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SUBJECT: Report After Action Against the Enemy.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (thru channels).

In accordance with paragraph 10, (c-3), AR 345-105, the following report after action for the month of February 1945 is submitted.

Period: 1 - 5 February 1945.

Disposition at beginning of period:

Regt in Assembly Area, CP at FERRIERES, BELGIUM (486024).
1st Bn at HEYD (4596).
2nd Bn at IZIER (470005).
3rd Bn at FILOT (461051).
Cn Co at THIER DE FERRIERES (488016).
Sv Co at MY (463080).
AT Co at HOUPET (495025).
Training of reinforcements carried on throughout period.

6 February 1945.

The 83d Division passed to control of the XIX Corps for operations in the JULICH sector. Extensive preparations were made to make the move secret. Vehicle markings and division patches were removed. All troops received instruction in secrecy discipline.

The Regt, with Co B, 308th Med Bn attached and the 323rd FA Bn attached for movement, crossed IP at BOMAL (428999) at 1745 fro assembly area vic of MHEER, HOLLAND (631439).

All units of the Regt had closed into assembly areas by 070200.

Units in assembly areas as follows:

1st Bn - FURON LE COMPTE, BELGIUM (610715).
2nd Bn - LIBEEK, HOLLAND (615448).
3rd Bn - MOULAND, BELGIUM (585418).
Sv Co - MOULAND, BELGIUM (585418).
Cn Co - HOLLAND (590425).
Co B, 308th Med Bn - FURON LE COMPTE, BELGIUM (610715).
Regtl CP located at MHEER, HOLLAND (631438).

7 - 8 February 1945.

Units established themselves in billets and training was resumed.

9 February 1945.

The Regtl Combat Team was alerted to join the 29th Div and become attached to that division for operations across the ROER RIVER in the vic of JULICH. The Regtl Commander, S-2 and S-3 departed for the 29th Div area to contact the 29th Div and establish a forward CP. Quartering parties from all units departed to select assembly areas for their units. A forward Regtl CP was established at SCHLEIDEN, GERMANY (836568).

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10 - 22 February 1945.

The Regtl CT remained in present bivouac area and continued training. Plans which called for the CT to move to forward assembly areas on 11 February were postponed. Regt continued training, emphasizing attack across open ground, night attack, use of screening smoke and tank-infantry training.

23 February 1945.

The attack of the 29th Div jumped off at 0300 to establish a bridgehead across the ROER RIVER vic of JULICH. At 1000, the Regt with Co B, 308th Med Bn, Co B, 643rd TD Bn (T) (- 1 platoon being fitted with M-18 Tank Destroyers) crossed IP at GROSNICH, HOLLAND, to join the 29th Div.

The Regtl CP opened at SCHLEIDEN, GERMANY (950550) at 1230. The 1st and 3rd Bns closed into Assembly Area at HONGEN, GERMANY (928538); the 2nd Bn closed into SCHLEIDEN. The Regtl CT was completely closed into Assembly Area at 1430. Co B, 308th Engr Bn, already in area, became attached to the Regt.

The 330th CT became attached to the 29th Div, on arrival.

Cn Co moved to firing positions near KOSLAR, GERMANY (600598), at 2100, to support the attack of the Regt on the following day. During the night Cn Co had 6 vehicles damaged by heavy caliber mortar fire, casualties were light.

24 February 1945.

The 115th Inf Regt secured that part of the Division bridgehead in their zone during the night of 23-24 February. At 0800, the Bn and Sep Co Commanders crossed the ROER RIVER and contacted Commanders of the elements of the 115th Inf, preparatory to effecting their relief.

At 1300, the Regt was alerted to move across the river and relieve the 115th Inf.

At 1400, the Bns began moving on foot to cross the ROER RIVER. Weapons and extra ammunition were carried on jeeps and trailers. The jeeps were staged to KOSLAR. Each Bn was allotted 16 jeeps, including command and supply vehicles. From KOSLAR, Bn TOs were prepared to join foot columns with vehicles at bridge site or issue weapons and extra ammunition to troops as they passed by; this precaution taken in event enemy succeeded in destroying the ponton bridge, or vehicles not allowed to cross bridge by traffic control officer.

