

After Action Report

1st Recon Troop

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U S ARMY

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3 July 1944

SUBJECT : Historical Report for June 1944

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

THRU : Hq. Sp. Trs., 1st US Infantry Division, APO#1 U S Army.

1. General

At beginning of period Troop was located at Marshalling Camp # 74 located at Llantarnum, Monmouthshire, South Wales, U.K. preparing for the invasion of Normandy, France.

1 June 1944, The Officers were briefed on the operation to come, by Captain William L. Blake, Troop Commander.

2 June 1944, Vehicles were loaded onto MT 237 at Newport, Monmouth, Wales, on the ship with the vehicles were Captain, William L. Blake, Commanding, 1st Lt., Jerome Ennis (Platoon Leader,, 1st Platoon), 1st Lt., William F. Reich (Platoon Leader 2nd Platoon), 1st Lt., Casimir Lenard, (Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon), and eighty two (82) Enlisted men.

4 June 1944, The remainder of the troop under Lt. Paul L. Skogsberg, (Executive Officer,) and Lt., Louis S. Peek (Liason Officer), were transported by rail to Swansea where they boarded the US Army Transport General George S. Simonds.

6 June 1944, Invasion of France begun by the Allies.

7 June 1944, 2 Officers and 68 men landed at Omaha beach and moved to assembly area, vicinity, Collinville.

10 June 1944, 4 Officers and 82 men and all vehicles landed and moved to Troop assembly area where vehicles were completely dewaterproofed. Troop then marched to the vicinity of Cruellet. Bivouaced for the night.

111325 June 1944, Troop alerted to prepare for mission. Officers briefed at 1330 by Captain Blake. Troop to move south through Balleroy on main route to T373-633 in order of 2nd Platoon, 1st Platoon, 3rd Platoon, Troop Hqrs.. Reconnaissance by 3rd platoon to begin south of Castillon at point T373 633, 3rd Platoon to continue south in direction of Caumont; 1st Platoon to turn East and reconnoiter toward Le Pont Mulet; 2nd Platoon to turn west and reconnoiter toward Chemin de St Lo. At 1520 troop ordered by Division to move no further south than Molandin, and that elements of the 102nd Cavalry Group would move through the troop. Troop concentrated in wooded area 1/2 mile south of Balleroy, first Enemy contact by troop made by third platoon in vicinity of Planquery at approximately 1900B. No casualties. Troop given new mission, to patrol area in triangle formed by St Paul du Vernay, Trunzy, La Muliatiere. An armored car sent to 26th Inf Regt. Hq as liason and one to the British 231st Brigade Hq., Officers briefed at approximately 2300 hrs. and troop madenight march north through Balleroy and north east to Subles, and south from there to execute mission.

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120630 June 1944, Mission called off and troop assembled area 1 mile north of St Paul du Vernay. New mission at 0700. Contact was still to be maintained between flanks of British 50th Division and American 1st Division with active patrolling. 1st Division advance on Caumont creates big gap which is patrolled by troop. 2nd platoon sent out first at 0715. Others to follow when needed to accomplish troop mission. 1st Platoon sent out at 1130. Third Platoon moved out at 1300B. At approximately 1600B. British Reconnaissance elements began to work into our area in an attempt to work around strong points in their sector. At approximately 1700B. British 7th Armored Division began moving into area troop was working in. Third platoon engaged enemy A/C and dismounted men in vicinity la Mulotiere and inflicted casualties, without loss to themselves. Second platoon encountered enemy tanks and patrols in vicinity la rue de Parfouru and was cut off. Lt. Reich withdrew his platoon to cover and brought it out intact. Two prisoners taken by 2nd platoon. 2nd platoon recalled, 1st and 3rd to continue mission, with listening posts. A/C sent as liaison with British 7th Armored Division. Mission received at 2300 B., for 2nd platoon for 13 June 1944, to reconnoiter area south of Caumont in conjunction with advance of 26th Infantry.

130500B. June 1944, 2nd and 3rd platoon at jump off point. Mission cancelled. 3rd platoon recalled and held in reserve. Two (2) prisoners captured by 1st platoon. 1st platoon assigned mission of reconnaissance to Villers Bocage. Second platoon assigned mission of Reconnaissance toward Parfouru L'Eclon to contact British and to maintain contact. 2000B., 1st Platoon relieved by 3rd platoon and held in reserve. No physical contact with enemy during day; much enemy activity observed.

14 June 1944; Mission of liason and protection of 1st Division flank continued. 2000B. 2nd platoon relieved by 1st and held in reserve. First hot meal since landing gotten out to platoons by kitchen between 1900 and 2200.

