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HEADQUARTERS 30TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED

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30 September 1944

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.  
TO : Commanding General, 30th Infantry Division, APO 30, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 (C3) AR 345-105 the following report is submitted;

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- 1 Sept 1944 - Troop given mission to guard flanks of task force on 150 mile move. No enemy was contacted by elements of this troop until 1730 when the 1st and 2nd Platoons on the right flank, contacted an enemy force at Champien (480-330). 50 enemy were killed and 66 were captured, without a casualty to our unit. Four wagon-loads of German miscellaneous equipment were captured and turned over to the FFI at that point. The 3rd Platoon, who had mission of protecting left flank, engaged an enemy artillery bivouac at 1930, two miles south-southeast of Pevianne (577575). At this point 5 emplaced 88mm, 4 anti-aircraft guns, 1 aircraft sound and sight detector and 1 vehicle were captured and destroyed. 6 of the enemy were killed and 2 captured. One of our enlisted men was wounded. At 2200, the 1st Platoon established a roadblock at Doingt (578580). 2 prisoners of war and 1 light vehicle were captured at this point at 2400. This roadblock was occupied throughout the night.
- 2 Sept 1944 - No change in missions. At dawn the 2nd Platoon captured 3 enemy, killed 1, and wounded 1; vicinity of 620620. At 0600, three miles south of Pevianne (580565) the 1st Platoon killed 2 enemy and captured 3 enemy. Troop continued move and next enemy contact was made by 3rd Platoon at Cambrai. 5 prisoners of war were taken there at 1430. At Valenciennes, a small patrol of 9 enemy were encountered. 9 enemy were killed and 4 wagons of German supplies were captured and turned over to the FFI. Our casualties were 1 enlisted man slightly wounded. Upon completing this mission, the troop was immediately given the task of establishing a roadblock, 2 1/2 miles east of Tournai (963983). 5 prisoners, 2 vehicles and 1 enemy motorcycle were captured at this point at 1830. At 2330 this road block was attacked by enemy wheel and track vehicles, supported by enemy infantry of unknown strength. Casualties of an unestimated number were inflicted upon the enemy. The roadblock was forced to withdraw to high ground, 800 yards south of their position, where it was held through the night. Our losses at the roadblock were 2 M-8's damaged, one 1/4 ton destroyed; 1 officer and 2 enlisted men killed, 2 officers (including the Troop Commander) and 4 enlisted men wounded. At 2345 1st Lt. James Hume, Jr. assumed command of the Troop.

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- 3 Sept 1944 - Troop relieved from roadblock mission at 1100 and moved to Bruvelles Belgium 953265
- 4 Sept 1944 - Troop in bivouac at 953265.
- 5 Sept 1944 - Troop in bivouac at 953265.
- 6 Sept 1944 - At 1100 Troop given mission to reconnoiter area northeast from Nalenciennes 000048 to Hornu 225113. No enemy contacted. Troop moved to bivouac area at 1800 in vicinity of St Saulve 040052.
- 7 Sept 1944 - Troop left bivouac area at 0700 on mission of preceding RCT 119 on move to Genappe (675285). No enemy encountered on move. Arrived at new area at 1630. Troop in bivouac at 690358.
- 8 Sept 1944 - Troop given mission at 0500 to precede Division on move. 1st Platoon attached to RCT 120 for route reconnaissance. Move was made from Genappe to vicinity of Hampt (060417). No enemy encountered. 2nd Platoon attached to RCT 119 on same type of mission, no enemy encountered. Troop in bivouac at 1500 in vicinity of Jodoigne 997385.
- 9 Sept 1944 - Preceded Division on three-routes on move to East. No enemy contacted. Moved to vicinity of Oreye (325395). Troop in bivouac at 323395.
- 10 Sept 1944 - Troop preceded Division on three-routes toward Albert Canal. Contact was made with elements of the 113th Cavalry along the canal and the friendly infantry were given notice of these contacts. Troop went into bivouac at Hermee.
- 11 Sept 1944 - Troop had mission of securing left flank of Division. Contact was made with 125th Cavalry Squadron on left and then Troop relieved that squadron. CP's were established at 524496, 514507, 512520, 498528 and 486536. Troop remained in these positions throughout night. One section was sent to contact 2nd Armored Division. Contact was made.
- 12 Sept 1944 - No change in missions.
- 13 Sept 1944 - No change in missions.
- 14 Sept 1944 - Troop was relieved from OP mission at 1500 and went into bivouac at 499472.
- 15 Sept 1944 - Troop moved to 587515 at 1100. No mission at present.
- 16 Sept 1944 - Troop given mission of securing Divisions left flank and maintaining liaison with the 2nd Armored Division. One platoon at Valhenburg.

