

HEADQUARTERS
25TH TANK BATTALION
APO 446, c/o Postmaster
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2117
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Report.

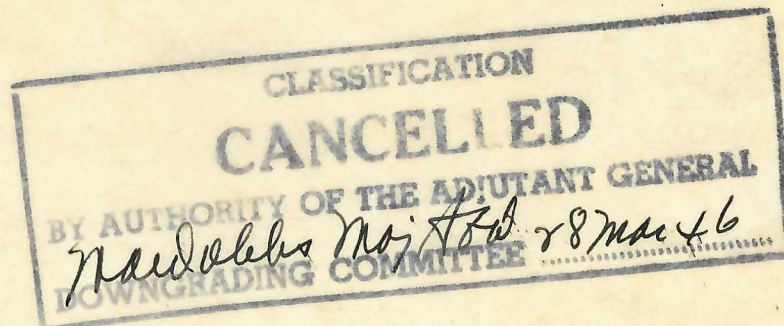
TO : Commanding Officer, CC "A", 14th Armored Division.

In compliance with Memorandum #5, Hq CC "A", dated 4 December 1944,
the Unit Historical Report for this Battalion is attached hereto:

For the Battalion Commander:

SURPLUS
/ NON RECORD MATERIAL
WW II RECORDS DIV., NARS.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,
Major, 25th Tank Bn,
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S-3 JOURNAL, 25TH TANK BN

Fr: 0001, 1 Nov 1944
To: 2400, 5 Nov 1944

In bivouac area vic LaMalle. During this period drawing of vehicles and vehicular equipment was accomplished. Vehicles worked on to prepare them for combat. New 76 and 105's fired for purpose of testing to see if functioning properly. Daily individual weapons inspection held. Daily period of calisthenics held. Weather bad most of this period, cloudy and rain. Eight hour passes granted men to visit Marseille.

Fr: 0001, 6 Nov 1944
To: 2400, 8 Nov 1944

During this period all tanks and half tracks loaded on trains for movement to Portieux La Verrerie.

B, D, C, & A Cos from Cannes Station, Marseille.
Hq Co from station at Septemes.

0730 8 Nov All wheeled vehicles left for road march to biv area vic Portieux La Verrerie.

1700 8 Nov Wheeled vehicle column halted at Valence, spent night in stable of French Cavalry Unit.

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

0600- Wheeled vehicle column departed from Valence, on road until 1600.
1600- Column halted, went into biv area in Park in Dijon. Raining continually. A, C, B, D Cos tanks and half tracks arrive at station near bivouac area.

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

0600- Wheeled vehicle column left Dijon to continue march to Portieux La Verrerie.
1500- Wheeled vehicle column arrived at bivouac area vic Portieux La Verrerie. Hq Co train arrived, tanks and half tracks unloaded & brought to biv area.

Fr: 0001, 11 Nov 1944
To: 2400, 19 Nov 1944

Bn in bivouac area vic Portieux La Verrie. Entire period devoted to maintenance of vehicles and weapons. All weapons never before fired were fired. Afterwards, Ord checked all weapons to correct deficiencies noted during firing. Concurrent training conducted at all times covering Gunnery, Orientation, Map Reading, Direct Fire, specialized training for Assault Gun & Mortar Platoons. Weather cloudy and rainy all the time. Corduroy roads were built to facilitate moving vehicles in and out.

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

1400- Left Portieux La Verrerie, part of CCA Column. CCA attached to VI Corps, VII Army. Orders for movement to vic La Salle from VI Corps. Normal attachments of B-62, 1-B-94, 1-A-125, Det 84, A-500, made to 25th. B-25 attached to 62 AIB.

2000- Arrived La Salle, column left on road due to priority of roads to 3d and 103d Inf Divisions.

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S-3 JOURNAL, 25TH TANK BN

Fr: 0001, 21 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 21 Nov 1944

0800-

Moved from LaSalle to vic MonPatelize. Setup Bn CP in house in center of town. Preparations made for crossing river at St Michel. One tank, A Co, hit mine while moving into town. Mine planted near edge of building, three men injured. No contact with enemy. Orders received at 1500 changing plans and attaching Bn to 15th Corps, 7th Army. Moved out at 1630 with mission of seizing Barembach. Route via Rambervillers-Blamont.

Fr: 0001, 22 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 22 Nov 1944

0730-

Arrived at Blamont. Moved from Blamont to Cirey as 3d column behind 62d and 48th. Remained on road during night due to end of CCA Column meeting resistance vic St Quiren.

Fr: 0001, 23 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 23 Nov 1944

Bn in CCA Reserve. Remained on road. No contact with enemy. Bn CP established in house at RJ at V473013, Map: France 1/100,000, Sheet 150. Resistance encountered by forward units of CCA consisting mainly of road blocks defended by Mortar and MG fire. B-62 reverted back to 62 AIB while B-25 reverted back to Bn control.

