

LOG BOOK OF SECOND BATTALION 2190-G ?

201650 departed from Warminster, Wiltshire and proceeded via Shaftsbury, Blandford, Dorchester and Weymouth to marshalling camp D-14, 3 miles W of Portland, arriving 2220, having covered 57.6 miles in 5 hours and 30 minutes.

21 Jun 44 Spent day waiting to load.

22 June 44 0400 Dq., H2, and "D" Co. proceeded to Portland naval base, a distance of 3 miles and at 1040 loaded onto U.S.S. LCT 532. Left harbor at 2040 and proceeded to anchorage in Weymouth Bay. Set out for Omaha Beach at 2200 in convoy with numerous other craft.

23 Jun 44 Arrived off Omaha Beach at 1100 and anchored. At 1230 weighed anchor and proceeded to "Fox Red" portion and beached itself to await low tides to disembark vehicles. Unloading started at 1740. 1820 arrived in transit area #5, approximately 4 miles S of Omaha Beach. 2205 Hq. and Hq. Co. and "D" Co. departed from transit area to assembly area and bivouaced at T502815.

26 June 44 Battalion reorganized as per Regimental General order with "F" Co. going to 1st Battalion and "B" Co. coming to 2nd Battalion. Strength 27 Officers, 517 Enlisted men. Spent day servicing vehicles and equipment.

27 June 44 Assembly area 3 miles S of Isigny, T485835. No activity.

8 Jul 44 Battalion has become part of Task Force "X" composed of 2d Bn., 33d Armd. Regt., 2d Bn., 36th Armd. Inf. Regt. Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Cocke of 36th Inf. 1930 Battalion departed from assembly area, T502815, enroute to engage enemy SW of Aire. Arrived at Aire 0230, the column having been held up by enemy shelling at Vire River bridge east of Aire.

9 Jul 44 First units of Task Force "X" arrived in bivouac shortly after 0001. Last units closed in area by 0230. Shortly after arriving at T495747, unit was fired on by enemy small arms and some artillery. First casualty was Pvt. Avery, motorcycle rider, who was killed by artillery shell in Aire at approximately 0100. Near dawn, enemy vehicles were heard approaching. Rcn elements out front were fired on and reported them as being tanks. The following is a copy of that action as told by platoon leader, 1st Platoon, Co. "D," Lt. Lipman:

On the night of July 9, our company moved into assembly area first S of R.J. at 495747 (W of Aire). The enemy held the area of St. Fromond and to the south the tank platoons were delayed so as to protect all sides of our area. My Platoon was in position to protect our S and SW area. Shortly after 0200, we began to receive machine gun fire from vicinity of church. We thought we had heard tanks move to vicinity of church, but were not sure at the time. 83d Rcn was to our front and we were afraid

of shooting our own troops. At about 0400, the enemy tried to break through our lines with bazookas and grenades, as well as other small arms. This was repulsed with little damage to us. The 36th Inf. "D" was working with us. They saw the enemy vehicles but could not tell their type, even though they were only 40 yds. away. The enemy vehicles were having trouble and German voices could be heard, so I fired two rounds of A.P. into the sound of the motors and voices and believed I knocked that tank out. All of my tank commanders were instructed to remain silent so as not to give our position away. The moon impaired our vision, but showed us up to the enemy tanks. Then everything became quiet for about an hour. Suddenly the enemy opened up with M.G. and H.E. They hit three of our tanks, but did no damage. We fired 30 Cal. and H.E. They in turn fired A.P., after finding out we had tanks. None of their tanks fired more than two rounds before we had them. After it was all over, we had knocked out 5 MK IVs for the loss of one M4, which was repaired and is now in use.

My platoon Sgt., S/Sgt Triola, did an excellent job in patrolling his section. The last enemy tank to fire got his tank. As the light of day came, we moved out for the attack and found we had destroyed 5 Mark IV and 2 pill boxes and several enemy personnel armed with bazookas.(end of report).

The Task Force moved out astride road leading south from (T495747) "D" Co., 33d Armd Regt and "D" Co 36th Inf Armd Regt on left side of road, "E" Co., 33d Armd Regt and "E" Co., 36th Armd Regt (Inf) on right side of road, "B" Co., 33d Armd Regt and F Co., 36th Armd Regt (Inf) were in reserve. Artillery was available on call. Battalion jumped off after artillery prep. by 391st F.A. Bn. 9 hours non-ceeding approx. 1000 yds. D Co. lost one M4 to bazooka fire (one man killed). Task Force X advanced as far as T486726, approx. 2000 yards, relieved at approx. 2000 by 1st Bn. "E" Co. received no casualties. This was all hedge row fighting over wet ground. Returned to jumping off position.

10 Jul 44 Bn. was alerted for combat, was moved out but was never committed. Moved back to bivouac in evening.

11 Jul 44 Col. Lovelady was called up to XXX Inf Div. Hq. for battle order. Task Force X moved out shortly after daylight orders of advance to Jean De Daye - Belle Lodes and to T469714, at which time the attack was to turn S.W. on the road leading to Hts Vents (The day's objective.) "D" Co. 33d and "D" Co. 36th were left flank and "B" Co. 33d and "F" Co. 36th were right flank. "E" Co. 33d and "E" Co. 36th were in reserve. First Plat. "D" Com. 33d knocked out one MK IV at T708462. Late in the afternoon, approx. 2000, Lt. Petry was killed by an enemy sniper while engaging the enemy. An account follows:

(Lt. Petry was killed instantly by enemy fire 2000 11 July at T463697. Advance had halted for the day 500 yards short of objective. Lt. Petry's Platoon was holding line while inf was putting out outposts for the night. He had just received a call on the radio to report for a platoon leaders meeting. He had almost reached the road, standing high in the turret of his tank when he was shot in the heart by about six bullets from a machine pistol.)

During the night of July 11 - 12, while Capt. Stallings and his tank were returning to front lines were attacked by german tank hunting party. Crew was forced to abandon tank as it and part of crew were on fire. Two men were killed (Sgt. Lewis and Tec. 4 MacHumphrey). Capt. Stallings rolled on the ground, put out flames and then played dead, after about 1 hour he escaped. Tec 5 MacLain and Cpl Miracle also escaped and made their way to our lines, all these were wounded. Bn Hq and trains plus assault and maint plat went into bivouac at (470714), some artillery fire during night. (Relieved by 3rd Bn. * "D" Co. lost 3 tks (2 recovered) 4 KIA 10 WIA. "B" Co. lost 1 KIA.

12 Jul 44 Both "D" and "B" Companies were withdrawn to bivouac area. Col. Lovelady was called forward to assist Col. Roysdon in directing attack.

13 Jul 44 Remained in bivouac all day. Col. Lovelady still at front. Six men hit in bivouac by enemy artillery air burst, none killed.

14 Jul 44 Remained in bivouac all day. Col. Lovelady returned at 1400. Vehicles have all been replaced awaiting personnel replacements. "F" Co. 23d committed at 2030 to assist 117 Inf in support of 743 Tank Bn, no action so far. Weather fair but cloudy. One German aircraft seen and fired upon. No results seen.

15 Jul 44 Weather fair but cloudy. Bn. still in bivouac. One tank ("D" Co.) equipped with dozer this date. Morale excellent. "F" Co. attached to 743 tank Bn. working with XXX Inf. Div. "F" Co. was attached to 3d Bn 119th Inf to launch an attack in a general southerly direction from T457694. "D" Co. attached to 743 Inf. as of 2200.

16 Jul 44 Weather warm and sunny, morale excellent. TF reorganized as follows: We are now part of TF 1, C. O. Col. Roysdon. This consists of 2nd Bn, 33d Armd. Regt., 2nd Bn, 36th, B Co. 703 Tank Destroyers, B Co. 23rd Eng. This TF is subdivided as follows: TF 2A C.O. Col. Lovelady composed of 2nd Bn Hq and Hq Co, D Co. 33d Armd. Regt., D Co. 36th, 3rd Plat Eng, 2nd Plat TD, 2nd Bn 33rd Assault and mortar plats. TF 1 B G. O. Col. Cockefair (36th Inf) composed of E Co. 33rd, F Co. 36th, 1 Plat Eng, 1 Plat T. D., Hq. and Hq. Co. 2nd Bn 36th, assault and mortar plats. 2nd Bn 36th. TF 2 C (No C.O.) B Co 33rd, F Co 36th, 1 Plat Eng., 1 Plat T.D. D Co. released from 743 Tk Bn at 1600, F Co. still attached to 743 Tk Bn in action all day. Losses four M r, 6 KIA, 10 WIA, known enemy knocked out, four Mk IV and two A.T. Guns. Bn moved to new bivouac at 2255 closed bivouac at 0131 location T411732, heavily wooded pine and scrub.

17 Jul 44 E Co released by 743 Tk Bn to TF 2B control at 1200. TF 2A still in bivouac carrying on maint., men resting. Warm sunny day, morale excellent, no action. D Co. drew four M4 A6. E Co. one M4 A6. 76 MM gun mounted.

18 Jul 44 Still in bivouac, no activity, warm day, morale excellent.

19 Jul 44 No activity, still in bivouac, doing maint., cleaning up. Warm sunny day, morale ex. Four Me 109 passed over bivouac.

20 July 44 No activity, still in bivouac, rain all day. Received orders at 2000 for contemplated action on large scale.

21 Jul 44 Rain and cloudy. No activity.

22 July 44 Rain and cloudy, cool. No activity. Shelled during the night. F Co. lost 8 men, 1 dead, 6 wounded, 1 C.E.

23 Jul 44 Some rain, cloudy, no activity.

24 Jul 44 Sunny but cooler. No activity.

25 Jul 44 Sunny day, morale ex., still in bivouac. Expected push, did not come off. Bombers dropped 8000 tons of bombs.

26 Jul 44 Leading vehicles left bivouac 0800. Combat teams are to make break through to Marigny, then swing right (west) to Contance. Advanced to 376662. Knocked out many German vehicles, S.P. Tanks and A. T. guns. Took nearly 100 prisoners. Air Corps helped out with P 47's dive bombing enemy positions and columns. Days advance nearly 90,000 yds. Col. Lovelady leading our T.F. E. Co. 33, E Co. 36, A.T., Assault mortar, T.D., Eng. Plat and C Btry 391. Casualties light, lost one tank but it was recovered. Arrived in bivouac 2200.

