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HEADQUARTERS 30TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED

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APO 30
30 November 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 (G3) AR 345-105
the following report is submitted:

On 1 November 1944 this organization was engaged in
dismounted action, holding a line of approximately
600 yards, from 855-469 to 856-466 to 863-465. Road-
blocks were established at 856-467, 854-459, 852-473,
and 851-469. This line was a gap between the 295th
Engineers on the left and the 1st Infantry Division on
the right. The 30th Reconnaissance Troop held this line
until it was relieved at 1700 17 November 1944.
During this period, activity was very light. Patrols
were sent out to adjacent units to supplement contact
with them. The only enemy activity during this period
consisted of harassing fire from enemy machine-guns and
artillery, with tank fire and patrols at night. No attempt
in force was made to penetrate our line.
At 1700 17 November 1944 the Troop was relieved and
assembled at 843-470.

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At 0800 18 November 1944 the Troop moved from 843-470 to
the 30th Infantry Division Recreational Center located at
Kerkrade Holland and remained there until 0800 24 November
1944.

At 0800 24 November 1944 the Troop moved to an assembly
area at Kohlscheid Germany (834-494) to await orders for
a new mission.

24 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 - No change.

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1				Nov 1	Troop in same position from Oct 24 when elements of the 119th Inf were relieved. Troop moved in dismounted leaving vehicles one mile to the rear. Roadblocks were established at 852472, 852467, 855462, 857467, also established line from 852472 East-southeast to 860466. Due to this situation radio communication was used as a secondary means of communication. German phones were improvised and phones borrowed from the 119th Inf, the unit to which the troop is now attached. One radio car and crew were at 119th Inf Regimental Headquarters. Mission was to hold those above mentioned points and maintain contact with the 295th Engineers on the left flank and C company on the right.
2	1030			Nov 1	Liaison Officer arrived, mission remained constant.
3	1035			Nov 1	Periodic report sent to Division.
4	1945			Nov 1	Shell reps were given to Cannon company observer.
5	1015			Nov 2	Liaison Officer arrived, mission the same. 430th AA which unit has eight half-tracks on line changed positions of one at #17 roadblock covering to the left open field.
6	0800			Nov 3	Messenger sent to Artillery Headquarters with casing of odd looking shell which is thought to be segment of rocket.
7	0920			Nov 3	1st Sgt. arrived to collect data on replacements.
8	1040			Nov 3	Liaison Officer here, no change.
9	1340			Nov 3	Troop C.O. leaves for Regimental of 119th Inf for consultation with colonel.
10	1530			Nov 3	Colonel and Captain from unit on our right arrive, discuss the observation of what seems to be a red light beam in the sky in the rear of the German lines.
11	1830			Nov 3	Patrol investigates and reports it to be the glare from a chimney.
12	1015			Nov 4	Liaison Officer arrives, listening post to be effective at 1730 until dawn at 861469.
14	1055			Nov 4	Periodic report sent to Division.

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14	1730			Nov 4	Patrol has been oriented and procede to designated area.
15	1800			Nov 4	Colonel calls from regimental. situation constant and shell reps have been turned in to observer.
16	0900			Nov 5	Liasion Officer arrives, patrols to be maintained to units on our flank on the even hour.
17	1045			Nov 5	C.O. left to check with unit on our left.
18	1100			Nov 5	Periodic report sent to Division. No change.
19	0630			Nov 6	Patrol returns from listening post, no special report. Tank German seems to be firing from Wusselen, near church.
20	0900			Nov 6	C.O. assembles platoon leaders for conference.
21	1020			Nov 6	Liasion Officer arrives. No change.
22	1040			Nov 6	Periodic report sent in with Liasion Officer.
23	1700			Nov 6	Password arrives from regimental.
24	0900			Nov 7	C.O. left for Division.
25	1000			Nov 7	Liasion Officer arrives. No change.
26	1050			Nov 7	C.O. returned from Division.
27	1300			Nov 7	Patrols to continue, listening post withdrawn.
28	1030			Nov 8	Liasion Officer arrives. No change.
29	1800			Nov 8	Shell reps given to observer of Cannon company.
30				Nov 9	No change.
31	1100			Nov 10	Liasion Officer arrives. No change.
32	1340			Nov 10	Liasion officer of tank destroyers has two mobile guns to our left rear.
33	1000			Nov 11	Send out two yellow panels.
34	1030			Nov 11	No change.
35	1700			Nov 11	Password arrives from regimental.
36	0630			Nov 12	Patrol reports little activity in enemy area.
37				Nov 13	Position static.
38				Nov 14	No change.
39				Nov 15	No change.

