

Fr: 0001, 1 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 1 Dec 1944

Bn still in CCA reserve. Moved out at 1230 to St Pierre and set up CP in house in center of town. Rcn Platoon, B-94, made reconnaissance of woods west of Epfig in which civilians reported German Arty Btry set up. Reported that Btry had left this position. B Co attached to 410 Inf Regt, 103d Inf Div, late in afternoon.

Fr: 0601, 2 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 2 Dec 1944

Bn in assembly area in town of St Pierre. CP in house in center of town. C Company still attached to 48th Tk Bn, further attached from 48 to 409 Inf Regt, 103d Div. Supported Inf in operation vic Action involved 10 tanks pulling on line and firing for 30 minutes into enemy automatic weapons position. Tanks then withdrew behind Inf lines and Inf continued forward through area in which tanks had fired. Perfect coordination was obtained between tanks and Inf by use of A&BRC-300 Radio. Remainder of Bn spent this time on maintenance of vehicles & weapons, resupply. Three replacement tanks received. Men cleaned personal equipment and clothing and devoted considerable time to personal cleanliness. Warning order received, "be prepared to move to area vic Hochfelden to join Div." Bn placed on 1/2 hour alert beginning 0700.

Fr: 0001, 3 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 3 Dec 1944

Bn alerted at 0700. Maintenance of weapons and vehicles and personal equipment continues. C Co reverted back to Bn control with no losses in men or material during this period of detachment. Order received to pull out at 1700 to move to vic Hockfelden. Route via Obernai, Molsheim, Hockfelden. Bn marched blackout. Order of march 1-D-25, A-25, Hq & Hq Co, B-25, C-25, Med Det, Maint, & D-25 (-). Bn closed in biv area vic Reidheim at 2230. CP established in school house.

Fr: 0001, 4 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 4 Dec 1944

Bn spent morning relocating companies to allow more room in biv area. Mission of Bn at this time while awaiting further orders is rehabilitation, rest and maintenance. Bn Maintenance began welding racks on tanks for sand bags and A&BRC-300 radios. Division Commander visited CP at 1130. Bn Commander promoted to Lt Colonel. Bivouac area approx 12 to 18 miles behind front.

Fr: 0001, 5 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 5 Dec 1944

Bn in bivouac area in Reidheim. Work started on sand bagging all tanks and peeps. Maintenance going on all the time.

Fr: 0001, 6 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 6 Dec 1944

In bivouac area in Reidheim. All tks and peeps sand bagged. Maintenance being carried on. Following message received from CO CC "A", "Div order move 1 Plat Med Tks combat loaded at approx 1700 to reinforce 94. Move Platoon via Brumath - Weyersheim - Hoerd. 94 guide meet Plat Weyersheim. Plat to be attached to 94 upon arrival." 2-B-25 (Lt Hyde) moved out at 1715 to proceed on assigned mission.

**SURPLUS**

NON RECORD MATERIAL  
WW II RECORDS DIV., MARS

2200-

1500-

L-1115





6 December 1944 (contd)

Order received from CCA to conduct a non firing demonstration based on our recent battle experience, to improve the technique of armor attacking and passing through towns. Points to be stressed:

- a. Reconnaissance
- b. Approach by assault element.
- c. Use of supporting elements.
- d. Attack & passage of armor through town.

Bn S-3, Major Shedd, drawing up plan for demonstration.

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Fr: 0001, 7 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 7 Dec 1944.

2-B-25 (Lt Hyde) still attached to 94th in vic Weyersheim. Fired approx 26 rounds large cal ammo on town of Gaubenheim. Received small amount of AT fire from town of Gaubenheim, believed to be 88's. Bn continued on maintenance of vehicles & weapons. Vehicles being named and name painted on side of vehicles. Non firing demonstration conducted by Maj Shedd for all key personnel of CCA. (Attached plan was followed in conducting demonstration).

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Fr: 0001, 8 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 8 Dec 1944.

2-B-25 (Lt Hyde) returned to 25 control. Arrived in Biv area at 1815. Platoon used extensively but suffered no vehicular or personnel casualties. On CCA orders Tics from this Bn (C Co) operated the night of 8 Dec in towns as follow:

1st Plat	-	Guederheim	2100-2300
2nd Plat	-	Weyersheim	2200 -2400
3rd Plat	-	Noerd	2300-0100, 9 Dec

Tanks moved continually during hours designated, occasionally racing motors and creating noise of indicate a large concentration of tanks. Tanks to remain concealed during daylight hours. Command Half Track went to Guederheim to represent 25 Station in CCA net. Capt Emmet and Ren Section made reconnaissance of roads, bridges and areas in and around Guederheim, Brunnath, Weithbruch, Weyersheim, Kurtzenhouser. Ren to locate roads, and areas suitable for movement of armored vehicles. Report of Ren attached.

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Fr: 0001, 9 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 9 Dec 1944

1100-

Warning order received from CCA, "Be prepared to regroup in Road Fighting Formation, two column, on 45 min notice effective 091300 Dec 44." 3 1/4 ton, 2 2 1/2 ton and 3 H/Ts under Capt Patton operated in vic Brunnath during entire day. Vehicles were driven all over town and roads leading from town. Tops were let down at times and raised again. Vehicles operated singularly. Purpose to indicate large movement of vehicles and equipment. Lt Day made reconnaissance as per attached report.