27 Jul 44 Night of Jul 26-27 spent at T 376619 just west of Marigny. Attack jumped off at 0800, good progress made all day, advanced to T 308614, reached 1st objective at 1800. Knocked out many enemy tanks and guns, exact number not known. Our casualties for day were 2 officers WIA, 25 EM WIA, 4 EM ki., stuffed by plane. P47 at 1800 hours. 3 WIA, burned up H/T. Moved cross country most of way. Visibility poor with light showers. Lost no vehicles, advanced about seven miles. Morale ex.

28 Jul 44 Jumped off at 1130 from T 308614 in a general SW direction toward Coutance. We advanced just to right of road cross country. Met very little resistance till late afternoon, at which time ran into heavy M.G. and mortar fire. Total losses for day, 1 KIA, 23 WIA, no vehicles lost. Advanced to T 256596 then mission was changed and we moved cross country to T 264595 and went into bivouac approximately 2400 to protect Inf from an attack from the east and south. No activity during the night. Made contact with 4 A.D. Weather clear, morale ex.

29 Jul 44 Spent day re-supplying Maint, resting and moving to bivouac area. Rainy, AM; Sunny, PM. New bivouac at T337563. Learned that CCB was to be given a unit citation for job well done. Morale excellent.

30 Jul 44 Ordered to move south and east by CCB to objective in vicinity of Villedieu Les Poeles (3933 Approx.). Our task force in reserved. Moved on highway all day. Arrived in bivouac 357394. Set up defense at 2335. No casualties, morale excellent, weather fine. Some heavy artillery and some vehicles hit, no damage to vehicles or personnel.

31 Jul 44 Moved out of bivouac at 1300 to take position of team one. Arrived there at 1400, located at 368365. Men were to rest. Ordered at 1700 to bypass team one and take objective, east and north of Villadieu Les Poles. Enemy blew bridge and placed heavy artillery fire in positions, forced us to withdraw for night, returned to Bivouac at T 368365, F Co. lost one M-4 and 2 men, E 36th lost 3 men WIA. Weather fine, bright sun and warm. Morale excellent but men tired.

1 Aug 44 Stayed in bivouac most of day doing Maint. and supply. Ordered to move at 1700 to around Villedieu Les Poles 5 miles west then SE and take La Chapelle Acelin 431295, while enroute objectives were changed to St. Poise 498224, advanced only to 484244. Went to bivouac after knocking out 20 odd enemy truck supply column. Met only slight resistance on way, all of which was overcome. Closed bivouac 2330.

2 Aug 44 After arriving in bivouac (Hill 264), enemy tanks were heard moving into position. A flare was lit by the enemy and one HT was then hit, catching on fire. This provided excellent light by which the enemy was able to place extremely heavy fire over our position. Tanks engaged the enemy vehicles which turned out to be tanks. We knocked out 1 Mark V, during the night. E Co. knocked it out. Three of our tanks, 2 RT, 1 T-2, were knocked out. We lost a number of men to small arms fire and shrapnel. All during this time, enemy artillery was placed from time to time on our position, which was on the forward slope of a hill; during daylight hours we knocked out 2 Mark V, 6 Mark IV, 1 SP, numerous trucks and command vehicles. We were at a disadvantage as the enemy could not be spotted either by air or ground. Our artillery finally spotted the enemy artillery and knocked them out.

3 Aug 44 During the night of 2-3 Aug, we were harassed throughout the night by enemy artillery fire. This continued throughout the day also. Our TD reported 2d Plat.Co. 703rd knocking out 1 Mark V, and 4 Mark IV, plus some trucks and one M/C. Ordered to move out of bivouac at 1800. Moved out at 2030. Enemy had road zeroed in and were under sustained fire throughout our move out. Moved to 442262 where we bivouaced for the night. Morale good, considering fact one had been under constant fire for two days and nights. Weather was sunny and night clear. AA shot down enemy plane at approx. 2300.

4 Aug 44 Spent day in bivouac at 442262 near La Souaviere, resupplying and resting. Day sunny and clear, received order to move at 1800. Moved at 2150. Due to road congestion, we were only able to move a short distance where we bivouaced at 453231 near St Laurent de Cunes. No activity during night. Morale excellent once again.

5 Aug 44 Spent day in bivouac resting and resupplying. Ordered to move, later it was cancelled.

6 Aug 44 Received orders at 0700 to move. Moved at 0836 to 447145 1 Mi. north of La Savrie. Last units closed bivouac about 2000. Trains were brought up. Promised a three day rest.

7 Aug 44 Monday - Spent day in bivouac at 447143. Unit alerted and moved out at 1230 to repel enemy counter-attack at Aives 4719. Other elements accomplished mission. Returned to bivouac. Were again alerted at 2000 and moved out toward GD Dne 5516. Were held up by enemy fire outside Juvigny Tertra 533142 where we went into bivouac for night. Were shelled by artillery in above mentioned town.

8 Aug 44 Tuesday - Main body remained in bivouac all day. 1st Platoon Tanks "D" Company and Mortar Platoon Hq 2d Bn were sent to assist Colonel Cochefair in attempt to cut road leading from Le Mesnil Tove to Gd Dove. This was done late at night 1000 yds SE of LeMesnil Tove at 533164. Weather fine, morale good, troops tired.

9 Aug 44 Wednesday - 1st Platoon "D" Company still committed. One tank hit, one assistant driver killed. We accounted for 1 MK V and 1 Mk IV tank. Lt. Wolpe wounded late at night. No advance made. Shelled throughout day and night. Our force C.O., Colonel Conrog KIA. Rest of force remained in bivouac.

10 Aug 44 Thursday - Spent day in bivouac. 1st Platoon "D" Company still committed. Force under constant sustained artillery fire. News shitchy, weather sunny and warm, morale good.

11 Aug 44 Friday - Spent day in bivouac. 1st Platoon "D" Company still committed. Still under artillery fire. Day sunny and warm. Morale good.

12 Aug 44 Saturday - Bivouac area bombed at 0100 by enemy aircraft. Spent day doing maintenance. Received orders to move at 1800. Moved at 2130. Were to move to vicinity of Halt Still on road at 2400. Sunny warm day, clear night, morale excellent. Made approximate 25 miles up to 2400.

13 Aug 44 Sunday - Arrived in bivouac at 0430, after making 38 miles, near 783755. Halt ordered to move at 0800. Moved at 0430. Moved along highway all day. Reached bivouac at 2030 035866 1/2 mile NE Les Chapelles.

14 Aug 44 Monday - Left bivouac at 0840. Moved along highway till mid-afternoon encountering moderate resistance. The enemy prisoners were many. Captured and blew up a number of enemy ammunition trucks. Went into bivouac at 2030 near Le Motor Fouquet 1/2 mile SE 067996.

15 Aug 44 Tuesday - Ordered to move out at 0240 to new bivouac at 104995 1 mile NE orgres La Roche. Closed bivouac at 0530 after uneventful march. Ordered to move out at 1425. Moved at 1500 with rest of division. Roads very much jammed with traffic. Arrived in bivouac at 2230. Ran into A.T. gun which was knocked out. Bivouaced at 113073 1 mile SW Ranes, 1 Officer KIA, 1 Officer WIA by A.T. fire.

16 Aug 44 Wednesday - Left bivouac at 0750. Started fighting almost at once. Our force knocked out seven Mk IV and 2 S.P., plus a large number of prisoners. We lost 2 M-4 and had four EM KIA plus a number wounded. Advanced to 065138, 1-1/4 miles SW Les Yocieux. Went into bivouac at 2330.

17 Aug 44 Thursday - Left bivouac at 0630 on road toward Fromental. Captured huge ammo dump covering acres of ground. Met stiff resistance outside Fromental. Knocked out five MK III plus 1 S.P. and 1 A.T. and a large number of doughs. At least sixty prisoners were taken. Air corps gave close support. D Co. lost 2 tanks, E Co. lost 3 tanks, Major Crosby KIA, Lt. Ryan KIA. Bivouaced 1/8 mile North of Fromental 087167. Weather clear and sunny, morale good, men tired.

18 Aug 44 Friday - Had quiet night, moved out of bivouac at 0720 for main objective at 099196 near LaFresnay. Started fighting at once. Knocked out 6 MK IV and 2 S.P. plus numerous doughs. Took a number of prisoners. Arrived at objective at 1045. Morale excellent, rest promised, made contact with English Rcn force at 1020, closing trap on enemy pocket. Men serviced vehicles and cleaned themselves.

19 Aug 44 Saturday - Received orders to move to rest and Maintenance area. First vehicles left bivouac at 0700. Good march all the way, arrived in bivouac at 1030 U113073, 1/2 mile NE Palis. Spent afternoon and evening on vehicle maintenance.

20 Aug 44 Sunday - Spent day resting, doing which maint. Col. Roysden awarded Silver Star, Col. Lovelady Bronze Star, morale excellent, weather poor.

21 Aug. 44 Monday - Spent day in bivouac doing maint. of resupplying. Rained all day. Morale good.

22 Aug 44 Tuesday - Ordered to move. Moved out at 10000. Hot sunny day. Good march made. 1022 bivouaced P 230097 five miles North Courville. Some vehicles ran out of gas at end of march. No enemy activity encountered.

