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around outpost positions and the enemy suffered casualties as a result. Our troops were also successful in ambushing enemy patrols sent across river. Enemy vehicle and anti-personnel mine fields were found to be extensive in the BASE-KONTZ area (993958) where we had three vehicles damaged by mines. We suffered casualties in clearing mines in fields that had been booby trapped. Enemy arty and mortars were active throughout period but apparently not much effort was made on part of the enemy to adjust their mortar fire when they had observation. Arty fire, enemy and our own, was principally harassing and interdictory.

Total casualties for month: 10 KIA
13 WIA
6 MIA

Total PWs for month: 15.

For the Regimental Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS 330TH INFANTRY
APO 33, U. S. Army

1 December 1944.

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 November 1944 is submitted:

Period: 1 November 1944.

Disposition at beginning of period: Regt occupied defensive sector on MOSELLE RIVER from point just S. of WINTERLADE (0001) N. along MOSELLE RIVER to (100235), river line held from N. to S. with 3rd Bn, 2nd Bn and 1st Bn. Regt CP at DALHEIM (93057). Attachments: Co J, 774th Tank Bn, assembled vic of DALHEIM, employed in secondary mission. Co Jo attached to 323d FA Bn for fire missions, gun positions vic of WEBKER (030227). At 0010 an enemy patrol of 6 to 8 men with automatic weapons approached a "G" Co outpost at (1018121). One man of "G" Co outpost was killed in the exchange of fire. At 0220 an enemy patrol of 7 or 8 men approached an outpost of "F" Co at (1005083). The patrol was allowed to advance within 30 yards of the outpost position before they opened fire. The enemy patrol leader and a corporal were killed and a third wounded.

2 & 3 November 1944.

Sector Quiet.

4 November 1944.

The 1st Bn was relieved by the 2nd Bn on the river line at 1100. Co D (- 1 platoon MG's) was attached to 32d Cav for employment in clearing the enemy on the W. bank of the river in the CONTZ area. The 1st Bn (- D Co elements attached to 32d Cav) closed into assembly area in woods (9998) at 1210. The boundary between the 2nd and 3rd Bn from a point on river line (050142) W. to (000149). The 3rd Bn relieved elements of 2nd Bn N. of this line at 1020. No enemy patrols contacted during period, arty and mortar fire light. 1st Bn contacted 32d Cav & executed reconnaissance before dark preparatory to clearing enemy from bridgehead on W. bank of MOSELLE RIVER in the CONTZ sector (0096) on 5 November. D Co elements reverted to Bn control.

5 November 1944.

At 0800, 1st Bn initiated attack to clear enemy from CONTZ salient. "A" Co began attack on the right, advancing from CONTZ (995958) generally S.E. around reverse slope of the bluff. "B" Co began the attack from SCHENGEN (006977) advancing south. Heavy arty and mortar fire encountered by both Cos from emplacements on E. side of river. The enemy were well dug in on the steep S.E. slope of the STROMBERG Hill in the sector and our arty was unable to put fire on them. "A" Co advanced slowly under heavy arty, mortar and s/a fire and through dense anti-personnel mine fields. At 1030 "A" Cos left platoon had advanced to (0095) where it was pinned down by s/a fire. "A" Co attempted to maneuver right platoon around right flank of enemy and get in rear of enemy. This platoon also came under heavy fire and was pinned down. At 1100 "B" Co had advanced to (005970) where they encountered heavy s/a fire from E. bank of river. Mortars snaked E. bank of river and "B" Co was able to continue advance.

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5 November 1944 (Continued)

"A" Co committed support platoon at 1130 and by employing machine fire had advanced to (005954). At 1420 "A" Co was counterattacked and pushed back to (001950). At 1530 "B" Co repulsed counterattack. No further progress made. At 1700 1st Bn completed consolidation of their positions and were ordered to hold present positions for the night.

At 1630 one rifle company (reinforced) 331st Inf attached to 330th Inf and were moved to MONDCRFF (941145) for possible employment in operations next day.

I & R platoon withdrawn from BCUS assembled at Regtl Hq.

2nd and 3rd Bn sectors quiet.

Casualties - 8 KIA - 93 WIA - 13 MIA.

6 November 1944.

"A" and "B" Co's resumed attack at 0845 and at 1040 right platoon of "B" Co made contact with "A" Co at (003955), "C" Co was echeloned to right rear of "B" Co and employed to clear area along river line. No opposition, no mortar or arty fire encountered. At 10:5 all objectives had been occupied and 1st Bn began reorganization and occupation of sector.

The rifle co of 331st Inf released from attachment at 1440.

7 November 1944.

The 1st Bn outposted STROMBERG Hill sector with "A" & "B" Cos initially. At 1925 "C" Co relieved "A" on outposts. "A" Co, who suffered fairly heavy casualties was placed in reserve to reorganize. 1st Bn sector on river line: from (000974) S to (958950). 200 rounds arty fire vicinity of (104221). Fire was undoubtedly counterbattery fire directed at Cannon Company. Rounds missed gun position 800 to 1,000 yards.

2nd and 3rd Bn sector quiet.