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- 17 Sept 1944 - Same missions. Division ordered roadblocks set-up in vicinity of 729562, 683558, and 705555. Rest of Troop in reserve at 703533. One prisoner of war captured in vicinity of Valhenburg.
- 18 Sept 1944 - Roadblocks maintained till 1530. Received orders to reconnoiter area between Division's left flank and 2nd Armored Division in vicinity northeast of Heerlen. Ten prisoners of war taken during this mission. Mission completed at 2400. Platoons assembled in area around Lichtenberg.
- 19 Sept 1944 - Troop given mission to reconnoiter area 805595 and along edge of woods from 810605--north to advance elements of 2nd Armored Division. Mission completed and platoons in bivouac at Lichtenberg. Troop Headquarters at 790573.
- 20 Sept 1944 - Troop given mission of maintaining contact between units of 2nd Armored and forward elements of Division. One platoon moved to Siedenbusch. Troop Headquarters at 790573. 3rd Platoon at Scherpenseel.
- 21 Sept 1944 - 3rd Platoon moved to NE edge of Grotenrath and established themselves on left flank of infantry.
- 22 Sept 1944  
To - No change.  
30 Sept 1944

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*James Hume Jr.*  
JAMES HUME, JR.  
1st Lt., Cavalry  
Commanding

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| Ser. No. | In   | Time Out | Time Date | Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.  |
|----------|------|----------|-----------|--|
| 1        | 0137 |          | Sept. 1   | Commanding Officer Report here at custom right away. Troop given mission to cover flanks of task force on 150 mile move. |
| 2        | 1000 |          | Sept. 1   | No enemy contacted.  |
| 3        | 1115 |          | Sept. 1   | No enemy contacted.  |
| 4        | 1705 |          | Sept. 1   | Fired on enemy.  |
| 5        | 1730 |          | Sept. 1   | Enemy force contacted, 480,300, "Champien".  |
| 6        | 1800 |          | Sept. 1   | Fifty enemy killed, 66 captured, no casualties. Proceeding on mission.   |
| 7        | 1930 |          | Sept. 1   | Enemy contacted 577,575, vicinity Perione. We have been fired on.  |
| 8        | 1950 |          | Sept. 1   | One man wounded. Now setting up roadblocks.  |
| 9        | 2200 |          | Sept. 1   | Roadblocks in position.  |
| 10       | 0545 |          | Sept. 2   | 577,575 destroyed five 88's and four Anti-aircraft guns.   |
| 11       | 0600 |          | Sept. 2   | Captured 2 prisoners, vicinity 620,620.  |
| 12       | 0615 |          | Sept. 2   | 580,565, captured 3 prisoners. Continuing on mission.  |
| 13       | 0945 |          | Sept. 2   | We have pulled in and are preparing to move north on right of Axis.  |
| 14       | 1015 |          | Sept. 2   | We are near Combria. Come up. Continue on mission from there.  |
| 15       | 1350 |          | Sept. 2   | Have contacted enemy.  |
| 16       | 1430 |          | Sept. 2   | Captured 5 prisoners.  |
| 17       | 1530 |          | Sept. 2   | Enemy patrol encountered.  |
| 18       | 1535 |          | Sept. 2   | Nine enemy killed. Captured quantity of supply. Proceeding on mission.   |
| 19       | 1800 |          | Sept. 2   | Enemy contacted.   |
| 20       | 1830 |          | Sept. 2   | 963,983 roadblock. Captured 5 prisoners.   |
| 21       | 2330 |          | Sept. 2   | 983,305 fire from west, believed to be friendly troops.  |
| 22       | 2335 |          | Sept. 2   | 983,304 our position. Captain and others wounded. Reorganize as soon as possible.  |
| 23       | 2345 |          | Sept. 2   | 1st Lt. James Hume assumed command.  |