23 Aug 44 Wednesday - Remained in bivouac all day doing maint and resting. Rained most of day.

24 Aug 44 Thursday - Ordered to move at 1600. Mist at 1820, moved to 017078 still enroute to objective.

25 Aug 44 Friday - Moved all night, crossed Seine River, arrived in bivouac at S072142 1 mi NW of Lisses, gassed up and moved out 1600 to S 178114, 1000 yds NW Nandy.

26 Aug 44 Saturday - Moved out of bivouac at 0811, arrived in temporary bivouac at 1200 cord. 180235 after meeting very little opposition. Moved out 1600, continued along main highway. Knocked out 4 trucks, 4 Mk IV, Weather perfect, morale good, arrived in bivouac at 243327 1 mi NE La Pompe.

27 Aug 44 Sunday - Moved at 0730, moved along highway made good time, knocked out a number of trucks and doughs, captured intact 2 S.P., 2 armored cars plus crews. Crossed Marne River at 1500, bridge had to be reinforced. Arrived outside Meaux at 1700, decided to take town, moved in and secured it at 2000. Outposted town and rest of unit went into bivouac at 455510 for night.

28 Aug 44 Monday - Left Meaux at 0800 with city of Soissons, moved along and astride highway all day. Hunting was excellent, knocked out 3 MkV, 4 Mk IV 28P 7 AT, 3 scout cars, 8 H.T. and a large number of trucks and small covered cars. We lost 2 light tanks, both can be recovered. Three tankers wounded, 2 Inf KIA, 8 WIA. Secured town of Soissons at 1800. Some tank and AT plus much small arms throughout night. Our bivouac area subjected to high burst art fire, rest of team bivouaced at 795945. Made 69 miles for days march.

29 Aug 44 Tuesday - Are subjected to high burst art fire most of night, many duds about, 70% ordered on 2 hr. alert, moved out 1930, moved through Soissons, took high ground beyond town, are on road till 2400.

30 Aug 44 Wednesday - Moved from 0001 till 0430 and bivouaced at 1 mile SE Vaudessons, 925042. Moved all day along highway with objective of Laon. Arrived on objective 1900, passed through town and established roadblocks. Bivouaced at 001188, 2 miles NW of Laon. Knocked out one dual purpose 88, 3 armored cars, 2 HTs, 5 tricks, 2 command cars plus a large number of doughs. Took forty odd prisoners. Lost two tanks to enemy fire.

31 Aug. 44 Thursday - Moved along highway all day and found two road blocks and two bridges blown. Blocks were removed and bridges repaired by the engineers. Ran into small arms and two tanks. Advance stopped by blown bridge covered by A.T. and booby traps. Bivouaced at 275365. Rest of force covered bridge 1 mile SE of Hosy.

1 Sep 44 Friday - Moved out at 0700 along highway. Stopped and reorganized at 1200. Moved out at 1400, took our objective Ledessus, and closed in bivouac at 2200. Knocked out 2 Mk Vs, 3 armored cars, 4 trucks and 15 command cars. Took about 40 prisoners. Bivouaced 2 miles NE of Ledessus, 228758.

2 Sep 44 Saturday - Moved out 1200 after re-supply and maintenance with objective of high ground beyond Mons. Arrived in bivouac at 2045, 2 miles NW of Ghlin, Belgium, 263165. Crossed Belgium border at 1600. Ran into many German columns during the day. Knocked out 1 dual purpose 88, 4 trucks, 2 command cars, 1 A.T. gun, over 100 horse-drawn vehicles, 2 M/C, 10 command cars, took over 250 prisoners, and captured much equipment. Set up roadblocks at road junction and fired on enemy till midnight.

3 Sep 44 Sunday - Hq. and small protective force remained in bivouac during the day. Rest of force was road block and mounted Rcn in force. Knocked out at least 100 pieces of enemy guns, tanks, trucks and cars. Over 300 prisoners taken. Weather fair, morale excellent.

4 Sep 44 Monday - Moved at 1330 with objective of Namur. Met very little resistance and suffered no casualties. Still moving along highway at 2400. Bright moonlight, cold, morale good, men tired.

5 Sep 44 Tuesday - Moved all night and arrived in assembly area outside Namur at 0530. Ordered into town of La Plante, 954085, to secure river crossing and road net. Secured town by 1030. Sent out Rcn in force across river. Knocked out 2 armored cars and some doughs. 2 men SWA and 1 man LWA. No other activity.

6 Sep 44 Wednesday - Moved at 1300 over bridge put across Meuse River and moved north toward Liege. Went into bivouac at 248154, 1/4 mile NW of Hts Sorte. Knocked out 1 A.T., 1 H/T, 3 trucks, and one bus with infantry.

7 Sep 44 Thursday - Moved out of bivouac at 1300 with objective of taking Liege. Moved along highways, ran into enemy artillery fire which was neutralized. Our artillery knocked out four batteries. Moved into objective at 554259, Croupet. Main part of force was put on roadblocks and surrounding road net. Up to 2400, over 1500 prisoners were taken and there were many enemy killed and wounded. Roadblocks knocked out over 50 vehicles, which included tanks, S.P., trucks, infantry buses, horse-drawn wagons, M/C, and command cars. No vehicular losses for us. 1 Inf KIA, 2 SWA, Commanding Officer, Co. "E," 33d Armd. Regt. LWA. Arrived on objective at 2030. One German Lt. General KIA.

8 Sep 44 Friday - Remained in bivouac all day with tank and infantry units on road block. Knocked out 20 enemy vehicles during day and took over 100 prisoners.

9 Sep 44 Saturday - Moved out at 1100 with objective of Verviers. Moved along highway and knocked out 3 enemy S.P., and Mark IV chassis on H/T S.P. Lost 3 medium tanks to enemy action, 3 men KIA, 10 LWA, 2 SWA. Bivouaced 3/4 mile E. of Banwidy, 595168. Bombs dropped at random as dark was falling. P47's shot down 2 FW 190s and knocked out one Mark V. Weather sunny but cool.

10 Sep 44 Sunday - Moved out at 0700 with objective of Verviers. Moved along highway, ran into blown bridges and road blocks. Arrived on objective at 1300 (685208) 3/4 mi. SW Rouheld. Captured 10 prisoners. Rest of day quiet, used in resupplying and maintenance. Morale excellent.

11 Sep 44 Monday - Moved out of bivouac at 0800 with objective Bupen. Reached high ground NE of town to Bupen and outposted town by 1500. Moved out of town after holding force of friendly troops took over. Moved to (623293) 2 miles NE of Bupen. Lost one medium tank and 2 men. Knocked out one dual purpose 88 mm, 1 Mark IV, 1 anti-tank gun and a large number of enemy dead, wounded and prisoners captured large warehouse of German army equipment.

12 Sep 44 Tuesday - Rcn in force sent out to find route to object. Unit bogged down in forest. New force sent out and suitable routes found at 1500. Main body moved at 1530 (crossed German Border at 1626). Rcn into heavy small arms fire and two concrete bunkers covering crates in road. Could not bypass. This unit was held up and bivouaced (905288) west edge of Rotgen. Twenty prisoners taken and lost 2 Off KIA, and number of wounded. Morale of inf: Fair - Tankers: good. Weather cool and clear.

13 Sep 44 Wednesday - Moved out at 0800 leading units with help of eng. removed section of obstacle built on pattern of Siegfried Line. Three heavy concrete pillboxes were knocked (5 ft. reinforced concrete), commence tank obstacles, mines in road, steel gates across road and steel piling embedded in road, one 40 mm and one 57 mm to knock out these took till 1200. Took many prisoners, found many dead enemy doughs, overrun enemy barrack installation with equipment entack. Advanced on up valley, ran into 2 Mark V, 2 dual purpose 88 mm, 1 anti-tank 76 mm, seven 20 mm AAA, we knocked out all but 1 Mark V. We lost four M4 tanks and one-half track plus some infantry wounded, 1 inf. KIA. Bivouaced at (928343). Mulattshutte closed bivouac at 2030. Town of Rott was used as supply point and billet area, most buildings used as storehouse, had no time to investigate contents.

14 Sep 44 Thursday - Moved out at 0800 after repairing bridge blown by retreating enemy. Moved along until stopped by higher Hqs. Part of force was sent to assist Task Force #2. Knocked out one anti-tank gun, moved on till stopped by another blown bridge, also heavy enemy fire. Took about 15 prisoners. Bivouaced at (938385) 1/2 mi. NE Brinegsberg. Weather: Cloudy, showers. Morale: Good.

15 Sep 44 Friday - Moved out eng. unit to construct bridge that had been blown. Bridge completed at 1130. Units moved out at 1136. Infantry had been put across river at 0010 to protect eng. and secure bridgehead. Bivouaced and reported. R.J. fired upon all night by artillery. 1 Off. 6 enlisted men SWA by artillery fire. Moved across river and advanced to high ground. Ran into enemy fortified positions with dug in anti-tank guns and well positioned tanks. Lost seven tanks, 1 TD, 1 Tmb, 2 Off. KIA, 3 Off. SWA, between 20 and 30 EM SWA, 3 KIA. We knocked out one 88 mm, one panther tank, took over 50 prisoners, enemy dead not counted. Bivouaced at cord. (958409) 1 mi. W. Mausbach.

16 Sep 44 Saturday - Inf attack got off at 0300, enemy dug in well prepared positions. Left flank reached initial obj, right flank bogged down. Morale fine, Inf coordinated, attack bogged down in afternoon. Bivouac for night still the same.

17 Sep 44 Sunday - Situation still unchanged. Weather foggy and rain. Heavy enemy Art and Mortar fire throughout night, day and evening, made local advances but still unable to crack center of line. CP location still the same. Morale of Inf poor.

18 Sep 44 Monday - Attack still going on. Germans tried numerous counter attacks, all of which were repulsed with heavy losses to us. We have not advanced except for small local gains. Under sustained enemy Arty and Mortar fire day and night.

