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APO 83
UNITED STATES ARMY

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2 December 1944.

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

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

In compliance with paragraph 10, (C 3), AR 345-106, the following report of the period 1 November 1944 through 30 November 1944 is hereby submitted:

1. a. 1 - 2 - 3 November 1944, all units continued normal training activities. No unusual reports or incidents.

b. 4 November 1944, no changes, training continued. Reconnaissance to south by commanding officer and battalion commanding officers and also S-2 and S-3.

c. 5 November 1944, no training. Religious services held for all units throughout the day. At 1605, Company C and one section heavy machine guns and one section 81 mm mortars were attached to the 330th Infantry and moved to Mondorf.

d. 6 - 7 - 8 November 1944, normal training activities by all units. Company C still at Mondorf.

e. 9 November 1944, regiment moved from present location to new assembly positions in the area Aspell - Frisange - Basse - Rentgen - Himeling. Regimental command post located at Prieche, France. Regiment closed in new area at 2300, prepared to cross Moselle River on order.

f. 10 November 1944, regiment remained in bivouac. Regimental Commander and Battalion Commanders made reconnaissance to Moselle River in vicinity of Gaviesse. At 2100, regiment was placed in reserve of XX Corps. The 4049 and 4051 Quartermaster Truck Companies were made available at Bettembourg to move regiment by motor.

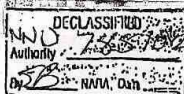
g. 11 - 12 November 1944, regiment still in bivouac area. Units spent time checking organization and equipment. Companies briefed on mission and situation.

h. 13 November 1944, warning orders received to be ready to move to new areas on 14th. All units alerted.

i. 14 November 1944, regiment began movement from vicinity of Preiche, France at 0830 to relieve elements of 329th and 330th Infantry along west bank of Moselle River. By 1910, 1st battalion on the south had relieved elements of the 330th. The 3rd battalion on the north relieved elements of the 329th. Regimental north boundary, Merttert (incl), south boundary, Greiveldange (excl).

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Command posts:

Regimental
1st Battalion
2nd Battalion
3rd Battalion

Senningen
Canach
Contern (Reserve)
Flazweiler

Patrolling by 1st and 3rd battalions along Moselle River. Between sixty (60) and eighty (80) rounds of mortar fire fell in Grevenmacher after midnight. Some artillery fire fell in vicinity of Cannon Company at 1500. Six (6) shells fell in Wormeldange at 1700. Enemy observed in Temmels on east bank. A hostile four (4) man patrol met in Grevenmacher, scattered by rifle fire. No other contact.

j. 16 - 17 November 1944, 1st and 3rd battalions continued consolidation of positions along Moselle. Patrolling continued on west bank. Reserve units continued training. On 17th, patrol from 3rd battalion had contact with hostile patrol in Grevenmacher at about 0930. Hostile patrol was dispersed and withdrew. One (1) man was wounded. One (1) deserter picked up by 3rd battalion.

k. 18 November 1944, continued patrolling and training activities. Twenty-eight (28) rounds of mortar and artillery fire fell in 3rd battalion area during the day. No casualties. Individual enemy planes were over the area during the night. Flares observed during the night in both 1st and 3rd battalion areas. Four (4) patrols sent to east bank of Moselle after dark. No casualties.

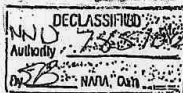
l. 19 November 1944, continued patrolling and training activities. Twenty (20) rounds 105 mm fell in 3rd battalion area. Came from vicinity of Temmels. Patrols operating after midnight on east bank of Moselle made contact with enemy OP's at Mertert and machtum and also vicinity of Wincherger. Germans could be heard talking and moving around. Patrols withdrew a short distance and opened fire on OP's. Fire was returned by Germans. No casualties.

m. 20 November 1944, patrol from Company K ambushed hostile patrol of six (6) Germans in vicinity of Munschecker. Four (4) Germans were killed and two (2) escaped. One (1) patrol reported enemy activity in Mertert. One (1) member of another patrol was wounded by machine gun fire. Five (5) rounds 120 mm mortar fire fell in Company K area at 1130. No other fires reported. No other activity reported. Patrolling and training continued. One (1) man wounded. No prisoners taken.