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| Ser. No. | In Time | Out Time | Date    | Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.  |
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| 24       | 1100    |          | Sept. 3 | Message arrived relieving troop from roadblock mission.  |
| 25       | 1130    |          | Sept. 3 | Give me information, am in contact with G - 3. Reorganize.   |
| 26       | 1135    |          | Sept. 3 | Move to position 953,265, Bruyelle.  |
| 27       |         |          | Sept. 4 | Troop in bivouac 953,265. Reorganization due to losses.  |
| 28       |         |          | Sept. 5 | Troop in bivouac 953,265.  |
| 29       | 1050    |          | Sept. 6 | Liaison Sgt. called. Troop given mission to reconorder area from Valenciennes 000048 to Hornes 225113.                           |
| 30       | 1510    |          | Sept. 6 | Troop assembly 040,054 will meet you at this point in the morning.   |
| 31       | 1718    |          | Sept. 6 | Ask signal Sgt. how far we go tomorrow and the assembly point. It isn't on the overlay.  |
| 32       | 1750    |          | Sept. 6 | Await orders to stop on various colors up to Charlie.  |
| 33       | 1756    |          | Sept. 6 | Mission completed. Nothing to report. 1st team on way with information.  |
| 34       | 1910    |          | Sept. 6 | 1st team here. I will take one of his calls.   |
| 35       | 2000    |          | Sept. 6 | Have guide at main road junction this side of Valenciennes by 0630.  |
| 36       | 0216    |          | Sept. 7 | New plan. Proceed to objective. Proceed with out this group and at same time reconorder area. Await 1st Sgt. he has information. |
| 37       | 0600    |          | Sept. 7 | Be prepared to move, reconorder two routes at 0715 less platoon on one route. Route and other information later.                 |
| 38       | 0725    |          | Sept. 7 | Crossed I.P. on time.  |
| 39       | 0800    |          | Sept. 7 | Contact 1st platoon and see if he has accomplished his mission.  |
| 40       | 1145    |          | Sept. 7 | We are at "Red" now.   |
| 41       | 0722    |          | Sept. 8 | 1 st platoon crossed I.P. on four on time.   |
| 42       | 0732    |          | Sept. 8 | 1 st cleared X ray.  |
| 43       | 0750    |          | Sept. 8 | Bridge beyond I.P. six is out. Will not be in until noon.  |
| 44       | 0800    |          | Sept. 8 | Have by-passed bridge, are on our way.   |

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| 45       | 0810    |          | Sept. 8  | Passed Gray on six.   |
| 46       | 0822    |          | Sept. 8  | Passed point George on six.   |
| 47       | 0850    |          | Sept. 8  | 1 st platoon cleared Uncle and William.   |
| 48       | 0921    |          | Sept. 8  | Passed point William on six.  |
| 49       | 0945    |          | Sept. 8  | Bridge will be ready by 12. Saw repair crew.  |
| 50       | 0949    |          | Sept. 8  | Passed Fox on six.  |
| 51       | 1010    |          | Sept. 8  | Passed Peter.   |
| 52       | 1015    |          | Sept. 8  | 1 st platoon reached yoke. Mission completed.   |
| 53       | 1055    |          | Sept. 8  | Bridge at 035,352 out.  |
| 54       |         | 1716     | Sept. 8  | Be prepared for same job tomorrow.  |
| 55       | 0730    |          | Sept. 9  | Crossed I. P. on center route am on our way.  |
| 56       | 0752    |          | Sept. 9  | 2 nd platoon at yoke.   |
| 57       | 0755    |          | Sept. 9  | At yoke on center route. Proceeding on mission.   |
| 58       | 0840    |          | Sept. 9  | 1 st platoon passed yoke, almost to king.   |
| 59       | 0845    |          | Sept. 9  | Reached king on center route.   |
| 60       | 0905    |          | Sept. 9  | 2 nd platoon at Tare.   |
| 61       | 0945    |          | Sept. 9  | 1 st platoon passed Tare.   |
| 62       | 0952    |          | Sept. 9  | Passed Queen all points.  |
| 63       | 1000    |          | Sept. 9  | What route is 1 st platoon on.  |
| 64       |         | 1005     | Sept. 9  | 1 st platoon on four.   |
| 65       | 1037    |          | Sept. 9  | All three units at How. Nothing to report.  |
| 66       | 1155    |          | Sept. 9  | Troop assembled 323,394   |
| 67       | 0100    |          | Sept. 10 | Liaison Sgt. arrived with verbal mission of zone reconnaissance to vicinity of Liege 510,367. Mission changed to route reconnaissance. 1 section 1 st platoon contact 1 st Division near Liege. |
| 68       | 0744    |          | Sept. 10 | 1 st platoon passed I.P.  |
| 69       | 0750    |          | Sept. 10 | Passed phrase line H.   |
| 70       | 0752    |          | Sept. 10 | 1 st platoon cleared H.   |