8 November 1944.

An enemy patrol of 3 men was fired on by "K" Co outpost vic (1029163) at 0025, shortly after daylight two men of this patrol were captured by "K" Co.

Enemy arty and mortar fire light.

Co B, 705th TD Bn attached in present position (8307) at 1200.

9 November 1944.

TF POLK began relief of Regt in morning hours and the three Bns were completely relieved at 2130. The Regtl combat team began assembling in staging area for operations east of MOSELLE RIVER. The 1st Bn closed into assembly area, "A" & "B" Cos vic of BURMERANGE (977994), "C" & "D" Cos vic of ELVANGE (971018) at 2145. 1st Bn CP located at BURMERANGE. "E" Co (- 1 platoon), "F" Co, and advance elements of Bn CP closed into 2nd Bn assembly area vic of PILSDORF (923050) at 1630. The remainder of Bn remained in former area for the nite. The 3rd Bn CP, Hq Co and "M" Co closed into assembly area at ALLEWEIS (929023) at 2100. "N", "O", & "I" Cos remained in former area for the nite. "I" Co captured enemy patrol leader vic of (1006235) at 0545.

10 November 1944.

The remaining elements of 2nd Bn closed into Bn assembly area at 0830 and 3rd Bn closed at 0910. Cn Co closed into assembly area (922075) at 0905 and the 323rd FA Bn closed into vic of PILSDORF (9205) at 1010. One platoon of Co B, 705th TD Bn attached to each 2nd and 3rd and joined Bns in assembly area at 1050. The

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10 November 1944 (Continued)

assembly of combat team, except for Co C, 31st Inf Co, enroute from METZ Area and attached to Regt, completed at 1010.

11 November 1944.

At 1920 CG, 3rd Inf Div issued oral orders for Regt to recapture former positions on MOSELLE RIVER LINE by 1000 on 12 November.

12 November 1944.

1st and 2nd Bns moved at 0700 to relieve TF POLA on river line. At 1000 both 1st and 2nd Bns had completed relief in their sectors, except those positions to be relieved under cover of darkness. Relief complete at 1800. Regtl W. boundary (057195) W. to (980109); S. boundary (979753) W. to (920955). The boundary between 2nd Bn on N. and 1st Bn on S. (018077) W. to (988025). 3rd Bn in reserve vic of FILSDORF. Co positions vic of ELVAISE (972017). Other units of Regt remained in present positions. No enemy patrols contacted during period. enemy mortar and arty fire very light.

13 November 1944.

Sector quiet. No contact with enemy. 36 rounds 81mm mortar fell in STAUDEREDIMUS (009080) between 2120 - 2145 hours. Five deserters surrendered to 2nd Bn.

14 November 1944.

On 13 November Regt assigned new boundaries on MOSELLE RIVER Line extending from a line (992957) - (9399) N. to a line (017110) - (112985) - (918097). The new boundaries shortened Regtl sector on river line approximately 10 kilometers. The 3rd Bn occupied the N. Sector of the river line and completed relief of 2nd Bn in their sector and had occupied positions by 1700, with "I" and "K" Cos outposting Bn sector and "L" Co in reserve. "L" Co in assembly area vic of WALDEREDIMUS (952073). Bn CP at BOUS. The 1st Bn occupied S. Sector at 1700 with "A" and "B" Cos on outpost line and "C" Co in Bn reserve vicinity of BURMERANGE (978993). Bn CP at BURMERANGE. 1st Bn also maintained CP at HAUTE KONIG (975959). The 2nd Bn was relieved by 351st Inf in that part of their sector N. of new Regtl boundary at 1640 and by 3rd Bn in 3rd Bn sector at 1700. The 2nd Bn closed into assembly area at MCHURGF (940018) at 1955 and were placed in Regtl Reserve with one company motorized. Cannon Co closed into positions vic of BOUS (980071) at 1500 for support in W. part of Regtl Sector. No contact with enemy patrols reported, arty and mortar fire very light. A patrol of 7 men from "G" Co crossed MOSELLE RIVER at (1023120) and reached RJ at (105051265) a few meters from WINCHERS EN. No enemy mines, road blocks or personnel encountered. Patrol returned at 2400.

15 November 1944.

An 8 man patrol led by an officer of Co A crossed MOSELLE RIVER vic of SCHENCKEN (0007977) at 141945. The patrol penetrated to edge of FARKL (020978). No defensive works, mine fields, road blocks, booby traps or enemy personnel encountered. Visibility was poor, patrol returned at 0300 15 November. Shortly after midnight an enemy patrol was observed at (1011078) and was fired on and dispersed by our outpost. Enemy arty and mortar fire light.

16 November 1944.

3 man patrol of "I" Co crossed river at (020475) but failed to get beyond river bank which was steep at this place patrol landed, no enemy encountered.

17 November 1944.

No enemy patrols encountered and no enemy arty or mortar fire fell in sector during period. 3 man patrol of I & R Platoon failed to get across MOSELLE RIVER when rubber boat capsized with patrol in the flood stage river.