15. June 1944; Mission continued; 1600 1st and 3rd platoons called in to bivouac one mile north of Caumont. Troop moved at 2100B., to new Bivouac 2 miles south of Balleroy.

16 June 1944; Troop in rest and motor maintenance, two third platoon A/C's that were still out with British called in. During the period, the troop's main mission was protection of the Division's exposed flank with specific orders to give timely warning of concentrated enemy attack.

17 June 1944, Troop assigned mission at 0940 B, to relieve "A" Troop 38th Reconnaissance Squadron. 1st Platoon to fill in gap between the 26th Infantry Regiment, on the Divisions left flank and the British 6th Queens Battalion, 2nd platoon to move into reserve support position 1 mile west of Livry, Hq and 3rd platoon to move to 26th Infantry CP, at la Brasardiere. Rear Echelon to remain in Bivouac south of Balleroy. Troop moved out at 1000B. Area found to be too large for one platoon to handle and 2nd platoon moved up into position. Cal. 30 Mg's dismounted and platoon dug in. Vehicle cancelled behind lines. 1900B orders received that British at Briquessard would withdraw at 2315B and link with 26th Infantry Regiment, this pinching out the troop. 1st and 2nd platoon position brought under heavy enemy artillery fire between 1930B., and 2000B. A first platoon A/C collided with a British tank at Briquessard. Platoons pulled back by Captain Blake. Troop assigned mission of liason with British, A/C from 1st platoon sent to 5th Queens Battalion, 1 A/C 2 jeeps from second platoon sent to 6th Queens Battalion, 1 A/C 2 Jeeps (Second platoon) to 7th Queens Battalion, and 1 A/C, 2 jeeps (2nd Platoon) to 3rd Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment.

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18 June 1944, 0900B., 1st Platoon recalled to Bivouac at rear C.P. south of Balleroy. The A/C on liason remaining out. Mission continued through 30 June 1944. 2nd Platoon relieved by 1st., 26th June 1944.

2. Strength Report

- a. Troop Strength on 1 June - 184
- b. Net Increase during month - 25
- c. Losses during month - 20
- d. Troop Strength at end of June 179

3. Station -

- 2 June, 4 Officers and 82 men, and all vehicles from Marshalling Camp # 74 to MT (Motor Transport) 237.
- 4 June, 2 Officers and 68 Enlisted men from Marshalling Camp #74 to Swansea, England, to board USAT General George S. Simonds.
- 7 June, 2 Officers and 68 Enlisted Men from USAT General George S. Simonds, to Normandy, France.
- 10 June, 4 Officers and 82 Enlisted Men from MT 237 to Normandy, France.

4. Marches - None

5. Campaigns - Invasion of Normandy, France.

6. Battles - Caumont.

7. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements
Captain William L. Blake, Troop Commander.

8. Losses in Action - None. 1 Armored Car 7 EM

9. Awards, Decorations and Citations, (None.)

10. Photographs of personnel or important scenes or events (None.)

11. Synopsis of Lessons Learned. - (None.)

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
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7 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended, the following report after action, for the month of July 1944 is submitted:

1. Our Front line - Mayenne, Brittany
2. Location of Troops -
 - a. Headquarters Platoon one mile west of Mayenne.
 - b. Second and Third Platoon on outpost line north of Mayenne on left flank of the 16th Infantry Regiment.
 - c. First Platoon at Division Headquarters.
3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops.
Liaison and direct radio communication with 16th Infantry Regimental Headquarters and Division Headquarters.
4. Our operations for the period -
Early in the period work was confined to liaison with units on the Divisions left flank in the vicinity of Caumont.
On the 13th of July Troop was relieved by the Fifth Reconnaissance Troop and moved to the vicinity of Columbieres.
Later in the period Troop was used for long range reconnaissance before the Divisions advances. The Troop has been going steadily since 27 July.
5. Weather and visibility - Favorable throughout period.
6. Combat efficiency - Combat efficiency during period cut down by loss of radio operators through injury and sickness. Combat efficiency also affected by shortage of one 60 MM Mortar per Platoon.
7. Results of Operations - Much enemy information gotten and passed on to Division. Division aided in siezing long range objectives by the Troop reconnoitering in front of Motorized columns.

