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HEADQUARTERS 30TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED

APO 30
31 March 1945

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 March 1945: Troop attached to the 125th Cavalry Squadron. Outposts and strongpoints established on 28 February 1945, around the town of Niederembt Germany, still being maintained. Four crews of 5 men each are providing security for emplaced tank-destroyer guns set up along the line 160642 to 167642 (Julich Map).
- 2 March 1945: Missions of previous day continued until 1400. At 1400 Troop moved from Niederembt to Bedburg Germany, relieving the 3rd Bn. of the 117th Infantry, whose mission was defense of that area. Troop was attached to 119th Infantry and in turn, had two platoons of the 801st Tank-destroyers attached to the troop. 1st Platoon established strongpoints around the area of Lipp Germany. 2nd Platoon at main cross-roads in town of Bedburg and 3rd Platoon at Blerichen. At 1900, 2nd Platoon captured one prisoner.
- 3 March 1945: Troop relieved of missions and attachment to 119th Infantry and assembled. Awaiting orders for new mission.
- 4 March 1945: Troop moved from Bedburg Germany to Aldenhoven Germany. Troop in Division reserve awaiting orders.
- 5 March 1945: No change.
- 6 March 1945: Troop moved to Kirchoven. No missions assigned.
- 7 March 1945
to
- 13 March 1945: Troop in Division reserve. Fixed training schedule is being carried out.
- 13 March 1945: Troop moved from Kirchoven Germany to Alpon Germany, Sheet A17, 153317 (Wesel Map). 1st Platoon established CP and outposts at 193337, 213390, 200375. 2nd Platoon established CP and Outposts at 200306, 199303, 206309. 3rd Platoon established CP and outposts at 213283, 252306, 202351. Object of outposts was for observing across the Rhine River for informational purposes.

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- 14 March 1945: No change in missions. Observations posts were maintained and Troop Headquarters acted as a reception station in preparation for the Divisions arrival. Drivers were furnished for transportation for visiting officers between airport and observation posts. Daily reports were sent direct from observation posts to Division G-2 section. On 18 March 1945, Division Headquarters moved into Troop Headquarters area and Troop Headquarters moved from Alpon Germany to Rhineburg Germany.
- 24 March 1945: Troop relieved and observation posts were called in. Troop assembled in Rhineburg. Nine M-8 vehicles were sent to traffic control center at Broth to assist in handling traffic crossing the Rhine River.
- 25 March 1945: An observation post was established at 203372 (Wesel Map) for the purpose of over-looking the situation. Prime Minister Churchill, Field Marshal Montgomery, General Eisenhower, Lt. General Bradley, and Lt General Simpson arrived at observation post, observed military operations and departed at 1400. 1st Platoon was relieved from post and returned to headquarters.
- 26 March 1945: At 0930 Troop moved from Rhineburg Germany to Hunxe Germany, A37 332388 (Duisburg). Platoons assigned mission of protecting Divisions left flank. Strongpoints were established at 343393, 350393, 356397, 363400, 368404, and 375410, (Duisburg). At 1700 a 3-man patrol was sent across the canal and river to contact friendly forces on our left. Patrol observed approximately 15 enemy soldiers digging in, in vicinity of 340405; contact was made with friendly forces in Krudenburg. Patrol returned at 1830. At 2000 a mounted patrol patrolled road between Hunxe Germany and point 375410 (Duisburg).
- 27 March 1945: At 0800 one section of 3rd Platoon was sent to maintain liaison with the 507th Parachute Bn on our left. At 1100 platoons assembled in vicinity of Hunxe Germany pending new mission. At 1215 platoons moved across the Lippe Canal and relieved 1st Bn. 290th Infantry. Relief was completed by 1300 with strongpoints established at 337403, 343405, 347405, 348403, 353403, 353406 and 356406 (Duisburg). Strongpoints formed an arc of security defense with last strongpoint (356406) meeting Company C on the left flank of the 119th Infantry. Mounted and dismounted patrols were run continually between strongpoints. At 1600 a dismounted patrol was sent beyond strongpoints to 379417 to check that area for possible dug-in enemy. Area reported clear.
- 28 March 1945: At 1100 the one section of the 3rd Platoon maintaining liaison with the 507th Parachute Bn was relieved of mission. Platoons assembled near Gartrop Germany.
- 29 March 1945:
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31 March 1945: No change.

