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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 October 1944 through 31 October 1944 is hereby submitted:

1. a. 1 October 1944, the 1st and 2nd battalions continued patrolling and manning of O.P.'s. 1st battalion continued reconnaissance for attack on Wormeldange. Harrassing fires were fired throughout the day. The 3rd battalion in reserve continued training. No casualties. One (1) prisoner taken.

b. 2 October 1944, patrols from 1st battalion trying to enter Wormeldange were repulsed by heavy small arms fire from the town and high ground to the northeast. A German patrol of three (3) men attempting to cross the Moselle River at Elmen were killed while attempting to swim the river. During the night, a patrol of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) Germans led by a civilian entered Remich, wounded two (2) of our men and tossed a hand grenade into a 1 1/2 ton truck. The 3rd battalion in reserve continued training activities. Casualties four (4) wounded. Prisoners: None.

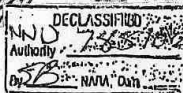
c. 3 October 1944, 1st battalion patrols into Wormeldange and Oberwormeldange reported both places still occupied by Germans. No activity in 2nd battalion area. Scattered artillery fire was received by elements of Company K at Grieveldange and Stadtbredimus. A German patrol attempting to set up mortars in vicinity of Stadtbredimus was driven out by one of our patrols. Two (2) prisoners were taken. Three (3) other members of the German patrol escaped. Casualties for the day, seven (7) wounded. Two (2) prisoners. During the day the towns of Haute-Contz, Gundren, Senniny, and Faulbock were evacuated through Rodemack. "Buzz" bombs were passing over the Regimental area during the day at about one (1) hour intervals beginning at 0800.

d. 4 October 1944, there was little activity throughout the period. No changes in 1st and 2nd battalion areas. In the 3rd battalion, Company I was relieved by Company K, which occupied positions as follows: two platoons and company command post in Grieveldange, two squads in Stadtbredimus, one squad at 991087. Company L, less one (1) platoon was established in Bous. At 1755, the town of Palzen was observed to be burning; 1st battalion sent a patrol to Ahn after dark. Company K reported mortar fire from 1515 to 1600. No mortar or artillery fire in other areas. Flying bombs reported over area at 1232, 1557, and 1647. No casualties. No prisoners taken.

e. 5 October 1944, at 0500, a strong enemy patrol attacked Company C north of Wormeldange. Attack came from northeast and was driven off with undetermined number of enemy casualties. At 0900, a patrol of twenty (20) to thirty (30)

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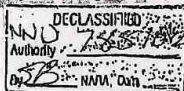
Germans attacked Ehnen. One platoon, Company B were sent to reinforce the town. By 1030, German patrol was under control and mopping up operations were under way. Two (2) Company B men were wounded at Company B's O.P. It was estimated that one half of the German patrol was killed or wounded. Patrol to Ahn last night contacted 329 on left. Some Germans observed in Ahn. Town is under direct observation from east bank of river. In the 2nd battalion area, six (6) rounds of artillery believed to be high velocity 75 were fired into Haute-Kontz at 1030. No activity in the 3rd battalion. At about 2000 to 2200, friendly planes flew east over the area. Germans sent up ack ack. One of our planes was shot down. Casualties two (2), (1st battalion). Prisoners two (2). Rocket bombs were heard at 0530, 0600, 0900 and 0955.

f. 6 October 1944, patrols sent to Wormeldange during the night by the 1st battalion were unable to enter the town due to mortar and small arms fire. Beginning at 0935, heavy firing was heard in Wormeldange. B and C Companies were shelled by artillery and mortar fire. Thirty (30) to forty (40) rounds fell between 0935 and 1030, six (6) casualties were sustained. Attack on Oberwormeldange was preceded by air bombardment with fourteen (14) P-47's, each carrying two 500 pound bombs. Air bombardment was followed by artillery serenade. Following this, Infantry, supported by one (1) platoon 774th Tank Battalion, occupied Oberwormeldange by 1930. By 0030, Wormeldange had been occupied. Infantry action was all by Company C. In the 2nd battalion area, mortar fire was received in vicinity of the command post at 2130, 5 October 1944. No other activity. 3rd battalion patrols sent to the vicinity of Villa Buschland had nothing to report. Casualties six (6). No prisoners.

