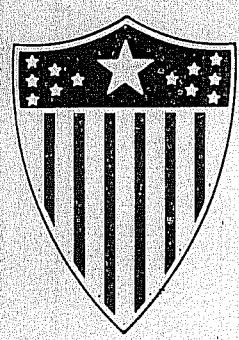


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HEADQUARTERS 30TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED

APO 30
31 January 1945

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 (G3) AR 345-105 the following report is submitted:

From 1 January 1945 to 9 January 1945 Troop stationed in Sart Belgium 7214 (Malmedy), running practice scouting and patrolling patrols in immediate area.

9 January 1945 - A five-man patrol from the 3rd Platoon was sent out to determine enemy strength and position and if enemy armor or artillery was at Logbierme Belgium. Patrol left troop area at 1900 9 January 1945 and returned at 0800 10 January 1945. Reported they had crossed the river at 731018 by 2200, moved to 739937 (Malmedy) and seen one enemy vehicle at the edge of a field at that point. Patrol was challenged by a German sentry and withdrew to 739980 where it remained in observation. From this point they heard an estimated enemy squad digging in and cutting down trees in vicinity of 740979. Roads in area reconnoitered showed no signs of vehicular traffic, snow on roads was in drifts at points to four or five feet deep. No motor movement was heard. Patrol withdrew at 0400.

10 January 1945 to 14 January 1945 - Troop ran only practice patrols in immediate area.

14 January 1945 - At 1150 the first section of 3rd Platoon was sent to 803037 (Malmedy) to establish an observation post. Post established and maintained throughout the night. No enemy activity.

15 January 1945 - At 1150 Troop attached to 120th Infantry and assigned mission of covering engineers on road clearing detail. Troop left Sart Belgium and proceeded to Germont via Malmedy. Vehicles were left there and platoons dismounted and covered the engineers clearing road from 819023 to Thirimont. Mission completed at 1600. 1st and 2nd Platoons then given mission of gaining and maintaining contact by outpost line, between 1st Bn 120th Infantry and 2nd Bn 23rd Infantry. This mission completed at 1800 and platoons maintained contact throughout the night.

16 January 1945 - At 0915 Troop attached to the 117th Infantry and at 1120 given mission of moving through Ligneuville, then east along the road south of the Amel River and to take over a roadblock at 820983. 3rd Platoon took over the roadblock.

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16 January 1945 (continued) - 1st Platoon had mission of proceeding on east-northeast along road beyond the roadblock to the division boundary at 843990; destroying any enemy artillery along or on either side of the road and driving any Germans out of the division zone. Two pieces of enemy artillery were destroyed by thermite grenades and platoon reached division boundary at 1530. 3rd Platoon maintained roadblock throughout the night and 1st Platoon ran dismounted patrols between roadblock and division boundary throughout the night.

17 January 1945 - Troop attached to 120th Infantry but missions did not change. 3rd Platoon maintained roadblock at 820983 and 1st Platoon continued patrolling between roadblock and division boundary at 843990. At 2030 three Germans were captured at 845990 by our patrol and turned over to friendly engineers for evacuation. At 2200 3rd Platoon was ordered to move the roadblock from 820983 to 841989. Move was completed by 2330.

18 January 1945 - At 1300 the road east-northeast beyond roadblock at 841989 was cleared of mines and trees which the Germans had placed as obstacles, to a point 300 yards short of the division boundary at 843990. 1st Platoon continued running dismounted patrols every two hours between the roadblock and division boundary. At 1400 a patrol from 1st Platoon was ordered to contact friendly forces east of the division boundary. At 1500 this patrol ran into a four-man German patrol; guns of both patrols were frozen and neither could fire. The German patrol withdrew south and at 1545 our patrol contacted Co "E" 18th Infantry in vicinity of 845991. At 1730 1st Platoon was ordered to contact Co "A" 18th Infantry. Contact was made at 1930 and maintained by hourly patrols throughout the night.

19 January 1945 - 1st Platoon continued to run hourly patrols to the 1st Bn 18th Infantry in vicinity of 844991. At 1600 2nd Platoon relieved the 1st Platoon. Roadblock at 841989 still being maintained by 3rd Platoon. 1st Platoon held in reserve.