Fr: 0001, 24 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 24 Nov 1944

1125-

Bn moved to continue march on CCA Objective. 3d Platoon, B Co, preceded Hq CCA for security. Bn still in CCA Reserve.

1730-

Passed through Abreschviller. Halted on road for night at V580930, Map: France, 1/100,000. Column following 48th Tk Bn Column. 48th held up by some type of road blocks. Enemy snipers active to a small degree during the night. No contact with enemy.

Fr: 0001, 25 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 25 Nov 1944

0800-

Bn moved from V580930.

1045-

Arrived at LeDonon. Bn CP established in house at V5658989. Snipers still active. CCA returned to VI Corps control again. No physical contact.

Fr: 0001, 26 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 26 Nov 1944

Remained in present position effecting resupply preparatory to moving out on new mission at 0700, 27 Nov 44. Bn ordered to close on 48th Tk Bn at 2100, 26 Nov. Move made. Bn CP established in house in Scherneck. Mission of CCA movement to vic Selestat to cut off Ferman retreat. Any resistance encountered on way to be eliminated as quickly as possible. B-62 returned to 25 control. No physical contact.

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S-3 JOURNAL, 25TH TANK BN

Fr: 0001, 27 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 27 Nov 1944

0700-

Bn moved from Scherneck continuing on mission. Bn moved as right column of CCA. First contact with enemy vic Goxweiller. Nature of enemy defense consisted of road blocks of trees felled across road protected by small arms fire. Civilian reported prior to our attack on this position that town was held by approximately 25 Germans. Attack was made at Approx 1400 by 1st Platoon, A Co, Lt Tomey, with support of 1st Platoon, D Co, Lt Chrisman, and AG Platoon, Lt Martin. Resistance eliminated and road blocks removed at approx 1430. Column reformed and continued on road toward Gertsweiller. Considerable MG fire and a few rounds of 76 and 105 used in fight before Goxweiller. At approx 1600, Lt Tomey reported blown bridge across stream in center of Gertsweiller. Bypass was found approx one hour later and Lt Tomey's Platoon was ordered to move to outskirts of town and halt. Approx 1/2 mile from town heavy AT fire was received by Lt Tomey's Platoon. Three tanks knocked out, Lt Tomey and two crew members killed and six men wounded. Infantry immediately moved into position on outskirts of town and dug in, supported by one 105 How from Lt Martin's Platoon and 3d Platoon, A Co, Lt Walton. Heavy fighting continued during entire night with our Infantry being forced back slowly. Mortar Platoon fired approx fifty rounds by map data on estimated German position, results of fire unknown.

Fr: 0001, 28 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 28 Nov 1944

Assault Gun Platoon-One tank fired complete load early in the morning in support of Infantry. Tank unable to get back across blown bridge due to bypass being captured by enemy. Plans made for destruction of tank when necessary to withdraw. Plans unable to be carried out due to rapidity of enemy early morning attack. On withdrawal from town after loss of 105 intact, Lt Martin and members of AG Platoon assisted Inf withdrawal by firing 50 cal MGs as much as possible.

A Company-Withdrawal of Inf from town covered by Lt Walton's Platoon. Considerable fire laid in houses where enemy bazooka men and snipers were hiding. All of A Co laid fire on town of Gertsweiller early in morning until Bn withdrew to outskirts of Goxweiller in middle of afternoon.

B Company-Lt Swager's Platoon (1st Pl) set up on left flank of Bn front which was established on CR approx 400 yards from town of Gertsweiller and fired into enemy which was located in buildings and dug in in fields. This platoon was ordered to make another attempt to enter town of Gertsweiller but was unsuccessful after going into town one block. Lead tank knocked out by bazookamen in building. One man killed. Platoon then withdrew to former position. 2d & 3d Platoons alternated in protecting right flank of Bn in firing at same targets. Lt Hyde's tank knocked out and burned by AT gun firing from building in Gertsweiller.

C Company-Attached to 62 AIB, had small fire fight and 62 was forced to withdraw due to cross fire on road.

D Company-1st Platoon, Lt Chrisman, in center of forward line in front of Gertsweiller claimed to have knocked out one enemy AT Gun. Bn forced to withdraw to defensive position around Goxweiller in middle of afternoon. No further contact during night except scattered arty and mortar fire which had been falling on column heavily during the day. Civilians reported that enemy had moved approx 300 reinforcements into Gertsweiller early in the morning.

Fr: 0001, 29 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 29 Nov 1944

Ren Platoon, B-94, and Bn Ren Platoon entered town of Gertsweiller again at approx 0800, mission being to locate enemy if still present and begin clearing town. Platoon reported enemy had apparently withdrawn leaving only snipers in few buildings. Both platoons mopped up in town and established defenses on outskirts of town during day. 3d Platoon, B Co, (Lt Genoser), sent into town to cover Engineers while bridge was being constructed. PWs reported enemy had withdrawn from town during previous night.