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| 71       | 0805    |      | Sept. 10  | All cleared H.  |
| 72       | 0825    |      | Sept. 10  | 2 nd platoon passed Jig.  |
| 73       | 0829    |      | Sept. 10  | 1 st platoon at Jig on N route.   |
| 74       | 0833    |      | Sept. 10  | 1 st platoon at Charlie.  |
| 75       | 0842    |      | Sept. 10  | Troop minus reached point Jig center route.   |
| 76       | 0859    |      | Sept. 10  | 2 nd platoon at Charlie.  |
| 77       | 0908    |      | Sept. 10  | 2 nd platoon passed Charlie.  |
| 78       | 0916    |      | Sept. 10  | Passed Charlie on center.   |
| 79       | 0921    |      | Sept. 10  | 1st and 2nd platoons cleared Love.  |
| 80       | 0935    |      | Sept. 10  | At Love on center.  |
| 81       | 0936    |      | Sept. 10  | 1st platoon has completed mission and sent messenger to Infantry.                         |
| 82       | 1110    |      | Sept. 10  | No position of unit you are to contact available.   |
| 83       | 1135    |      | Sept. 10  | Contacted friendly forces on south. Messenger to Infantry.                                |
| 84       | 1215    |      | Sept. 10  | Crisis patrol has contacted unit on right between Charlie and Jig. Have you made contact. |
| 85       | 1217    |      | Sept. 10  | We have not made contact yet.   |
| 86       |         | 1218 | Sept. 10  | Keep trying.  |
| 87       | 1250    |      | Sept. 10  | Air will hit fort at 1300.  |
| 88       | 1345    |      | Sept. 10  | Troop at 510,367. Patrol out to contact 1st Division.                                     |
| 89       | 1655    |      | Sept. 10  | Bridge at 470,280. 26th C.P. 565,298.   |
| 90       | 2305    |      | Sept. 10  | Postpone start of new mission 1 hour.   |
| 91       | 0100    |      | Sept. 11  | New mission left flank security 120th. O.P. teams to be set up.                           |
| 92       | 1055    |      | Sept. 11  | Teams at 523498, 510520, 519557, 504553. Patrol out to contact engineers 480550.          |
| 93       | 1150    |      | Sept. 11  | Has reconnaissance patrol came up behind you for an assembly area.                        |
| 94       | 1228    |      | Sept. 11  | One team observing road at 514510.  |

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| 95       | 1315 |      |      | Sept. 11  | One team at 483543, contact engineers on that team left. Engineers have O.P. on Canal.                        |
| 96       | 1400 |      |      | Sept. 11  | Engineers at 483543.  |
| 97       |      |      | 1403 | Sept. 11  | Reconorder north and west with elements of 2nd Armored. Report location and size of friendly troops you meet. |
| 98       | 1730 |      |      | Sept. 11  | Civilians reports German O.P. at 524519.  |
| 99       | 2000 |      |      | Sept. 11  | Contact made with 2nd Armored.  |
| 100      | 2040 |      |      | Sept. 11  | Enemy is known to have crossed at 524533 at different times.  |
| 101      | 1310 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Troop still attached to 120th Inf. O.P. position remain about the same.                                       |
| 102      | 1312 |      |      | Sept. 12  | 514510, 1st team, friendly troops near here.  |
| 103      |      |      | 1435 | Sept. 12  | Report condition of bridges at 521520.  |
| 104      | 1440 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Bridges out.  |
| 105      | 1630 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Artillery fire coming from 500400, had to withdraw short distance.  |
| 106      | 1740 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Coordinates position 500400.  |
| 107      | 1749 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Civilians report 200 enemy at 517553.   |
| 108      | 1911 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Division C.p. at 555367.  |
| 109      | 1933 |      |      | Sept. 12  | 5 rounds German ammunition hit at G 3 P 4 not serious.  |
| 110      | 2000 |      |      | Sept. 12  | SITREP periodic report to custom.   |
| 111      | 2100 |      |      | Sept. 12  | Underground agents from Germany will use pass word Albert, ask for G 2.                                       |
| 112      | 2110 |      |      | Sept. 12  | One company of 41st Infantry at Mopertingen.  |
| 113      | 0729 |      |      | Sept. 13  | Now attached to 119th, 2nd Bn. O.P. positions same.   |
| 114      | 1031 |      |      | Sept. 13  | Assemble troop and refuel. I will be there for awhile.  |