20 January 1945 - Troop ordered to relieve 1st Bn 119th Infantry who were in vicinity of 832974 in a dug-in position on the divisions flank. Troop moved at 0700 from near Ligneuville and relief was accomplished by 0930.

21 January 1945 - No change. Positions taken over on 20 January 1945 were held.

22 January 1945 - Dug-in positions were held until 1715 when Troop was relieved. Troop moved to Bellevaux Belgium, all three platoons held in division reserve.

23 January 1945 to

28 January 1945 - No change. Troop held in division reserve.

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28 January 1945 - Troop released from division reserve and moved to Hierlot Belgium 6192 (Sheet 93, Vielsalm) for rest period.

29 January 1945 to
31 January 1945 - No change.

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				Jan. 1	Troop assembled at area "Sart" 722146 (Malmedy) 1/50,000) for the purpose of training in combat patrols. Arrangements have been made by the Commanding Officer for an officer of the I & R platoon of the 120th Infantry and his men to arrive here on January 2 at 1330. Mechanisms of combat patrols will be worked out together.
				Jan. 1	At 0800 Commanding Officer leaves for rear to get payroll.
				Jan. 1	At 0930 Commanding Officer returns with payroll, and calls platoon leaders together. Training plans were discussed, vehicle maintainance stressed.
				Jan. 1	Troop was paid at 1000.
				Jan. 1	At 1300 platoon leaders take over their platoons and motor maintainance under the guidance of non-commissioned officers.
				Jan. 1	At 1320 Commanding Officer leaves to turn in payroll, and returned at 1423.
				Jan. 1	Liaison Officer arrives from Division at 1435 with reports for the Commanding Officer on his daily call.
1	2149			Jan. 1	Officer and men of I & R platoon of the 120th Infantry will join you on 021330 as prearranged. G-2 will also be there at 0930 January 2.
				Jan. 2	At 0800 platoons left for training area previously selected by the Commanding Officer. After orientation by Commanding Officer and platoon leaders, the platoons ran combat patrols against personnel acting as enemy.
				Jan. 2	At 0930 G-2 arrived at training area and reviewed the problems with respective platoons.
				Jan. 2	At 1100 G-2 offered a critique on patrols to officers and men after which he discussed the problems with the officers.
				Jan. 2	At 1120 G-2 leaves and platoons return to the Troop area.
				Jan. 2	At 1300 platoons returned to the training area. Reconnaissance patrols were run against O.P.'s surrounding a small town held by the enemy.

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			Jan. 2	At 1700 the platoons returned to the Troop area.
			Jan. 2	At 1715 Liaison Officer arrives with daily report for Commanding Officer. Liaison Officer returns to Division at 1740.
			Jan. 2	At 1800 the 3rd platoon left for training area for purpose of running a night reconnaissance problem.
			Jan. 2	At 1830 the Commanding Officer visits the 3rd platoon and participated in the problem.
			Jan. 2	At 1900, Periodic report sent to Division.
			Jan. 2	At 2300 the 3rd platoon returned to Troop area.
			Jan. 3.	At 0800 platoons go to motor pool for motor maintenance.
			Jan. 3	At 0930, all platoons leave for training area to run problems on combat patrols. Returned to Troop area at 1200.
			Jan. 3	Liaison Officer arrived with daily report for the Commanding Officer. Liaison Officer left for Division at 1340.
			Jan. 3	At 1300 the platoons left for training area to run combat and reconnaissance problems. These problems were concluded at 1700.
			Jan. 3	Commanding Officer held meeting with platoon leaders to discuss plans for training at 1900.
			Jan. 3	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
			Jan. 4	At 0830 Troop assembled for orientation.
			Jan. 4	Platoons left for training area at 1000.
			Jan. 4	Platoons returned to Troop area at 1200.
			Jan. 4	At 1300 Liaison Officer arrives with daily report for Commanding Officer.
			Jan. 4	At 1300 the 1st and 2nd platoons returned to training area for purpose of running reconnaissance patrols. They returned to Troop area at 1700.
			Jan. 4	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
			Jan. 5	From 0800 to 1200 the platoons were in the training area running reconnaissance patrols and from 1300 to 1700 ran combat patrols in same area.