The Bns crossed the river at Bridge Site #2 (027586) and each Bn moved directly to relieve the respective Bn on the Division bridgehead. The 1st Bn, reserve Bn, relieved the 3rd Bn, 115th Inf, in BROICH (014620) at 2147. The 2nd Bn relieved the 1st Bn, 115th Inf, on Obj B (025632)-(029631)-(030627) at 2120. The 3rd Bn relieved the 2nd Bn, 115th Inf, on Obj C (034623)-(038620)-(039618) at 2045.

The 2nd Bn sent patrols to MERSCH (0463) and the 3rd Bn sent patrols to PATTERN (054626). All patrols ran into enemy outposts, drew fire, and were unable to penetrate the towns.

Co A, 736th Tk Bn, consisting of two platoons medium tks, one platoon light tks and one assault gun platoon arrived in Regtl area at 2030 and became attached to the Regt.

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The Tk Co, TD Co, and the Regtl AT Co crossed the ROER RIVER during the hours of darkness and assembled vic of BROICH.

The Regtl GP opened at BROICH (014620) at 1900 and the Regt assumed responsibility for 115th Inf sector at 2220.

Sporadic artillery and mortar fire fell during the time the Regt crossed the river. Enemy aircraft bombed the area throughout the night but no casualties resulted.

Co A, 92nd Cml Bn was attached, and Co B, 812th TD Bn (SP) was put in direct support. Both these units had been attached to the 115th Inf. The 323rd FA Bn, which was in general support of XIX Corps, was put in direct support of the Regt.

25 February 1945.

The 2nd Bn launched an attack in column of companies, E, G and F, at 0515 to take MERSCH (039634). E Co advanced to a point at (039637) where they were held up by fire from bunkers and entrenched infantry. G Co was committed on the right of E and at 0640, G Co was in the southern edge of MERSCH after by-passing enemy to the NW. G Co moved rapidly across the open ground by employing marching fire against enemy s/a and long range MG fire. By 0730, G Co was well into MERSCH and was working up the main road running through the town. At 1100, G Co had reached the northern edge of MERSCH, having cleared the main road, and had begun working SW through the town to clear the enemy resistance that had held up E Co. By 1110, E Co had begun to move forward and shortly after, E and G Cos had made contact at (044636). Mopping up operations continued. A platoon of tanks and TDs moved into MERSCH to assist in this operation. By 1400, all resistance had been eliminated. The Bn consolidated their position in MERSCH.

The 3rd Bn attacked from their positions at 0515 to take PATTERN (053-627).

L Co advanced against s/a fire and at 0715 was in southern edge of PATTERN and by 0810 had occupied all of the town and was engaged in mopping up operations. Three light tks were lost to enemy AT fire moving into PATTERN to support L Co. The enemy hid in holes as infantry passed and returned to fire on tks as they came forward. K Co was held up initially at (044623) by MG fire from the SE. At 0930, the 3rd Bn reported PATTERN secured. At 1300, K Co had moved into the western edge of PATTERN and had linked up with L Co. I Co began moving towards PATTERN with mission of passing through PATTERN and attacking SEVENICH (055643). I Co ran into an anti-personnel mine field at (047628) and was held up; therefore, L Co was ordered to attack SEVENICH. At 1435, L Co launched attack on SEVENICH and by 1500 had progressed 1/3 of the way against heavy s/a and scattered arty fire. At 1520, the objective was smoked by the arty and L Co moved into the town. By 1700, all resistance had ceased and the town was secure. The 1st Bn moved from Assembly Area at BROICH at 1400 to attack MUNTZ (0466). The Bn moved by route BROICH - TETZ - BOSLAR (018647). B Co took up positions on Hill 109 (022630) to secure flank. Platoon of 4 quads and one 40mm gun of the 453rd AAA Bn attached to Regt and took up positions on Hill 109 to support the attack of 1st Bn.

At 1600, the 1st Bn crossed LD (041681) in column of companies, C Co leading, accompanied by 1 platoon medium tks, followed by A Co. At 1615, C Co was in the SW edge of the town and had encountered no resistance.