g. 7 October 1944, at 0325, 1st battalion reported that Company C had completely occupied Wormeldange with casualties of one (1) killed and two (2) wounded. Ten (10) Germans attempting to escape across Moselle were killed and boat sunk by BAR fire. A 2nd battalion patrol to Schengen reported the town held by between forty (40) and fifty (50) Germans who had the town outposted. Twelve (12) rounds of mortar fire fell in Kontz after midnight. Up until noon there was no activity reported by the 3rd battalion. At 1200, the 330th Infantry, which had been assembly area in our zone began relief of the regiment. A patrol from the 1st battalion sent to Ahn reported the town empty at 1400 except for a few civilians. By 2000, all of 1st battalion had been relieved. 3rd battalion was relieved at 2100 and the 2nd battalion at 2218. Guides from Company K leaving Stradtbredimus in a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck at about 2100 were fired on from ambush just outside of town. Two (2) men in the truck were hit, one of which later died. An outpost on the edge of town fired on the ambush scattering them. One (1) German officer and two (2) men were killed. Units relieved moved to assembly areas preparatory to moving to Division Reserve positions on the 8th. Relief of Regiment was complete at 2218. Total casualties: five (5). Prisoners: None.

h. 8 October 1944, the 1st battalion, upon relief at 2000, 7 October 1944, moved to new assembly area in the vicinity of Neudorf, closing there at 0230. The 2nd battalion closed in new area between Moutfort and Schuttrange at 1100. The 3rd battalion moved to Hettange-Grande at 0530 and closed at 1100. Battalion is acting as reserve for task force Folk and is to train in assault of a fortified position on parts of Maginot Line nearby. Anti-Tank Company is at Hamm. Cannon Company at Niederanven, Service Company west of Hochenhof and Regimental command post and Headquarters Company just west of Senningen. Regiment was closed in new area at 1100. No casualties, no prisoners.

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i. 9 October 1944, the Regiment less the 3rd battalion was engaged in a short period of calisthenics in the morning followed by care and cleaning of clothing and equipment and in recreation. 3rd battalion at Hettange-Grande was engaged in training in assault of a fortified position.

j. 10 October 1944, the Regiment less 3rd battalion conducted show-down clothing and equipment inspections preparatory to further operations in winter weather. Company B acted as guard of honor to General George C. Marshall at the Division Command Post. The guard was highly complimented. 3rd battalion continued training at Hettange-Grande.

k. 11 October 1944, training was continued by all units, 3rd battalion still remaining at Hettange-Grande. G-2 informed Regiment that Germans were reported to have between 100 and 200 planes available to operate in area. All Regimental units were informed. Information was received that the platoon of Company L at Fontoy on duty with French forces would be relieved on the 12th. The 3rd battalion was relieved from attachment to Task Force Polk at 2359.

l. 12 October 1944, the 3rd battalion was relieved by the 1st battalion at Hettange-Grande. 1st battalion to conduct training in assault of a fortified area. Battalion closed in area at 1430. The 3rd battalion moved into area vacated by 1st battalion. Battalion closed at 1630. Company I replaced Company A, Company K replaced Company B and Company M replaced Company D. Company L moved into billet at 832147. 3rd battalion command post vacated by 1st battalion in Neudorf. 2nd battalion continued small unit training. At 0800, Division officers met with one-half of Regimental officers and outlined to them the scope of training tests to be held at future date.