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29 Nov 1944 (continued)

Artillery bombardment during previous day and night quite effective. Bridge completed at 1600 and all units pulled back to Bn assembly area around Goxweiller. Bn CP established in house in SE edge of Goxweiller. Bn placed in CCA reserve to remain in present location awaiting further orders. B-62 returned to 62 control.

Fr: 0001, 30 Nov 1944

To: 2400, 30 Nov 1944

Bn remained in positions in Goxweiller on 30 minute alert in CCA Reserve. C Company attached to 48th Tk Bn for use in W Column of CCA. One 105 Howitzer from AG Platoon attached to 62 AIB for use in clearing road block in front of St Pierre.



S-1 ANNEX TO UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

1. During the month of November 1944, the following casualties were sustained by the 25th Tank Battalion:

a. Killed in action:

- (1) Officers: One (1)
- (2) EM : Two (2)

b. Missing in action:

- (1) Officers: None (0)
- (2) EM : One (1)

c. Wounded in action:

- (1) Officers: One (1)
- (2) EM : Twenty-one (21)

d. Non-Battle Casualties:

- (1) Officers: Two (2)
- (2) EM : Eleven (11)

e. Captured: None (0)

2. Prisoners of War: ~~None (0)~~ Twenty (20)

3. Roster of Key Personnel:

Commanding Officer:	Major	Ernest C. Watson	0249093
Executive Officer:	Major	Howard E. Philips	0229094
S-3:	Major	William E. Shedd, III	024971
S-2:	Capt	James J. Scanlan	0313389
S-3 (Air):	Capt	Perry F. Patton	0379736
S-4:	Capt	Neil K. Swift	0416198
S-1:	1st Lt	Gordon W. O'Donnell	01014670
Liaison Officer:	1st Lt	Willard V. Horne	0436573
Bn Surgeon:	1st Lt	Lloyd I. Sexton	01705576
Co Comdr Hq Co:	Capt	Roy S. Printup	0291617
Co Comdr A Co:	Capt	Thomas M. Lasater	0450455
Co Comdr B Co:	Capt	Grenville T. Emmet, Jr	01016133
Co Comdr C Co:	Capt	Andrew W. Winiarczyk	01010883
Co Comdr D Co:	Capt	William D. Smith	0374149
Co Comdr Ser Co:	Capt	Arnold H. Green	01010767

4. During the month of November 1944, the following promotions were effected within the command:

1st/Sgt Frank L. Relesner	35569896	Hq Co
1st/Sgt Robert A. Echols	35711198	Ser Co
S/Sgt John H. Bryant	39853358	Hq Co
S/Sgt Salvatore A. Frio	32589255	Co D Ser Co
S/Sgt John P. Wilson	34593127	Co D
S/Sgt Felix J. Neff	37246905	Co C
S/Sgt Robert R. McClarren	35615829	Co D
Tec 3 Paul F. Dunigan	37339470	Med Det



SOP NORMAL FORMATION OF 25TH TANK BN. IN COLUMN ON ROAD: EFFECTIVE 20 NOV 1944.

Ren	1-D-25
Point	1-A-25 1-B-62
Adv Party	CO A-25 AG Platoon 1-C-25
Support	CO 25 S-3 25 PO 2-B-62 A-25 (-)
Main Body	Ren 25 Ex O 25 Msg Cntr 2 Peeps Med Mort Platoon 3-B-62 B-25 C-25 A-500 Med 25 (-) Hq Co 25 (-) Sv 25
R Guard	B-25 (-)

SUMMARY OF VEHICLES LOST DURING PERIOD.