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2	1035			Jan. 5	Send the man selected to leave for the United States on furlough to the rear to make arrangements.
				Jan. 5	At 1130 the enlisted man selected to return to the United States left for rear to make arrangements and returned to his platoon at 1245.
				Jan. 5	Laision Officer arrived with daily report, also brought periodic report from Division.
				Jan. 5	At 1245 the Commanding Officer held meeting with platoon leaders to discuss the afternoon training schedule.
				Jan. 5	Platoons left at 1300 for training area for purpose of training in combat patrols and taking of prisoners.
				Jan. 5	Laision Officer returned to Division at 1320.
				Jan. 5	At 1700 the platoons returned to Troop area.
				Jan. 6	From 0800 to 0900 orientation classes and lectures on VD by an officer.
				Jan. 6	0900 to 1200 lectures were given on combat patrols, maps and battle experiences notes were read.
				Jan. 6	From 1300 to 1700 the platoons were in training area running combat patrol problems, locating an enemy outpost and capturing it. Platoons returned to the Troop area.
				Jan. 6	Laision Sergeant arrived at 1400 with report from Divsison, also had password.
				Jan. 6	At 1400 Commanding Officer inspects vehicles and notes deficiencies. Corrections made.
				Jan. 6	At 1830 Commanding Officer leaves to accompany platoons on night combat patrol problem in training area. Platoons return at 2300.
				Jan. 6	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Jan. 7	From 0830 to 1000 Troop preformed motor maintenance under supervision of metro Sergeant and officers. Drivers remained in motor pool with machanics unit 1200.
				Jan. 7	From 1300 to 1600 the 3rd platoon was in training area running reconnaissance patrol problem, the rest of the troop in motor pool.

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				Jan. 9	From 1300 to 1700 Troop performed motor maintainence.
				Jan. 9	The Commanding Officer returned from 119th Infantry at 1130 after completing the necessary arrangements for the patrol.
				Jan. 9	Liasion Officer arrived with daily report for Commanding Officer, at 1400. Liasion officer returned to Division at 1430.
				Jan. 9	Patrol left on its mission as previously stated.
				Jan. 9	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
				Jan. 10	The patrol which left at 1900 on January 9 returned at 0800. This patrol concisted of five men and reported as follows. From a point 731019 they had crossed the river by 2200. They traveled to 739937 and saw one enemy vehicle at the edge of a field at this point. They were challenged by a German sentry and withdrew to 739980 where they remained in observation and overheard an estimated enemy squad digging in and cutting trees in the vicinity of 740979. The patrol withdrew about 0400. None of the woods showed evidence of vehicular traffic. The snow on the roads had drifted at points to four or five feet. There was no motor movement heard at all. Report was submitted verbally from the men to G-2.
				Jan. 10	Troop in motor pool from 0830 to 1700 preform- ing motor maintainence.
3	1600			Jan. 10	Send vehicle to rear to pick up three men returning from hospital.
				Jan. 10	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
				Jan. 11	At 0900 to 1100 platoons were under platoon leaders. The 1st platoon preformed motor maintainence. 2nd and 3rd platoons had class on tank identification.
				Jan. 11	At 1330 officers meeting was held. The 1st and 2nd platoons left for training area.
				Jan. 11	Liasion Officer Arrived with daily report for Commanding Officer at 1400. Liasion Officer returned to Division at 1430.
				Jan. 11	Platoons returned to Troop area at 1630.

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			Jan. 11	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
			Jan. 12	From 0830 to 1200 class on tank recognition, both enemy and allied.
			Jan. 12	From 1200 to 1700 all platoons in training area running combat patrol problems.
			Jan. 12	Commanding Officer held officers meeting at 1300.
			Jan. 12	Laision Officer arrived with daily report for Commanding Officer at 1300. Laision officer returned to Division at 1410.
			Jan. 12	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
			Jan. 13	Troop in motor pool performing motor maintenance from 0830 to 1200.
			Jan. 13	A mortar vehicle was sent to serve as an O.P. on the outskirts of Malmedy (803037).
4	1145		Jan. 13	Send radio car and crew to Malmedy to act as relay between laision car at Division and C.P.
			Jan. 13	Commanding Officer held officers meeting at 1000.
			Jan. 13	Laision Officer arrives with daily report for Commanding Officer at 1300. Laision Officer returned to Division at 1330.
			Jan. 13	At 1300 the platoons left for training area for purpose of running reconnaissance and combat patrols. Platoons returned to troop area at 1700.
			Jan. 14	Training schedule still being carried out. Orientation classes were held from 0830 to 1200.
5	1030		Jan. 14	Mortar vehicle still in position at 803083, we are remaining on O.P.
			Jan. 14	Platoons left for training area at 1300 for purpose of running patrols. Platoons returned at 1700.
6	1350		Jan. 14	M-8 ran over a mine in the vicinity of the O.P. (803083). No one injured but M-8 badly damaged.
7	1900		Jan. 14	Contact has been made with the adjacent unit digging in across our front. Above the bridge five of our tanks and four TD's are in position. We will make further reconnaissance.