19 Sep 44 Tuesday - Situation still about the same. Enemy mortar, artillery and doughs still whittling down our forces. Two enemy counter attacks held off. New attack started by our force at 1800, preceded by artillery. Reached objectives sight, held what they had in face of seven counter attacks. We lost 7 med tanks, 2 light tanks, knocked out 2 Mk IV and 1 Mk V. Many enemy doughs killed and captured. Weather rainy with fog. Inf morale low, but game.

20 Sep 44 Wednesday - Situation still much the same. Both ourselves and enemy are making local attacks trying for a weak spot. Heavy artillery and mortar day and night. Friendly inf. moved in to support, pushed enemy back approximately 1500 yards.

21 Sep 44 Thursday - Friendly Inf. holding direct front and moved out in flank attack. Made about 2000 yds. Casualties heavy. Artillery and mortar still pouring in. C.P. located at 953419, Burgholzdrhof.

22 Sep 44 Friday - Task Force #1 still holding same line. Enemy artillery and mortar still very heavy day and night.

23 Sep 44 Saturday - Situation still the same. Battle is still a holding situation with some heavy artillery and mortar.

24 Sep 44 Sunday - Situation still the same.

25 Sep 44 Monday - Task force relieved for three days rest and maint. period. Bivouac at 932378, Breinig.

25 Sep 44 Tuesday - Rest and maint.

27 Sep 44 Wednesday - Rest and maint.

28 Sep 44 Thursday - Unit alerted to move back into lines at 1400. Movement completed by 2400. Task Force #1 now consists of 2nd Bn 33d, 3rd Bn 36, 1 Plat of T.D., and Eng., and 391 F.A. Attchd. Col. Lovelady in command of Task Force. C.P. located at 953419, Burgholzdrhof.

29 Sep 44 Friday - Holding operations. Mortar and artillery fire day and night at intervals. Limited actions consisting of patrols. Rain all day.

30 Sep 44 Saturday - Same as yesterday. Still rain and cloudy.

1 Oct 44 - Sunday - Same as yesterday. Day partly clear.

2 Oct 44 - Monday - Alerted Task Force to move out of line to rear area for rest. Started movement at 1400, received heavy artillery and mortar in center of line. Weather wet but some sun. Movement completed by 1800. Arrived at 932378, Breinig.

3 Oct 44 - Tuesday - In bivouac for rest and maint.

4 Oct 44 to 6 Oct 44 - Wednesday thru Friday - Same as the 3 Oct 44

7 Oct 44 - Saturday - Alerted to move back into lines at 0800. Moved at 1400. C.P. located at 953419, Burgholzdrhof. Lines extended from 947433 to 955431. Task Force Lovelady consists of 2nd Bn 33d, 2nd Bn 36th, 1 Plat T.D., 1 Plat Eng and 391 F.A. Bn.

8 Oct 44 - Sunday - Some patrolling, extensive artillery and mortar fire both ways. Weather rainy with fog. No attempt to advance.

9 Oct 44 - Monday - Same as yesterday.

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11 Oct 44 - Wednesday - Same as yesterday

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13 Oct 44 - Friday - Rest & Maint.

14 Oct 44 - Saturday - Rest & Maint.

15 Oct 44 - Sunday - Rest & Maint.

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17 Oct 44 - Tuesday - Rest & Maint.

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19 Oct 44 - Thursday - Some patrolling. Enemy artillery and mortar fire at intervals, both day and night. Rained all day.

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23 Oct 44 - Monday - No patrols - weather did not permit. Exchange of artillery and mortar fire, all day.

24 Oct 44 - Tuesday - Combat patrols action noticed horse drawn activity all along front. Regular exchange of artillery and mortar fire.

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28 Oct 44 - Saturday - Rest & Maint.

29 Oct 44 - Sunday - Rest & Maint.

30 Oct 44 - Monday - Rest & Maint. 3-3/4 tons, 4-1/4 tons, plus one 2-1/2 ton hit by enemy artillery during night. All repaired but 2-1/2 ton.

31 Oct 44 - Tuesday - Rest & Maint.

1 Nov 44 - Wednesday - Ordered to move back into line, move started at 1400, completed by 1630. TF consists of 2nd Bn, 33rd, 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, 3d Platoon, Rcn Co. 33rd, 1 Pltn C Co, 703d T.D., 1 Platoon D Co., 23rd Eng., plus 391st F.A. Bn in support. Artillery and mortar fired during move, sunny day, morale excellent.

2 Nov 44 - Thursday - Quiet during day with only small amount of artillery and mortar exchanged. Germans started heavy artillery, mortar, rocket and a few screaming meemies barrage at approximately 1700. This continued for about an hour, no casualties suffered by our troops. Center of barrage was in Mausbach.

3 Nov 44 - Friday - Slight exchange of artillery and mortar during the day, enemy patrols reported in center section about 2000; units alerted, nothing developed.

4 Nov 44 - Saturday - Normal patrols, exchange of artillery and mortar fire.

5 Nov 44 - Sunday - Normal patrols, exchange of artillery and mortar fire. 58th FA Bn, now also in support of this TF.

6 Nov 44 - Monday - Normal patrols, exchange of artillery and mortar fire.

7 Nov 44 - Tuesday - One patrol left sector - exchange of artillery and mortar fire. Two members of patrol WIA as patrol was about to leave.

8 Nov 44 - Wednesday - TF Mills relieved us at 1400, move completed at 1630. CP located at 932382, Breinig. ✓

9 Nov 44 - Thursday - Rest and maintenance

10 Nov 44 - Friday - Ordered to move back into lines at 1930. Moved at 1200, move completed at 1400. CP located at 959413. ✓

11 Nov 44 - Saturday - In position, no activity

12 Nov 44 - Sunday - In position, no activity. Rain most of day.

13 Nov 44 - Monday - Sgt. Johnston hit by friendly SA fire while on guard. No other activity.

14 Nov 44 - Tuesday - In position, no activity. 1 PW captured, 2nd Lt; gave valuable information. Rain and fog most of day. 1 robot bomb went over, headed into Germany.

15 Nov 44 - Wednesday - In position, no activity. Moderate shelling by 105 mm artillery at about 2000, no casualties.

16 Nov 44 - Thursday - Reinforced Bn commanded by Col. Lovelady consists of 2d Bn, 33d A.R., 2d Plat. Rcn Co 33d A.R., 1 Plat D Co 23rd Eng., 1st Plat C Co 703rd T.D., E Co 36th AIR, 391st F.A. in direct support. Our mission is to secure WERTH and KOTTENICH and hold line running from 974435 to 992438. Preparatory bombing started at 1015, preparatory artillery started at 1145, our attack started at 1245. Reached our objective at 1306. Started consolidation and mopping up operations. Enemy artillery, slight. Mopping up operations still going on at 2400. We lost 4 tanks in mine field, all repairable. Lost 3 Tanks to A.T. fire, total loss. CP located at 983429, 1/2 mile NW GRUESNICH. 1 Officer KIA, 2 Officers WIA, 1 EM KIA, 20 EM WIA.

17 Nov 44 - Friday - Mopping up operations continued throughout night in WERTH, approximately 100 prisoners taken, some enemy infantry infiltrated during night, but were driven out. Enemy sent over heavy artillery barrage all during 24 hour period. Rained most of day and night.

18 Nov 44 - Saturday - "D" Co tanks and E Co Inf sent forward to assist 1st Bn 33d (Col. Mills) in Hastinrath and Scherpenseel. Two cars of 83d Rcn Bn moved into North to hold town. D Co. lost a number of tanks not yet determined. C.P. still the same. Subjected to heavy artillery all during 24 hour period.

19 Nov 44 - Sunday - Remaining tanks in D Co. (3) and E Co. 36th Inf cleared out Scherpenseel. Very little action on our part except mopping up in above town. Unit in Werth took a number of prisoners from units on our left.

20 Nov 44 - Monday - Holding operation now with objective cleared out. Enemy ~~at~~ throughout day two very heavy guns firing (150 or 170mm). Rain again all day.

21 Nov 44 - Tuesday - Same as yesterday. Tanks being repaired and recovered, many were bogged down. Rain all day.

22 Nov 44 - Wednesday - Units being organized found very few tanks were complete cases.

23 Nov 44 - Thursday - Static position for our force, holding position for our forces on front line which is now being held by Inf. CP now located at 983428 (outskirts of Werth).

24 Nov 44 - Friday - Bn re-equipping and getting replacements in. No action.

25 Nov 44 - Saturday - Same as yesterday

26 Nov 44 - Sunday - Same as yesterday

27 Nov 44 - Monday - Same as yesterday

28 Nov 44 - Tuesday - Same as yesterday

29 Nov 44 - Wednesday - Same as yesterday

30 Nov 44 - Thursday - Same as yesterday

1 Dec 44 - Friday - Same as yesterday

2 Dec 44 - Saturday - Same as yesterday

3 Dec 44 - Sunday - 2 German planes shot down at approximately 1500, otherwise same. ✓

4 Dec 44 to 13 Dec 44 - Bn re-equipping and getting in replacements

19 Dec 44 - Alerted to move at 1000, started men at 1300 to assembly position to repel German counter attack. Arrived in assembly area at 2280 Cord 642118, 2-1/2 miles west of SPA.

20 Dec 44 - Received order to move south and secure RJ at 671021. Moved out at 0815 E Co. in lead. Encountered first opposition at RJ 671021. Knocked out truck and two 75 mm A.T. plus a number of doughs. Received order to continue to Stovelot. Ran into armored column, knocked out 2 trucks, 3 large H/T, 1 Volkswagen, 2 towed 75 MM A.T. 1 towed 150 MM, 1 SP 150 MM on Mk IV chasis and five armored trucks, plus a number of doughs. Lost 4 m'4's from two A.T. and tank fire. CP located at 686046 Maulin du Rui advanced elements at 678992.