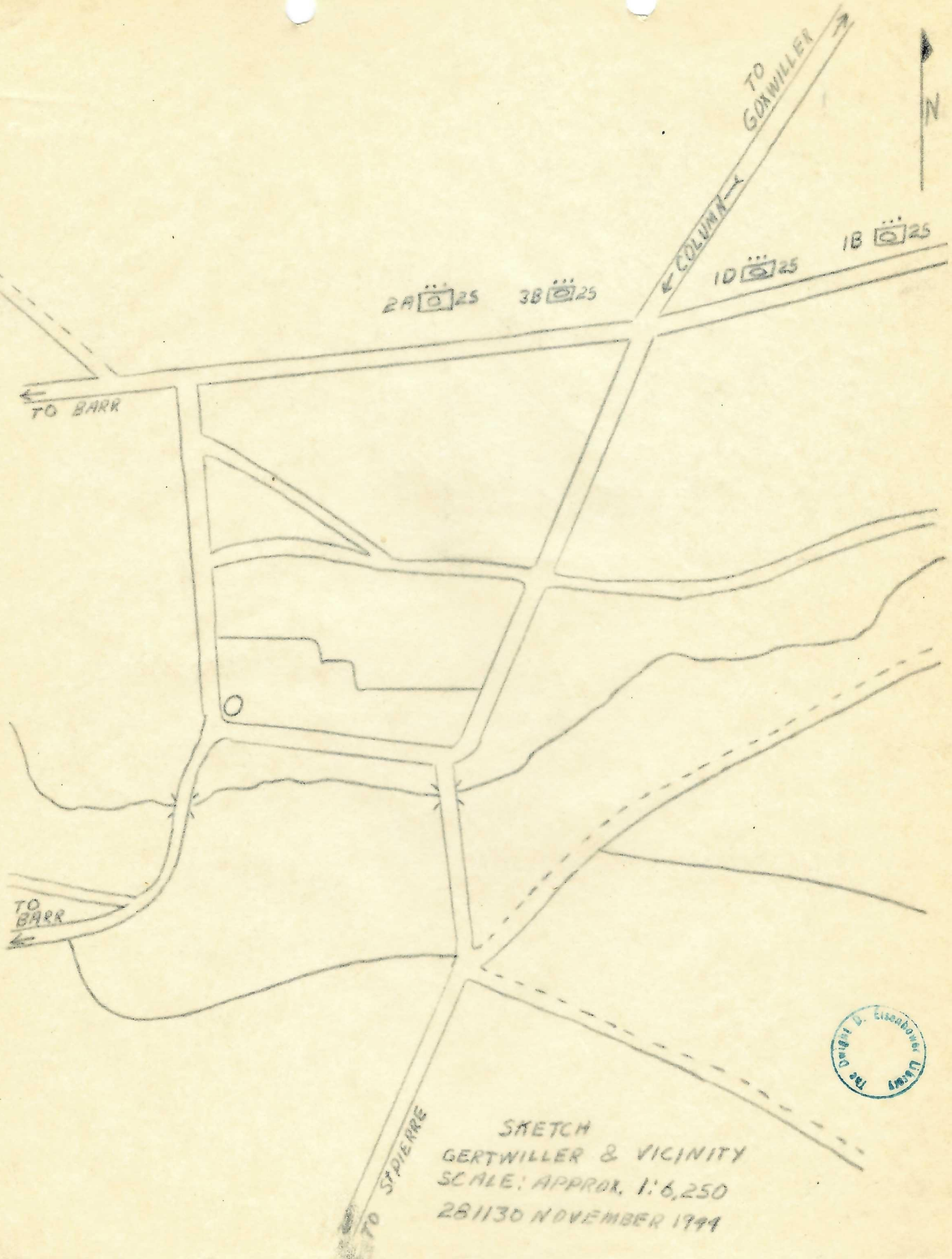
1 Tk M4 w/105 How	Captured
1 Tk M4 w/76 Gun	Hit by AT gun & burned
1 Tk M4 w/76 Gun	Hit by AT gun & burned
1 Tk M4 w/75 Gun	Hit by AT gun & bazooka & burned.
1 Tk M4 w/76 Gun	Hit by bazooka, not repairable
1 Tk M4 w/76 Gun	Hit by bazooka & burned
1 Tk M4 w/75 Gun	Hit by bazooka & repaired.

20 Nov	B-25 attached to 62 AIB
23 Nov	B-25 reverted back to 25 control
23 Nov	B-62 reverted back to 62 control
26 Nov	B-62 returned to 25 control
28 Nov	C-25 attached to 62 AIB
29 Nov	B-62 returned to 62 control
30 Nov	C-25 from 62 control to 48 control.



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To CO 25 TR Bn		
<p>Enemy counterattack with BAZOOKA TEAMS AND INF ESTIMATED AT 300. AT GUN IN VILLAGE OF GERTW. HOR</p>		
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER AB P/LDR		TIME SIGNED 1510
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER <i>Cardinal T/Sgt</i>		SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER <i>Cardinal T/Sgt</i>
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To CO 25 TR Bn		
<p>PW Reports 2-81mm MORTARS IN BARR IN VIC 783 784</p>		
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		TIME SIGNED 1430
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TO BARR

TO GOWILLER

COLUMNA

TO BARR

TO ST PIERRE

SKETCH
GERTWILLER & VICINITY
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28/130 NOVEMBER 1944



S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 28 Nov 1944
To: 1130, 28 Nov 1944
25th Tank Battalion
Vic COXWEILLER
1130, 28 Nov 1944

No 2.

Maps: Molshaim 1/50,000.
Selestat 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line: Certsweiller.
- b. Defensive organizations: Road Blocks, Bridge Blown, AT Guns, Inf Dug In.
- c. Artillery: 88's.

2. ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD:

- a. Counterattack at 0500. Reinforced Inf containing Bazooka teams, MG Platoon, and Grenadiers. Our tanks and Inf forced to withdraw due to lack of Infantry support and poor visibility.

(2) Two AT Guns estimated as 88's.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. 15 PWs by Inf.
- b. Morale poor.
- c. Equipment excellent.
- f. Cloudy, visibility poor, but shows signs of clearing.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. Withdraw to new positions.
- b. Counterattack.

The former capability seems likely, as the weather is clearing and the possibility of our bringing up Inf reserves plus air support seems likely.



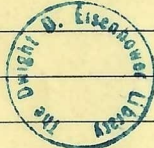
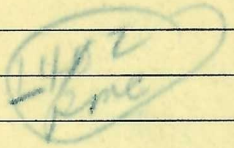
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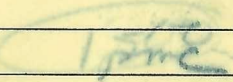
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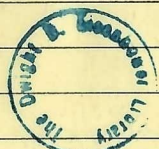
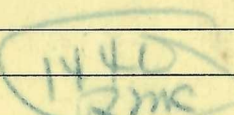
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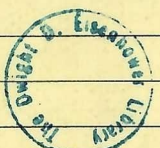
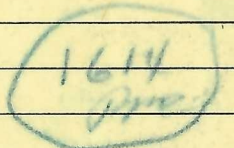



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		1440		ENEMY ARTY ON CP IN Goxwiller.				RCN.	
				REAR CP IN OVERNAI				TRG.	
				FR: 290001 Nov 44 To: 292400 Nov 44				TD	
		0700		RCN pl plus S-2 AND Sgt to Gertwiller to				INF.	
				CLEAR TOWN				AIR	
		1130		TOWN RPTED CLEARED				ENG	
				BN CP SE EDGE Goxwiller				G	
		1200		ARTY FIRE ON X RDS NEAR CP. BN	FR: 300001			NOV 44 To: 302400 Nov 44	
				IN RESERVE				Supplies	
				FR: 100001 Dec 44 To: 122400 Dec 44				DEFENSIVE	
		0900		S-2 to ST. PIERRE CCA HQ. BACK 1100				IDENTIFICATION	
	1100			CCA NOW ATTACHED TO 103 INF DIV				Terrain	
	1200			LN off with orders to move				WEATHER	
		1235		BN MOVES AND CP ESTABLISHED IN ST PIERRE				MISC.	

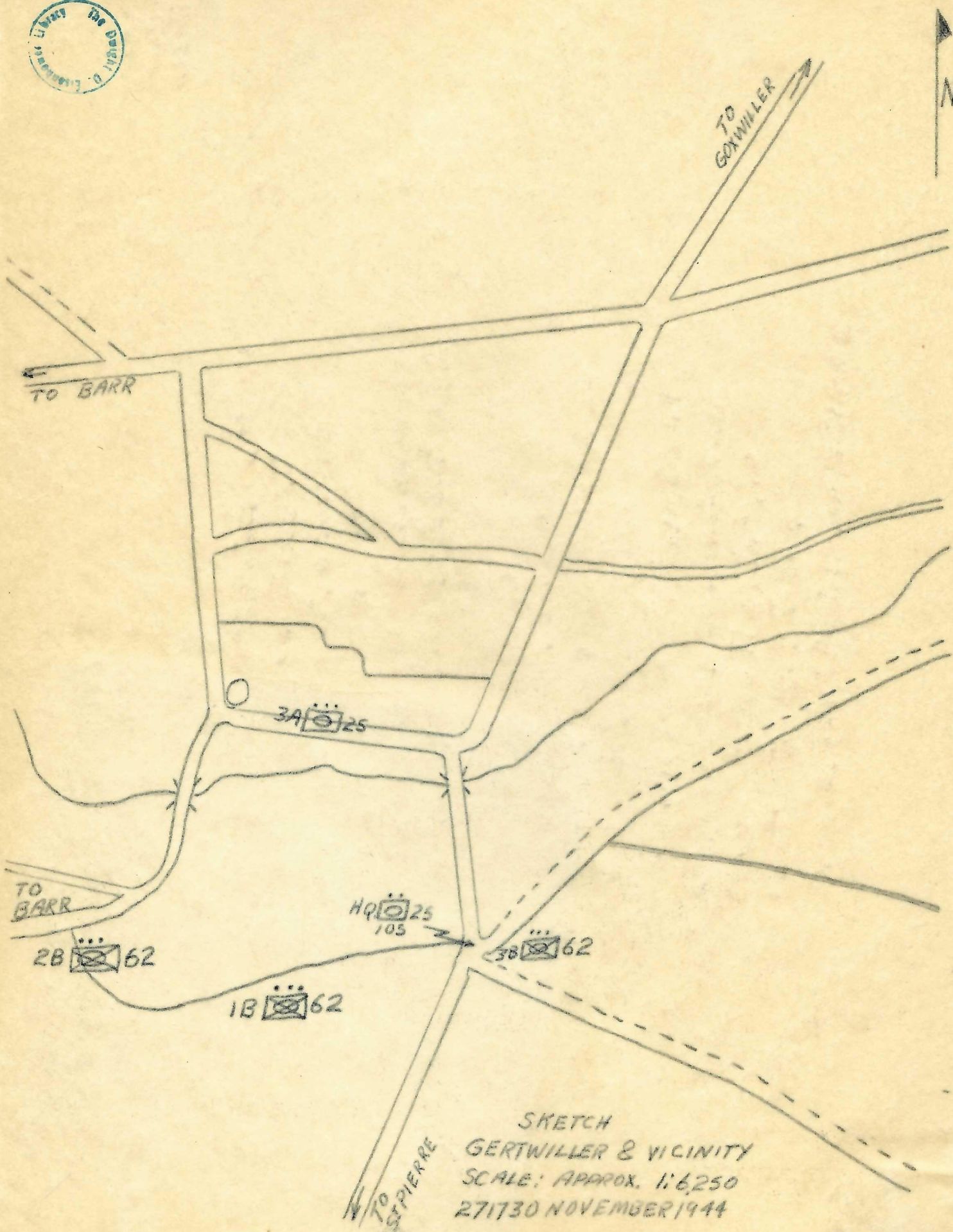
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POINT Reports RD Block At Goxwiller. DEFENDED BY SA FIRE		
 		