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| 115      | 1200 |      |     | Sept. 14  | With 2nd Bn. 119th Inf. O.P.'s same.   |
| 116      | 1745 |      |     | Sept. 14  | Assemble troop.  |
| 117      | 1800 |      |     | Sept. 14  | New mission. Reconorder to Maastricht.   |
| 118      | 0800 |      |     | Sept. 15  | Quartering party leaves.   |
| 118      | 0730 |      |     | Sept. 15  | No need to send more than one section. See if bridges are clear or out.  |
| 119      | 1335 |      |     | Sept. 15  | Grayden is here.   |
| 120      | 1230 |      |     | Sept. 16  | Contact 1st unit F 4 S 6 and outpost to left   |
| 121      | 1335 |      |     | Sept. 16  | At 1143 entire B of Duce on 591537 to 610582 to 620560.  |
| 122      | 1610 |      |     | Sept. 16  | C.C.A. is now in area of Starr.  |
| 123      | 1615 |      |     | Sept. 16  | Light resistance, now crossing river at town will try to contact 3rd Bn.   |
| 124      | 1630 |      |     | Sept. 16  | Position of A Duce.  |
| 125      | 1700 |      |     | Sept. 16  | At OYX2.   |
| 126      | 1750 |      |     | Sept. 16  | Reconorder North and East to Duce.   |
| 127      |      |      |     | Sept. 17  | Liaison Sgt. Arrived with message. Platoons to reconiter toward Heerlen between 117th and 2nd Armored and set up roadblocks on NE roads. |
| 128      | 1030 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Able units 66 Inf. D.G.O. at H.D.T. 6. E 510 at F 6 T 3. F.C.O. at S.F.S. 6.   |
| 129      | 1150 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Platoons, third Bn. at 774532. 2nd Bn. in column behind 1st Bn. at 205549.   |
| 130      | 1203 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Duce still on road. When he clears road will set up roadblocks.  |
| 131      | 1300 |      |     | Sept. 17  | What can you give me on unit information.  |
| 132      | 1305 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Third Bn. on objective.  |
| 133      | 1315 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Third unit of A Duce still on road impossible to put up blocks.  |
| 134      | 1325 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Able units 66 Inf. D CO at H0*76, E CO at F6-T3, F CO at F5-S6.  |
| 135      | 1345 |      |     | Sept. 17  | At 1145 entire B of Duce on line 591 (587 to 610582) to 620560.  |
| 136      | 1355 |      |     | Sept. 17  | Road C 3-T O-C 7-V O, disregard information of fighting around 13 - T 7.   |
| 137      | 1405 |      |     | Sept. 17  | We are moving in vicinity of O R 3. Will send definate location later.   |

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| 138        | 1435    |          | Sept. 17                   | D and E company of 41st Inf. in vicinity of C 6 -45. F company of same at F3-S7.               |
| 139        | 1515    |          | Sept. 17                   | Place roadblocks of 2 teams each covering 684557, 704556 and 728562. Keep us informed.         |
| 140        | 1800    |          | Sept. 17                   | Roadblocks in. All O.K.  |
| 141        | 6917    |          | Sept. 18                   | It is possible to place roadblocks at 705547 and 728562.                                       |
| 142        | 0920    |          | Sept. 18                   | 1st Bn. 66 Armored at H 4 X 3. Md at 13x1.   |
| 143        | 1013    |          | Sept. 18                   | Have your unit and Pops unit assemble at N 5 T 5. Be ready to move.                            |
| 144        | 1030    |          | Sept. 18                   | Keep us informed of progress of both A and B units.  |
| 145        | 1600    |          | Sept. 18                   | Our assault may be launched tomorrow H-hour tentative.   |
| 146        | 1700    |          | Sept. 18                   | Advance elements in T 4 N 7.   |
| 147        | 1145    |          | Sept. 19                   | Part of Duce is now approaching C 2 S 2. They will help and then proceed to area F 8 - T 8.    |
| 148        | 1205    |          | Sept. 19                   | Air is on, ground is off.  |
| 149        | 1230    |          | Sept. 19                   | Contacted 3rd unit M 4-A 8. Await orders.  |
| 150        | 1310    |          | Sept. 19                   | Ground attach called off, air will continue.   |
| 151        | 1400    |          | Sept. 19                   | Unit 2, turned 5 prisoners over to 119th.  |
| 152        | 1000    |          | Sept. 20                   | 1st platoon at 829619, 3rd at 833605. one team of 117th Inf.                                   |
| 153        | 2130    |          | Sept. 20                   | SETREP-periodic report in.   |
| 154        | 0810    |          | Sept. 21                   | P.L. has a man who claims to be a deserter with information on big line. Shall I bring him in. |
| 155        | 1510    |          | Sept. 21                   | Get work done on radios and M-8's.   |
|            |         |          | Sept. 22<br>to<br>Sept. 30 | Voice contact hourly.  |

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TO: CG, 30th Inf Div, APO 30, US Army.

By command of Major General CORLETT:

*Elliot Rothenberg*  
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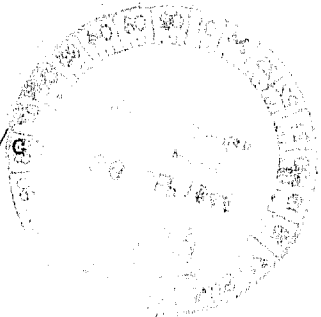
TO: Commanding General, XIX Corps, APO 270.

Journal mentioned in second indorsement was misnamed. It is the Journal for the Reconnaissance Troop of the 30th Infantry Division.