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S - 3 Periodic Report

From: 0001 hours 1 August 1944
To : 2400 hours 31 August 1944
Unit: 1st Reconnaissance Troop
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1. Our Front Line - At the end of the period our Front line was in the form of a screen on the Division's left flank northeast of Iacon.
2. Location of Troops - a.) Troop C. P. and Headquarters platoon at 135125, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Iacon. b.) 1st and 2nd Platoons in Screen along arc 944151 to 058183. c.) 3rd Platoon at Division C.P.
3. Information of Adjacent units and Supporting Troops - The troop was tied in with the 16th Infantry on the left and the 18th Infantry on the right. Contact had been maintained previously with the 4th Infantry Division on the Division's left flank.
4. Our Operations for the Period. - On the 31st of July the troop had begun a mission of reconnaissance preceeding a motorized column of the 18th Infantry Regiment to Brecy. The 16th and 26th Infantry preceeded by Tank columns were on paralell routes on either flank. Mission was not begun until dark. On the 1st August 1944, troop continued mission. Reconnaissance was slowed down by darkness. Early in the morning leading elements encountered enemy and was cut off and forced to fight its way back. One P.W. taken and on interrogation revealed that there were ninty (90) men dug in at this point. Dismounted reconnaissance revealed that there were a large number. Two (2) companies were dismounted to attack the position, but the enemy withdrew. Troop continued reconnaissance to Brecy and on reaching the town secured the bridges across the river to the south of the town. Approximately forty (40) P.W.'s were taken enroute and small enemy pockets engaged and dispersed. For the next three days the troop performed reconnaissance missions to the east of Brecy, on both sides of the rivers. Small enemy groups here were engaged and routed. Casualties inflicted on enemy and P.W.'s taken. An O.P. was located and artillery fire directed on enemy positions with good results. On 5th August troop moved south to Buais and screened to the south-east of the town. One platoon was sent to Mayenne in the evening and arrived around midnight. Elements of the 90th Division were contacted there. Very little was known of the enemy situation in the vicinity. The rest of the troop followed on 6 August early in the morning and a screen was put out by the troop to the east of Mayenne. Reconnaissance was also performed in addition to the screen, and the enemy positions were felt out. P.W.'s were taken and from the information they gave and what the platoons had found the troop was able to develop the enemy situation. During the night one platoon engaged an enemy column and fired at it with everything they had. The enemy column was forced to withdraw. P.W.'s taken revealed that the column was from the 9th Panzer Division, that it was a Battalion attack and that their mission was to secure andhold at all costs, the bridge over the Mayenne River in Mayenne. The order of march for the attack was three (3) half-tracks followed by six (6) Panther tanks. Followed by 18 half-tracks, which was the spearhead of the attack. The enemy was completely taken by surprise and forced to withdraw in a disorganized manner. No further attack was made at this point. During the next few days the troop performed reconnaissance south and southeast of Mayenne. On the 8th August troop was given mission to push reconnaissance east of Mayenne through Aron. Enemy engaged west of Aron and forced to withdraw. Mission then cancelled.

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On 13 August, division began advance to northeast from Mayenne to point short of Briouze. During this period the troop performed a screening mission on the Division right flank; tying in with the Division's right flank and the 3rd Armored Division's left flank, when La Ferte Macé was reached. The 9th Infantry Division's right flank and the Armored Division, and the troop tied in with them. Small enemy groups were encountered all along the way. Casualties were inflicted. Several vehicles knocked out and many P.W.'s taken. On 16 August the troop ran into an enemy strong point south of Briouze. Here one man was killed, one seriously wounded and three slightly wounded. Troop had no activity during the next four days. On 23rd August troop began moving eastward through friendly territory, and arrived at Bouray north of Etampes 25th August 1944. On 26 August the troop was assigned the mission of reconnoitering bridges across the Siene river in the Division's sector. This was done and after crossing the river the troop proceeded to reconnoiter east of the river in the Division's sector. From 27 August to 29 August 1944, troop had mission of preceding two combat teams of Division, (18th and 26th Infantry) and to maintain contact between their forward elements and the rear elements of the 3rd Armored Division. On 30 August troop began mission of screening Division's left flank, and maintaining contact with friendly units in the vicinity.

5. Weather and Visibility - Weather and visibility early in the period were good. Late in the period quite a bit of rain, and sky overcast most of the time and visibility cut down.

6. Combat Efficiency - Combat efficiency stepped up early in period by addition of one (1) 60MM mortar per platoon, but gradually cut down during period by loss of personnel. Troop strength at beginning of period, 9 Officers and 177 Enlisted Men; at the end of period, 6 Officers and 154 Enlisted Men.

7. Result of Operations - Progress of Division's Motorized columns speeded up by reconnaissance of our platoons. In Mayenne the entire enemy situation was developed by the Troop. At different times the Division's flanks were protected by the Troop and Liaison established with friendly troops on Division's flanks, Division was also kept informed as to their progress and location.