HEADQUARTERS  
25TH TANK BATTALION  
APO 446, US ARMY

6 December 1944

ASSAULT & PASSAGE OF ARMORED COLUMN THROUGH VILLAGES

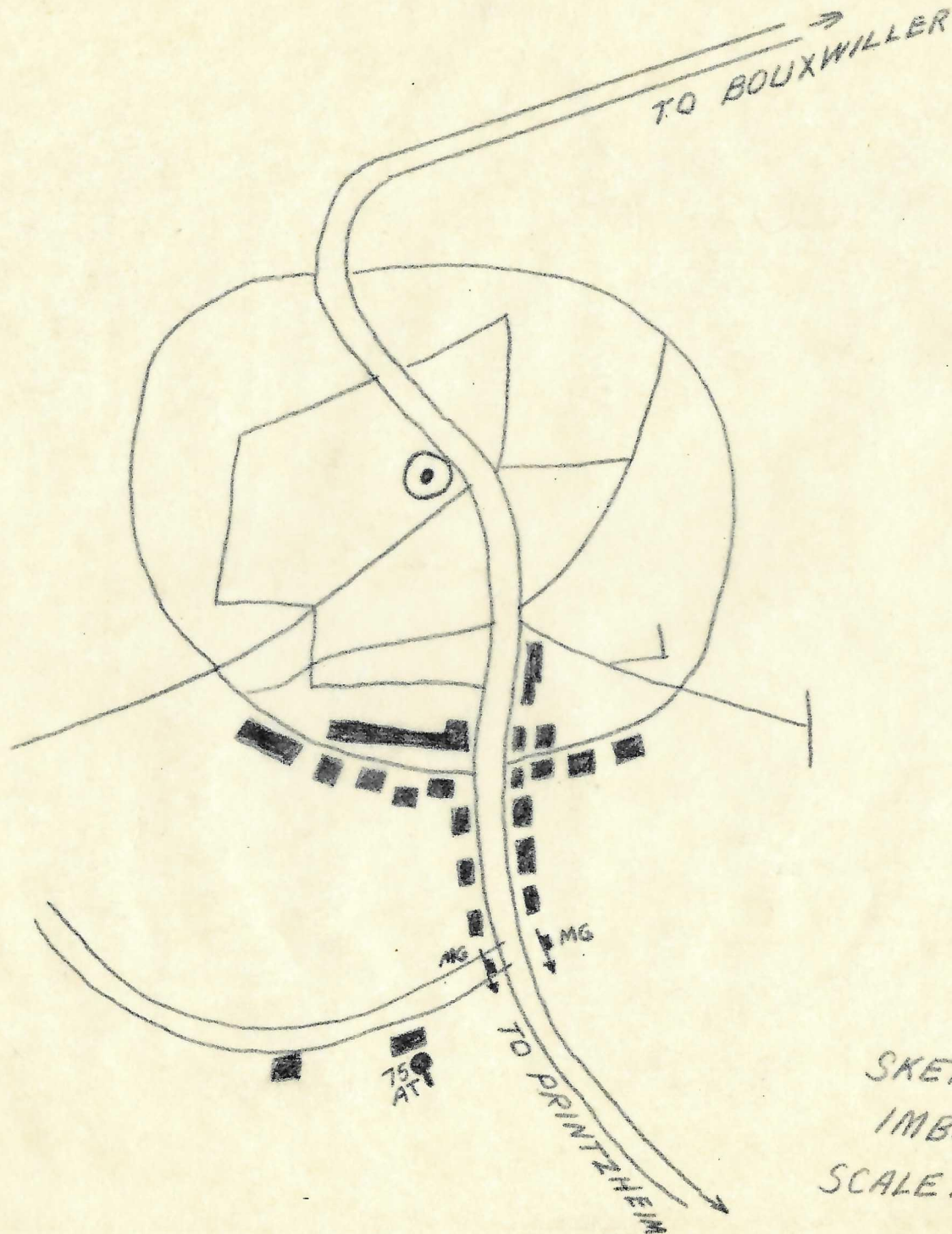
Plan of Operation.

1. Object - To demonstrate method for an armored column to pass through a town or village.
2. Equipment & Troops - 1 Med Tank Platoon  
1 Infantry Platoon  
1 Rcn Platoon  
1 Assault Gun Platoon  
2 MGs (dismounted)  
1 Light Tank (AT Gun)  
1 Mortar Platoon
3. Place - Imbsheim, France.
4. Time - Demonstration to take place at 1500, 7 Dec 1944.
5. Attendance - As ordered by Hq CC "A". Spectators to report to Northern edge of town of Imbsheim at 1445. Guide will meet units at that point.
6. Demonstration will be conducted in following manner:
  - a. Column will be advancing N on main road from Printzheim to Imbsheim in following order:  
Rcn Platoon  
B-B-25 with  
1-A-62 riding on tanks.  
AG Platoon 25  
CO B-25  
Mortar Platoon

Rcn Platoon moves close to edge of village of Imbsheim and runs into S/A and MG fire from houses in edge of village. Platoon immediately falls back to head of column which has halted behind ridge and reports situation to Platoon Leader of tank platoon. Platoon Leader of tank platoon then orders Infantry to dismount and deploy ready to move forward and reports to CO B-25 the situation. CO B-25 orders AG Platoon to go into position and lay fire on edge of town for 15 minutes. After AG Platoon has finished firing Infantry is ordered to move out to assault village. Infantry moves into village clearing out house by house until they have gone about one block. At this time platoon leader, Inf Platoon, calls platoon leader of tank platoon and informs him village is clear for one block. Tank Platoon then moves forward to edge of village and lays MG fire in houses on both sides of street ahead of infantry. Tanks support Inf from this point by fire ahead of Inf to keep enemy away from MGs. At this time CO B-25 orders Mortar Platoon into position to fire on road leading out of town to North. Mortars fire until platoon leader of Inf calls for lifting of fire through platoon leader, tank platoon. After town has been cleared in this manner, Inf takes up positions on Northern outskirts protected by tanks and sends back information for column to move forward.







SKETCH OF  
IMBSHEIM  
SCALE: APPROX. 1:5,000





HEADQUARTERS  
25TH TANK BATTALION  
APO 446, US ARMY

9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Zone Reconnaissance.

TO : Commanding Officer, CC "A", 14th Armored Division.

A Zone Reconnaissance was made on Friday, 8 Dec 1944, in connection with which the following information is submitted.

1. The highway BRUMATH - GEUDERTHEIM - BEITLENHEIM - WEYERSHEIM - KURTZENHAUSEN is a fine two way hard surface road on which two way traffic for vehicles of all types can be moved.
2. The ground on either side of the highway is completely flat and open. In the vic of GEUDERTHEIM - BEITLENHEIM - WEYERSHEIM there are occasional orchards but otherwise there are no woods and the fields are entirely bare. The stream S of the highway is way over its banks and 75% of the ground S of the Hwy is under water. N of the Hwy the ground rises in a very gradual slope to the N and while not actually under water, this ground is extremely soft and muddy and it is not believed that medium tanks could get far off the road. There are a number of cart trails to the N of the Hwy. All of these were reconnoitered and proved to be narrow lanes with room for only a single vehicle and very muddy. In many places a peep had difficulty in getting through.
3. The road S from BRUMATH to the point where it crosses the RR is a good two lane hard surface road.
4. From the point where the RR crosses the Hwy (Q986 094) there is no road following the line of the RR through HOERD - WEYERSHEIM. The RR is a double tracked road with a fine road bed and it would be possible to move track vehicles over this road bed.
5. The road from Kurtzenhausen - Weitbruch is a single lane dirt road. The bottom is hard, however, and it is capable of holding medium tanks. The road leads over a ridge and portions of it are open to observation from the high wooded ridge NE of CRDES at present occupied by the enemy. Vehicles of the 79th Division have been fired upon along this road from the ridge NE of CRDES. The major portion of the road, however, is on a reverse slope and is thus covered from enemy observation.





Ltr, Zone Rcn, Hq 25 Tk Bn, 9 Dec 44, contd.

6. To the South of WEITBRUCH there is considerable high ground with numerous folds in the ground providing cover from the enemy positions to the NE. The area is intersected by a number of single lane trails. The whole area is so muddy and soft that it is not believed that medium tanks could operate over it. At the present there is considerable artillery in position scattered through the area and it was noted that none of the guns had ventured far off the road.