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				Mar 1.	Troop attached to the 125th Cavalry Squadron. The Troop C.P. is located at Niederembt (159635). The Troops present mission is outposting the town of Niederembt. Roadblocks by fire are in place at 158637, 159632, 162633, 166635, 169638, 162639, and 169637. Twenty men are still in position acting as security for TD guns on the high ground at 172647. At 1700 the Liaison Officer arrived with daily report from Division and notified the Commanding Officer that the Troop would be relieved from attachment to the 125th Cavalry Squadron at 1500 on March 2nd and would be attached to the 119th Inf. Periodic Report sent to Division at 2100.
				Mar 2.	Troop continued on same mission. At 0900 the platoons were notified by rumer to be ready to move at 1500. At 1400 the Troop left Niederembt and arrived at Bedburg (184663) at 1445 and relieved the 3rd Bn. 117th Inf. At 1500 the Troop was attached to the 119th Inf and in turn two platoons of the 801st Tank-destroyers were attached to the Troop. At 1515 the Troop had set up and is now outposting the town of Bedburg, west of the Erft Canal. Roadblocks were established at 179671, 184667, 185658, 185656.
1.	2200			Mar 2.	Send positions of attached units to Division as soon as possible.
2.		2205		Mar. 2.	One platoon is between 173668 and 176663 covering the approaches from the east. One platoon has indirect fire between 159844 and 167643. Each platoon has 4 guns.
				Mar 3.	Troop remained in same position.
3	1030			Mar 3.	At 1030 the following message was recieved from Division. "Yoru mission is completed assemble in area where you are and stay there".
				Mar 3.	At 1115 the Troop was assembled at Bedburg and was relieved from attachment to the 119th Inf.
4.	1615			Mar 3.	Troop is to remain in present position, but be prepared to move North on two hour notice.
5.	1750			Mar 3.	Reconiter for assembly area in vicinity 178808 and move first thing tomorrow. Instructions as in message #4 are still in effect. Have Ren. party - 1 -stop here for further instructions.

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6	1930			Mar 3.	Password. Pat - Pawn.
				Mar 3.	At 1940 quartering party left for 178808 and will wait there for the Troop.
				Mar 3.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2100.
				Mar 4.	The Troop left Bedburg at 0800 and arrived at Aldenhoven (183827) at 1100. Troop in Division reserve.
				Mar 4.	At 2035 the Laision Sgt. arrived with details concerning the movement. The quartering party has been oriented. Further details concerning the march order to be given later.
7.	2325			Mar. 4.	Report of German paratroops in 2nd Armored area, also information sabateurs infiltrating our lines.
				Mar. 5	Troop assembled at Aldenhoven (183827).
				Mar. 5	At 0700 the quartering party left for Heinsberg (850750).
				Mar. 5	At 1400 the Laision Sgt. arrived with details of march order.
				Mar. 5	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Mar 6.	Troop crossed the I.P. at 1705 where the column of the 105th engineers and the 531 AAA were met and joined. The Troop arrived in Kirchoven (8357670) at 2100.
				Mar 6.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Mar 7.	At 0900 the Commanding Officer left for Division and returned to Troop area at 1000.
				Mar 7.	At 1300 a moving picture on non-fraternization was shown to the Troop.
				Mar 8.	Troop in Division reserve and a fixed training thru schedule is being carried out.
				Mar 11.	
				Mar 12.	At 0800 the Commanding Officer left for Alpen for the purpose of arranging quarters for the Troop.
				Mar 12.	At 2100 the Troop was alerted for movement.
				Mar 12.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.

