

HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THIRD FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 83, U. S. Army

28 December 1944

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After / After Action Reports.

TO : Commanding General, 83rd Division Artillery, APO 83, U. S. Army.

A. Strength, (Commissioned and enlisted at beginning of the period)

1 December 1944: Officers - 36, WO 2, EM - 475.

B. Stations (Beginning of period and changes during period)

Station (1 Dec 1944) Mondorf, Luxembourg (coord 950015)
Station (2 Dec 1944) 1km E. of Zweifall, Germany (coord 965374)
Station (3 Dec - 6 Dec 1944) 3km W. of Grosshan, Germany (coord 010374)
Station (7 Dec - 25 Dec 1944) 1km W. of Grosshan, Germany (coord 038385)
Station (26 Dec 1944) 1km S. of Somme-Kenze, Belgium (coord 311954)
Station (27 Dec 1944) Les Basse, Belgium (coord 218860)

C. 1 December Battalion in Mondorf, Luxembourg - defensive position in support of defense of Moselle River - action light.

2 December Battalion departed Mondorf 1245 enroute to area vicinity Aachen, Germany. Battalion closed rendezvous position at 2400 vicinity 1km E. Zweifall, Germany. Distance traveled 150 miles.

3 December Battalion departed Zweifall 1400 enroute to firing position 3km W. of Grosshan. Closed in position 1605. Distance traveled 6 miles. Heavy enemy air activity over area during movement of battalion. 4 Dec - 6 Dec in position 3km W. of Grosshan. Heavy action in support of 330th Infantry Regiment.

7 December Battalion departed position 3km W. Grosshan 1200 and closed in position 1km W. of Grosshan 1430. Distance traveled 3 miles. 8 Dec - 25 Dec Battalion in position 1km W Grosshan in support 330th Infantry Regiment in their attack toward the Roer River. At close of period Infantry held entire west bank of Roer River in their sector and had captured the following towns Strass, Schaftburg Horn, Berghelm, Bilstien and Winden. At end of period two bridges across the Roer River in the vicinity of Winden had been destroyed by our troops.

26 December Battalion departed position area 1km W Grosshan 1200 enroute to assembly area vicinity Aachen, Germany. Battalion closed assembly area vicinity Aachen 1445. Bn. departed assembly area vicinity Aachen 1850 enroute to rendezvous area vicinity Somme-Kenze, Belgium. Bn. closed in rendezvous area 0400.

27 December Battalion departed rendezvous area vicinity Somme-Kenze enroute to position area vicinity Les Basse, Belgium 1630. Arrived position area 1800. Mission general support reinforcing the fires of 322nd Field Artillery Battalion.

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D. Losses in Action

OFFICERS

1st Lt. Stroud, William A.	01105310	NIA	5	Dec	44
1st Lt. Buringer, Paul H.	01177276	NIA	5	Dec	44
2nd Lt. Hawk, Edward H.	00875335	NIA	6	Dec	44
1st Lt. Stokely, Edwin E.	01101156	NIA	9	Dec	44
Capt. Morgan, Ralph W.	0453427	NIS	20	Dec	44

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Pvt. Saba, John (MIA)	35544090	NIA	9	Dec	44
PFC Dorveth, Frank (MIA)	13131789	NIS	9	Dec	44
Pvt. Friedrich, William H.	35762662	NIA	4	Dec	44
Pvt. Benjardin, Henry J.	31381071	NIS	5	Dec	44
T/S Jenkins, James F.	33443061	NIA	5	Dec	44
PFC Williams, John W.	30478737	NIA	5	Dec	44
Sgt. Remy, Donald E.	35344142	NIS	6	Dec	44
Pvt. Lantry, Reginald J.	3119493	NIA	6	Dec	44
PFC Grundick, Michael E.	33391471	NIS	7	Dec	44
Pvt. Yonney, John H.	3400426	NIS	7	Dec	44
Sgt. Rula, Robert P.	35394073	NIA	7	Dec	44
T/S Freasley, John F., Jr.	31231053	NIS	8	Dec	44
T/S Callahan, Robert (MIA)	35743203	NIA	9	Dec	44
1st Sgt. Brown, Albert C.	4000023	NIS	8	Dec	44
Pvt. Surwiley, Alvin C.	34352160	NIS	10	Dec	44
Pvt. Andrade, Joseph (MIA)	31203123	NIS	11	Dec	44
Pvt. Hinterlapp, Martin J.	11124671	NIS	13	Dec	44
C/A Vachon, Romaldo (MIA)	31207610	NIA	14	Dec	44
T/A Cinchewski, Arthur F.	31102200	NIA	14	Dec	44
PFC Bohn, Charles C.	33244718	NIS	15	Dec	44
PFC Fitzgerald, Wilson P.	31210099	NIS	16	Dec	44
PFC Garrison, Albert A.	31102400	NIS	22	Dec	44

E. Summary

For the Commanding Officer.

ROBERT V. DODD
Major, F. A.
Adjutant.

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Hq 83d Div Arty
29 December 1944

WARNING ORDER

Bns will have ren parties on 30 minute alert for ren to East (sector of 3d Armd Div). Bns be prepared to move anytime after 1200, 30 Dec 44. Boundaries, route to new area, Div Arty CP as shown on overlay.

331 RCT moving new sector today. Rndr Div & Div Arty to move at time to be given later.

331 Inf will take over entire sector as shown on overlay. 329 Inf will be employed to rear of 331 Inf. 330 Inf (-) is in VII Corps reserve.

Org of Arty for combat:

Gpmt "A" - GO 908 FA Bn, Comdg - Dir supt 331 Inf
908 & 323 FA Bns

322 FA Bn - gen supt - reinf fires Gpmt "A"

324 FA Bn - gen supt

772 TD Bn - org not available at this time.

Further orders later.

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