LDR 15 PI A CO		1400
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To CO 25 TR BN		
ENEMY CONTACTED AT GERTWILLER		
 		
LDR 15 PI A CO		1450
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To CO 25 TR BN		
RD BLOCK REDUCED. RESISTANCE ELIMINATED		
 		
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To CO 25 TR BN		
BRIDGE OUT IN GERTWILLER BY PASS TO RIGHT		
 		
LDR 15 PI A CO		1600
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<i>ATOR MINES ENCOUNTERED 1/2 MI FROM GERTWILLER BY POINT</i>		
<i>VIC 803783</i>		
		
<i>1705</i>		
<i>LDR 1st PI A Co</i>		<i>2244</i>
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TO 272400 Nov 44

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			1700	BN DEPARTS FR SCHIRMACK										FRONT LINE	
			1400	BN ARRIVES VIC OBERHAI										ARTY	
1	1402		LT. Toney	RD BLOCK AT GOXWILLER X RDS				X	X	X				RCN.	1
2	1441		LT. Toney	RD BLOCK CLEARED. SA FIRE REDUCED				X	X	X				TNS	2
3	1500		LT. Toney	ENEMY CONTACTED AT GERTWILLER				X	X	X				TD	3
4	1614		LT. Toney	BRIDGE OUT IN GERTWILLER. BY PASS TO RIGHT				X	X	X				INF.	4
5	1715		LT. Toney	HEAVY AT FIRE OR MINE FIELD										AIR	5
		1730		S-2 TO CCA WITH 2 PW'S AND SITUATION										ENG	
				BACK 1900										G	
	1800			LN OFF WITH SITUATION										RESERVES	
				MORTAR PL COMMITTED AT 2330										SUPPLIES	
				FR: 280001 NOV 44 TO: 282400 NOV 44										DEFENSIVE	
1	0510		LT. MARTIN	COUNTER ATTACK BY ENEMY. BAZOOKA TEAMS AND INT REPORTED IN GERTWILLER IN										IDENTIFICATION	6
				STRENGTH (APPROX 300) AT GUN IN VILLAGE										TERRAIN	
		0630		BN WITHDRAWS TO X RDS NOT GERTWILLER										WEATHER	
														MISC.	

S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 27 Nov 1944
To: 2400, 27 Nov 1944
25th Tank Bn
Vic GOXWEILLER
2400, 27 Nov 1944.

No 1.

Maps: Molesheim 1/50,000.
Selestat 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Line: GOXWEILLER and GERTSWEILLER.
- b. Defensive Organization: Rd Blocks and AT Guns.
- c. Snipers and Infantry men in buildings.
- d. AT Guns: 88's.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. Delaying action, snipers fire covering road block.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - (10) Small force Inf dug in about town and in buildings.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 5 PWs
- b. Poor Morale
- c. Equipment excellent.
- f. Cloudy - visibility poor.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

Enemy could withdraw to next town.
Enemy could counterattack as terrain is wet and unsuitable for deployment.
It can be assumed that the enemy has observed the small amount of Infantry and will accept the latter capability.