18 November 1944.

Three patrols crossed MOSELLE RIVER on the night of the 17th. The 3 man patrol of I & R Platoon and a 3 man patrol of the 3rd Bn crossed river at (019062) and immediately ran into enemy. The two patrols were able to break contact but encountered booby traps and more enemy personnel and were unable to penetrate beyond 300 yards of the rivers edge. The patrol of the 1st Bn crossed river at SCHMIDT (009978), contacted TF POLK. The patrol captured one PW. "L" Co relieved "I" Co on river line.

19 November 1944.

Sector quiet - no contact with enemy patrols on W. side of river. A patrol of the 1st Bn crossed MOSELLE RIVER at SCHMIDT to contact TF POLK, ascertain extent of enemy resistance and make a terrain study of ground in area vicinity of (021990) (030971) and (031981) at 1500. Patrol returned at 1900 after completing mission. 1 squad remained across river from SCHMIDT.

20 November 1944.

A two man enemy patrol was fired on by one outpost at STAUBMANN (003081). No enemy arty or mortar fire reported during period.

21 November 1944.

The advance of the 10th Armd Div east of the MOSELLE RIVER uncovered "B" Co and they were therefore directed to withdraw outposts from their sector on river line from SCHMIDT (009978) (exclusive), to HAULE SCHEITZ (inclusive). The withdrawal began, at 1030 and "B" Co was assembled at HAULE SCHEITZ (993999) at 1200. "B" Co sent two officer led patrols across MOSELLE RIVER at 1500 in rear of 10th Armd Div front lines to contact 10th Armd Div and determine the nature and extent of the resistance and make terrain study behind the lines of the 10th Armd Div. "B" Co maintained 4 OPs in their former sector and patrolled between OPs to prevent enemy agents from infiltrating across river.

22 November 1944.

No change in situation. Two patrols of 1st Bn crossed MOSELLE RIVER at 0700 and had contact with 10th Armd Div.

23 November 1944.

The 1st Bn has been uncovered by the advance of the 10th Armd Div east of the MOSELLE RIVER. The 1st Bn was ordered to withdraw outposts from river line. The withdrawal was completed at 0930, and the 1st Bn (- C Co) assembled vic of HESFELANGE (E862102) at 1715. "B" Co remained in SCHMIDT (978993). The I & R Platoon established a patrol between 3rd Bn boundary and SCHMIDT (992997) and the

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23 November 1944. (Continued)

Mine Platoon of AT Co established outposts and patrols between REMERSHOF and BASSE CORTZ (993960). The mission of the I & R Platoon and the Mine Platoon of AT Co: keep civilians from re-entering villages along river and prevent enemy from infiltrating across river.

24 November 1944.

"I" Co closed into assembly area at BURNETTANDE at 1100 and "C" Co joined 1st Bn vic of NESEFRANDE at 1300. Sector was quiet during period, contact made with 10th Armd Div.

25 November 1944.

The 2nd Bn completed relief of the 3rd Bn at 1200. "I" Co remained in BURNETTANDE. 3rd Bn closed into reserve assembly area vicinity of MONDORFF at 1330. One rifle company of 3rd Bn was motorized and placed on 30 minute alert. One PW was captured by AT Co patrol in a bldg in which he had been hiding since 1st Bn cleared LE STROMBERG Hill on 6 November. No enemy patrols, arty or mortar fire reported during period.

26 November 1944.

1st Bn placed on 2 hour alert and made available to CG 329th Inf upon request to CG 83d Inf Div. 1st Bn made reconnaissance of routes to 329th Inf sector for possible employment.

27 November 1944.

The 10th Armd Div withdrew its forward elements on the east side of MOSELLE RIVER leaving a gap on west bank of river. AT Co was ordered outpost river line from 3rd Bn S. to SCHENGEN (exclusive) and maintain patrols at night. At 1515 the AT Co had occupied sector and the I & R Platoon had begun patrolling in the sector from SCHENGEN to BASSE CORTZ (994957). Enemy arty and mortar fire light during period, no patrols contacted.

28 November 1944.

No Change. Regtl Mine Platoon, in mine clearing operation in STROMBERG Hill Area (003960), removed over 3000 S. mines.

29 November 1944.

At 0001 Regt received warning order to be prepared to move by motor on 30 November. The 2nd Bn, AT Co, Cannon Co and the I & R Platoon were relieved on river line by 331st Inf at 1600. The 2nd Bn closed into assembly area vic of FLEBDORF (923050) at 1700. AT Co closed into DALHEIM at 1600. The 323d FA Bn, Co B, 308th Med Bn located at MONDORFF (945016), Co B 308th Engr Bn (837179) and Co C, 802d TD Bn (948023) were attached to Regt in place at 1200. Enemy arty and mortar fire light during period.

30 November 1944.

Co C, 774th Ft Bn (7405) attached to Regt at 1200 and Co C, 802d TD Bn relieved of attachment. Assembly of Regtl Combat Team for move complete. The 3 Bn COs and quartering parties departed at 0850 to contact commanders of the 4th Division prior to relief of our 1st Armd Div Regt.

Casualties 29 November: 10 - KIA; 96 - WIA; 13 - MIA.

FWs Taken: 23