n. 21 November 1944, continued outpostting of Moselle River. Training by reserve units continued. Patrol sent across river to locate hostile patrol of fifty (50) men previously reported was not contacted.

o. 22 November 1944, 2nd battalion relieved the 3rd battalion. Relief completed at 2215. A six (6) man enemy patrol observed near Ehnen was dispersed by mortar fire. Thirteen (13) rounds of

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mortar fire fell in Wormeldange between 1430 and 1435. Training continued by reserve units. No other incidents reported.

p. 23 November 1944, continued missions along Moselle river. A total of twenty-four (24) rounds of mortar fire fell in vicinity of Ahn between 1255 and 1330. An enemy patrol operating between Niederdouven and Machum killed an artillery officer on reconnaissance. Officer had failed to report or check through command post of Company G, who were operating in the area. Training continued by reserve units. No casualties.

q. 24 November 1944, in the 1st battalion area, Company A was relieved by Company C at 1530. Mortar fire falling in 1st battalion area between 1500 and 1715 killed four (4) and wounded two (2). A German broadcast from Merttert at 1015 was silenced by our artillery. Broadcast was in English. No other activity reported except routine patrols and training.

r. 25 November 1944, patrolling continued on west bank of Moselle river. Due to proximity of 10th Armored Division to Perl and southern boundary of 83rd Division, patrolling by 83rd Division elements to the east of Moselle was discontinued. Two (2) mortar shells landed in Company B area at 1500. Three (3) 75 mm shells fell in Manternach at 1535. No other activity during the day.

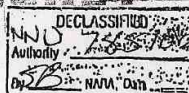
s. 26 November 1944, normal patrolling west of Moselle continued in forward areas. Training continued in reserve area. 1st battalion reported twenty-seven (27) rounds 80 mm mortar fell in area between 1120 and 1145. Two (2) enlisted men and one (1) officer in Grevenmacher at 1245 encountered two (2) Germans. One (1) German wounded, one escaped. No other activities. No casualties.

t. 27 November 1944, was particularly quiet. German propaganda shells fell in 2nd battalion area at 1130. Leaflets exhorted American soldiers to surrender. Pictured us as fighting for England and the United States money barons. At 2330, noise of wagons, carts or other vehicles heard in Tremmels. Artillery fire placed on the location silenced the noises. No other activity except routine patrolling and training.

u. 28 November 1944, continued patrolling activities west of Moselle river. Patrol to Macthum reports enemy living in camouflaged haystacks. Located trenches and 40 mm gun positions. Five (5) rounds 80 mm mortar fell vicinity of Elmen at 1345. Training continued in reserve units. No casualties.

v. 29 November 1944, beginning at approximately 1300, the 3rd battalion began relief of the 330th Infantry from Basse Kontz to Greiveldange. Battalion command post established in Dalheim. Regimental I & R platoon attached to 3rd battalion to patrol from Basse Kontz to Schengen. The relief was completed at 1430. A patrol from the 2nd battalion, that had been in Merttert for 24 hours, returned at 1955. They reported no activity and saw no Germans. Six (6) man

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patrol from Company G went into Machtum with mission of bringing back a prisoner and harassing enemy supposed to be hidden in haystacks. While in the town they were fired on by machine guns. All took cover in a ditch and then withdrew. When the patrol reformed, two (2) men were missing. Two (2) men from Company E were slightly wounded by mortar fire.

W. 30 November 1944, all members of the command paid. Five (5) rounds 80 mm mortar shells fell in Lenningen at about 1052. At 1210, four (4) rounds 105 landed in Munschecker. No other activity reported. No casualties.

2. Casualties sustained during the month of November 1944 are as follows:

		Officers	Enlisted Men
KIA	-	0	5
MIA	-	0	2
WIA	-	0	8
NBC	-	1	141

Replacements during the month of November:

Officers	-	1
Enlisted Men	-	0

Returned to duty:

Officers	-	16
Enlisted Men	-	191

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert C. Walker
ROBERT C. WALKER,
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Adjutant.

1 Incl. (Unit Journal)

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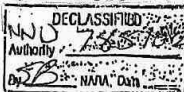
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