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8	1920			Jan. 14	We are now on the road parallel to bridge. We will remain here.
				Jan. 14	Periodic report sent to Division at 2000.
				Jan. 15	At 1000 Troop preparing for movement to Waimes.
				Jan. 15	At 1150 the Troop less the trains left Sart 722146, proceeded to Geromont via Malmedy where vehicles were packed and the platoons dismounted and helped cover the engineers while they cleared the road from 819023 to Thirmont. This mission was completed at 1700. The 1st and 2nd platoons were then given a mission of gaining and maintaining contact by outpost line between the 1st Bn 120th Infantry and elements of the 23rd Infantry on the left. Mission was completed at 1800.
				Jan 16	At 0915 the Troop was attached to the 117th Infantry. At 1120 assigned mission of moving through Ligneuville and east along the road just south of the Amel River and take over roadblock at 820983. The 3rd Platoon accomplished this mission at 1300. 1st Platoon had mission of proceeding on east-northeast beyond the roadblock to the division boundary at 843990; destroying any enemy artillery along or on either side of the road, and driving any Germans out of the division zone. The 2nd Platoon was to maintain a motorized patrol along that road. This patrol was forced to dismount, because of obstructions including mines on the road. Patrols continued throughout the night.
9			2200	Jan. 16	From Commanding Officer: The first patrol of the 2nd Platoon left roadblock 820983 at 1300. Dismounted. Arrived boundry 1420. Saw one enemy running southeast at 1420 at 845987. Returned 1530. Second patrol left 1600, arrived boundry 1705. Reported friendly forces vicinity 850000.
				Jan. 16	Periodic report sent to division at 2200.

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Jan. 17				At 1700 Troop attached to 117th Infantry. Relieved of attachment and attached to 120th Infantry. Missions for the platoons remained the same. 3rd Platoon maintained roadblock at 820983 and 1st Platoon continued running patrols between that point and division boundary at 843990. Ten men were detailed with the engineers along the road between the roadblock and division boundary where trees and mines obstructed the way. At 2200 3rd Platoon was ordered to move the roadblock from 820983 to 841989. Move was completed at 2330. 1st Plat captured 3 prisoners at 2030 at 845990.
Jan. 17				Periodic report sent to division.
Jan. 18				At 1300 the road east-northeast beyond roadblock at 841989 was cleared of mines and trees to a point 300 yards short of the division boundary at 843990. 1st Platoon continued running dismounted patrols every two hours between the roadblock and division boundary. At 1400 a patrol from 1st Platoon was ordered to contact friendly forces east of the division boundary. At 1500 this patrol ran into a four-man German patrol; guns of both patrols were frozen and neither could fire. The German patrol withdrew south and at 1545 our patrol contacted Co B 18th Infantry in vicinity of 845991. At 1730 1st Platoon was ordered to contact Co A 18th Infantry. Contact was made at 1930 and maintained by hourly patrols throughout the night.
Jan. 18				Liaison Officer arrived with daily reports at 2000.
Jan. 19				1st Platoon continued to run hourly patrols to the 1st Bn 18th Infantry in vicinity of 844991. At 1600 2nd Platoon relieved the 1st Platoon. Roadblock at 841989 still being maintained by 3rd Platoon. 1st Platoon held in reserve.
Jan. 20				At 0700 the Troop moved from positions near Ligneuville to relieve the 1st Bn 119th Infantry, who were in a dug-in position on the divisions flank in the vicinity of 832974. This relief was accomplished at 0930. 2nd Platoon occupied positions from 835967 to 837967 to 838970. One squad from 3rd Platoon occupied position at 837972; remainder of platoons and the Troop Command Post at 832974. Vehicles were left in vicinity of 822983. Troop still attached to the 120th Infantry.