For the Commanding General:

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M. P. KAMENA,  
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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

TO : Commanding General, 30th Infantry Division, APO 30, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 (C3) AR 345-105 the following report is submitted:

- 1 Oct 1944 - The 3rd Platoon of the 30th Reconnaissance Troop was at Grutenrath on a security mission—securing the left flank of the Division. The 1st Platoon was at Siepenbusch on a security mission. The 2nd Platoon was at Scherpenseel on a security mission. At 0900 the 1st Platoon encountered an enemy patrol consisting of 12 men. All 12 of the enemy were taken prisoner.
- 2 Oct 1944  
to  
5 Oct 1944 - No change in missions. No contact with the enemy.
- 6 Oct 1944 - 1st Platoon and 2nd Platoon continued with security missions. The 3rd Platoon was sent to Ubach to maintain liaison between 2nd Armored (CCA) and 117th Infantry.
- 7 Oct 1944 - The 30th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the 117th Infantry at 1100 and moved to Ubach. At 1600 the Troop moved to Alsdorf. The 3rd Platoon continued the mission of maintaining liaison between 2nd Armored and 117th Infantry. The 2nd Platoon maintained liaison between the right flank of the 117th Infantry and the left flank of the 119th Infantry. The 1st Platoon was held in regimental security.
- 8 Oct 1944 - The 3rd Platoon continued the security mission. At 1900 2 prisoners were captured. The 2nd Platoon maintained liaison between the 117th Infantry and the 120th Infantry. The 1st Platoon was used as regimental security.
- 9 Oct 1944 - No change in missions.
- 10 Oct 1944 - At 1600 the Troop was relieved of attachment to the 117th Infantry and attached to the 119th Infantry. The Troop moved to Pley and established security around Pley.
- 11 Oct 1944 - Orders were received at 0600 to establish roadblocks at 850-510; 845-513; and 843-517, and to patrol route behind roadblocks at Herzogenrath.

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- 12 Oct 1944 - Roadblocks established on the 11th October were maintained. In addition, another roadblock was established at 845-506. At 1300, at roadblock 845-513, 1 prisoner was captured. Dismounted patrols were continually being sent to maintain physical contact with the unit on our right. One 4-man patrol from this organization encountered an enemy patrol of 14 men. Our patrol killed one of the enemy and captured one, the remainder of the enemy patrol escaped.
- 13 Oct 1944 - No change.
- 14 Oct 1944 - The Troop was relieved from the roadblock missions at 1400 and given mission of setting up a defensive line from 845-513 to 843-517 and continuing motorized and dismounted patrolling. No contact was made with the enemy.
- 15 Oct 1944 - No change.
- 16 Oct 1944 - Troop continued same mission but was transferred under Division control.
- 17 Oct 1944 - At 0930 orders were received to move to Upsfeld and reconnoiter that vicinity. Orders were also received to run contact patrols between 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 119th Infantry. These missions were completed without contacting the enemy. Troop attached to 119th Infantry.
- 18 Oct 1944 - Missions remained unchanged. Additional orders were received to secure the roadblock at 820-473. One prisoner was captured at one-half mile south of Kohlscheid. Troop also maintained an intermediate PW Compound at Kohlscheid. At 1415 the 3rd Platoon was sent to outpost Bardenburg.
- 19 Oct 1944 - 1st Platoon was ordered to establish roadblocks at 839-470; 842-469; and 848-470. 3rd Platoon given mission of guarding bridges at 848-504, 849-498, 854-486, and of reconnoitering along river to the South and to the North of 848-470 to locate possible crossings. The 2nd Platoon was running patrols to Richters to contact 247th Engineers and 3rd Battalion of the 119th Infantry.
- 20 Oct 1944 - At 1000 the Troop was relieved from attachment to the 119th Infantry and put under direct Division control. The Troop was ordered to establish liaison between 824-456, the 119th Infantry right flank--and 851-456, 247th Engineers left flank. One company of the 247th Engineers had the same assignment and worked with the Troop on this mission.
- 21 Oct 1944 - Troop continued with same missions until going into Division reserve at 1000. Troop assembled in Kohlscheid.
- 22 Oct 1944 - In division reserve at Kohlscheid. Alerted at 2200 for new mission on the following day.

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- 23 Oct 1944 - Troop attached to 119th Infantry at 0800. Given a dismounted mission at Werselen to establish a 600 yd front from 852-472, East-southeast to 860-466. Troop moved into position at 1515; the infantry withdrew under cover of darkness. Roadblocks were established at 852-472, 852-467, 855-465 and 857-467. Patrols were run across open ground to maintain contact with 119th Infantry on our left and the First Division on our right.
- 24 Oct 1944 - No change in missions. Heavy concentration of enemy artillery. Enemy artillery falling short, but with exception.
- 25 Oct 1944  
to  
27 Oct 1944 - No change.
- 28 Oct 1944 - Troop continued with same missions. One patrol that was sent to contact the 119th Infantry was fired upon by German burp-guns. One enlisted man, a member of our patrol, was wounded. A ricochet bullet, fired by the Germans at this patrol, wounded another enlisted man of this organization that was guarding an outpost.
- 29 Oct 1944  
to  
30 Oct 1944 - No change.
- 31 Oct 1944 - Missions remained the same. Orders were received to also run a mounted patrol, checking roads on the northern outskirts of Aachen. No enemy contacted.