For the Battalion Commander:

ORENVILLE T. EMMET,  
Captain, 25th Tank Bn,  
S-2





Fr: 0001, 10 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 10 Dec 1944

Division placed on 6 hour alert at 1000. Radio nets opened and manned but no transmission. B Company to 62 control. A Company to CCA Reserve, 1-B-94, 1-C-125 and A-62 to 25 control. One platoon D Company (Lt Frazer) to 62 control. At 1100 Bn SOP road fighting formation revised. (See Bn SOP road fighting formation). Capt Emmet and Section Rcn made reconnaissance of area vicinity Bischwiller. Results of reconnaissance shown on attached report.

Fr: 0001, 11 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 11 Dec 1944

Bn remains on 6 hour alert. All attachments completed. Dozer blade installed on A Company tank. Dozer to be attached to C Company while in fighting formation. Three D Company tanks went to B-136 Ord to have belly plating welded on. Bn placed on three hour alert at 1600. Tentative FO for coming operation received from CCA. "14 AD attack to reach line Rhine - Lauter Rivers. Pass through 103 Div on order. 79 Div on right, 103 Div on left. CCA left of CCB. CCA march in one column from present bivouac. Attack initially in two columns. Objective; Block enemy escape in Haguenau - Forest of Haguenau. Formation 62, Ha & Hq CCA, 125 (-), Reserve. 25 attack along Souelz, Leiterswiller, Stundwiller, Stundwiller, Wirtsenbach, Louterbourg.

Fr: 0001, 12 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 12 Dec 1944

Bn designated "Alert Bn" by Div from 1800, 12 Dec to 1759, 13 Dec. One Company to be prepared to move to any area in division area within 30 minutes. Bn be prepared to make same move in two hours. Bn placed on 1 1/2 hour alert at 1000. Orders received by Liaison Officer to be prepared to move out at 0800, 13 Dec, route Hockfelden, Haguenau, Surbourg, Souetz. Bn CO to CCA Hq for order at 1600. Unit COs called in and given order to move at 0800, 13 Dec 1944 by Bn CO.

Fr: 0001, 13 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 13 Dec 1944

Bn left Reidheim at 0745, objective, Wissenburg. Left in road fighting formation. In column on road all day and passed through towns of Hockfelden, Haguenau and arrived at Surbourg at 1900. Bn CP set up in house on outskirts of Surbourg at 1900. Town of Schwabwiller outposted by 1-B-94, 1-A-62, 3-D-25. No contact with enemy during day.

Fr: 0001, 14 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 14 Dec 1944

Moved out from Surbourg in road fighting column at 0800. Captured town of Hermerswiller, Hoffen. Column held up by blown bridge at V161 455 at 1340. Bridge constructed by Engrs and completed at 1715 and column moved out. Bridge broke at 1900. Column arrived Hunsbach at 1900 and Bn CP established in RR Station outskirts of town. During night Inf patrols operated in town of Oberseebach. One prisoner captured in town of Hunsbach. During day took towns of Hermerswiller, Hoffen, Hunsbach.





HEADQUARTERS  
25TH TANK BATTALION  
APO 446, US ARMY

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Zone Reconnaissance.

TO : Commanding Officer, CC "A", 14th Armored Division.

1. The following information was made from Reconnaissance in the vic of BISCHWILLER on 10 Dec 1944.

2. The Regimental CP of the 313 Infantry was located in a cellar at R 090 182.

3. The town had been substantially cleared of the enemy although there were indications that a few isolated snipers remained.

4. The bridge across the Moder had been captured intact the previous day and medium tanks and tank destroyers were moved across it successfully.

5. One round of enemy artillery, estimated 88mm, fell in vicinity of the bridge at approximately 1200 hours. No other artillery fire was reported in the vicinity of the bridge between the hours 1100 and 1330.

6. S-3 of 313 Inf reported that approximately 260 rounds of enemy artillery fell in the town of BISCHWILLER between the hours 2300, 9 Dec and 0600, 10 Dec.

7. 2 Bn 313 Inf was engaged in a fire fight with the enemy in the vic of woods at R 082 198 between the hours of 1000 and 1130. Thereafter, the enemy withdrew and 2 Bn 313 continued to attack to the NE.

8. 3 Bn 313 was in contact with the enemy in OBERHOFFEN during the morning. The enemy was dug in in the woods N of OBERHOFFEN and offered strong resistance. An AT gun was reported on the highway on the outskirts NW OBERHOFFEN. At approximately 1200 1 Bn 313 which had been supporting 2 Bn 313 moved in behind 3 Bn 313 prepared to pass through and continue the attack to the NE.

9. At approximately 1300 a patrol reported enemy artillery firing from the NW edge of ROHRWILLER.

10. The 315 Inf advanced during the morning from WEIERBRUCH TO MARTENTHAL without contact with the enemy. By 1230 one Bn was in KALTENHOUSE where only light small arms fire was encountered and it was contemplated to continue the attack to the NE.

11. The 314 Inf was in contact with the enemy in vic SW outskirts of HAGENAU.

12. The woods NE of WEIERBRUCH - GRIES were reported cleared of the enemy.





13. It was reported that 5 or 6 enemy tanks had been operating in the vicinity of BISCHWILLER during the night of 8 December.

14. The road from BISCHWILLER - MARIENTHAL was cleared of the enemy but the portion from the edge of the woods 067 192 to the RR 078 191 had not been cleared of mines at 1400.

15. During the period 8 - 9 December 137 enemy prisoners were captured in the BOIS DE GRIES and the vicinity of BISCHWILLER, among whom the following identifications were made:

Battle Group Eskimo			
2d Co AT Repl Bn 33	54	men captured in Bois De Gries	
2d March Co 553 Engr Bn	19	"	
553 Fusilier Squadron	3	"	
1 & 4 Btry, 261 AA Bn	34	"	Bischwiller
1553 AT Bn	5	"	Hanhoffen
256 VG Div			
Hq Co 456 VG Regt	7	"	N of Bischwiller
6th Co 456 VG Regt	4	"	Bois De Gries
2d Co 256 Engr Bn	9	"	"
9th Btry 256 Arty Regt	1	"	"

The PWs included a 1st Lt who had been in command of the Battle Group Eskimo, and who reported that all units of the group had been committed in the woods E of the GRIES MARIENTHAL Road. It appeared that the group consisted largely of stragglers and small units who had become cut off or detached in the course of the withdrawal of the main body from Saverne. These troops had been collected in the vicinity of Haguenau and reformed into the Battle Group Eskimo. The captured officer reported that these groups had no orders indicating a withdrawal to the Rhine River. It was also reported that a unit designated as the 553 Div was being reformed in the Rastatt Ettlingen area. The SOI of the 256 VG Div was captured by 313 Inf in Bischwiller.

For the Battalion Commander:

GRENVILLE T. EMMET,  
Captain, 25th Tk Bn,  
S-2.