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			Jan. 21	Positions occupied on the 20th remained constant on the 21st. No effective change.
10.	0430		Jan. 21	From Division Headquarters: Do you have contact with unit on your left? What time did you establish contact.
11.		0450	Jan. 21	Contact was established at 0100 and is still being maintained.
			Jan. 21	Periodic report submitted at 2000.
			Jan. 22	No change in mission. Dug-in positions still being held.
			Jan. 22	Troop ordered to assemble in division reserve in vicinity of Bellevaux 776007. Quarters party was sent ahead. Troop closed in area at Bellevaux at 2325.
			Jan. 23	Troop in division reserve at Bellevaux.
			Jan. 23	Periodic report sent to division at 2000.
			Jan. 24	No change, Troop in division reserve.
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			Jan. 28	At 0830 Troop moved from Bellevaux 776005 to Hierlot 614921. The troop arrived at Hierlot at 1135.
			Jan. 29	Troop in assembly area at Hierlot.
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APD 30
28 February 1945

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

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3 February 1945 to 8 February 1945 - No change.

8 February 1945 - One officer and two enlisted men established an observation post at 061537 (Julich). Post established under cover of darkness because of excellent enemy observation.

9 February 1945 - Troop moved fr Harren Germany to Lurken Germany. No missions assigned, remained in Division Reserve.

10 February 1945 - No change.

11 February 1945 - One officer and forty enlisted men detailed as security guard to Division Headquarters. This guard relieved headquarters defense platoon.

12 February 1945 to 17 February 1945 - No change.

17 February 1945 - At 2045 a patrol of one officer and 5 enlisted men crossed the Roer River at Schophoven (059540 Julich) to secure information by either capturing a prisoner or taking the necessary papers from one of the enemy. The patrol advanced several hundred yards beyond the river without encountering any enemy. Patrol returned at 0330 18 February 1945. No prisoner was captured but valuable terrain information was gained. This patrol reported a canal approximately 1000 yards east of the Roer River that would prove an obstacle to advancing troops.

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-66				Jan. 7	Liasion Officer arrived with daily report for Commanding Officer. Liasion Officer returned to Division at 1830.
				Jan. 7	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Jan. 8	From 0800 to 1200 platoons practiced on use of rubber beats in training area.
				Jan. 8	From 1300 to 1700 Troop in training area practicing use of rubber boats by combat and reconnaissance patrols.
				Jan. 8	At 1905 the Liasion Officer arrived with daily report and instructions as follows for the Commanding Officer concerning a patrol which is to leave the C.P. at 1800 on January 9. The Patrol is to determine enemy strength and positions and wheather or not armor or artillery are at Logbierme (P-738953). Patrol is to report to the S-2 of 119th Infantry tomorrow morning with an officer from the Troop to be briefed on the enemy situation and reconnoiter by observation the route they will follow going and coming. Also to make arrangements for getting through our lines and to make arrangements for support fire, also for photos. They are to carry no identification and are not to back track. The size and leadership of this patrol is up to the Commanding Officer. There is believed to be a very poor line of enemytroops in the German O.P. line. An enemey map shows a mine field in the vicinity of P-733985. Trail general line P-738953, 745951, 761957, 768962 is a heavily traveled road according to photos on 24th December. The information desired is any heavy vehicle movement. If on route, they are to detour to determine wheather it is a sound producing machine or real traffic. The patrol is to start early in order to return before dawn. Prisoners are not required unless, near the end of the trip they can be easily taken. The Commanding Officer is to have all details to G-2 as soon as possible. Liasion officer returned to Division after delivering these instructions.
				Jan. 9	At 0830 the Commanding Officer and patrol left for the 119th Infantry to be oriented as arranged through the Liasion Officer.
				Jan. 9	From 0830 to 0930 Troop had class on supply discipline.
				Jan. 9	From 0930 to 1200 Troop had class on patrols and use of snow capes. The 1st and 3rd platoons went to training area to run reconnaissance patrols.

