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83RD RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
APO 83, US Army

30 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Unit Journal, 83rd Reconnaissance Troop, November 1944.

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

Thru Channels

1. 1 Nov '44 - 0800 - Began training schedule to include Radio Code, Maintenance and Q Signals, Weapons instructions, Map reading, Message writing, Oral Messages, Radio security, Mine detection, Close order drill, Convoy protection, German indoctrination and orientation, winter drivers' training, and winter maintenance, The War.
2. 2 Nov '44 - 0800 - Continued training.
3. 3 Nov '44 - 0800 - 0830 - Physical training. 0830 - Red Cross doughnut truck arrived. 0830 - 1200 - Recreation. 1300 - 1600 Continued training.
4. 4 Nov '44 - 0800 - 1200 - Continued training. 0800 - 1200 - Recreation. 0800 - Attached to T/F MARKLE, for training. 1030 - CO visited CP of 774th Tank Bn for instructions.
5. 5 Nov '44 - 0900 - CO reported to CP of the 774th Tank Bn for reconnaissance and planning.
6. 6 Nov '44 - 0800 - Continued training schedule to 1600. 1030 - CO visited CP of T/F MARKLE.
7. 7 Nov '44 - 0800 - Continued training schedule to 1600. 1445 - CO visited CP T/F MARKLE.
8. 8 Nov '44 - 0800 - Continued training schedule to 1600. 0930 - CO visited CP T/F MARKLE for conference.
9. 9 Nov '44 - 0800 - 1200 - Range firing testfiring of weapons and zeroing new weapons. Familiarization firing for replacements and men with new duties. 1300 - CO visited CP of T/F MARKLE for conference and planning. Received T/F MARKLE plan and order.
10. 10 Nov '44 - 0800 - Cleaning weapons, servicing weapons, administrative packing, rest and rehabilitation of personnel until 1600. 1415 - CO and Platoon leaders visited CP of T/F MARKLE and reconnoitered staging area.
11. 11 Nov '44 - 0830 - Troop standing by for movement. CO visited CP of T/F MARKLE. Reconnoitered routes and bridges for possible use. 1515 - CO visited CP CCB, 10th Armored Division to learn and coordinate plans for future movements.
12. 12 Nov '44 - 0800 - Troop alerted for movement. 1000 - Troop relieved from attachment to T/F MARKLE. Places in Division Reserve in present location.
13. 13 Nov '44 - 1100 - CO attended conference at Division CP. Troop to remain in Division reserve. One Reconnaissance Platoon, 802nd Tank Destroyer Bn attached. Two Platoons, 83rd Reconnaissance Troop, attached to 329th Infantry Regiment to patrol in BERDORF area, (005367, Map, Central Europe, 1/100,000, sheet U1). Troop, less two Platoons, to remain in present location. One Platoon to be on one hour alert.
14. 14 Nov '44 - 1030 - CO went to BERDORF for conference on the employment of the Platoons attached to 329th Infantry Regiment. 1100 - First and Second Platoons (83d Rcn Tr) arrived in BERDORF, attached to 329th Infantry and Billeted in KINNEN HOTEL.

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15. 15 Nov '44 - 0915 - First Reconnaissance Platoon, 802nd TD Bn, arrived at Troop CP and attached. Third Platoon (83d Rcn Tr) conducted training. First and Second Platoons (83d Rcn Tr) patrolling BERDORF area. No enemy contacts.

16. 16 Nov '44 - 0900 - 802nd TD Reconnaissance Platoon conducting training. First and Second Platoons patrolling BERDORF area. No enemy contacts. 2300 - "Buzz bomb" passed over going West.

17. 17 Nov '44 - 0800 - Lt. Webster replaced Lt. Jenkins as Platoon Leader of the First Reconnaissance Platoon, 802nd TD Bn. 0910 - Third Platoon enroute to BERDORF to relieve First Platoon. 802nd TD Reconnaissance Platoon conducting training. 1330 - First Platoon closed from BERDORF. Remainder of day spent in care and cleaning of equipment.

18. 18 Nov '44 - 0800 - 1200 - First Platoon (83d Rcn Tr) continued rehabilitation. 1930 - Air raid Alert. 2000 - Air raid Alert.

19. 19 Nov '44 - 1000 - Outpost guarding Artillery OP saw 5-6 man German patrol at IO17388 (Map Central Europe, 1/100,000 Sheet T-1). Patrol was fired on and withdrew. One German wounded.

20. 20 Nov '44 - 0900 - First Reconnaissance Platoon, 802d TD Bn, moved to BERDORF to relieve Second Platoon. 1100 - Second Platoon closed at Troop CP.

21. 21 Nov '44 - 0100 - Outpost at BERDORF captured prisoner, in civilian clothes, who admitted being a Luxembourg civilian receiving German pay. 1300 - 1700 - First Platoon (83d Rcn Tr) training in mounted reconnaissance, communications and liaison.

22. 22 Nov '44 - 1015 - "A" and "B" Troops, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron, 9th Armored Division, closed at BERDORF to relieve 83rd Reconnaissance Troop units on completion of orientation. 1300 - 1630 - Second Platoon training on mounted reconnaissance, communication, map reading and liaison. 1300 - 1500 - Third Platoon began orientation program for "A" Troop, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron. Continued patrol activity in assigned area.

23. 23 Nov '44 - 0830 - 1200 - Third Platoon continued and completed orientation program for "B" Troop, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron. 1330 - Continued patrol mission in assigned area, vicinity of BERDORF.

24. 24 Nov '44 - 1015 - Third Platoon and First Reconnaissance Platoon, 802nd TD Bn, released from attachment to 329th Infantry and given clearance on condition of Billets in BERDORF. 1100 - Third Platoon closed at Troop CP from BERDORF. 1115 - First Rcn Platoon, 802nd TD Bn, closed at Battalion CP and released from attachment to 83rd Reconnaissance Troop.

25. 25 Nov '44 - 0800 - 1200 - Continued maintenance of equipment and rehabilitation of Third Platoon. 1300 - 1630 - Reconnoitering of areas for training. 1735 - Flying bomb passed over CP going Southwest.

26. 26 Nov '44 - No training or tactical activity.

27. 27 Nov '44 - 0830 - 1630 - Initiated training program based on expecting to be in Division Reserve for two weeks.

28. 28 Nov '44 - 0830 - 1630 - Continued training. Stressing observation and message writing.

29. 29 Nov '44 - 0830 - 1630 - Continued training, emphasizing mounted work.

30. 20 Nov '44 - 0830 - 1200 - Continued training, mounted reconnaissance.

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