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40	1000			Nov 16	Mine field laid to our direct front in rear of ridge so to improve effectiveness of anti-tank guns if necessary.
41	1150			Nov 17	Be ready to assemble for a trip to Division rest area.
42	1730			Nov 17	Troop assembled.
43	1730			Nov 17	Positions taken over by units of C company, 84th Division.
44	1738			Nov 17	Vehicles arrive at troop C.P. 856466.
45	1800			Nov 17	Troop moved out.
46				Nov 18	Troop less trains at Division rest area.
				Nov 19 to Nov 23	Troop remained in Division rest area.
47	0900			Nov 24	Quartering party leaves to find bivouac area.
48	1215			Nov 24	Troop less trains leaves rest area.
49	1245			Nov 24	Troop less trains assembled. C.P. at 835495. Trains will close later.
50	1445			Nov 24	Coordinates given cannot be correct.
51	1524			Nov 24	835495 location of Troop Headquarters.
52	1330			Nov 25	Expect heavy assault by enemy aircraft on our troops today, take necessary action.
53	1000			Nov 26	Laison Sgt. arrives. No change.
54	1035			Nov 27	835495 location of troop C.P. No change.
55				Nov 28	No change.
56	1109			Nov 29	G-2 arrives to contact C.O. for patrol mission.
57	1130			Nov 29	Mission has been accomplished. (Disregard.)
58	1131			Nov 29	The answer is "Cupid".
59	1300			Nov 30	C.O. at unit commanders meeting.
60				Nov 30	Troop recieved pay.

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report 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 December 1944 to 16 December 1944 Troop assembled at Kohlscheid Germany awaiting orders for a new mission.

17 December 1944; At 0630 Troop given mission of reconnoitering area bounded by Orsbach, Kohlscheid, Weiden and Aachen for German paratroopers which might have been dropped the night before. Mission completed at 1200, no enemy found. At 1300 Troop ordered to move to the south and establish a series of roadblocks and outposts. Troop moved out at 1530 and established outposts at 895333, 884301, 853305, 842296, 835283, and 814283 (Vervier Sheet). At 2200 3rd Platoon given mission of preceding 117th Infantry to Malmedy. All missions completed.

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18 December 1944; At 0920 Troop ordered to cross I.P. at Eupen at 1000 and proceed south to Malmedy, establishing roadblocks to the east of the main road to cover divisions move. Roadblocks were set up at 805207, 815177, 832134, 815085 and 815079 (Vervier Sheet). Mission accomplished at 1200. 3rd Platoon with 117th Infantry Command Post in Malmedy and was patrolling between Malmedy and our front lines. Six parachutes were found at 1300 by 2nd Platoon near 815177 and one paratrooper was captured in the same vicinity.

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19 December 1944; Troop was given mission of reconnoitering area bounded by Malmedy, Longfaye, Sourbrodt and Waimes, at first light of morning to contact all friendly units in that area and determine if there were any Germans in the area. At 1200 1st Platoon had completed it's mission and had found friendly Belgium Troops at Khuffraix, Longfaye and Ovifat. Platoon then went in reserve pending another mission. By 1400 2nd Platoon had completed its mission and had contacted friendly forces at Sourbrodt and had moved down to Waimes and contacted friendly forces there. The 2nd Platoon was then given the mission of establishing contact between the friendly forces in Waimes and the 1st Battalion 120th Infantry at 823050 (Vervier); Platoon was set up at 837045 and dismounted patrols were run between those friendly units all night. At 1115 3rd Platoon was called to Division and at 1200 was given the mission of establishing contact between 119th and 117th Infantries. Mission completed at 2100; contact was maintained and area patrolled until 1000 20 December 1944.