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
A. P. O. #1. U. S. ARMY

3 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as amended, and letter First U. S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319.1/401 (C), subject: Action against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports, the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 September 1944
To : 2400 hrs 30 September 1944

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 October 1944
Eyksken, Belgium

Maps: 15 St Quentin 1/100,000
GS GS 4040 Maubeuge 88 1/50,000
GS GS 4040 Charleroi 77 1/50,000
GS GS 4249 Namur 12 1/100,000
GS GS 4040 Liege 69 1/50,000
GS GS 4040 Verviers 70 1/50,000
GS GS 4040 Aachen 59 1/50,000
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1. ENEMY.

- a. The units were mixed and scattered.
- b. None known.
- c. During this period, the enemy had no definite line. Only scattered strong points were held by the enemy, in an attempt to stem the allied advance into Germany.
- d. The enemy morale seemed to have dropped considerably with our rapid advance, as the number of German deserters increased.
- e. The enemies' plan seemed to be to get as many troops back into Germany as soon as possible, in order to defend that border at the Siegfried Line.

2. OWN SITUATION.

- a. Screen on Divisions' left flank between the 18th Infantry Regiment, and XIX Corps.

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2. OWN SITUATION. (Cont'd)

b. Troop CP located at 775383.

1st platoon positions: 777420 - 780413 - 788415.

2nd platoon positions: 790409 - 793410.

3rd platoon positions: 769437 - 767430 - 773425.

c. During the period the 3rd Armored Division was in advance of the Division, and the 4th U.S. Infantry Division on the left flank with the 2nd Armored Division.

d. At the start of the period, the Troop was being used to reconnoiter in front of the division as it advanced, and to keep contact between the forward elements of the Division and the rear elements of the 3rd Armored Division.

On the 1st of September, the mission was to screen the Divisions exposed left flank, with orders to maintain contact with elements of the 4th Division and the 16th Infantry's left flank. Mission continued until the 4th of September when the Troop received an area to mop up behind the Division lines. Eighty-three (83) prisoners were taken during the day.

On the 5th of September, the Troop moved north to Mons, and then north-east to contact the 2nd Armored Division. The 82nd Reconnaissance Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division was contacted at about 1200 hours.

On the 6th of September, the Troop again began performing screening missions of the Divisions' left flank. Missions continued on the 7th, with one platoon, and the other platoon preceded the 16th Infantry Regiment. The enemy was engaged four (4) times during these two (2) days, and ten (10) enemy known killed, nine (9) known wounded, and thirty-one (31) captured.

On the 8th of September, the Troop preceded the Division to the Meuse River, and contacted the 3rd Armored Division there.

On the 10th of September, the Troop crossed the Meuse River, and pushed reconnaissance to the north and formed screen on the Divisions left flank, between the Meuse River and the Divisions' objective. As the Troop pushed north to take up its positions, large numbers of mines, road-blocks, and booby-traps were encountered and slowed down progress considerably. One (1) officer and one (1) enlisted man were killed by a booby-trapped mine.

This mission was continued until the 18th of September, with the screen moving forward as the Divisions' troops advanced. Contact was maintained with the XIX Corps on our left flank.

On the 18th of September, static positions were taken up, and held until the end of the period.

On the 24th of September, a company of the 18th Infantry on our right flank, was pulled out and our screen was extended to tie in with the 1st Bn of the 18th Infantry. In order to perform this mission, it was necessary to use the biggest part of the platoon at Div Hq guard.

Throughout the later part of the period, the Troops positions received sporadic artillery fire from the Siegfried Line. The Troop worked in close cooperation with the pro-allied civilians in their vicinity, picking up pro-nazi civilians as well as prisoners of war.

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2. OWN SITUATION. (Cont'd)

- e. There was no material change in the combat efficiency during the period.
- f. During the greater part of the period, the Troop was used on screening missions on the Divisions' left flank, at first tying in with the V Corps, and then with XIX Corps. Approximately one hundred seventy-one (171) prisoners of war were taken, and a number killed.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE.

- a. No replacements were needed, as unit casualties were being returned from the hospitals.
- b. Losses in action were one (1) officer and one (1) enlisted man killed in action, and one (1) enlisted man wounded and evacuated.
- c. One hundred seventy-one (171) prisoners were captured during this period.
- d. Not known.
- e. Not known.
- f. Not known.
- g. The roads were good, but under enemy observation and sporadic artillery fire.