21 Dec 44 - Advance held up at 678992 D Co. sent out from point 682007 to advance and secure Stevlot, got as far as Porfondroy 706006. Encountered German Inf in large numbers, killed many, captured few, mostly SS and paratroopers. Found many civilians killed by Germans. Quite heavy mortar and light Art fire toward CP at 579996. Contacted F.O. from 82d Airborne Art. Support which was needed.

22 Dec 44 - Our column cut by enemy infantry in great strength at 632006 just south of Pt. Coe. First half of column isolated. Held off German attack by SA fire and very close artillery support. Germans wearing our equipment; Germans captured our aid stations plus vehicles.

23 Dec 44 - Attempt made to regain contact with forces. Attack started at 0900, got little or no place, due to strong resistance, doughs and artillery fire. Lost two light tanks, took three prisoners. Many enemy doughs killed by SA and art fire.

24 Dec 44 - Attempt made to regain contact, contact made at 1100 after stiff fight. Many enemy doughs killed, our losses very small. Units alerted to move after relief by 30th Inf Div. Relief completed about 2300, still on road moving at 2400.

25 Dec 44 - Reached assembly area at 0230. CP located at Coord. 580168 - 1 mile NE Lavegne, remained here until 1000, at which time we were alerted to move. Moved at 1300 to new assembly area at coord. 426933 - 4 mile SE Barvaux, arrived in assembly area at 1500, set up all around defense. At 1600, part of unit alerted to outpost town of Melreaux, E Co tks, 1 Plat B Co light tks, 1/2 Rcn Plat, 33d and E Co, 36th Inf. E Co. tks and infantry outposted town. Light tks plus rcn plat, set up defense position, cutting road at 381003. 391st FO with this force. Final tally for last op. - 1 Mark V, two Mark IV plus 200 KIA, 50 WIA, 12 prisoners, plus other listed 20 Dec 44.

26 Dec 44 - Entire unit alerted to move to N.Y. and set up defensive positions. C.P. located at 396899. Our defense line to run from high ground E of N.Y. to railroad at Melreaux. D Co. tks outposted N.Y. with vehicles dug in by tk dozen and well hidden.

27 Dec 44 - E Co tks and Inf. to be relieved at Melreaux by Co G 32nd and Co B 36 Inf., relief completed at 1700. One Plat E Co set up defense at 381903, tks dug in behind wire and mines. Concertina wire runs from 386905 around in front of woods following high ground to 367904. Rest of E Co. tks completed defensive line around N.Y. E Co Inf. reverted to 36 Inf.

28 Dec 44 - Positions around N.Y. and over to west improved; more wire put out and mines laid. A few scattered rounds of artillery came in during 24 hr. period. Rcn Plat 33d located in Werpia to maintain contact with 84 Inf. Div.

29 Dec 44 - Rcn in force sent out from N.Y. cord. 395900, along secondary roads to Trinal Cord. 416869 and Beffe 423853, L D at 412873 met strong resistance at Trinal, 1 S.P. and 1 A.T. knocked out, A.T. run into heavy dough force, killed estimated 100 with tank fire and artillery. One tank hit mine, later bazooked, 1 man WIA (shock). TOT placed in Trinal at 1730, force returned to N.Y. along route of advance.

30 Dec 44 - Spent day doing maintenance and maintaining defensive positions around N.Y.

31 Dec 44 - Received order to move from N.Y. to assembly area. Started move at 1400, closed assembly area, vicinity of Oclot and Borse. C.P. located at 279015.

1 Jan 45 - Spent day reequipping and maintenance. Received moving order for move and had 3rd Bn., 330 Inf. Regt., 83 Inf. Div., attached to this Bn.

2 Jan 45 - Ordered to move to the vicinity of Petite-Housium Cord. 567939 as assembly area for attack. Left Odet at 0800, closed assembly area at 2300.

3 Jan 45 - Received order for attack at 2400. This Bn. reinforced by 3rd Bn., 330 Inf. Regt. 83 Inf. Div., 1st Plat D Co. 23 Eng., 1st Plat B Co 703 T.D., 2nd Plat Rcn Co., 33d A.R. 391st F.A. in direct support. Ordered to advance along secondary roads and secure aty at Vaux 656768 and Cherain at 664775. 1st Bn. 33d A.R. left C.C.D. 2nd A.D. on right; left assembly area 0630, crossed LD at 0830. Ran into very bad terrain. Fire broke trail, no real roads. Ran into small arms, artillery and mortar at L.D. Inf. leading attack moved through woods, mopping up as they went. Reached town of Malempe Cord. 562839. Cleaned out town and set up all around defense by 1800. Enemy KIA 75, WIA 10, captured 63. C.P. located at 562889. Enemy wearing our equipment, used a captured 50 cal. against our troops. We lost 6 KIA, 20 WIA. Received order at 2000 to push on at 0800 along assigned route.

4 Jan 45 - Attack started at 0800, woods very icy, snowing. Subjected to very heavy mortar, artillery and rocket fire, pinning our Inf. down. Tk hit mine, then hit by A.T. fire. We then knocked out 3 A.T. guns in edge of woods, 75 mm. Lost one more tk to bazooka fire. Very little ground gained, advanced only about 200 yds. Received approximately 3000 rounds of art., mortar and rocket fire. C.P. H/T received direct mortar hit.

5 Jan 45 - Very little progress made during day. Could not advance, tks against A.T. guns we could not pick up. Still under very heavy mortar and rocket fire. Inf. could not seem to get started. Decided to move tks after dark. Moved out and made approximately 800 yards through dense woods and heavy snow. Advanced to 573873.

6 Jan 45 - Launched our attack at 0800 after artillery preparations, cleared woods by 0930. Lost tk to bazooka at edge of woods. Continued attack on Fraitux, flanked town and cleaned it out fast and neat. Collected 287 prisoners. 20 odd WIA, 57 known enemy KIA, captured 30 horses, turned them over to civilians, destroyed 4 75 mm assault guns, 4 120mm mtrs., 6 carriers and equipment destroyed. Subjected to artillery, mortar and rocket all night. We have had 79 EM and Off. WIA in last 4 days.

7 Jan 45 - Ordered to continue attack at 0800. Moved out, encountered no resistance, outskirts of Regne. Knocked out one 1 MK V, 1 truck, one A.C., captured approximately 60 PW, 25 KIA, 5 WIA. Met Task Force MacGeorge (1st Bn., 33d) and cleaned out town, secured and outposted town by 1500. Lost one tk to A.T. fire, one to mine, and one to T.D. C.P. at 612357 Regne. Major Stallings hit in back by burp gun.

8 Jan 45 - In addition to other vehicles, it was found that an additional two Mk V was knocked out. Spent day finishing defensive system for Regne. Art and mortar during 24 hr. period.

9 Jan 45 - Ordered to move to town of Hebronval-632362. Moved out at 1300, closed area at 1330. C.P. at 632858. Art. and mtr. during period.

10 Jan 45 - Remained in position during 24 hr. period re-equipping. Slight artillery and mortar during period.

11 Jan 45 - Remained in position during 24 hr. period, same as yesterday.

12 Jan 45 - Ordered to move out to assembly, vicinity of coord. 648315, 1 mile S of Langlir. Inf. had not cleaned out woods, moved only to vicinity of Bihain, 532837. TF remained in jump-off position for remainder of day, subject to Art. and mortar during period. 3 EM WIA.

13 Jan 45 - Received order to move through elements of 83d Inf Div and attack through Langlir, securing towns of Lemoire, 643799, and Cherain, 665775. Inf. moved out at 0530, contacted Inf and passed through their front lines, held up by an SP, knocked out by a D Co. tank. Continued on road, ran into heavy art and mortar fire, only slight SA fire. Lost one tank to mines and two to AT fire. Due to terrain, we could not

move out of woods until after dark. Inf. moved out and captured Lomre during night. Captured 27 PW, knocked out by tank fire 1 SP, one 88 ground mount, 1 signal truck and 1 HT. Inf. knocked out with bazookas, 2 Mk IV and 2 Mk V. Suffered heavy casualties in L Co. due to mortar fire.

14 Jan 45 - Moved out at 0800. Lead tank hit mine, attack moved on, we knocked out 1 Mk IV, 1 20mm AA HT, 1 Volkswagon, lost one M4 tank to AT as we moved out into open. Inf. was subjected to direct HE fire. TF moved into Cherain but met with very determined AT and Tk fire. E Co. lost 2 tanks to AT fire. Gained some ground. Inf. took heavy casualties. Launched a coordinated tank, infantry attack in late afternoon, but got no place, lost many more infantry and 3 tanks. Cherain is well defended. Any tanks or infantry approaching the town is caught in flanking fire. Our infantry launched a night attack at 2200, but got no place. Our front lines are at 653787, forward CP at 641791.

15 Jan 45 - Little activity during morning hours. Planned and executed a coord. attack on Cherain at 1200, consisting of remains of Inf BN and 10 tanks from D and E Co, plus 2 TDs. We approached village, were met with cross fire from AT, tanks and MG. 9 tanks were knocked out plus many infantry. Exact number not known, near 100. Did not get into town. TDs knocked out two large SP guns plus 1 Mk IV or V. Front lines still same as yesterday.

16 Jan 45 - Our force relieved at 1000 by new force. Our force pulled back to Lomre, coordinates 643799 for reequipping. Town shelled during day. Last week has been extreme cold, fog and heavy snow storms. Inf. morale has been low.

17 Jan 45 - Remaining elements of task force returned to Lomre and immediate preparations were made for reorganization. Task Force was then attached to CCA and in reserve. Town was heavily shelled during day and building which housed CP's of CCB and TFL received direct hit. However, no task force casualties resulted from this hit. Weather was cold with occasional snow flurries.