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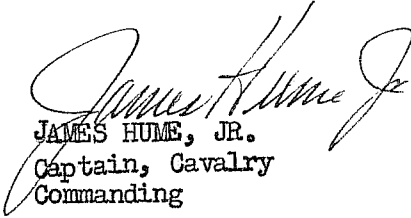
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25 February 1945 - Troop given mission at 1100 to move to and outpost town of Niederzier Germany (105550 Julich). Platoons completed move at 1200. Beginning at 1800 hourly patrols were run to Frenzerhof (121555 Julich) to contact unit on our right. These dismounted patrols were continued throughout the night.

26 February 1945 - At 1000 a mounted patrol was sent to check the woods around the area 110580 to 117576 (Julich) and north to Steinstrass 122598. Entire area was found clear of the enemy. At 1630 a patrol was sent to contact roadblocks held by friendly forces at 118576 and 112559.

27 February 1945 - 3rd Platoon received mission of establishing road-blocks at 117617 and 122617 (Julich). 2nd Platoon established road-block at 111559. 1st Platoon established road-block at 121681. At 2230 1st Platoon was ordered to move to Oberembi 130628, leave their vehicles and proceed dismounted as security for friendly tanks located at 133647. Platoon remained in that position throughout the night.

28 February 1945 - Troop ordered to move to Niederembt Germany, relieve unit there and outpost the town with strongpoints. Platoons in position at 1700. At 2100 four crews of five men each were sent as local security for emplaced tank-destroyer guns set up along the line 160642 to 167643 (Julich)


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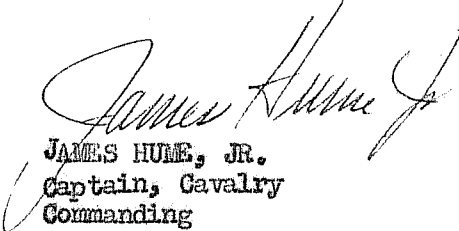
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HEADQUARTERS 30TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, REORGANIZED

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AFPO 30
28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After Action.

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 (C3) AR 315-105, the following report is submitted:

1 February 1945 - Troop located in Heirlot Belgium (611921). In Division Reserve. A training schedule is being carried out.

2 February 1945 - Troop moved from Heirlot Belgium to Harren Germany. Remained in Division Reserve.

3 February 1945 to 8 February 1945 - No change.

8 February 1945 - One officer and two enlisted men established an observation post at 061537 (Julich). Post established under cover of darkness because of excellent enemy observation.

9 February 1945 - Troop moved fr Harren Germany to Lurken Germany. No missions assigned, remained in Division Reserve.

10 February 1945 - No change.

11 February 1945 - One officer and forty enlisted men detailed as security guard to Division Headquarters. This guard relieved headquarters defense platoon.

12 February 1945 to 17 February 1945 - No change.

17 February 1945 - At 2045 a patrol of one officer and 5 enlisted men crossed the Roer River at Schophoven (059540 Julich) to secure information by either capturing a prisoner or taking the necessary papers from one of the enemy. The patrol advanced several hundred yards beyond the river without encountering any enemy. Patrol returned at 0330 18 February 1945. No prisoner was captured but valuable terrain information was gained. This patrol reported a canal approximately 1000 yards east of the Roer River that would prove an obstacle to advancing troops.

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30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized

18 February 1945 - At 2045 a patrol of one officer and nine enlisted men crossed the Roer River at Schaphoven (059510 Julich) to reconnoiter terrain and to secure information by either capturing a prisoner or taking necessary papers from the enemy. Patrol returned at 0330 19 February 1945. No enemy encountered, no prisoners taken, but information pertaining to the canal was obtained.

19 February 1945 - No change.

20 February 1945 - At 2030 a patrol of one officer and four enlisted men crossed the Roer River to obtain a prisoner or to determine enemy identification. Patrol crossed river at 063537 and patrolled along road to road-junction at 073545 (Julich) and waited there to ambush an enemy patrol. No enemy encountered and patrol returned at 0330.

21 February 1945 - One officer and two enlisted men relieved from outpost established on 8 February 1945 at 061557 (Julich) for the purpose of observing the enemy and terrain.