4. GENERAL.


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3 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

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From: 0001 hrs 1 October 1944
To : 2400 hrs 31 October 1944

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 November 1944
Aachen, Germany

Maps: GSGS 4040 Aachen 59 1/50,000
GSGS 4040 Verviers 70 1/50,000
GSGS 4414 Herzogenrath 5102 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 Aachen 5202 1/25,000
GSGS 4336 Liege 9 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 Koln R1 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 Bonn S1 1/100,000

1. Enemy

a. Units to our direct front were the 19th GAF Bn. and elements of the 246th Inf Div.

b.

c. During the period the enemy held Aachen with a narrow corridor open to the city. When the city had fallen the line to the east of the city remained.

d. The enemy morale was fair during the early part of the month but seemed to be better in the latter part of the month, as the number of deserters decreased.

e. The enemies plan seemed to be to hold the city of Aachen and to keep a corridor open to the city.

2. Own Situation.

a. Support position in rear of 30th Reconnaissance Troop.

b. Troop CP plus 3rd Platoon and one section of 1st Platoon located at 847450. 2nd Platoon in position at 852457.

c. During the period the Troop was disposed along a screen between the 1106th Eng. Group on the right and the 116th Infantry Regiment on the left. The line was generally to the South-west of Vaals, Holland. Later in the period the 116th Infantry Regiment on our left was relieved by the 1104th Eng. Group.

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d. Early in the period the only activity along our front was patrolling - at night by the enemy and during the day by our unit. Our line was thinly held and so mines and booby traps were used extensively to discourage the enemy, and to give timely warning of his approach. The Troop worked in close cooperation with the Hollanders and apprehended all pro-Nazi's in the vicinity.

From about the 5th to the 12th the enemy was inactive. All artillery in the area ceased and not much or many night patrols approached, our day-light patrols found enemy pill boxes still occupied however.

On the 13th enemy patrols became active again, and as the squeeze was put on Aachen our patrols became more aggressive. Armored cars were brought into Vaals and fired at the pill boxes to harass the enemy.

19 October the Troop moved into Vaals in coordination with the units on our flanks.

21 October relieved and held in reserve in Vaals.

On the 25th October Troop moved into a reserve support position behind the 30th Reconnaissance Troop.

e. No material change in combat efficiency during the month, or period.

f. During the period 17 PW's were taken, and 18 civilians were turned in.

3. Administration

a. No replacements needed.

b. Losses in action were one enlisted man wounded and evacuated.

c. 17 prisoners captured.

d. Not known.

e. Not known.

f. Not known.

g. Roads generally good, but muddy in places.

4. General

Awards and Decorations:

Silver Star

1st Lt. Jerome E. Ennis

Purple Heart

Pfc Leo J. Mashaw

Pfc Warren E. Moe

Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart

1st Lt. Jerome E. Ennis



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1st Lt. Cav.

Executive Officer

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From: 0001 hrs 30 Sept 44
To : 2359 hrs 30 Sept 44

30 September 1944: No change. Four (4) PW's taken by 1st platoon at day-break. One (1) Battalion of 29th Division replaced 125th Cavalry on our left flank.

s/ Paul L. Skogsberg
t/ PAUL L. SKOGSBERG
1st Lt Cav
Historian.

From: 0001 hrs 1 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 1 Oct 44

1 October 1944: First Battalion of 116th Infantry Regiment on our left flank. No change in mission. Two (2) PW's captured.

From: 0001 hrs 2 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 2 Oct 44

2 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 3 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 3 Oct 44

3 October 1944: First Battalion of 116th Infantry Regiment overlapped our left flank positions. 3rd platoon moved from overlapped position to one of the positions held by the 1st platoon. 1st platoon strengthened its positions at 788417 with the section relieved by 3rd platoon. One (1) PW was taken, a deserter from the 246th Division.

From: 0001 hrs 4 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 4 Oct 44

4 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 5 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 5 Oct 44

5 October 1944: One (1) civilian picked up on suspicion.

From: 0001 hrs 6 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 6 Oct 44

6 October 1944: Three (3) PW's taken from 19th GAF.

From: 0001 hrs 7 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 7 Oct 44

7 October 1944: Three (3) suspicious civilians picked up and turned in.

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From: 0001 hrs 8 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 8 Oct 44

8 October 1944: One (1) PW taken. One (1) civilian picked up and turned in.

From: 0001 hrs 9 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 9 Oct 44

9 October 1944: Three (3) suspicious civilians picked up and turned in.

From: 0001 hrs 10 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 10 Oct 44

10 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 11 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 11 Oct 44

11 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 12 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 12 Oct 44

12 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 13 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 13 Oct 44

13 October 1944: 2nd platoon patrol to 802425, drew machine-gun and small arms fire from area vicinity of 803428. Six (6) PW's taken. Two (2) suspicious civilians picked up and turned in. Two (2) Frenchmen (former German PW's) picked up and turned in.