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				Mar 13.	Troop left Kirchoven at 0600 and arrived at Aplen (153317) at 0930.
				Mar 13.	Positions are being reconnoitered for O.P.'s which are to be set up observing across the Rhine River for informational purposes.
				Mar 13.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Mar 13.	The following O.P.'s have been selected: 213390, 201375, 202349, 209323, 200303 and 252307.
				Mar 14.	The 1st platoon has set up O.P.'s at 213390, 201375, 202349.
				Mar 14.	The 2nd platoon is at 209323 and 200303.
				Mar 14.	The 3rd platoon is at 252307.
				Mar 15.	The O.P.'s are still in position. At 1400 the Commanding General arrived at the C.P. in Alpen and at 1435 left for the 3rd platoon O.P. at 252307.
				Mar 15.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Mar 16.	O.P.'s still in position. No change in mission. thru
				Mar 23.	
				Mar 24.	At 0200 troops are to jump off. O.P.'s are to remain in position until troops are across and out of sight. At 0300 radio silence was broken.
8	0703			Mar 24.	Disregard all previous instructions. Pull in all O.P.'s and send five radios to traffic control center at Broth.
				Mar 24.	Troop assembled in Rheinberg and nine M-8 were assigned to traffic control center at Broth.
				Mar 24.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
				Mar 25.	At 0900 the 1st platoon was sent to O.P. # 2 to establish security for visiting officers and officials.
				Mar 25.	At 1100 M - 8 from traffic control center at Broth returned to Rheinberg.
				Mar 25.	At 1300 the 1st platoon returned to Rheinberg.
				Mar 25.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.

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			Mar 26.	The Troop left Rheinberg at 1100 and crossed the Rhine River and proceeded to the vicinity of Hunxe (332388). Troop arrived at 1345.
			Mar 26.	Six roadblocks are set up at 343394, 349394, 356397, 362402, 367404 and 368409.
			Mar 26.	At 1700 a patrol was sent to Krudenberg (323396) to check with airborne troops as to the local situation.
			Mar 26.	At 1715 the Commanding Officer notified the platoons by messenger that all roadblocks would send patrols hourly from the roadblocks north to the island bounded by the canal to check for enemy infiltration.
9.		1900	Mar 26.	Bridges leading to town of Krudenberg are out. Engineers tried to cross and drew small arms fire. Enemy digging in on our right front and column on foot withdrawing east.
10.		1950	Mar 26.	Friendly units will move across the 2nd and 3rd platoons immediate front to 36 grid line starting at 2000 moving from West to East.
			Mar 26.	Periodic report sent to Division at 2200.
			Mar 27.	At 1100 roadblocks were withdrawn and the Troop relieved the 1st Bn 290th Inf.
11.		1300	Mar. 27.	Company C of the 119th Inf holds line from 358411 to 367413 to 367411. Troop is still tied with their left flank.
12.		1445	Mar 27.	Airborne units crossed our front at 353415 at 1415, moving East
13.		1630	Mar 27.	Our strong points are at 343405, 347405, 349403, 353405, 353403, 354404 and 355407. Tied in with Inf at 357410. Patrols run between strong points. Combat Inf patrol went to bridge at 379412.
14.		2115	Mar 27.	507th Regt. C.P. at 345425, line extends from approximately 352440, will reach objective tonight, which is road 400440 to 395422.
15		2235	Mar 27.	Do you know of any patrols from the Division that are supposed to meet the 507th Parachute Bn. when they reach their objective.
16		2245	Mar 27	Yes. There will be a patrol and they might be there now.
17		2250	Mar 27	Patrol will be at 395423. Password will be High-

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			Mar 28.	At 1100 the Platoons were assembled. The C.P. is now in Hunke (332388). 1st platoon is at Buhl. The 2nd and 3rd platoons are at Gartrop.
			Mar 29 thru Mar 31.	No Change.

Incl: Out-post reports.