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FROM 210001 NOV 44
TO 262400 NOV 44

PLACE LA SALLE
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			0800	BN MOVES FR LASALLE				FRONT LINE	
			1400	BN ARRIVES NOM PATALIZE				ARTY	
			1500	OFFICER FR VI CORPS WITH VO TO MOVE				RCN	
			1630	BN MOVES TO BIAMONT				T&S	
				FR: 220001 NOV 44 TO: 222400 NOV 44				TD	
			0730	ARRIVE BIAMONT. MOVE TO GREY				INF	
				FR: 230001 NOV 44 TO: 232400 NOV 44				AIR	
				CP AT RV473013				ENG	
				FR: 240001 NOV 44 TO: 242400 NOV 44				G	
			1125	BN CONTINUES MOVE				RESERVES	
			1730	BN HALTS V580930				SUPPLIES	
				FR: 250001 NOV 44 TO: 252400 NOV 44				DEFENSIVE	
			0800	BN MOVES OUT				IDENTIFICATION	
			1045	BN ARRIVES LE DONON				TERRAIN	
				CP AT V5658989				WEATHER	
				FR: 260001 NOV 44 TO: 262400 NOV 44				MISC	
			2100	BN MOVES TO SCHIRMECK					

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Fr: 0001, 22 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 22 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 vic CIREY
 1800, 23 Nov 1944

No 1.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Bn in CCA Reserve.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: In column on road between CIREY & ST QUIRIN
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 62 AIB & 48 Tk Bn in column vic ST QUIRIN.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rainy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Not committed.
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	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	1	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Fr: 0001, 23 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 23 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Vh73013
 1800, 24 Nov 1944.

No 2.

Map: France 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Bn in CCA Reserve.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: In column on road between CIREY & ST QUIRIN.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 62 AIB & 48 Tk Bn in column vic CIREY & ST QUIRIN.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Not committed.
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	0	00	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	1	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tl 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Fr: 0001, 24 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 24 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Vic ABRESCHVILLER
 1800, 25 Nov 1944.

No 3.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Bn in Reserve.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: In column on road at V580930. 3-B-25 preceded CCA for Security.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 62 AIB & 48 Tk Bn in column on road between ABRESCHVILLER & LE DONON.
4. WEATHER & VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Not committed.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: None.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hrs</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	1	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 25 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 25 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Vic LE DONON
 1800, 26 Nov 1944

No 4.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Bn in OCA Reserve.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bn on road in column Le Donon.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 62 AIB & 48 Tk Bn preceding 25, contacted enemy in GRANDVILLERS.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain, snow, 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	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	1	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0
REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.					

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Fr: 0001, 26 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 26 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Vic LE DONON
 1800, 27 Nov 1944

No 5

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Bn in CCA Reserve.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: On road in column Le Donon.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 62 AIB & 48 Tk Bn preceded 25 in column on road vic SCHERMECK.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, 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 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	3	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	1	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Fr: 0001, 27 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 27 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Vic GOXWEILLER
 1800, 28 Nov 1944

No 6

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
 48th in HEILEGENSTEIN
 62 in BISCHAEFSHEIM
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 A-25, 2 Platoon in contact with enemy. Knocked out some enemy Infantry.
 B-25, No contact.
 B-62, in heavy fighting with enemy Infantry & AT Guns dug in on outskirts of Gertsweiler.
 D-25 (-1 Pl) in contact with enemy Infantry on road N of GERTSWEILLER.
 AG Platoon (-1 Gun) on CR in Gertsweiler, delivered heavy fire on enemy position all night.
 Mortar Platoon fired approx 50 rounds at night by map data on estimated enemy position.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Seized town of Goxweiller & Gertsweiler.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:



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

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Fr: 0001, 28 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 28 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 GERTSWEILLER
 1800, 29 Nov 1944

No 7.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G.