From: 0001 hrs 14 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 14 Oct 44

14 October 1944: 3rd platoon patrol advanced to within 30 yards of enemy pill-box vicinity of Schnee-B woods before drawing fire and withdrew. 2nd platoon patrol drew fire from vicinity 804424. Two (2) suspicious civilians picked up and turned in.

From: 0001 hrs 15 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 15 Oct 44

15 October 1944: 3rd platoon patrol found enemy pill-boxes vicinity of Schnee-B woods still occupied. Enemy began active night patrolling again. At about 0230 hours, 3rd platoon positions approached but enemy driven off. Civilians in Vaals report four (4) enemy wounded and treated in Vaals.

From: 0001 hrs 16 Oct 44

To : 2359 hrs 16 Oct 44

16 October 1944: 3rd platoon patrols of two (2) armored cars escorted half-track with public-address system, to give the enemy in Schnee-B woods a propaganda speech. Patrol did not draw fire. Civilian family in Vaals known to have Nazi ties picked up and turned in. Enemy patrols active again. 3rd platoon engaged the enemy at about 0300 hours. Civilians in Vaals report four (4) enemy dead and two (2) wounded.

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From: 0001 hrs 17 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 17 Oct 44

17 October 1944: Enemy night patrols active again, but driven off by 3rd platoon again.

From: 0001 hrs 18 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 18 Oct 44

18 October 1944: Intermittent harassing fire was laid down on Vaals during the night to discourage enemy in town. No patrolling by enemy. At about 1500 hours, patrol of three (3) armored cars and three (3) jeeps entered Vaals and engaged enemy pill-boxes and withdrew. One (1) armored car hit mines on way out. Cpl Williams evacuated. Lt Ganskri, Tec 5 Nelson, Tec 5 Kinney and Pvt Shaffer slightly injured but not evacuated. One (1) PW taken and three (3) civilians picked up and turned in as suspects.

From: 0001 hrs 19 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 19 Oct 44

19 October 1944: 1104th Engineer Battalion pushed south to take over Schnee-B woods and Troop moved into Vaals and took up new positions. Three (3) PW'S taken.

From: 0001 hrs 20 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 20 Oct 44

20 October 1944: Right flank of Troop screen pushed forward to maintain contact with 1106th Engineer Group. One (1) armored car to 1104th Engineer Group and one (1) armored car to 26th Infantry Regiment for liaison.

From: 0001 hrs 21 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 21 Oct 44

21 October 1944: Troop CP moved from Moresnet to Vaals, Holland. Troop relieved in afternoon and assembled in Vaals.

From: 0001 hrs 22 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 22 Oct 44

22 October 1944: Troop in reserve in Vaals. Maintenance held of all vehicles and equipment.

From: 0001 hrs 23 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 23 Oct 44

23 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 24 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 24 Oct 44

24 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 25 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 25 Oct 44

25 October 1944: Troop moved into position behind 30th Reconnaissance Troop of 30th US Inf Div. 2nd platoon moved into position, and remainder of Troop in reserve about one (1) mile north of Aachen. Enemy harassing artillery fire laid down in vicinity but not on Troop.

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26 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 26 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 26 Oct 44

27 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 27 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 27 Oct 44

28 October 1944: 1st platoon (at Division CP for security) sent out to look for German radio car reported in Division area.

From: 0001 hrs 28 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 28 Oct 44

29 October 1944: No change. 1st platoon still out, but no radio cars found.

From: 0001 hrs 29 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 29 Oct 44

30 October 1944: No change.

From: 0001 hrs 30 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 30 Oct 44

31 October 1944: No Change.

From: 0001 hrs 31 Oct 44
To : 2359 hrs 31 Oct 44

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U.S. ARMY

2 December 1944

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended, and Letter First U.S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319, 1/401 (C), Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports, the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 November 1944
To : 2400 hrs 30 November 1944

1st Reconnaissance Troop
2 December 1944
Wenau, Germany

Maps: GSGS 4040 Aachen 59 1/50,000
GSGS 4040 Verviers 70 1/50,000
GSGS 4416 Köln R1 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 Bonn S1 1/100,000
GSGS 4414 Eschweiler 5103 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 Düren 5104 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 Stelberg 5203 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 Lendersdorf 5204 1/25,000

1. Enemy

a. 47th Volksgrenadier Division, 12th Infantry Division, 3rd Parachute Division.

b.

c. During the period the enemy stubbornly resisted the Divisions advance toward the Roer River.

d. Enemy morale for the most part during the month was good - better than any time since the invasion began.

e. The enemy plan seemed to be to stall for time. He bitterly contested our advance toward the Roer. Three divisions faced us during the month, and other small units were thrown in to wear us down. The immediate plan was to make every town and village a strongpoint and fortress in itself.