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| 1.      |    |      | 0800 | Oct. 1    | Third Platoon, we are still in same position.   |
| 2.      |    |      | 0820 | Oct. 1    | P L has left for Seepenbush.  |
| 3.      |    |      | 0900 | Oct. 1    | 12 prisoners taken at Seepenbush.   |
| 4.      |    |      | 1345 | Oct. 1    | CO is on his way to see you.  |
| 5.      |    |      | 0800 | Oct. 2    | Liasion Sgt. Verbal, positions remain the same. 3rd platoon at Hezogenrath, security. 1st platoon still at Seepenbush. 2nd platoon, Seepenbush, security mission. |
| 6.      |    |      | 1200 | Oct. 2    | Are the rations there.  |
| 7.      |    |      | 1312 | Oct. 2    | We shall remain here.   |
| 8.      |    |      | 0930 | Oct. 3    | P L are on their way in.  |
| 9.      |    |      | 2200 | Oct. 4    | Periodic report sent in.  |
| 10.     |    |      | 1015 | Oct. 5    | CO will be there later.   |
| 11.     |    |      | 1215 | Oct. 6    | 3rd platoon procede to Uback. P L call here.  |
| 12.     |    |      | 1340 | Oct. 6    | CO has information. He is on his way there.   |
| 13.     |    |      | 1500 | Oct. 6    | Now with 117th Inf.   |
| 14.     |    |      | 2200 | Oct. 6    | Periodic report in.   |
| 15.     |    |      | 1030 | Oct. 7    | Prepare to move.  |
| 16.     |    |      | 1100 | Oct. 7    | In position. Uback.   |
| 17.     |    |      | 1350 | Oct. 7    | Will call for rations.  |
| 18.     |    |      | 1415 | Oct. 7    | CO is going to Alsdorf with his group.  |
| 19.     |    |      | 1800 | Oct. 7    | 1st platoon will contact later.   |
| 20.     |    |      | 0800 | Oct. 8    | P L is on his way.  |
| 21.     |    |      | 1850 | Oct. 8    | 2 prisoners captured.   |
| 22.     |    |      | 1310 | Oct. 9    | Send a runner to see CO.  |
| 23.     |    |      | 1500 | Oct. 10   | At 1500 Liasion Sgt. arrived with mission to travel to pley and set up with 119th Inf.  |
| 24.     |    |      | 1500 | Oct. 10   | Have platoons assemble here.  |
| 25.     |    |      | 1625 | Oct. 10   | We are on out way.  |

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| 26.     |      |      | 0615 | Oct. 11   | Verbal mission, roadblocks set up at 850510, 845513, 843,517 and patrols from Herzogenrath to blocks.                                    |
| 27.     |      |      | 0730 | Oct. 11   | All platoons set up.   |
| 28.     |      |      | 0945 | Oct. 12   | CO has gone to 119th Inf.  |
| 29.     |      |      | 1030 | Oct. 12   | New roadblock is in at 854506.   |
| 30.     |      |      | 1215 | Oct. 12   | Send rations if possible, with motor maintance.  |
| 31.     |      |      | 1300 | Oct. 12   | 1 prisoner capture at 845513.  |
| 32.     |      |      | 1440 | Oct. 12   | Check with engineers.  |
| 33.     |      |      | 0920 | Oct. 13   | Patrols are continuing as usual.   |
| 34.     |      |      | 1040 | Oct. 14   | Roadblocks are the same.   |
| 35.     |      |      | 0935 | Oct. 15   | Troop will hold positions. Roadblocks at 845506, 850510, 843513 and defense line from 545513 to 843517.                                  |
| 36.     |      |      | 1115 | Oct. 15   | CO has gone to regimental. Contact him there.  |
| 37.     |      |      | 1020 | Oct. 16   | Patrol has returned.   |
| 38.     |      |      | 1345 | Oct. 16   | Have Bob call here as soon as possible.  |
| 39.     | 0930 |      |      | Oct. 17   | Liasion Sgt. arrived with mission of moving troop to vicinity of Upafield, and assisting 119th Inf, as fighting still is going on there. |
| 40.     | 1100 |      |      | Oct. 17   | CO at 837496.  |
| 41.     | 1200 |      |      | Oct. 17   | Have contacted 1st and 3rd bns. of 119th Inf.  |
| 42.     | 1345 |      |      | Oct. 17   | Are you in continious contact.   |
| 43.     |      |      | 1400 | Oct. 17   | Yes. Through patrols.  |
| 44.     |      |      | 1500 | Oct. 17   | 3rd bn C.P. at 841478. Established roadblocks at 873468, 820474. A Co. front line 812480 to 817475.                                      |
| 45.     |      |      | 1010 | Oct. 18   | All are here. P L also. Shall I send a runner.   |
| 46.     | 1015 |      |      | Oct. 18   | No, wait I will be there.  |
| 47.     |      |      | 1200 | Oct. 18   | All is O.K.  |

