

83RD RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.

Thru Channels.

1. 4 Oct 1944, Map Central Europe, 1/100,000, Sheet T1. A patrol from the First Platoon, 83rd Reconnaissance Troop, left BERDORF (L005370) to relieve the Observation Post at O1253875, and to establish an additional Observation Post overlooking WEITERBACH (L0338). Moving through the woods above and to the West of WEITERBACH, the patrol surprised a German patrol of five men and killed one. The German patrol withdrew and we had no more enemy activity during the day.

2. 8 Oct 1944 - The Observation Post at L01253875 received ten rounds of enemy Artillery, estimated 105mm, about 1215. The personnel withdrew to L0138 until the Artillery fire stopped.

About 1300, an effort was made to re-establish the Observation Post and the personnel was met by machine gun and rifle fire from L0139. The situation was reported by radio to the 2nd Platoon CP in BERDORF and a dismounted patrol was sent through the woods from BERDORF where an Outpost was set up at L011385. The patrol found no enemy in the vicinity of our Observation Post, and the Observation Post was re-established at 1345.

3. 15 Oct 1944 - About 1345 an estimated ten man German patrol attempted to capture our security Post at L013387. This patrol was dispersed by machine gun fire and withdrew.

4. 19 Oct 1944 - Two German soldiers, believed part of a larger patrol, were seen in the vicinity L014391. They were fired on and withdrew, one apparently wounded.

5. 21 Oct 1944 - An enemy patrol of 3-5 men was met at L024377 at 1000 by a patrol from the Second Platoon. One German was killed and one wounded as the patrol withdrew. The enemy withdrew and reacted with an estimated 50 rounds of 81mm Mortar fire in the Area about 1230, and intermittent Artillery fire fell in the vicinity for the remainder of the afternoon.

6. 25 Oct 1944 - 0920 - A civilian reported seeing six Germans in United States Army uniforms and two in civilian clothes in the vicinity of L983287 (Map, Central Europe, 1/100,000, Sheet U-1) at 0830 asking directions to MULLERTHAL, L975333 (Map, Central Europe, 1/100,000, Sheet T-1). Two reconnaissance teams from the Third Platoon were sent to MULLERTHAL, then worked mounted and dismounted through the woods to the Southwest, but were unable to locate the enemy or any signs of them. 1015 - Our contact patrol to the 121st Infantry Regiment warned the outpost at L987371 of the reported enemy patrol and began the return trip. At L988370, this patrol received machine gun and rifle fire from that vicinity. One enlisted man was killed by the small arms fire and one injured when his vehicle upset. Patrols from the 121st Infantry Regiment and from this troop were unable to locate the German patrol.

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