Fr: 0001, 15 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 15 Dec 1944

Inf patrols in town of Oberseebach returned at 0700, reported town of Oberseebach clear. Column moved out from Hunsbach at 0730, took towns of Oberseebach and Gertershof and bridge crossing over RR at 172 455. On road on outskirts of Oberseebach, small undefended road block encountered which was removed by Engrs immediately. Column continued on road toward Wissemburg. D Company platoon (Lt Klinefelter) head of column. Two leading tanks hit by German AT gun as they approached RR crossing at 172 455. Time 1030. At 1800 A-62 dug in along RR tracks at bridge (172 455), AG Plat, 1 Plat lt tks, C-25, deployed off road South of RR to protect bridge over RR. Inf patrols were active during afternoon and one German tank knocked out by bazooka fire. Column received Arty, mortar, and small arms fire in fairly great quantities about 1630. Enemy counterattack at 1630 with 6 tanks and was stopped. During day seized towns of Oberseebach, Gertershof and bridge crossing over RR at 172 455. Three Italian prisoners taken in Hunsbach at 1000. Seven prisoners taken in Oberseebach. Attack halted at approximately 1800. During afternoon Mortar Platoon went into position and fired approx 50 rounds on estimated AT position in vic Wissemburg.

Fr: 0001, 16 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 16 Dec 1944

Attack jumped off at 0745 and column continued toward Weissemburg. Ran into RR overpass blown and blocking road at 166 474. Inf patrols entered Weissemburg at 1000. Road block cleared at 1100. Column moved in and occupied town of Altenstatt. Bridge blown across stream in Altenstatt at 171 480. Inf crossed stream and established bridgehead. Column moved back through Weissemburg bypassing blown bridge at 1500. Continued East in column toward Schweighofen. At 165 488, undefended road block encountered and removed by 1600. 1-B-94 remained in lead and continued toward Schweighofen. East of Windhof, Plat C-25 (Lt Gisse) went to head of column and was fired on by AT guns estimated to be 88s, firing from West edge of Schweighofen. Time 1730. AT guns protected by small arms and automatic weapons fire. No tanks were seen. Lt Gisse moved platoon back to defilade position and delivered fire on town of Schweighofen. AG Plat fired on town. At close of day front line at 177 488. Line outposted by Inf and one platoon of C Company. During night Arty fired heavy concentration on Schweighofen. Bn CP set up on East edge of Weissemburg.

Fr: 0001, 17 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 17 Dec 1944

Attack continued at 0745 and column moved through town of Schweighofen at 1035. Received AT, Arty and small arms fire from Kapsweyer. At 1130 all vehicles (-tks) moved back vic Oberseebach to allow bombers to bomb fortifications vicinity Steinfeld. Medium bombers over at 1215 - 1230. Ineffective to 25 as points bombed were N & E of Steinfeld. In early afternoon Bn moved into Kapsweyer. Heavy enemy Arty, Mortar and small arms fire delivered on Kapsweyer at 1530. Kapsweyer occupied and advance elements (C-25) headed toward Steinfeld. Dragons teeth obstacles encountered on West edge of Steinfeld and beyond obstacle large crater in road. Plans made for reconnaissance to dragons teeth and for Engrs to go forward to use demolition on dragons teeth.

Fr: 0001, 18 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 18 Dec 1944

Bn still in Kapsweyer. Two platoons C Company at South edge of Kapsweyer. One platoon C Company on East edge of town. D Company to N and NW of town, A-68 (-) to W and NW. AG Plat on S edge of town. At 0100 a ten man patrol plus S-2 and Rcn Sq Plat Ldr made reconnaissance through dragons teeth on West edge of Steinfeld. This patrol went through the dragons teeth and found that there were seven rows. At 0200 the Engr Platoon with Sqd of Inf went forward to blow out dragons teeth. When through last row of obstacles, drew heavy MG and small arms fire. Were unable to continue under such heavy fire and were forced to withdraw. While in this position captured one German sentinal. At 0830 one 105 from Lt Martin's Plat went practically to edge of dragons teeth to fire and observe fire on pillboxes in rear of dragons teeth.





Fr: 0001, 18 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 18 Dec 1944 (contd)

This drew heavy artillery fire and Lt Kirby and Sgt Colburn who were observing with the Battalion CO were hit by shrapnel. Lt Kirby seriously wounded. Heavy artillery fire caused withdrawal. Medium tanks and 105's fired intermittently during day on pillboxes and defenses with apparently no marked effect. During day Inf patrols were active in town attempting to clear out snipers. Corps Arty of 8" Howitzers and 155's fired numerous missions on Steinfeld during day. Our Arty (501) fired on Kapsweyer during day. Forward observer was in or near our CP and reported Arty hitting on target.

Fr: 0001, 19 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 19 Dec 1944

Battalion remained in position in Kapsweyer with CP in West edge of town. 76's from C Company and 105 from AG Plat continued firing on pillboxes during morning. Capt Winiarczyk reported that the 75's were ineffective on pillboxes but 76's made penetrations. Heavy enemy Arty continued to fall on Kapsweyer and near CP. At 1000 eight P47's made bombing and strafing raid on Steinfeld. One plane dropped bombs in Kapsweyer approx 400 yards from our CP. At 1300 Bn was relieved by 48th and went to CCB control. Our Bn moved to vic Salmbach - Scheithal. This move was made by Platoon, one platoon moving out when platoon of 48 moved in to take its position. Move completed by 1730 and Bn CP setup in house in Salmbach. During night patrols from A-19 operated in woods to N & NW of Scheithal - Salmbach on CCB order.

Bn with attachments under CCB:

Bn Hq  
 Hq Co  
 B Co  
 C Co  
 D Co  
 Ser Co  
 Med  
 Bn Maint  
 2-B-125  
 A-19

Fr: 0001, 20 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 20 Dec 1944

Bn changed positions and after change: A-19, C-25, Hq 25, D-25 in town of Scheithal; Bn CP established in School house in center of town. From 1630 - 1745 tanks from D-25, C-25, AG Plat employed indirect fire, firing on Steinfeld and Schaidt. B-25 employed indirect fire firing on same towns from Oberlauterbach. Others fired from RR tracks between Schleithal - Salmbach. Due to no observation, results of this fire could not be determined. Each large caliber fired 6 rounds each and .50 cal MG fired 200 rounds each. Firing prescribed by CCB.

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Fr: 0001, 21 Dec 1944

To: 2400, 21 Dec 1944

Bn in bivouac in town of Schleithal. Infantry patrols from A-19 operated in woods to N of Schleithal 24 hours a day. Patrol consisted of 1 Sect plus two men from 2-B-125. Patrols operating to NW contacted friendly elements in that direction. Previous patrols from A-19, made before, 25 was attached to OCB, found roads leading N, heavily blocked, numerous tank traps, and found several German patrols operating to the South. Woods found to be heavily mined.

At 2000 B Company fired 30 rounds of large cal ammunition per tank, indirect fire, on targets to North. Results of firing unknown due to no observation.

Tanks demonstrated at 2100 - 2300 at intervals, racing motors, backing and moving forward to give impression of large armor concentration forming.

Remaining time for men available, spent on maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

Fr: 0001, 22 Dec 1944

To: 2400, 22 Dec 1944

Bn bivouaced in town of Schleithal. Patrols from A-19 operated to N during 24 hour period. Ren Platoon maintained listening posts on Lauter River & vicinity on 24 hour schedule. Results of Inf patrols & listening posts negative.