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20 December 1944: 3rd Platoon maintained contact by patrols, between right flank of 119th Infantry and left flank of 117th Infantry. Platoon relieved from mission at 1400 and assembled in Malmedy. 1st Platoon had mission of sending a patrol, mounted, to the vicinity of 755025 (Vervier) and then moving, dismounted, to 757003, to observe any enemy movement across a creek in that vicinity. Patrol started at daylight and returned at 1700; reporting two German cargo trucks on a road one-quarter mile south of their position and heavy motor movement one-half mile south of them. 2nd Platoon was with 1st Battalion of 119th Infantry and maintained contact between left flank of that unit (817037--Vervier) and friendly troops in Waimès. Platoon relieved from this mission at 1400 and remained in reserve with 1st Battalion.

21 December 1944: 1st Platoon had same mission and was moving out to accomplish it when they came under enemy fire in the vicinity of 764035 (Vervier) at 0800. Patrol withdrew to 764038 and remained in observation. 3rd Platoon was given mission of reconnoitering area west of Malmedy and cleaning out any light resistance. Entire area bounded by grid lines 74 on west, 03 on south, 06 on north and 78 on east, was reconnoitered. The enemy had withdrawn and none were encountered. Platoon returned to assembly area in Malmedy at 1500. The patrol from the 1st Platoon which had remained in observation was then given the mission of running a patrol over the roads in their vicinity. No enemy encountered. Mission completed at 1630. 1st and 2nd Platoons assembled at 805074 (Vervier).

22 December 1944: 2nd Platoon received the mission of establishing physical contact and patrolling between left flank 1st Battalion 120th Infantry and friendly forces in Waimès. No change for the remainder of the Troop.

23 December 1944: 1st and 3rd Platoons remained in mobile reserve and 2nd Platoon continued mission of maintaining contact.

24 December 1944: No change. 3rd Platoon moved from Malmedy to 795062 (Bonn Sheet) but was not assigned a mission.

25 December 1944: At 0730 three patrols were sent out to set up artillery observation posts and observe enemy movements. These patrols were sent to vicinity of 775015, 801003 and 824997 (Bonn Sheet). The first patrol advanced about 500 yards beyond the front lines into enemy territory and ran into front and flanking enemy machine-gun fire, causing this patrol to withdraw. The second patrol was fired on at several points and while attempting to infiltrate through the enemies lines, ran into a booby trap wounding two of the five men. This patrol returned at 1600 after many unsuccessful attempts to establish the artillery observation post. At 1000 the third patrol reported by radio that they had by-passed two enemy patrols and were in the act of by-passing the third. This patrol was approximately 500 yards beyond out front lines, in enemy territory, when it sighted a large concentration of enemy tanks. In attempting to withdraw to a safe distance in order to radio for artillery, this patrol was attacked by a large enemy patrol. The four members of our patrol separated and ran for safety. Of the four men, only one man was picked up. This man was evacuated through medical channels but reported that he knew nothing of the other members of the patrol.

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26 December 1944; At 0730 three more patrols were sent out to set up artillery observations posts and observe enemy movements. These patrols were sent over the same route and the patrols on 25 December 1944. All three patrols were successful in completing their mission and returned safely.

27 December 1944; No change.

28 December 1944; Troop placed in division reserve at 1600.

29 December 1944; No change. Troop assembled and moved to Sart Belgium, 7214 (Malmedy Sheet).

30 December 1944; No change. Troop ordered to run practice scouting and patrolling patrols in their immediate area.

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					Dec 1	From December 1st to December 17th troop in static position at Kohlschied, Germany.
	1000				Dec 1	Laision officer arrived. No change.
	1130				Dec 1	C.O. turned in payroll.
	1000				Dec 2	No change.
	1200				Dec 3	Send transportation to rear for four men.
	1130				Dec 4	No change
	1000				Dec 5 to Dec 17	Training schedule is being carried out as submitted.
	0630				Dec 17	Laision officer arrived with mission to reconnoiter area bounded by Orsback, Kohlschied, Werden and Aachen for German paratroops. At 1200 mission was completed.
	1300				Dec 17	New mission of moving to the south and establishing a series of road blocks and out-posts.
	1530				Dec 17	Troop moving out.
	1950				Dec 17	Out-posts and road blocks now set up at 895333, 884301, 853305, 842296 and 835283.
	2200				Dec 17	Third platoon given mission to precede 117th Inf. to Malmedy.
	0920				Dec 18	Troop given new mission through liaison officer of crossing I.P. at Eupen at 1000 and proceeding south to Malmedy establishing road blocks to the east of the main road to cover Division move.
	1145				Dec 18	Mission completed. Road blocks at 805207, 815177, 832134, 815085 and 815079.
	1250				Dec 18	Third platoon now with R.C.T., 117th C.P. and patrolling between Malmedy and front lines.