18 Jan 45 - 3d Bn, 330th Inf Reg't, Lt. Col. Schuster, Cmdg, was detached and reverted to 83d Inf Div Control. First Bn, 335th Inf Regt of 84th Inf Div, Maj Stone, Comdg, was attached to our task force. Mutual contacts were made. Task strength was up to D Co. 8, E Co. 9, B Co. 10. Task Force was then alerted to make night march to new assembly area. Order received and march was started at 2100. Conditions during march were very poor and driving snow, plus icy roads, hampered driving considerably. One TD struck mine, resulting in Lt. Burns, D Co., becoming a casualty. New CP at Sterpigny, 679779, rest of TF closed in assembly area 1 kilometer east.

19 Jan 45 - With the mission of securing and holding high ground, approximately 3 kilometers east of Sterpigny, on the 70 grid line, 3 kilometers in width, infantry jumped off at 0800, tanks following. Objectives secured by 1030 with practically no resistance encountered. Harrassing mortar and direct fire resulting in few casualties including Capt. Bacon (S-3 Air). Harrassing mortar and artillery continued throughout the day and night. Contact was made on the right and left and units of Task Force Richardson (in vicinity) were relieved by 1000. Weather was cold and occasional snow. Morale of doughboys was high, tankers good. Tank strength: D - 9; E 10; B - 12.

20 Jan 45 - Situation remained the same, with Task Force still holding high ground east of Sterpigny. Our artillery and assault gun fire which was laid on enemy infantry positions was very effective. Our positions were under sporadic enemy rocket and artillery fire. Task Force was detached from CCA and reverted to CCB control. 1st Battalion, 330th 335th Inf. Regt. was also detached from our task force. Billeting detail was sent to prospective rest area. Weather was cold with light snowfall. Morale was good.

21 Jan 45 - Withdrew from lines and made road march to rest area at town of Bonsin. Crossed I.P. at 0850 and closed in rest area at 1400. Roads were icy and weather was cold. Morale was good. C.P. location at Bonsir, 325998.

22 Jan 45 - Day was spent on weapon and vehicular maintenance. All troops were quartered in houses. Plans were made for a training period and also showers and recreation for the men. Weather was cold and clear, morale was high. Tank strength: B - 12; D - 11; E - 10.

23 Jan 45 - Day was spent in bivouac. Arrangements were made for firing ranges and driving ranges. Training was instigated for reinforcements that arrived in the battalion. Maintenance of vehicles constituted the main part of the day. Tank strength D - 12; E - 10; B - 12. Weather cold and clear. Morale high.

24 Jan 45 - Day was spent on tank maintenance. A driving range was selected and was used by the companies for training new drivers. Movies were shown and a small stage was given in the afternoon. A tank range was selected and a small arms range was selected too. Weather cold and clear. Tank Strength: D - 13; E - 11; B - 14.

25 Jan 45 - Approval was granted for tank range and small arms range. A Company Commanders meeting was held 24 Jan. and training suggestions were given for training, which started today. A four and one-half hour training period per day for each company. Tank and small arms ranges were prepared for firing. Movies were shown and showers given for the men. Weather cold and clear. Tank strength: D - 13; E - 11; B - 14.

26 Jan 45 - Training schedule was in operation. "D" Company fired on the tank range. "E" Company had instruction in gunnery and a road march. Weather very cold and clear. D - 13; E - 11; B - 14.

27 Jan 45 - An airplane crew of five men from a B26 plane visited the Battalion today. They were on the tank range and the tank driving range. "E" Company was firing on the tank range, and "D" Company on the small arms range. "B" Company instructed in driving and radio procedure. Weather cold and clear. D - 15; E - 11; B - 14.

29 Jan 45 - Training continued. "B" Company fired on the tank and small arms range. D - 12; E - 11; B - 14.

30 Jan 45 - Physical inspection. D - 12; E - 13; B - 15.

1 Feb 45 - Training continued. Range firing and small arms firing. 25 infantry replacements. D - 12; E - 15; B - 15.

2 Feb. 45 - Training continued and the ordnance inspection of small arms was completed. D - 12; E - 15; B - 15.

5 Feb 45 - Arrangements were being made to move to a new assembly area. D - 14; E - 15; B - 16.

6 Feb 45 - Vehicles were stowed for the movement of unit to new assembly area. Billeting records for this area were made out and forwarded to proper authority. D - 16; E - 15; B - 15.

7 Feb. 45 - Left present area at 0900 and proceeded to 887437. Crossed L.P. at 0934 and closed at 1500. Morale was excellent, weather cool and raining. Bivouaced at Eilendorf.

8 Feb 45 - Unit left present area for 939419, Stolberg. Left area at 1200, closed at 1530. Weather cold and raining. D - 16; E - 13; B - 16.

9 Feb 45 - Weather cold and clear. Commanding officer and S-3 Air went on reconnaissance in vicinity of Duren. D - 16; E - 13; B - 16.

10 Feb 45 - Weather cold and raining. Day was spent in arranging and planning of coming operations.

15 Feb 45 - Day was spent in recon trips for route to forward assembly area. Unit Commander went forward to confer with 2nd Bn Commander of 13th Inf. Regt. on plans for coming attack. D16, E15, B16.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20 Feb 45 - Bn prepared for the attack on Elsdorf, Germany. D16, B16, E15.

21 Feb 45 - Company Comdrs. Exec. Officer & S3 went on flight reconnaissance of area over which Bn will attack. Roer river has subsided, but ground on east side of river appeared soggy. Weather clear and warm. D17, E15, B16.

22 Feb 45 - Reconnaissance of route to Duren by Company Commanders and Company Commanders meeting at 1500. Weather cold and raining. D16, B16, E16.

23 Feb. 45 - New route was chosen for approach to Autobahn. Details were made for attack. D16, B16, E16. Weather clear and warmer.

25 Feb 45 - Day was spent in final preparations for move forward to assembly point at Ellen 127518. Corps is to form bridgehead beyond Ellen and our 1st objective on the morning of Feb 26 is Morschenich 160527. At 2330, Bn Commander and S3 Air proceeded to I.P. at Hastenrath. The lead vehicle crossed I.P. at 2400. Weather cold and damp D17, E17, B16.

26 Feb. 45 - Left Hastenrath at 0001 and proceeded to Duren where the 2nd Bn of the 13th Inf. Regt. was bivouaced. Arrived at Duren 0115. A liaison officer from each tank was with each infantry company to facilitate loading of doughs on the tanks. Tanks arrived at 0230 and were loaded with the infantry at 0325. Dog Co. proceeded to Ellen 127518 on the east side of town and Baker Company bivouaced on the west side of town with the 3rd platoon of Tank Destroyers. The C.P. was located at Arnolds - Weiler 120496. The forward C.P. at Ellen. Dog. Co. jumped off at 0600 and proceeded to Marschenich 160527, which had been taken during the night by the 104 Inf.

26 Feb 45 - Dog Company was to bypass Marschenich and proceed to Wullenrath 194586. Easy Co. proceeded on the left flank and took the town of Giesendorf 187596 at 1700. Road blocks were set up at Giesendorf and Berrendorf for a 100 per cent all-around defence. One company of infantry was with each tank company. Bn C.P. located at HS. Etweiler 183565. Prisoners taken 7, enemy killed 50, enemy wounded - amount unknown. Forward C.P. located at coordinated 178534 about 1500 yds N.E. of Marschenich was bombed at 1230. Dog Co. lost 2 tanks one by artillery and one by Anti-Tank gun. Two Anti-Tank guns were destroyed and one self propelled. All companies were in defensive positions at 1030. Weather cool and rainy. D15, E16, B15.

27 Feb 45 - Easy Co. and Fox Co. Inf. 13 Regt. jumped off at 1030 for Elsdorf 183602 to secure a street crossing. Easy Co. lost 2 tanks and destroyed 1 MV and 2 MIV. Street crossing was secured at 1130 and they proceeded thru town to set up road block on west side of town. At this time they were attached to task force Welborn. G Co. Inf. was sent into help task force Welborn to take the north part of Elsdorf. They left at 1400. Small arms fire was heavy and German civilians were found armed with bazookas. G Co. secured their objective at 1630. Bn C.P. was shelled at 1000 and Lt. Farrington was killed, Capt. Peters and Lt. Paulsen of 391st F.A. were seriously injured. Lt. Jones was slightly injured. Inf. Co. Comdr. was killed and Inf. Anti-Tank officer was seriously injured. Pfc Copeland of Easy Co., who was driver of Lt. Gorman (acting CO) tank and after the tank was hit in the front by an armor piercing shell and a bogey disabled dismounted from the tank with the rest of the crew. Copeland got into cover and after the fire fight had quieted down remounted the tank and drove it to safety. Copeland has been recommended for an award. Dog Co. furnished a platoon of tanks for the division C.P. to act as C.P. guard. Baker received back into the company a platoon of light tanks, which had been acting as guard for C.C.B. A platoon of tanks and infantry has been alerted for a possible move to act as a road block. The rear C.P. moved up to our present location 183596 at Giesendorf. Weather clear and cool. D10, E14, B15.

28 Feb 45 - Units were still in Elsforf 183602 holding the town. Task Force Richardson and Hogan passed thru Elsforf last night and attacked Paffendorf & Glesch, respectively. A night tank battle was in progress to the northeast. Weather warm and clear. The 99th Inf. Div. moved into our area. The Bn. prepared to move to Paffendorf, 208633 on order. D10, E14, B15.

1 March 45 - Bn moved to Paffendorf 207633, I.P. at 0800 at Elsdorf and cleared at 1030. Col. Lovelady attended a unit comdrs. meeting at C.C.B. at 1630. Plans were made to attack Stommeln with an alternate objective in the event that the task force on our South was unable to cross the Erft Canal. A company commanders meeting was held at 1930 with all the attachment commanders (TD's, Eng., Rcn., and Inf.) Weather raining and cool. D10, E14, B15.

2 March 45 - Col. Lovelady attended a unit Comdrs meeting at 0830 and company comdrs. meeting was held at 0915. Unit was on a one hour alert to move out and attack Stommeln. Unit never moved but the reconnaissance sections made several reconnoiters of probable routes. Weather clear and col. D11, E14, B15.