Tanks from B-25 employed indirect fire at 1200, firing on targets to N in vic Steinfeld - Schaidt and in woods S of these towns. Tanks from C Company and AG Platoon fired indirect fire from vic Schleithal on targets to N and in vic Steinfeld - Schaidt. All tanks fired 20 rounds large cal ammunition each, 50 cal MGs fired 200 rounds each. Result of firing unknown.

Fr: 0001, 23 Dec 1944

To: 2400, 23 Dec 1944

Bivouaced in Schleithal. Infantry patrols operated in woods N until 1300, at which time they were relieved. Tanks from C Company and AG Platoon fired indirect fire at 1400. Targets: Arty Btry, Regtl CP, and Inf dug in with MGs defending pill box. Position of targets obtained from PWs, Air observation and sounding. Results of firing unknown due to no observation. During day Bn partly relieved by 79th Inf Div. To be completely relieved tomorrow. Mortar Platoon fired 50 rounds on estimated targets to North at 1400.

Fr: 0001, 24 Dec 1944

To: 2400, 24 Dec 1944.

Bn moved from Schleithal to Rittershoffen. Moved, beginning at 1700. Bn CP established in house on East edge of town. Relieved from position in Schleithal by 79th Division. Division went to VI Corps Reserve. Bn closed in Rittershoffen at 2220. Companies moved from Schleithal with 30 minute interval between companies.

Fr: 0001, 25 Dec 1944

To: 2400, 26 Dec 1944

Bn bivouaced in Rittershoffen. All roads leading into town blocked and all persons entering are questioned and required to prove their identity. Alert maintained at all times due to enemy parachutist being dropped in 7th Army Area.



Fr: 0001, 27 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 27 Dec 1944

Bn bivouaced in town of Rittershoffen. Town outposted and all persons entering town are checked for proper identification. Guards maintained 24 hours a day on all roads entering town. Roving patrol of Rcn Platoon 25 maintained on roads and in vicinity of town.

Fr: 0001, 28 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 28 Dec 1944

Bn bivouaced in town of Rittershoffen. Town outposted and all persons entering town are checked for proper identification. Guards maintained 24 hours a day on all roads entering town. Roving patrol of Rcn Platoon 25 maintained on roads and in vicinity of town.

Training schedule put into effect by all companies running from 0830 to 1600. Following subjects stressed:

- Dismounted Patrolling
- Perfection of technique of Inf-Tank Team
- Employment of Mortars
- Massed fire and fields of fire
- Mine & Booby Traps
- Organization of Defensive Positions
- Indirect fire by tanks

Fr: 0001, 29 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 29 Dec 1944

Bn bivouaced in town of Rittershoffen. Town outposted and all persons entering town are checked for proper identification. Guards maintained 24 hours a day on all roads entering town. Roving patrol of Rcn Platoon 25 maintained on roads and in vicinity of town.

All Company Commanders, Plat Ldrs, Plat Sgts, Comm Sgts, Squad Ldrs of Rcn Plat, Bn Sgt Major, S-2 Sgt, S-3 Sgt, Motor Sgt, Bn S-2, Bn S-3, Bn Comm O, attended counter sabotage demonstration conducted by ETOUSA in Oberbetschdorf, from 0900 - 1100.

Bn S-3, Company Commanders B & C Companies, reconnoitered routes and positions for indirect fire from vic Schaffhouse.

At 1100 General Smith presented following awards to personnel of the Battalion.

Silver Star Medal: S/Sgt Preston N. Rensch,  
Med Det, for gallantry in action on 16 Dec 44.

Bronze Star Medals: Lt Col Ernest C. Watson,  
Bn Comdr, for meritorious achievement in  
action on 28 & 29 Nov and 17 Dec 44. Capt  
Lloyd I. Sexton, Med Det, for meritorious  
service in action during the period 25 Nov  
to 20 Dec 44. 1st Lt Morris Wax, Ser Co,  
for meritorious service in action from 1 Nov  
to 27 Dec 44. 1st Lt John R. Martin, Hq Co,  
for heroic achievement in action on 27 Nov  
44. 2nd Lt William A. Close, Co B, for  
heroic service in action on 19 Dec 44.





Fr: 0001, 29 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 29 Dec 1944

Bronze Star Medals (contd):

Sgt Wilfred F. Barton, Co B, for heroic service in action on 19 Dec 44. Sgt Edward H. Thomas, Co B, for heroic service in action on 19 Dec 44. Sgt Philip R. Ternan, Co C, for heroic achievement on 18 Dec 44. Tec 4 Donald C. Yarbrough, Ser Co, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 Nov to 4 Dec 44. Tec 5 Ervin L. Nissen, Ser Co, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 Nov to 4 Dec 44. Sgt Norman J. Hargraves, Co C, for heroic service in action on 19 Dec 44.

Fr: 0001, 30 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 30 Dec 1944

Bn bivouaced in town of Rittershoffen. Town outposted and all persons entering town are checked for proper identification. Guards maintained 24 hours a day on all roads entering town. Roving patrol of Bn Platoon 25 maintained on roads in vicinity of town.

Warning order covering move from present position received at 1115.

Tanks from B Company fired indirect fire from Schaffhouse at 1230. Targets Ellinger & Elchesheim. Air observation was available and reported fire on targets.

At 1400 orders received to move to vic Neuwiller, Griesbach, beginning at approx 1900. Route to be posted by Div MPs. Bn started move at 2230 in order C, Hq, B, D, A-19, Bn Maint.

Fr: 0001, 31 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 31 Dec 1944

Bn completed move from Rittershoffen to Neuwiller - Griesbach, closed at 0340. Bn CP established in house in center of Neuwiller. B & C Companies billeted in Griesbach, Bn Hq, Hq Co, D, A-19 billeted in Neuwiller. Local security established, guards placed on all roads entering town and all persons entering checked for proper identification.





S-1 Annex to Unit Journal

Period 1-31 December 1944

1.
  - a KIA  
Officers: None  
EM : Two (2)
  - b MIA  
Officers: None  
EM : None
  - c WIA  
Officers: Two (2)  
EM : Nine (9)
  - d NBC  
Officers: Two (2)  
EM : Twelve (12)
2. Prisoners of War : Fourteen (14)
3. Roster of Key Personnel  
Commanding Officer : Lt. Col. E. C. Watson  
Executive Officer : Major Howard E. Phillips  
Operations Officer S-3 : Major William E Shedd III  
Intelligence Officer S-2 : Capt Grenville T. Emmet Jr.  
S-3 Air, Comm. Off.: Capt Perry F Patton (1st Lt Willard V.  
Horne, Act'g)  
  
S-1, Adjutant : 1st Lt. Gordon W. O'Donnell  
Supply Officer S-4: Capt Nedl K. Swift (1st Lt Morris Wax, Act'g)  
Liaison Officer : 1st Lt Willard V Horne (1st Lt W.C. Hampton, Act'g)  
Bn Surgeon : Capt LLOYD I. Sexton  
C.O. Headquarters Co.: Capt Roy S. Printup  
C.O. Company A : Capt J.J. Scanlon  
C.O. Company B : 1st Lt Homer L. Swager  
C.O. Company C : Capt Andrew W. Winiarczyk  
C.O. Company D : Capt William H. Smith  
C.O. Service Co. : Capt Arnold H. Green
4. Promotions  
  - a Officers:  
To Lt. Col. : Major E. C. Watson  
To Captain : 1st Lt Lloyd I. Sexton  
To 1st Lt. : 2nd Lt Arthur P. Hyde  
To 2nd Lt. : S/Sgt William A. Glose ( Battlefield Appointment)
  - b EM  
To Staff Sgt: Sgt Warren F. Roberson 33443689  
Sgt Edward H. Thomas 35675 197
5. Awards and Decorations  
See Unit Journal dated 29 Dec 1944.