22 February 1945 to 24 February 1945 - No change.

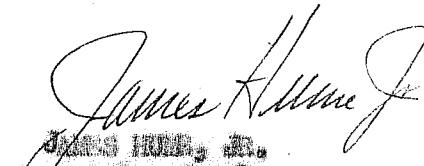
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27 February 1945 - 3rd Platoon received mission of establishing road-blocks at 117617 and 122617 (Julich). 2nd Platoon established road-block at 111559. 1st Platoon established road-block at 121631. At 2230 1st Platoon was ordered to move to Obermbi 130628, leave their vehicles and proceed dismounted as security for friendly tanks located at 133617. Platoon remained in that position throughout the night.

28 February 1945 - Troop ordered to move to Haderath Germany, relieve unit there and outpost the town with strongpoints. Platoons in position at 1700. At 2100 four crews of five men each were sent as local security for emplaced tank-destroyer guns set up along the line 160612 to 167613 (Julich)


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HEADQUARTERS 30TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED

Ser. No.	In	Time	Out	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, Messages, etc.
				Feb 1.	Troop in Division reserve at Heirlot (614921). A fixed schedule is being carried out with attention to motor maintenance and care of weapons stressed. Periodic report sent to Division at 2100.
				Feb 2.	Troop still in Division reserve. The Commanding Officer went to Division to discuss the contemplated movement with G-2, at which time it was decided that a quartering party of five men would meet G-1 at cross roads (699935), at 1600 near Grand Halleux. At 1600 the Troop is still at Heirlot (614921). The Commanding Officer oriented the Troop as to the movement to Harren, vicinity 852461 and 863457. At 2000 the Troop left Heirlot proceeding to the vicinity of Harren via stipulated route move on over-lay and crossed the I.P. at 2130 and arrived at 852461 and 863457 at 0200 on Feb 3.
				Feb 3.	The Troop moved into this area at 0200. At 0830 the Commanding Officer oriented the Troop on secrecy procedure and confinement to all vehicles and personnel was in effect. Periodic report was sent to Division at 2100.
				Feb 4.	The Liaison Officer arrived at 1400 and returned to Division at 1430. Schedule is being carried out with stress on motor maintenance and care of weapons.
				Feb 5.	Troop still restricted and daily schedule being carried out.
				Feb 6.	No change.
				Feb 7.	At 0900 a quartering party was sent to Lurken (950519) to look for quartering for the Troop and returned here at 1020. Periodic report sent to Division at 2100.
				Feb 8.	At 0900 the Liaison Officer arrived and discussed the setting up of an O.P. at 063538 for the purpose of selecting a favorable route of approach toward the Roer River. The four men who were to form this O.P. would leave here under cover of darkness. At 1700 the 1st platoon moved by sections to Lurken. At 1900 the O.P. team departed and notified the Commanding Officer by runner that their O.P. was set up at 063538. The Trains and Troop C.P. remained at 852461. At 2100 the Periodic report was sent to Division.

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			Feb 9.	Troop still in Lurken. The O.P. remains the same at 063538. Radio silence still in effect.
			Feb 10.	No change.
			Feb 11.	At 0800 forty men and an officer were dispatched to Division to relieve the defence platoon.
			Feb 12.	No change.
			Feb 13.	No change.
			Feb 14.	Troop still in Lurken, Forty men and an officer still at Division. Radio silence still in effect.
			Feb 15.	Two men were sent at 0900 to Kirshberg. (Artillery O.P. FO26563 for instructions in adjustment of fire.)
			Feb 16.	No change.
			Feb 17.	A six amn patrol including and officer will be sent across the Roer River on the night of Feb 17 and 18 at 067541 for the purpose of securing a prisoner. The patrol will report to the Division O.P. prior to dawn on Feb 17. The engineers with boats will meet patrol at west gate of Chateau where O.P. is located at 171830. The patrol members will be strictly searched and cautioned not to disclose unit identification in case of capture. Route will be decided by patrol leader, patrol will return to our lines prior to dawn on Feb 18. Patrol leader will notify all concerned in Shophoven. G-2 will notify G-3, Division Artillery, 119th Inf Regt and 113th Cavalry Group, so that light artillery and mortars will not bother them. Have regular O.P. messenger reprot to G-2 early tomorrow night the exact target, route and plan. Patrol will turn prisoner over to Division PW cage. Patrol members report to G-2 immediately upon return. This patrol left at 2030 from vicenity of Shophoven (063538).
			Feb 18.	The patrol sent to cross the Roer River returned ar 0400. This patrol crossed the Roer River advanced 1000yds to a small canal which offered an impediment due to it's depth and swiftness of it's current. No prisoners were taken and the patrol returned at 0400.