3 March 45 - Unit moved to Niederssem 253656 at 0830 closed at 1030. We were ordered to help task force Richardson and take Stonaneln 315694. Dog & Easy Companies and two companies of doughs moved thru Busdorf 283665 and passed to the North of Fliesden 302666 and came up around the Southwest of Stonanelm. Unit crossed the railroad and entered the objective at 1500. Lost 2 tanks, one of Easy Co's. and one of Dog's. A great deal of Artillery was received as the unit entered the objective. One of the tanks was lost due to artillery. Very little small arms was encountered. 120 prisoners taken and 2 self propelled guns and one MIV were destroyed. D10, E12, B15. Weather clear and fair. Rear C.P. moved to Fliesden. Plans were made to attack Roggendorf.

4 March 45 - Dog and Easy and two companies of doughs attacked Roggendorf 378726 from the south. Entered the town with very little opposition. On the South end of town, a M4 American tank fired on the task force and hit a tank destroyer, killing 4 of its crew. Easy Co. destroyed the M4, which was manned by a German crew. A large Anti-Tank ditch was built on the south end of town which the force bypassed. Approximately 125 prisoners were taken in this town, which was cleared out by 1330. At 1500, the entire unit attacked Warringen 389745 from the southwest. Town was taken and cleared by 1730. The first troops of the 1st Army to reach the Rhine. A counter attack consisting of 2 MVI and 100 enemy doughs attacked from the South at 1745. The attack was broken up and one of the MVI were destroyed. At 1830 Task Force Yomans relieved Task Force Lovelady, which pulled back to Roggendorf. Plans were made to attack toward the South. With Cologne as the final objective. D8, E9, B15. Weather cool and hazy. 380 prisoners captured, 2 tanks destroyed. Easy Co. did a very good job by clearing out their parts of the objectives and by holding off the counter attack.

5 March 45 - Three of our dough company's jumped off at 0400 to attack Kulingen 418714 and Weiller 403698. They were held up a few hundred yards south of Roggendorf by emplaced machine guns. The tanks from Dog and Easy went down to help them and Weiller was taken at 0930. 80 prisoners were taken, Dog and Easy moved east to attack Fuhlingen. Easy received some artillery. Dog lost one tank and one tiger was destroyed at Fuhlingen. About another 80 prisoners were taken and then Dog and Easy and two companies of doughs moved south at about 1300. Easy attacked a patch of woods 1000 yds. southwest of Feldkussell. Dog received some anti-tank fire and that was neutralized by artillery. Dog received more anti-tank fire and was unable to proceed by nightfall. Seven enemy tanks were observed about 2000 yds. south of Feldkussell. Dog then withdrew to outflank the Seven enemy tanks, became confused in direction and ended up at the town of Kasselberg 445716.

✓ 5 March 45 (Contd.) - This town is situated on the Rhine River, north of Cologne. Easy Co. withdrew to Feldkussell after dark. Tank losses were one for Easy and one for Dog. Bn. Tk. Strength D11, E9, B16. Weather was cool and hazy.

6 March 45 - Dog, Easy and two companies of Infantry jumped off at 0400 for Merkenich, 455700, they were guided to their objectives by white phosphorus fired by the artillery, the town was cleared by 0800. Baker and one company of infantry went southeast to envelope the force that held up the Bn. on March 5, the enemy had pulled out so Baker did not meet any opposition. Unit was called out of the line and put in reserve. Dog bivouaced at 440665. Baker at 428701 and Easy at Merkenich 455700. The C.P. is at 439673. Unit closed at 1630. An artillery barrage of 6 shells came in at 1715. No casualties. Our C.P. is located in a rayon factory and the area is full of civilians.

7 March 45 - Our unit pulled back to a rear area at Pulheim 357670 and is attached to C C Howes. The Bn. trans are bivouaced here also. Unit left their former assembly area at 1630 and closed at 0130. Weather clear and cool. D11, E9, B13.

8 March 45 - We are on a one hour alert. The enemy tried to build a bridge on the Rhine River at Worringen 389745. It was destroyed by friendly artillery. We were then alerted to move to the south in the vicinity of Modrath 290550 and assemble. We are being attached to the 1st. Infantry Division who almost have possession of a bridge across the Rhine at Bonn. We left our present area at 1721 and closed at 2340. Still attached to C C Howes and their C.P. is located at 355470. Weather cool and raining. D12, E9, B14.

9 March 45 - Unit is in good quarters and the 3rd Bn. 36 Armd. Inf. Regt. is attached to us and billeted with us. Weather cool and damp.

10 March 45 - We are on a one hour alert. The 1st Infantry Division, which the Third Armored is attached to, is trying to obtain a bridge across the Rhine. In the event they are successful, we help them to establish a bridgehead. D10, E10, B16.

11 March 45 - A unit commanders meeting was held where a training program was outlined. The training is to be of eight hours daily. Fraternization was also brought up and more stringent rules were to be enforced. D10, E12, B17.

12 March 45 - Training program started today which consisted mainly of road marches and maintenance. Men are now on "B" rations, a movie projector has been obtained and two shows nightly are being shown. Weather warmer and clear. D11, E13, B17.

13 March 45 - A defense system was set up for the area and Easy Co. was assigned road blocks. D11, E14, B16.

15 March 45 - Company training was continued with Dog and Easy Co. firing on the range. Concrete was added as additional protection to four of Easy Co. tanks. D12, E14, B17.

18 March 45 - Battalion moved to new bivouac area at Berrenrath, 355527. Unit I.P. at 0800 and closed at 1230. Weather clear and warm. D15, E16, B16.

20 March 45 - Training is being continued on an eight hour schedule. Baker is firing on a small arms range. A range was selected for tank firing. Guard posts were designated for control of civilians and military personnel. Weather clear and warm. D15, E16, B17.

22 March 45 - Prepared to move to assembly area across the Rhine River, recon was made of routes and the recon Plt. bivouaced in the new area. D16, E15, B17.

23 March 45 - Unit I+P at 0751 with attached infantry 2nd Bn. 414th Inf. closed at assembly area 1215. The T-26's were unable to cross the bridge and were ferried over. Our assembly area is at Grafenhohn 676324. Troops are bivouaced in the open. Dog Co. is separated and is bivouaced about one and one-half miles east. The roads are bad because they twist and curve, bridges are small. C.O. went to a unit commanders meeting and plans were made to attack at 0400, on 25 March with Altenkirchen as the final objective. Weather clear and warm, roads very dusty. D16, E15, B17.

24 March 45 - Plans and reconnaissance of routes and attack were made to get to the objective of Altenkirchen, 935320. Friendly infantry were having a difficult time getting to their objective, which is to be our line of departure. C.P. moved up to Eudenbach 729323 at 1700. Occasional round of artillery landed in the vicinity of the C.P. A change of route was designated because of 415th Inf. not getting to their objective. D16, E15, B17.

25 March 45 - Task force moved out and crossed the line of departure at 0430. Mines were encountered before reaching the line of departure and they were removed. Dog and George Co. Inf. 414th led the attack. Two tanks were lost after crossing the L.D. due to mines. The force continued East and at 2000 were at Fiersback 832330, a gain of six miles. Further into the Reich than any other unit and move of a gain in one day that other units were unable to do in a week. Dog lost one tank due to S.P. and two due to mechanical trouble. Easy destroyed one tank by knocking the barrel off. Total enemy equipment destroyed two tanks, four AT guns, three S.Ps, seventeen trucks, three medium artillery pieces and prime movers, two flak guns and 95 prisoners. Weather clear and warm. D10, E15, B17.

26 March 45 - Battalion jumped off at 0700. We were held up practically all day by anti-tank gun and doughs. Easy was in woods and unable to maneuver. Easy Co. doughs worked around to the right and that enemy strong-point was eliminated. On breaking out of the woods, Easy received direct fire from the right and left flanks. Artillery succeeded in destroying two S.P.'s. at this place. The air was called and P 47's knocked out one enemy tank and strafed other suspected places. Easy destroyed one S.P. and then the column moved on to its first objective - Altenkirchen. The C.P. is located 2000 yards east of Altenkirchen. No casualties as to vehicles except for two stuck. Weather cool with intermittent drizzling. D9, E-11, B15.

27 March 45 - Unit moved east at 0730 in rear of Task Force Kane. We followed this unit for several miles and then we went in rear of Task Force Doan. Several enemy vehicles were found along the road that were still burning from Task Force Doans column. We bivouaced at column closed at 2000. Plans were made to attack Marburg. Weather clear and warm. D10, E12, B15.

28 March 45 - Task Force Lovelady moved out at 0730 with Dog Co. in the lead. Very little resistance was met and the force arrived on its objective at 1030. A great number of prisoners were taken, the surprise element of the attack resulted in over 2000 being taken. Seven trucks were destroyed plus a supply dump of fuel. None of our vehicles were lost, the column was held up on the south edge of Marburg so the main body swung north and entered Marburg from the west. A unit was sent down the road to meet Dog Co. that was held up at the road block and then the main route was cleared. A great deal of trouble with the civilians, they are more arrogant than those we have met before. Fraternization was rampant. A large army hospital was located in Marburg and a number of American wounded were retaken. Road blocks were set up and the town was secured at 1500. Col. Griffin from the Seventh Armored Division came to our C.P. and showed us the location of his forward elements, they were located to the southeast and held the high ground. If it weren't for the large number of prisoners taken, it is possible that we might have moved out to a new objective. Weather clear and warm. D10, E11, B15.

29 March 45 - Reconnaissance Co. moved out to the north at 0500. With the main body to follow at 0700. This Task Force is to take the West route and go north with three other task forces in the Division, going north on parallel routes. Our objective is Paderborn, 705475. When that objective is reached, we will link up with the 9th Army and pocket up a large portion of the Ruhr Valley. The Reconnaissance Co. ran into bazooka and small arms fire about 7000 yards north of Marburg.