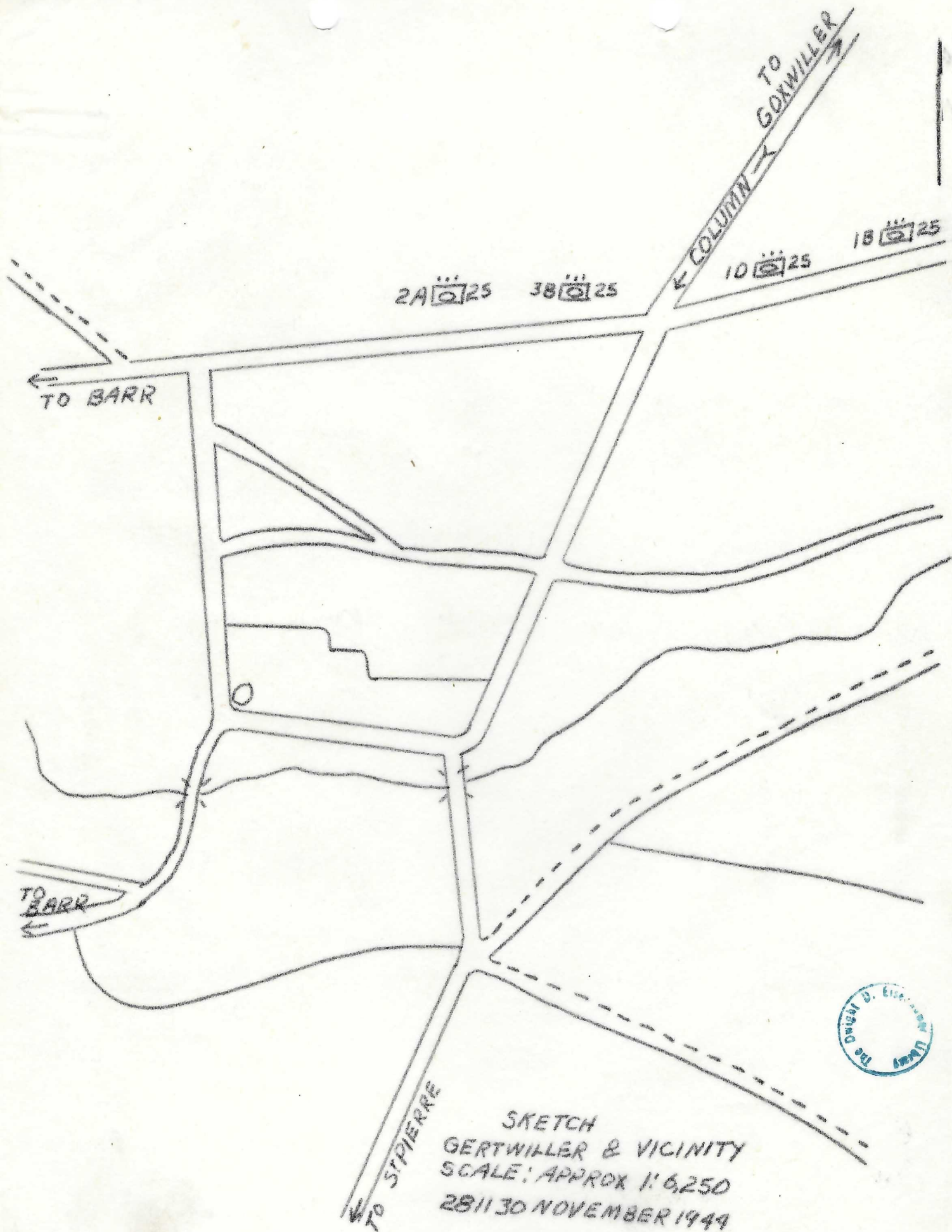
1. OUR FRONT LINE: Southern edge GOXWEILLER.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Disposed in Defensive position around Goxweiller.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 AG Platoon, one tank fired complete load in support of Inf. One tank abandoned after bypass being captured by enemy. Remaining AG Platoon covered Inf withdrawal from town.
 A Company laid fire on town in early morning until Bn withdrew. Withdrawal of Inf from town covered by 3d Platoon, A Company.
 B Company. One platoon set up on left flank of Bn and fired on enemy located in bldgs and dug in in fields. Made attempt to reenter town but unsuccessful due to bazookamen. Lead tank knocked out. Platoon withdrew to former position. Lt Hyde's tank knocked out by AT gun from bldg in Gertsweiller.
 C Company attached to 62 AIB. Small encounter with enemy small arms fire.
 D Company in center of fwd line in front of Gertsweiller, claimed to have knocked out one enemy AT gun.
 Arty fired approx 15 missions, highly effective.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Bn forced to withdraw to defensive position around Goxweiller.

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	2	0	0	1
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	2	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	10	0	2	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	1
	M4 Tk 75	10	0	0	1
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0



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Fr: 0001, 29 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 29 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Goxweiller
 1800, 30 Nov 1944

No 8.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet, 15G.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: GERTWEILLER.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: In position around Goxweiller.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 B-94 Rcn Platoon and Bn Rcn Platoon entered Gertsweiller, wiped out remaining few snipers, reported enemy withdrawn.
 1-C-125, into Gertsweiller to construct bridge over stream thru town.
 3-B-25 into town to cover Engineers building bridge.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Gertsweiller recaptured and cleared of enemy. Bridge completed by Engrs. Bn placed in CCA Reserve.

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	2	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	2	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	10	0	2	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	10	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 30 Nov 1944
 To: 2400, 30 Nov 1944
 25th Tank Battalion
 Gertweiler
 1800, 1 Dec 1944

No 9.

Map: France, 1/100,000, Sheet 15G/

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Assembly area in Gertweiler.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, 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	2	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	2	0	0	0
A	M4 Tk 76	2	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	10	2	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
B	M4 Tk 76	5	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	10	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
C	M4 Tk 76	6	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 75	11	0	0	0
	M4 Tk 105	1	0	0	0
D	M5 A1 Tk	7	0	0	0
	M5 Tk	11	0	0	0

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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