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					<p>At 2030 the patrol was increased to ten men and again sent out with the same mission as the night before. The patrol crossed the Roer River at F 066541 and thoroughly explored the areas between F 065548 and 069543 with out encountering the enemy. The canal proved to an obstacle to be rated with the Roer itself, because of it's depth and current. The area reconnoitered did not show much indication of recent occupancy except for a recently constructed one man O.P. platform in a tree at F 068543. There wasn't any communication wires leading to this point. Obstacles which would empede troops include rolls of barbed wire on straight strands on one foot stakes along the river banks from F 066541 to F 066544 and between the canal at F 067546 and F 066546. Trenches and foxholes in the area were partly filled with water and showed signs of weathering. A 15 foot emplacement was located at F 067546, also deserted and water filled. It appeared to be for an artillery piece with poles wired together for a camaflage net. The road east of F 066541 was free of mines and booby-traps as far as the canal. The canal itself was found to be 30 or 40 ft wide in the area where crossings were tried, the bottom was soft and sloped gradually until about six feet from the west bank where it dropped off suddenly to four or five feet. The deep channel appeared to be about 25 feet wide. The bank itself has a 60 degree angle norht of the blown bridge at F 069543, the banks are at an average of 3 to 4 feet above the ater level, south of there they are 1½ to 2 feet above the water level. The left bank has a belt of trees and undergrowth about six feet wide. On the Roer the boats used in crossing drifted 150 to 200 yds going west to east. The patrol reached the road junction 073544, but no prisoner was taken or enemy seen, objective was reached.</p>
				Feb 20.	No change.
				Feb 21.	No change.
				Feb 22.	Troop still at Lurken. Forty men and officer at Division. Radio silence still in effect.
				Feb 23.	At 0800 the Troop went off radio silence.
				Feb 24.	At 1300 Laision officer arrived and Troop had orders to move from Lurken to Lamersdorf. Troop leave Lurken and arrives at Lamersdorf at 1815. At 2200 forty men and Officer returned to unit from Division.

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			Feb 24.	At 0700 the Commanding Officer goes to Niederzier for the purpose of a quartering Party. At 1100 the Troop moves to Niederzier and is attached to the 120th Inf Regt.
			Feb 25.	At 1200 the Troop recieved the mission of out-posting the town of Niederzier with road blocks at 109553, 112552, 111549, 109547, 108547 and 107543 with listening posts 100 yds in front of these positions. At 1245 this mission was completed. At 1630 Troop recieved mission of sending hourly patrols between 112552 and 121555 to contact the 4th Cavalry.
			Feb 26.	The Troop C.P. remains the same at 102549. At 1200 the hourly patrol to 121555 was discontinued. At 1100 a motorized patrol left Niederzier proceeded to Hamback then northeast to 101583 then ESE to New Hamback at 117576 the north to Steinstrass. No sign of enemy infiltration was seen. Laision Officer arrived and the 1st platoon was given a mission of a roadblock by fire at New Hamback. The second platoon was given the same mission at Werdenhof. At 1100 the Troop was attached to the 125th Cav. Sqd.
			Feb 27.	The Troop C.P. is at 122607. The 3rd platoon has a roadblock by fire. The 1st section is at 117617, and the 2nd section at 122617. The 2nd platoon has the same mission at 111559 and the 1st platoon is located at 121581. At 2230 the 1st platoon moved from that position to Oberembi 130628 and left vehicles at that point under guard and proceded dismounted to 133647 as security for tanks. The platoon remained there overnight. At 1630 the Troop moved from Niederzied to Lick. Periodic report sent to Division at 2100.
			Feb 28.	The Troop is still attached to the 125th Cav. Squadron. At 1100 the Commanding Officer recieved the mission thru the 125th Cav. Laision Officer to place strong points around the town of Niederembt. At 1900 the Troop had set up in the town. Strong points were in position at 158637, 159632, 162644, 166635, 169638, 162639 and 169637. At 2200 twenty men were assigned to the TD's for security around the guns on the high ground at 172647.