The main body swung east and outflanked this strong point and continued down the main route. Dog Co. ran into bazooka fire and small arms fire and lost one tank at Munchausen 689629. This position was outflanked and Easy Co. took the lead and continued down the main road. The force continued north, destroying five trucks, capturing approximately one hundred seventy (170) prisoners and overran two large railroad guns. The roads were lined with freed slave labor - French, Russian and Poles - who apparently were happy to see us. We bivouaced for the night at Twiste 050860. The Force has traveled a distance of 48 miles today. D lost two tanks, Easy has three stuck. Weather clear and warm. D8, E8, B14.

30 March 45 - We moved out at 0700 with Easy Co. in the lead. Force continued north rapidly and ran into a group of branches on the road that looked as though it were a road block. Baker, with five light tanks, started to outflank the position when it was discovered that the road block was faked. Baker took the lead and continued rapidly down the road and ran into a road block at Wrexen 878241 and three of its tanks were bazooked. Several infantrymen were killed and wounded and three tankmen were killed from Baker Co. Easy caught up with the three tanks and helped to ease the situation. We are now encountering Adolph Hitler SS Divisions. Easy was unable to advance and the doughs were sent out to clear the high ground on the left side so that the road block could be cleared. Our opposition consisted mainly of bazooka men. Bazookas were used against us in large numbers and they caused considerable casualties. Easy had two tanks knocked out, two tankmen unaccounted for. Dog didn't have a casualty, Baker lost three tanks. Weather cool and cloudy, About 35 prisoners were taken and an estimate of 15 enemy dead.

31 March 45 - Dog Co. jumped off at 0700 to clear the road so the column could advance. A captured American tank manned by enemy gunners was encountered, but it quickly withdrew. Easy committed two tanks to help Fox Co. Inf. to take the high ground to the west, where bazooka and infantry were dug in. An order was received to withdraw and proceed on another route to the west with a different objective. After starting over the new route, a different objective was given to us and we encountered enemy small arms and bazooka fire. We lost one tank and captured an SS officer. Weather cool and cloudy.

1 April 45 - We withdrew from the fighting at 0300 and were to proceed over the new route to jump off at 0600 for our original objective of Paderborn. We had difficulty withdrawing because of the terrain and proceeded to our line of departure and moved out at 0730. The town of Paderborn was taken without any tank losses at 1200. A considerable amount of sniper fire was encountered. About 160 prisoners were taken. Weather cool and cloudy. D10, E7, B8.

2 April 45 - A G-2 report was received that at Marburg we captured an enemy hospital filled with about 6000 enemy wounded and at Arolsen we overran another hospital containing 1057 patients, a staff of 13 officers and 46 enlisted men and nurses.

Baker Co. was sent out on a mission to clean out the town of Dahl, 1500 yards east of Paderborn. Baker captured 15 prisoners and had little opposition. B10, E8, D7.

4 April 45 - Moved to new location at 761411, Ebberinghausen, and cleared at 1840. Preparations were made to attack east the next morning. B11, E9, D7.

5 April 45 - Task Force moved out at 0700 with Dog Co. in the lead. We arrived at our objective at 1800 and withstood no losses. Captured fifteen P.W.'s. and our objective was occupied by 9th Armored Division Tankmen, who had destroyed five enemy tanks on our objective of Weisen. We were alerted and a night march was planned, we moved at 2200. No opposition was encountered.

6 April 45 - At 0100 we ran in poor roads and the column was strung out. We sent a reconnaissance patrol out and they ran into an enemy road block and two enlisted men were killed and one officer seriously wounded. Leading elements ran into bazooka fire and small arms at the town of 039392. This town was cleared after considerable artillery fire was poured on it and taken at 1500. Captured 28 P.W., destroyed 3 trucks and 1 S.P. and killed 25 enemy, including some civilian volksturm. D8, E7, B9.

7 April 45 - We moved out to the east at 0630. We advanced to Diecel after having some trouble finding the correct route. Diecel surrendered without a shot fired. On the north end of town a few prisoners were taken after an exchange of shots. We pushed rapidly north and Baker Co. was in the lead. They ran into a road block defended by bazookas and small arms. Some artillery was received and the road block was cleared and we entered the town of Nordenhausen. Captured 45 prisoners, destroyed one tank and three enemy trucks. Weather clear and warm. D7, E8, B11.

8 April 45 - Sent an infantry patrol out to take high ground, Hill 276, to the east, which was taken without any opposition. An enemy patrol attempted to enter town at 0400 and 11 were captured and three were killed. Weather clear and warm. D8, E9, B11.

9 April 45 - The task force moved out at 0700 to assembly area, ran into bazooka and small arms fire which was rapidly overcome at Offensen 35 0350. Dog Co. leading ran into a stream with the bridge out. Another crossing was found and the T.F.L. continued on the Lenglern. Destroyed 1 tank, 1 S.P. and 20 P.W's. D10, E10, B12.

10 April 45 - Moved out and moved rapidly to the east, crossed bridges at Gieboldenhausen without any troubles. Ran into bazooka fire and small arms fire, captured 160 P.W. and coiled at 2200 due to darkness. D9, E10, B14.

11 April 45 - Moved out to Nerdhausen with Easy Co. in the lead. Sniper fire and bazooka fire was encountered at about 0900, was quickly cleared up and column moved on to Nordhausen, 35 PW and 2 trucks destroyed. D9, E11, B14.

12 April 45 - Moved out at 0600 for Allstedt. Dog Co. leading, ran into small arms and bazooka fire but the opposition was eliminated and column prepared to move on to the town of Wolfenhausen, where it coiled because of darkness. Captured 60 P.W's. Weather clear and warm. D7, E8, B14.

13 April 45 - Force moved out at 0600 and proceeded rapidly eastward until Dog Co., which was leading ran into cross direct fire at Unterrisdorf, 680315, two tanks and one peep were lost and a few dough casualties. Artillery fire was put on the tank guns and the doughs moved on around into town from the right flank and Baker Co. went around the left flank. The town was cleared about 1600 and the force moved on to Beesensteadt 769375 and coiled at 2000 on account of darkness. D7, E6, B14.

14 April 45 - Column was to move out and cross the bridge on Col. Welborn's route because our route was impassable, a bridge was blown. We crossed the bridge at 0900 and turned south to our route. Dog Co. was leading and ran into direct fire. Easy Co. pulled up on Dog's flanks and Easy Co. lost two tanks and Dog Co. one tank. Ran into bazooka fire at Zorbig 035459. Infantry was dug in and a great deal of opposition was encountered on attempting to enter the town. Heavy artillery concentrations were laid down with two squadrons of P47's strafing the town. Infantry and tanks entered the town using marching fire and the town was quickly taken. T.F.L. bivouaced east of Zorbig and moved the next morning.

15 April 45 - Moved out at 0600 and ran into dug in doughs, small arms bazooka fire on the west outskirts of Raguhn 148555. Considerable artillery and mortar was laid down and the force cleaned up the town by 1600. The bridge was blown and T.F.L. coiled. Baker Co. was sent north to clean out Thurland 099557 and then the woods north of this town. Baker proceeded with an infantry company. Baker Co. ran into small arms, bazooka fire, the town was cleared by darkness. 300 prisoners were captured, 100 enemy killed and one S.P. destroyed. D8, E8, B12.

16 April 45 - Dog Co. moved north from Raguhn to secure Prioren 140578 and Schieran 140597. They ran into small arms at Schieran and quickly cleared the town. Capturing 18 prisoners and a small Ammo dump. Then Easy Co. moved north with the 2nd Bn. 414th Inf. to attack through the woods and secure a road crossing south of Dessau. Then ran into considerable artillery and mortar fire and the infantry was bogged down. The C.P. moved to Thurland at 1600. D8, E8, B10.

17 April 45 - The Bn. C.P. was attacked at Thurland by a Bn. of enemy infantry at 0130. The C.P. was quickly overrun and the enemy captured the C.P. personnel almost in an entirety. The enemy succeeded in taking 113 prisoners in the town of Thurland and they were all put in a basement while the enemy proceeded to put up defenses to prevent a counterattack. The 83rd Armd. Recon. started a counterattack and entered Thurland at 2100, releasing the 113 prisoners. The enemy also succeeded in infiltrating the first few houses on the west end of Raguhn and killed Capt. Aldinger, as he had escaped capture and thought he was entering a friendly town. Weather clear and warm. D8, E8, B10.

18 April 45 - Patrols were run between Raguhn and Thurland, Prioran and Shieran. The infantry sent in good defenses in Raguhn in the event of the enemy trying a counterattack.

19 April 45 - Baker sent 3 tanks to Task Force Kogan to help reinforce his force at Aken. The infantry made plans to send a patrol over the stream in the attempt to get prisoners, but at 2300 a deserter entered our lines and the information in regards to the enemy disposition and strength was given by the deserter. D8, E9, B7.

20 April 45 - Easy sent 3 tanks south to secure the town of Bobban Steinforth, which was taken by Task Force Richardson. Easy Co. fired about 125 rounds into the other half of Raguhn, which had not been taken in the attempt to destroy observation posts. The infantry made plans to make a night attack at 0300 April 21, on the eastern half of Raguhn. Mortars and assault guns fired harrassing fire on the objective, some artillery and mortar fire was returned. D8, E8, B10.

21 April 45 - Task Force remained in defensive positions and continued patrol activity. Received light artillery and mortar fire during the day.

22 April 45 - Same

23 April 45 - Same - Mortar and artillery fire had subsided. Task Force was prepared to move to new assembly area on April 24.

24 April 45 - Task Force was relieved from defensive positions at 1000. At 1430, Task Force moved from assembly area near Tornau to reserve area. C.P. located at Tilleda, RD 3197, closed in bovuac by 2000.