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Dec 18 Contacted units we were supposed to and exchanged information.
 Dec 18 Six parachutes found by 2nd platoon near 815177. No paratroops found. Will investigate.
 Dec 18 Still checking vicinity where chutes were found. No sign of paratroops.

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	1502			Dec 18	Password has been sent.
	0100			Dec 19	1st and 2nd platoons recieved contact mission to begin at daylight.
	1200			Dec 19	1st platoon completed mission and held in reserve.
	1200			Dec 19	From 3rd platoon, our mission has been changed here.
	1215			Dec 19	Now on our way to contact 117th and 119th Inf.
	1230			Dec 19	Elements of 1st Division on north of town trying to re-establish their positions. German armor is in town.
	1650			Dec 19	Password has been sent.
	1700			Dec 19	Third platoon. We have made contact with friendly units at Nofraix, Longfaye, Ovifat, Sourbrodt and determined as much as possible the friendly and enemy situation. Second platoon was to reconnoiter area bounded by Mont, Malmedy, Robertsville, and Waimes. In conclusion of this mission to contact friendly forces in Waimes and establish contact between these forces and 119th Inf. at 823050. Contact through patrols to these units.
	1930			Dec 19	Contact point for Inf. occupied at 838045. Working southeast and west along our contact route.
	1937			Dec 19	Everything set here for tonight.
	2140			Dec 19	Third platoon, we are still running physical contact.
	0800			Dec 20	Third platoon to run contact between 117th and 119th Inf. Contact made at 1700. The 2nd platoon maintained contact between 16th Inf at Waimes and 1st Bn. 120th Inf. at 823050. 2nd remained in this position running patrols until 1400. After 1400 2nd platoon remained at 835045. 1st platoon in reserve and had a mission of sending dismounted patrols south from 758026 to 758001, and observe enemy actions and locate main enemy supply route. Patrol reached objective at 1500.
	0905			Dec 20	Is signal supply here.
	0914			Dec 20	My location is 767043.
	0920			Dec 20	No signal supply will probably be in today.
	1010			Dec 20	Is 1st platoon leader coming here .

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	1030		Dec 20	Make sure 2nd unit keeps contact with other units. Get information at 838031.
	1100		Dec 20	I am having patrol move to vicinity of 760000 and observe for 1 hour, all roads and river, then return.
	1105		Dec 20	Have proceeded 500 yards, been fired upon.
	0850		Dec 21	Third platoon mission same. Patrol between 1st Bn. 120th Inf and task force at Waines. 1st and 2nd platoons less 1 team at 805075.
	0930		Dec 21	Send gas here.
	1200		Dec 21	Send dope on 3rd Bn (Custer).
	1223		Dec 21	How many tanks and how big?
	1235		Dec 21	Friendly unit commander says he actually saw one and heard others, and that they were heavies.
	1240		Dec 21	2nd Bn Custer contacted small enemy forces supported by tanks, our unit on crest of hill engaged in fire fight.
	1430		Dec 21	Send password.
	2050		Dec 21	Periodic report has been sent to Division.
			Dec 22	Liaison officer arrived. Mission same. 3rd platoon in Malmedy. 1st and 2nd platoons at Mont.
	0600		Dec 22	At 0600 two tanks supported by Inf squad with machine guns attacked two TD guns at (Star) LBB KRA. Gun positions were over run. Tanks were not stopped.
	1000		Dec 22	2nd platoon (1st team) on way to Waines from 1st Bn 120th Inf.
	1130		Dec 22	C.O. has gone to regimental.
	1155		Dec 22	C.O. returned.
	1320		Dec 22	Send a mechanic to 120th Inf C.P.
	1403		Dec 22	Third platoon send your runner to C.P.
	1540		Dec 22	Check your gas masks for defects and let me know conditions and needs before 2200.
	0940		Dec 23	Send third platoon guide to Malmedy.
	1000		Dec 23	Team of 2nd platoon now at Waines.