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 1 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 1 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 St Pierre, France  
 1800, 2 Dec 1944

No 10.

Map: France, 1/100,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE; None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS. Assembly area St Pierre.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, scattered rain, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - a. B-94 made reconnaissance of woods west of Epfig in which civilian reported enemy Artillery Battery. Reported battery had left position.
  - b. B Company attached to 410 Inf Regt, 103d Div, in afternoon.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	10			



REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: 3 Tks w/76's (1 to A Co  
 (2 to B Co  
 Trfd 1 M4 Tk w/105 from A to Hq Co

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
 Major, 25th Tk Bn, S-3.



## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 2 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 2 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim, France.  
 1800, 3, Dec 1944

No 11.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE. None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Rain, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD. None
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	10		1	

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 3 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 3 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim, France  
 1800, 4 Dec 1944

No 12.

Map: No change.

1. OUR FRONT LINE. No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy & rain, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: No change.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	9			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	10			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.



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 Major, 25th Tank Battalion,  
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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 4 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 4 Dec 1944  
25th Tank Battalion  
Reidheim, France  
1800, 5 Dec 1944

No 13.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, rain, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5 Tk	7		4	
	M5A1 Tk	7			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 5 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 5 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim, France  
 1800, 6 Nov 1944

No 14.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: \_\_\_\_\_
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy, visibility fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	7	1	3	
VEHICLES RECEIVED DURING PERIOD: None.					

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 6 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 6 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim  
 1800, 7 Dec 1944

No 15.

Maps: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bicouac Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, rain, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - a. 2-B-25 (Lt Hyde) ordered by Div to reinforce 94 in vic Weyersheim. Moved out at 1715, combat loaded, to proceed on mission.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	10		1	

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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# S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 7 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 7 Dec 1944  
25th Tank Battalion  
Reidheim  
1800, 8 Dec 1944

No 16.

Maps: France, 1/100,000, Sheet, V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac Reidheim.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, some rain, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. 2-B-25 still attached to 94 in vic Weyersheim. Fired approx 26 rounds large cal ammunition on town of Gaubsheim. Received small amount of AT fire from town of Gaubsheim, believed to be 88s.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 75	2			
	M4 Tk 105	3			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	10		1	

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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# S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 8 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 8 Dec 1944  
25th Tank Battalion  
Reidheim  
1800, 9 Dec 1944

No 17.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet . . .

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac, Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain, cloudy, visibility fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
  - a. 2-B-25 returned to 25 control at 1815.
  - b. 3 Platoon C Co operated in vic Guedertheim, Weyersheim, Hoerdit, purpose being to create noise indicating large tank concentration.
  - c. S-2 & Recon Section made reconnaissance of area Guedertheim, Brunath, Weitbruch, Weyersheim, Kurtzenhauser to locate roads and areas suitable for movement of tanks.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. —

## 8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1	7			
	M5	10			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Major, 25 Tk Bn, S-3





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 9 Dec 44  
 To: 2400, 9 Dec 44  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim, France  
 1800, 10 Dec 44

No 18

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: ---
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac, Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, Rain, Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Lt Day and Section of Rcn made reconniassance of roads, etc, vic Brumath, Weyersheim, Greis. (Rcn report to CCA separate).

Capt Patton and 3  $\frac{1}{4}$ -tons; 2  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -tons; 3 halftracks; operated in vic Brumath entire day to indicate large movement of vehicles and equipment.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: -----

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	3			
	M4 Tk 75	11	1		
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	7			
	M5 Tk	10	1		

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. WHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
 S-3.





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fri 0001, 11 Dec 44  
 To: 2400, 11 Dec 44  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim, France  
 0001, 12 Dec 44

No 19

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2

1. OUR FRONT LINE: --
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac in Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY - Cloudy, Rain, Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Normal attachments for Road Fighting Formation completed.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	3	2		
	M5 Tk	8			

B Company with other column.

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: Two M4 Tanks with 76 guns to A Company.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 12 Dec 44  
 To: 2400, 12 Dec 44  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Reidheim, France  
 0001, 13 Dec 44

No 20.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE —
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bivouac, Reidheim.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy, rain in morning, clear afternoon, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS: REPORT

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B Company with other column					
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
	Tk Dozer	1 (detached fr A Co)			
D	M5A1 Tk	5			
	M5 Tk	8 (1 Plat attached to 62 AIB)			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Battalion  
 S-3.





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 13 Dec 44  
 To: 2400, 13 Dec 44  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Surbourg, France  
 0001, 14 Dec 44

No 21

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2

1. OUR FRONT LINES: —
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Fighting Formation, in column on road, Reidheim, Hockfelden, Hagueau, Surbourg.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:  
CCB in front of our column  
25 rear of 62.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Outpost established in Schwabwiller consisting of 1-B-94, 1-A-62 & 3-D-25.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	With other column				
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
	Tk Dozer	1 (detached from A Co)			
D	M5A1 Tk	5			
	M5 Tk	8 (one Plat with other column)			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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# S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 14 Dec 44  
 To: 2400, 14 Dec 44  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Vic Hunsbach  
 0001, 15 Dec 1944

No 22

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet V2

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Patrols in Oberseebach, main body on road between Oberseebach and Hunsbach.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: In column on road.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: CCB on right - 62 on left.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, Fair, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Moved out from Surbourg 0600, captured towns of Hermerwiller, Hofen, and Hunsbach, patrols in Oberseebach. Column held up by blown bridge at VL61 405 at 1340. Bridge constructed at 1715 & column moved out. Bridge broke at 1900. Treadway called up to repair same.  
 One PW captured at Hunsbach.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Took town of Hermerwiller, Hoffen, Hunsbach, Patrol in Oberseebach.

