of enemy. At 0745 enemy counter-attacked. Platoon remained at crossroads and fired into town. Tanks were pulled to crossroads and fired into town. Platoon was withdrawn and attached

the town. At 1500 25th Tank Bn was pulled back to Boxwiller and platoon was given a sector of assembly area to outpost.

The 2nd platoon was given mission on 28 Nov 44 to lead 62nd AIF and column to Benfield. At Bischoffsheim contacted PFI who gave us information that enemy was using mines, automatic weapons, and had a few 88 pieces. One mile S. of Bischoffsheim encountered some mines, deactivated them, and continued on mission. 2 1/2 miles N. of Benfield received orders to turn on lights. When lights were turned on point vehicle ran into at least 5 horse-drawn vehicles, opening fire on and accounting for what personnel named them. Platoon with drew 75 to 100 yds and tanks pulled up in front. Infantry dismounted and moved up along the road covered by fire from the tanks. At this time the enemy counter-attacked with machine-gun crossfire, mortar and 20 mm guns as well as bazookas. During the counter-attack the vehicles were bunched up and no interval whatsoever was maintained. Platoon was ordered to rear of column and then withdrawn to Rosheim. Casualties--5 dead, 4 wounded, 1 armored car lost, and 1 jeep lost.

28 Nov 44. The 3rd platoon moved via Niedernal, Obernai to Ottrott along with light tank company and some infantry. Sent patrols S. from Ottrott and Obernai to Heiligenstein. Fired on by one AT gun and small arms at Heiligenstein so main body moved ahead of platoon through Heiligenstein to Bard. 3rd platoon moving to center of column. Main body stopped by numerous AT guns in Bard so column moved back to Bernardeviller to reorganize during the night.

28 Nov 44. Assault gun platoon assigned to 3rd platoon supported "B" tr. in their actions. During reorganization at night platoon was grouped with the AG (105) of 48th to form a 7-piece battery.

29 Nov 44. 1st platoon was given mission to contact 103rd Infantry at Bard at 0800. Contacted 48th Tank Bn at Heiligenstein. Plt. Ldr and Cpl Firchner then went to Bard. Contacted 103rd Infantry and received information as to their position and their plan of attack for that day. Information was given to CO of 25th Tank Bn. Platoon was given mission of entering Gertwiller to determine if enemy had withdrawn. Town was clear except for a few snipers. 3 prisoners were taken and turned over to CO 25th Tank Bn. At 1200 platoon was given mission of outpost town. At 1700 platoon was pulled back to Boxwiller to set up security for night.

29 Nov 44. 2nd platoon led 62nd AIF to St. Pierre where rear block was encountered and then, dug in. Platoon retired while artillery hit St. Pierre. After artillery barrage, platoon led infantry into St. Pierre and cleared it to be clear.

29 Nov 44. 3rd platoon. Column moved N. with objective being Benfeldt 35-34 remaining with commander of column until all tanks left. Column ran into mines on road and held up. After 20 min. of digging out tanks, column moved on.

of platoon plus tanks outposted forward position and an infantry built bridge for bypass at Sudlan.

29 Nov 44. Assault gun platoon attached to 3rd platoon. Durbelt S. of Barr because of mines, column was fired on by small arms fire and some undetermined fire. Fire was silenced by 30 rds of 75 MM plus approximately 500 rds of 50 cal MG. Heavy artillery fire was also received while in this position.

30 Nov 44. 1st platoon remained in position at Coxwiller.

30 Nov 44. 2nd platoon led 32nd AIB into St. Pierre after it had been cleared.

30 Nov 44. 3rd platoon.- Column proceeded S. in same formation. Column fired on by heavy guns S. of Sudlan. Spent night in Sudlan while tanks and infantry outposted position.

30 Nov 44. Assault gun platoon was ordered to fire concentration on Eichhofen. 50 rds were fired and fires started in town. At approximately 1200 fire was received from woods at 1000 to left flank. Approximately 30 rds were fired (75 MM) direct fire at intermittent gun flashes.

30 Nov 44. Hq entered St. Pierre with COA.

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