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By 1630, C Co held positions at (039659) and were still advancing against light s/a fire. Road blocks were encountered at (041659) and (039659) and the resistance stiffened. These blocks were blasted out by the mine squad with TNT after the tanks had tried unsuccessfully to blast them out. The resistance continued to be stubborn. The 1st Bn continued the attack during the night and at 260130, A and C Cos had cleared and secured the town. On Co displaced from KOSLAR to BROICH (021619) to continue close support of the Regt.

26 February 1945.

The 1st Bn at 0130 sent a combat patrol consisting of one platoon from Co A to HASSELSWEILER (0566), the next objective of the 1st Bn. At 0430, the patrol occupied houses on the outskirts of the town without opposition. At 0555, A Co launched attack from the NE edge of MUNTZ to take HASSELSWEILER. A Co's advance was met by MI and high-velocity fire from the NE. By 0930, A Co had secured the W half of the town from (057667) to (057663). One platoon of tanks joined A Co to assist them in cleaning the town and, shortly after, B Co moved into the town in rear of A Co.

A Co built up strong base of fire and rushed across the open ground in the middle of the town and by 1005 had secured the town except the most eastern row of houses. At 1115, the town was secured.

Elements of the 115th Inf passed through the 2nd and 3rd Bns at 0500 to attack SPIEL (069652). The 3rd Bn assembled at MERSCH.

The 2nd Bn moved from MERSCH to BROICH at 0600. The 2nd Bn was given mission of taking GEVELSDORF (054686). To avoid open ground and enemy arty, the 2nd Bn planned to move by foot from BROICH through TETZ - BOSLAR - RALSHOVEN (039681) and to launch the attack from RALSHOVEN which had been taken by the 102nd Inf Div.

The 2nd Bn moved from BROICH at 0800 for RALSHOVEN.

At 1115, in order to speed the operation to take GEVELSDORF, the 1st Bn was ordered to attack the town from the S and assist the 2nd Bn in taking it. At 1245, B Co, mounted on platoon of tks and supported by TD fire from N edge of HASSELSWEILER, launched attack on GEVELSDORF, along the main road from HASSELSWEILER (056668). At 1303, tk traps at (055679) were encountered but a crossing was found and B Co continued on into the town without meeting opposition and were ordered to clear the eastern half.



The 2nd Bn in column of companies, F leading, followed by E, launched attack on GEVELSDORF from RALSHOVEN at 1310. One platoon of the 29th Div Recon Troop who held positions at (050681) attacked at the same time. At 1330, F Co reached the W edge of the town without opposition; the Recon platoon joined F Co and moved in at the same time. E Co followed F Co in at 1400. At 1336, C Co accompanied by a platoon of tks moved into GEVELSDORF, B and F Cos made contact and the town was secured.

At 1550, B Co with 1 platoon of tks attacked to seize high ground at (063693). At 2000, 1 platoon of B Co had seized the high ground after the tks had broken paths through tactical wire for the infantry. B Co sent a strong patrol to GUT ISENKROIDT (068692) and by 2100 had occupied houses at (067692). These positions were occupied throughout the night.

The 3rd Bn, Regt Reserve, moved from MERSCH to MUNTZ and from MUNTZ to HASSELSWEILER, closing at 1730.

Co A, 92nd Cml Bn was relieved from attachment at 2200.

On Co displaced from BROICH to MERSCH (045626) to continue close support of the Regt.



27 February 1945.

At 0500, the 175th Inf passed through the positions of the 330th Inf to attack to the N. The 330th Inf reverted to control of the 83rd Inf Div. The Regt remained in position until 1400 and then assembled as follows:

1st Bn - GEVELSDORF and vic (054685) and HASSELSWEILER (055675).
2nd Bn - GEVELSDORF with GP at RALSHOVEN (039681).
3rd Bn and Plat of 453rd AAA Bn - HASSELSWEILER (055675).
Co B, 643rd TD Bn and Co A, 736th Tk Bn - MUNTZ (040660).

28 February 1945.

Reorganization and maintenance of vehicles begun. Shower baths set up and Regt readied itself for future operations.