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	1140			Dec 23	Platoon leaders arrived at C.P.
	1230			Dec 23	Platoon leaders left for platoons.
	1340			Dec 23	C.O. has gone to regimental.
	1500			Dec 23	Send password.
	1605			Dec 23	Engineer here, there is some work for them, some debris to be removed from road.
	2000			Dec 23	Periodic report sent to Division.
	0100			Dec 23	Paratroop alert still in force.
	1000			Dec 24	Patrol number three almost to objective 824997.
	1200			Dec 24	Patrol number three spotted AA guns. Three men wounded by booby-trap. Details later.
	1340			Dec 24	Platoon leaders call here.
	1410			Dec 24	Section leader from 1st patrol arrives to give C.O. details.
	1000			Dec 25	Liaison officer arrives. 1st platoon is still at Mont. Third platoon at Malmedy.
	1050			Dec 25	No word from patrol number two which was to reach area 801003.
	1130			Dec 25	Team number one has arrived at 120th Inf from Walmes.
	1208			Dec 25	Two and half ton truck will arrive to carry men here for chow at 1400.
	1300			Dec 25	C.O. has gone to Mont.
	1500			Dec 25	Send password.
	0100			Dec 26	Patrols are on their way out.
	0530			Dec 26	Patrol (2) encountered four man German patrol then turned west and encountered a six man patrol at 785020.
	0600			Dec 26	Patrol two stopped. Pinned by enemy fire.
	0715			Dec 26	Patrol number one at 787027, waiting to by pass friendly patrol.
	0730			Dec 26	Patrol number two encountered mortar and machine guns at 781200.

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	0835		Dec 26	Patrol number three observed enemy AA in vicinity 825004. Enemy tank at 817009. Five enemy on road 817002, also enemy in groups of two or three on high ground at 810006 and on road in vicinity 817008.
	0900		Dec 26	Twelve enemy observed to come out on road from the east at 819006.
	1115		Dec 26	C.O. sends patrol leaders to 120th Inf regimental.
	1340		Dec 26	Platoon leaders here.
	2000		Dec 26	Periodic report sent to Division.
	1000		Dec 27	Laision officer here. Troop to assemble at Mont.
	1115		Dec 27	C.O. calls at Division.
	1345		Dec 27	Troop leaves for Mont.
	1600		Dec 27	Entire troop in area.
	1630		Dec 27	C.O. assembles and calls platoon leaders and men.
	2000		Dec 27	Periodic report submitted.
	0930		Dec 28	C.O. sends 3rd platoon leader to find a more suitable area.
	1000		Dec 28	C.O. calls at division.
	1330		Dec 28	Troop leaves for vicinity of Sart.
	1700		Dec 28	Send password.
	2000		Dec 28	Periodic report submitted.
	0815		Dec 29	Laision officer here.
	1345		Dec 29	Member of missing patrol found. Now at 120th Inf.
	1455		Dec 29	Patrol member recite's details to C.O. before leaving for hospital.
	1700		Dec 29	Driver leaves to take G-2 to hospital to interview patrol member.
	2000		Dec 29	Periodic report submitted.

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	0830			Dec 30	Troop less trains leave for field.
	1052			Dec 30	Tell big boss guide is here to bring him where troop is. Ask him if he wants us to send after him.
	1125			Dec 30	Not now. Maybe sometime today, will let you know.
	1200			Dec 30	Laision officer arrives to get details for Chemical Warfare officer.
	1700			Dec 30	Send password.
	1200			Dec 31	G-2 arrives here at 1430.
	1430			Dec 31	G-2 arrives, instructs and reviews the activities of the troop with the officers and men.
	1700			Dec 31	Password has been changed.
	2000			Dec 31	Periodic report submitted.