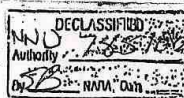
m. 13 October 1944, 2nd and 3rd battalions continued training in small unit problems. 1st battalion at Hettange-Grande initiated training in assault of a fortified position. 1st battalion was made available to Task Force Polk for employment in case of an emergency in vicinity of Thionville or to the north. Orientation of remainder of officers in Regiment on scope of training tests was held at 0800.

n. 14 October 1944, 1st battalion training in assault of fortified positions at Hettange-Grande received 150 mm shell fire in vicinity of command post at 1520. Five shells fell, one a dud. Five men were hit, two having to be evacuated. 2nd and 3rd battalions continued small unit training. Company L moved to (842148), north-eastern edge of Luxembourg.

o. 15 October 1944, all units except 1st battalion observed a day of rest. 1st battalion continued training in assault of a fortified position. An inspection team from 83rd Ordnance Company inspected twenty percent of the small arms in the Regiment. Church services were held during the day for all units.

p. 16 October 1944, heavy rain necessitated indoor instruction. The 2nd battalion moved to Hettange-Grande to start training in assault of a fortified area. Battalion closed at 1500. The 1st battalion moved from Hettange-Grande to area vacated by 2nd battalion. Companies A and B occupied billets vicinity of Schraessig, Company D at Moutfort and Company C and Battalion Headquarters Company and command post at Contern.

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q. 17 October 1944, the 1st battalion having returned from Hettange-Grande the previous afternoon spent the day in cleaning of equipment and rest. The 2nd battalion began their training in attack of a fortified position at Hettange-Grande. The 3rd battalion conducted training in small unit problems. At 2130, enemy paratroopers were reported as having dropped in the vicinity of Bettenbourg. Company K was sent to Differdange (P665045) to investigate and patrol roads in the vicinity. A motor patrol was sent from Mondercange (P7305) to vicinity of Beagem (P7704). No contact with enemy and no enemy seen. Both the 1st and 3rd battalions were alerted to be ready to move to vicinity of reported danger.

r. 18 October 1944, alert of previous night called off at 0930. Company K returned to battalion at 1530. Both 1st and 3rd battalions continued training in small unit problems while 2nd battalion continued training on Maginot Line.

s. 19 October 1944, 1st and 3rd battalions continued small unit training. 2nd battalion continued training on Maginot line. Between 1350 and 1400, ten (10) rounds of what was judged to be 105 artillery shells fell in Company F area. Five (5) men were wounded, three (3) of them being mechanics from Service Company, who were making a motor inspection. A short CFX was held during the afternoon with Regimental Staff and 1st Battalion participating.

t. 20 - 21 October 1944, all units continued training activities. No casualties and no contact with the enemy. On the 21st a regimental CFX was conducted by Division from 0800 to 1600. Regimental Staff, 1st Battalion Staff and communications personnel participated. 2nd battalion alerted to move to Luxembourg on 23 October 1944.

u. 22 October 1944, training activities were suspended for the day and church services held throughout the day for all units.

v. 23 - 24 October 1944, normal training activities by all units except 2nd battalion which returned from Hettange-Grande and occupied billets in the Commercial and Industrial School, the Artisans School and the Auditorium in Luxembourg. Closed at 1630. On the 24th, platoon of Company K took platoon tests conducted by Division.

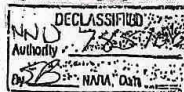
w. 25 - 26 October 1944, continued training activities by all units. Platoon tests conducted for Companies B and F. On the 26th, a CFX was conducted by Division for Regimental, Battalion and Company Staffs. CFX started at 0800 in vicinity of Mendingen and ended at 1600 near Schuttrange.

x. 27 October 1944, normal training activities conducted by all units. Map test for officers (one per company) conducted by Division from 0900 to 1200. Reconnaissance made for relief of 329th Infantry.

y. 28 October 1944, no training conducted. All units made preparation for move to relieve 329th Infantry.

z. (1) 29 October 1944, plans for relief of 329th Infantry were rescinded. Church services held in all units during the day.

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