## 8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	0			
B	With other column				
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	5			
	M5 Tk	8 (One Flat with other column)			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. WHEED, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 15 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 15 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 175 450  
 2400, 15 Dec 44

No 23

Map: France, 1/25,000, Wissenburg

1. OUR FRONT LINE: 1746
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: A-62 dug in along RR tracks protecting bridge. AG Platoon, 1st Platoon D-25, C-25, deployed off road South of RR.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:  
 62 Column on left.  
 CCB small patrol attempting to enter Schleital.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, cloudy, visibility poor due to fog.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Column moved from vic Hunsbach 1730, seized towns of Oberseebach, Gertershof and bridge crossing over RR at 172 455. Ten prisoners captured, 7 at Oberseebach, 3 at Hunsbach. Two of our light tanks knocked out by German tank vic bridge over RR. One German tank knocked out by Inf bazooka fire. Received Arty, Mortar and small arms fire in fairly large quantity about 1630. Six German tanks seen on road vic RJ 171 463 at 1630. Three road blocks encountered and cleared this morning at (1) 185 425; (2) 184 430; (3) 180 434.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Seized towns of Oberseebach, Gertershof, and bridge crossing over RR at 172 455. Stopped enemy counterattack which was launched at 1630.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76 (				
	M4 Tk 75 (With other column				
	M4 Tk 105 (				
B	M4 Tk 76 (				
	M4 Tk 75 (With other column				
	M4 Tk 105 (				
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	3			
	M5 Tk	6 (one platoon with other column)			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
 S-3





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 16 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 16 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Weissemburg  
 2400, 16 Dec 1944

No 24.

Map: France, 1/500,000, Weissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: 177 488.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Infantry outposting line with 1 Platoon C Co. Rest of column on road in Weissemburg.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 62 entrenched at Rechterbach.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Attacked jumped off at 0745, ran into RR overpass blown and blocking road at 166 474. Inf patrols entered Weissemburg at 1000. Road block cleared at 1100. Column moved in and occupied town of Alterstatt. Four PWs captured. Bridge blown across river in Alterstatt at 171 480. Infantry crossed river and established bridgehead. Column moved back through Weissemburg to E toward Schweighofen. Undefined road block encountered and removed at 165 488. Leading elements fired on by one AT gun estimated to be 88 firing from W edge of Schweighofen. AT gun protected by small arms and automatic fire, Time 1730. Attack halted for night at this point.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Occupied town of Alterstatt, Patrols in Weissemburg relieved by 62.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	In CCA Res				
B	With 62 Col				
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	3			
	M5 Tk	6			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Battalion  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr. 0001, 17 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 17 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Kapsweyer  
 2400, 17 Dec 1944

No 25.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Weissenburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: East edge of town of Kapsweyer.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: In town of Kapsweyer & outposting front line.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility excellent.

## 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Attack continued at 0745 from Road Fighting Formation. Moved through town of Sweighofen at 1035. Received fire from Kapsweyer. At 1130 all vehicles (-Tks) moved back to vic Oberseebach to allow bombing mission on Steinfeld. Mission not successful as approximately 120 medium bombers bombed points to North of objective. Heavy enemy Arty and small arms fire on Kapsweyer at 1530. Attack halted for night at 1730. In afternoon Bn moved into Kapsweyer. Advance element found dragon teeth fortification West edge Steinfeld, beyond that large crater in road. Engrs and Inf went forward after dark to blow out dragon teeth and if possible tread way bridge across crater. A-62 relieved by A-68 during night.

## 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

## 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Captured towns of Windhof, Schweighofer, Kapsweyer. Two German prisoners captured at Schweighofer.

## 8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	2	1 (non battle)		
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	In CCA Res				
B	In 62 Col				
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	3			
	M5 Tk	6			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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# 3-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 18 Dec 1944  
To: 2400, 18 Dec 1944  
25th Tank Battalion  
Kapsweyer  
2400, 18 Dec 1944

No 26.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Weissenburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: East edge of town of Kapsweyer.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Two Platoons C Co outposting S Edge of town  
AG Platoon between these platoons;  
One Platoon C Co outposting E edge of town  
D Co outposting N edge of town  
A-68 (-) outposting roads from N & NW.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS. --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUT OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
At 0100, 10 man patrol with S-2 and 94 Ren Pl Ldr made reconnaissance through dragons teeth on W edge of Steinfeld. Counted seven rows.  
At 0200, Engr Platoon with Sqd of Inf went forward to blow path through dragons teeth and reached point 30 feet from pillboxes. There received heavy MG and small arms fire. Captured one German OP sentinel and withdrew.  
At 0830 one 105 went practically to edge of dragons teeth to fire and observe fire on pillboxes. Intense Arty fire caused withdrawal.  
During day patrols from A-68 attempted to clear town of snipers. Med Tanks and 105's fired intermittently all day with no apparent effect on defenses.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Determined strength and type of defenses on road leading from W into Steinfeld. Captured one prisoner.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	In CCA Res				
B	In 62 Col				
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	3			
	M5 Tk	6			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
Major S-3



## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 19 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 19 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Salmbach  
 2400, 19 Dec 1944

No 27.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Weissenburg Sheet

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Line Schleithal - Salmbach
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: D-C-25; A-19 in Schleithal  
                                 Hq Co in Salmbach  
                                 B-25; 2-B-125 in Oberlauterbach.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 48 in Kapsweyer
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY - Partly cloudy, visibility fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
     Bn remained in position in Kapsweyer. During morning intermittent firing by  
     76's and 105's on pill boxes.  
     Bn relieved by 48th at 1300 and moved to vic Salmbach.  
     Patrols of A-19 operating to N & NW. Assigned to CCB.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	Attached to 19 Inf				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	3			
	M5 Tk	11			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 20 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 20 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Scheithal  
 2400, 20 Dec 1944

No 28

Map: France, 1/50,000, Weissenburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: W to E edge of Scheithal.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: A-19; C-25, Hq-25, D-25, in town of Scheithal.  
                           B-25 in town of Oberlauterbach  
                           2-B-125 in town of Oberlauterbach.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 48 to N in Kapsweyer.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Bn relocated as in par 2.  
     From 1630 to 1745 tanks from D-25, C-25, AG Platoon and B-25 employed indirect fire, firing to N. B Company fired indirect fire to N from Oberlauterbach.  
     Fired 6 rounds each from 75's, 76's and 105's, 50 cal MG fired 200 rounds each. This firing on CCB order.  
     Infantry patrols operated in woods to N from Lauter River.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	Attached to 19 AIB				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	9			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	4			
	M5 Tk	7			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 21 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 21 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Schleithal  
 2400, 21 Dec 1944

No 29.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Weissenburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Infantry patrols operated to N during day, findings negative.  
 Infantry patrol of 1 Sect and two men from 2-B-125 left at 2100 patrolling to N with mission of contacting 48th in Schweighofen. To return at 0100.  
 Tanks demonstrated at 2100 - 2300 at intervals racing motors to give impression that large tank concentration is forming.  
 B Company fired 30 rounds large ammunition per tank at 2000 - 2100 on targets to N (Indirect fire).
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	Attached to 19 AIB				
B	M4 Tk 76	6	1		
	M4 Tk 75	8	2		
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	10	2		

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 22 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 22 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Schleithal  
 2400, 22 Dec 1944

No 30.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy, visibility poor most of day.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 

Patrol from A-19 composed of 1 Sect and 2 men from B-25 patrolled woods to North leaving at 0100.

Patrol from A-19 same as above except left at 0700.