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| 48.     | 1015 |      |      | Oct. 19   | Report positions.  |
| 49.     |      |      | 1030 | Oct. 19   | 1st platoon at roadblocks, 839470, 842469, and 848470.   |
| 50.     |      |      | 1100 | Oct. 19   | 3rd platoon leader has returned from posts at bridges, 849498, 848504, 854486. All O.K.  |
| 51.     |      |      | 1200 | Oct. 19   | P L on his way there.  |
| 52.     |      |      | 1300 | Oct. 19   | We have reconitered S and N of 854486. No possible crossings noted.  |
| 53.     |      |      | 1500 | Oct. 19   | Patrol has returned from Richterish. Contacted engineers ans also 3rd bn.  |
| 54.     |      |      | 0900 | Oct. 20   | CO has gone to custom.   |
| 55.     |      |      | 1005 | Oct. 20   | Patrol out to contact engineers.   |
| 56.     |      |      | 1100 | Oct. 20   | Verbal. Released from 119th now under division. New line from 824456, 119th Inf. right flank to 851456.  |
| 57.     |      |      | 1430 | Oct. 20   | We are in position.  |
| 58.     |      |      | 1435 | Oct. 20   | 247th Engineers have been contacted.   |
| 59.     |      |      | 0715 | Oct. 21   | 1st Division artillery is comming in. Forward units of C company say they are not moving.  |
| 60.     |      |      | 1150 | Oct. 21   | B company is on our left.  |
| 61.     |      |      | 1145 | Oct. 21   | Another prisoner captured by second unit at same place.  |
| 62.     |      |      | 1200 | Oct. 21   | Infantry has anti-tank guns at 843465, 844449 and 851457.  |
| 63.     |      |      | 1325 | Oct. 21   | Resistance at 8244424 has been reduced by armor and road from Richterish into Aashen is clear.   |
| 64.     |      |      | 1340 | Oct. 21   | Assigned area has been checked, all clear to Aachen.   |
| 65.     |      |      | 1930 | Oct. 21   | A company of 247th Engineers moving into exact positions on line, that we were supposed to occupy. We are workign with them and filling in gaps. Situation well in hand. |
| 66.     |      |      | 2030 | Oct. 21   | Elements of 1st AT 824349. Patrol from C company engineers going to contact them at dawn.  |

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| 67.     |    |      | 0730 | Oct. 22   | Engineers on line between 834456 and 838456.  |
| 68.     |    |      | 0800 | Oct. 22   | 2nd platoon still in contact with C company.  |
| 69.     |    |      | 1055 | Oct. 22   | P L return to headquarters.   |
| 70.     |    |      | 1110 | Oct. 22   | 1st platoon reconiter area S to Aachen from a line between points 820470 and 850470.  |
| 71.     |    |      | 1300 | Oct. 22   | All assemble at Kohleehied. Troop in division reserve, out of reserve at 1200 Oct. 24.  |
| 72.     |    |      |      | Oct. 23   | Troop still in division reserve.  |
| 73.     |    |      | 1300 | Oct. 23   | At 1300 troop moved dismounted to relieve elements of 119th in position take over roadblocks 852472, 852467, 855462 and 857467. Also established line from 852467, ESE to 860466. Verbal message also to tie in with K company and maintain contact with 1st bn 119th to North. |
| 74.     |    |      | 1700 | Oct. 24   | Troop position C.P. 856466.   |
| 75.     |    |      | 1715 | Oct. 24   | 854459 took 5 prisoners at roadblock 19.  |
| 76.     |    |      | 1800 | Oct. 24   | Enemy artillery fire hasn't much dispersion although heavy, seems to be zeroed near crest.  |
| 77.     |    |      | 2200 | Oct. 25   | Static situation with patrols out on both sides.  |
| 78.     |    |      | 2300 | Oct. 25   | Track vehicles moving on emeny side in S.E. direction.  |
| 79.     |    |      | 1300 | Oct. 26   | Situation same. Regimental send shell reps.   |
| 80.     |    |      | 1200 | Oct. 27   | Send pass word.   |
|         |    |      |      | Oct. 28   | Situation static. Patrols.  |
|         |    |      |      | Oct. 29   | Send pass word.   |
|         |    |      |      | Oct. 30   | Static situation.   |
|         |    |      |      | Oct. 31   | Patrol reports friendly units on practically entire route.  |