2. Own Situation

a. At close of period Troop was performing mission of filling in gap between "K" Company 26th Infantry Regiment and a platoon of 634th T.D. Battalion Reconnaissance Company in the woods west of Merode.

b. 1. Troop CP located in vicinity Wenau.

2. 1st and 3rd Platoons in position along line from 037455 to 039460 with physical contact between the two and also with units of either flank.

3. One section of 2nd Platoon at Troop CP, one at Division CP, and one at Division Rear CP.

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2. "K" Company 26th Infantry Regiment on our left flank and 3rd Battalion 26th Infantry Regiment on our right flank.

3. At the start of the period the Troop was in a support position behind the 30th Reconnaissance Troop.

On 8 November the Troop moved to the Wenau Forest where the Division was assembling for relief by the 104th Infantry Division, in preparation for a thrust toward the Roer. Troop's first mission here was to protect the 33rd Field Artillery Battalion and a screen was put out to the east of their position at 989392. This mission was continued until 19 November when the Troop was given the mission of taking over 47th Infantry road blocks in the vicinity of Schevenhutte. From 20 November to 24 November the Troop filled in the gap between the 26th Infantry Regiment and the 8th Infantry Regiment. From 25 November to 28 November the Troop moved into the 26th Infantry's sector and filled in the gap between "K" Company and "G" Company. Troop was still in the same position at the close of the period.

4. No material change in combat efficiency during period.

5. During the period 18 P.W.'s were taken, two of which were from the 3rd Parachute Division which identified the unit on the 1st Division front.

3. Administration

a. 2 Replacements needed.

b. Losses in action were 6 Enlisted Men wounded and evacuated and 3 Enlisted Men Killed in Action.

c. 18 prisoners captured.

d. Not known.

e. Not known.

f. Not known.

g. Roads fair - muddy - very poor in places.

4. General

Awards and Decorations:

Silver Star

Tec 5 John M. O'Briant - Posthumous

Pvt Gordon E. Covell - Posthumous

Tec 4 Charles W. Webster

Pfc Warren E. Moe

Pvt Michael J. Zglobicki

Sgt Sidney S. Hazard

Pvt Bernard A. Helenke

Pvt Clifford C. Curry

Tec 5 James J. Brager

Bronze Star

Tec 5 Stanley E. Woods

Pvt Hazen G. McLeod

Tec 5 Hursel Halcomb

Tec 4 Raymond C. Millett

Tec 5 Edwin J. Lynn

Paul L. Skogberg
PAUL L. SKOGSBERG
1st Lt. Cav.
Executive Officer

FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U.S. ARMY

3 December 1944

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1 November 1944: No Change.

2 November 1944: 2nd Lt. Martin assigned to and joined the Troop.

3 November 1944: Harrassing fire finally hit Troop bivouac. 6 Rounds light artillery from S.P. gun land in ~~area~~ no casualties. One half-track hit by shrapnel, but not disabled.

4 November 1944: No Change.

5 November 1944: No Change.

6 November 1944: No Change.

7 November 1944: 104th Infantry Division began to relieve 1st Infantry Division which began to infiltrate to the Wenau Forest in preparation for an attack to the north-east. Troop began to move out at 0700 hours and closed in new bivouac at 988392 at 1030 hours. Troop given mission of protecting 33rd Field Artillery Battalion and 1st and 3rd Platoons moved into position in an arc to the east of the C.R. at 988392.

8 November 1944: Troop recalled when friendly units moved in on the flank.

9 November 1944: No Change.

10 November 1944: 3rd Platoon sent out to establish outpost at 000396.

11 November 1944: No Change.

12 November 1944: No Change.

13 November 1944: No Change.

14 November 1944: No Change.

15 November 1944: No change in mission - Tec 5 Hilbert Schmitz killed in action by enemy artillery.

16 November 1944: 1st Army offensive began. First a 4000 plane attack was made and then the artillery laid down a heavy concentration, after which the Infantry pushed off on the attack. Troop remained in position in Division reserve. Intermittent artillery fire by enemy in vicinity of 3rd Platoon.