Patrol from A-19 same as above except left at 1300.

Rcn Plat-25 maintained listening posts on Lauter River and vicinity on 24 hour schedule.

Took over D-94 patrols and outposts at 0800.

Tanks from B-25 employed indirect fire at 1200 firing on targets to North in vicinity Steinfeld - Schaidt and in woods South of these towns. Result of firing unknown.

Tanks from C Company and AG Platoon fired indirect fire from vic Schleithal on targets as in par above, fired 20 rounds per large caliber weapon and 200 rounds per .50 caliber MG. Results of firing unknown due to no observation.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	Atchd to 19 AIB.				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	9	2	1	
REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.					



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 Major S-3

## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 23 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 23 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Schleithal  
 2400, 23 Dec 1944.

No 31.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, cold, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Tanks from C Company fired indirect fire at 1400.

AG Platoon fired indirect fire at 1400.

Targets - Arty Btry, Regt CP, and Inf dug in with MG's defending pillbox. This information of enemy positions obtained through PW's, air observation and sounding. Results of firing unknown due to no observation.

Inf patrols relieved at 1300. Results of patrols during day prior to 1300 negative.

Bn partly relieved by 79 Inf Div. To be completely relieved tomorrow.

Mortar Platoon fired 50 rounds on estimated targets to North at 1400.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	1	1		
A	With other unit				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 24 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 24 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Rittershoffen  
 2400, 24 Dec 1944

No 32.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: --
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Rittershoffen
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Moved from Schleithal to Rittershoffen. Moved beginning at 1700. Bn CP established in house on E edge of town. Relieved by 79th Inf Div in Schleithal. Division went to VI Corps Reserve. Bn closed in Rittershoffen 2220.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76 )				
	M4 Tk 75 )				
	M4 Tk 105 )				
					Atchd to other unit
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 25 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 25 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Rittershoffen  
 2400, 25 Dec 1944

No 33.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: --
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Rittershoffen.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, cold, windy, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Bivouac in Rittershoffen  
 All roads leading into town blocked and all persons entering are questioned and required to prove their identity.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M5 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76 )	With other unit			
	M4 Tk 75 )				
	M4 Tk 105 )				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 26 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 26 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Ritterhoffen  
 2400, 26 Dec 1944

No 34.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissenburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility excellent.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Road blocks on all roads leading into town maintained 24 hours a day.  
 No person or persons allowed to pass without proper identification.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	1	1		
A	M4 Tk 76 )				
	M4 Tk 75 )				
	M4 Tk 105 )				
		With other unit (19th)			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	10			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 27 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 27 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Rittershoffen  
 2400, 27 Dec 1944

No 35.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 All persons entering town checked for proper identification. Guards maintained 24 hours a day on all roads leading into town.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	1		1	
A	M4 Tk 76 ) M4 Tk 75 ) M4 Tk 105 )	With other unit (19th)			
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	11		1	

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 28 Dec 1944, 0001  
 To: 28 Dec 1944, 2400  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Rittershoffen  
 2400, 28 Dec 1944

No. 36.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Wissemburg Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

All persons entering town checked for proper identification. Training Schedules put in effect by all companies running from 0830 - 1630.

Subjects stressed:

Dismounted Patrolling  
 Perfection of technique of the Tank-Inf Team  
 Employment of Mortars  
 Massed fire and fields of fire.  
 Mine & Booby traps.  
 Organization of defensive positions  
 Indirect fire by tanks

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	1		1	
A	Atchd to other unit				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	11		1	

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 29 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 29 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Rittershoffen  
 2400, 29 Dec 1944

No 37.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ---
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy, visibility poor.

## 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

All persons entering town checked for proper identification. Moving patrol maintained on roads in vic town by 25 Ren Platoon.

All Co Comdrs, Plat Ldrs, Plat Sgts, Sqd Ldrs of Ren Plat, Bn Sgt Major, S-2 Sgt, S-3 Sgt, Motor Sgt, Bn S-2, Bn S-3, Bn Comm C, attended Counter Sabotage Demonstration conducted by ETOUSA in Oberbetschdorf. Demonstration lasted from 0900 - 1100.

Bn S-3, CO of B & C Cos reconnoitered routes and positions for indirect fire from vic Schaffhouse.

## 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

## 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ---

## 8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	1		1	
A	Atchd to other unit				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	11		1	

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 30 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 30 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Newviller  
 2400, 30 Dec 1944

No 38

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Newviller
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Biv in Newviller & Griesbach.  
 A-19, Hq, D in Newviller, B & C in Griesbach.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Warning orders to move received 1115.  
 Tanks from B & C Companies fired indirect from Schaffhouse at 1230. Targets Illinger, Elchesheim, Steinmauern. Air observation reported targets hit.  
 Orders received to move to vic Newviller, Griesbach beginning at approx 1900. 10 min between companies. Route posted by Div MPs. Cos moved out at 2230 in order C, Hq, B, D, A-19, Bn Maint.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Made move from Rittershoffen to Newviller - Griesbach.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	Atchd to other unit				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10	1		
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 31 Dec 1944  
 To: 2400, 31 Dec 1944  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Neuwiller  
 2400, 31 Dec 1944

No 39.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: —

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bn CP, Hq, D, A-19 in Neuwiller, B & C in Griesbach.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

0001 - 0340 enroute from Rittershoffen to Neuwiller - Griesbach. Bn closed at 0340.

Security established, all persons entering town checked for proper identification.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Moved from Rittershoffen to Neuwiller - Griesbach.

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	Atchd to other unit				
B	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	9		1	
	M4 Tk 105	1			
C	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	M4 Tk 105	1			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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BN SOP ROAD FIGHTING FORMATION, EFFECTIVE 116, 10 DEC 1944.

Point	1-B-94 Lt Tk Plat
Support	Plat C-25 Tk Dozer Plat A-62 AG Platoon FO
Main Bdy	CO 25 S-3 25 Arty (if any) A-62 (-) 1-C-125 C-25(-)
Reserve	Mortar Plat 25 Bn Hq 25 Rcn Plat 25 Hq Co 25 (-) Bn Maint 25 Medics 25
Rear Gd	D-25 (-)

Troop Change List:

1 Dec - B Co attached to 410 Inf Regt, 103 Div.  
3 Dec - C Co reverted to 25 control.  
3 Dec - B Co reverted to 25 control.  
6 Dec - 2-B-25 attached to 94.  
8 Dec - 2-B-25 reverted to 25 control.  
10 Dec - B Co to 62 control  
10 Dec - A Co to CCA Reserve  
10 Dec - 1-B-94, 1-C-125, A-62 to 25 control.  
10 Dec - 1 Fl D-25 to 62 control.  
19 Dec - Bn from CCA to CCB control.  
20 Dec - A-19, 2-B-125 attached to 25  
20 Dec - 1-B-94, 1-C-125, A-62 to parent control.  
24 Dec - 2-B-125 to 125 control.

Vehicular losses during period:

2 light tanks, D Company, vicinity Wi ssemburg.