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17 November 1944: No Change.

18 November 1944: No Change.

19 November 1944: Troop assigned mission of taking over road block from 1st Battalion of the 47th Infantry Regiment in vicinity of Schevenhütte.

20 November 1944: 2nd Platoon swept woods north-east of Schevenhutte. 3rd Platoon sent to fill in gap between 2nd Battalion 26th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment. Outpost set up at 022422. 1st Platoon remained in position. 17 P.W.'s from 1055 Regiment taken by 3rd Platoon just at dusk.

21 November 1944: 2nd Platoon relieved 3rd Platoon and 1st and 3rd Platoons recalled to Troop bivouac.

22 November 1944: 2nd Platoon road block taken over by elements of 1st Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment and all except two armored cars returned to Troop bivouac.

23 November 1944: No Change.

24 November 1944: Two 2nd Platoon armored cars returned to Troop bivouac.

25 November 1944: No Change.

26 November 1944: Troop assigned mission of filling in gap between 18th Infantry and 26th Infantry Regiments. Troop formed along line 027455 - 032453 - 1st Platoon on right, 2nd Platoon on left. Troop ordered to move forward late in afternoon, but ran into heavy machine gun fire and withdrew. During the day two men were missing in action, Sgt Pratt and Tec 5 Petersen, and two men wounded Cooling and Douglas, all of 1st Platoon.

27 November 1944: Troop remained in position along line 027455 - 032453. Three enemy patrols were engaged by the 2nd Platoon and driven off. Two P.W.'s taken from 5th Regiment, 3rd Parachute Division, thus identifying a new unit on the Divisions front.

28 November 1944: Troop pushed forward again and swept area north to edge of woods just south of Jungersdorf. Late in afternoon Troop assigned new mission and swung to the east to fill in gap between "K" Company and "C" Company 26th Infantry Regiment. Conditions of roads and trails made it impossible to get vehicles in and so Platoons moved in dismounted and took up positions along the line 037454 - 040461 and being shelled and mortared intermittently. (Bodies of Pratt and Petersen found during day).

29 November 1944: No change in mission - all vehicles brought up. Platoons ordered to push patrols out to the east to the edge of the woods. Missions accomplished. Platoons drew mortar fire. 1st Platoon drew machine gun fire - artillery fire continued. Kryger wounded and evacuated.

30 November 1944: Patrols pushed east again drew mortar fire. 3rd Platoon relieved 2nd Platoon. Mortar fire in areas increased and three casualties in 3rd Platoon. Sergeant Sechman, Tec 5 Shannen and Pfc Woodward. Late in afternoon enemy mortared and shelled Troop positions after which patrol of platoon strength approached 3rd Platoon but was driven off. Pfc Anderson and Foell were wounded in action and evacuated. Mortar and artillery continued to land in Troop sector. One platoon of 26th Infantry Regiment and one platoon of 634th T.D. Battalion were sent to reinforce the Troop in its sector. 2 men from 3rd Platoon reported missing.



PAUL L. SKOGSBERG
1st Lt. Cav.
Historian

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1. U.S. ARMY

3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended, and Letter First U.S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319, 1/401 (C), Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports, the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 December 1944
To : 2400 hrs 31 December 1944

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 January 1945
Ovifat, Belgium.

Maps: GSGS 4040 Aachen 59 1/50,000
GSGS 4040 Verviers 70 1/50,000
GSGS 4336 Liege 9 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 Koln R1 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 Bonn S1 1/100,000
GSGS 4414 5502 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 5503 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 5602 1/25,000
GSGS 4414 5603 1/25,000

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1. Enemy Situation.

a. Units to our direct front during the period were the 3rd Parachute Division in the Duren area, and also in the Weismes area, 1st S.S. Panzer and 12th S.S. Panzer Divisions.

b. During the period, the enemy drew back in the direction of Duren and the Roar River contesting bitterly every inch of ground they were forced to give up. In about the middle of the month the enemy made a deep penetration into Belgium. By the close of the period the enemy situation had been stabilized and the enemy was withdrawing in many places.

c. The enemy morale was good throughout the period.

d. The enemies plan during the period was a desperate all out attack on the 1st Army front to force a large scale break through. Thence to exploit the break through vigorously and upset the Allied strategy.

2. Own Situation.

a. At the close of the period the Troop was in position defending the dam at 845073.

b. Entire Troop assembled in vicinity of dam at 845073 between Walk and Ovifat, Belgium.

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g. Elements of T.F. "D" (Task Force Davisson) located in Walk.

d. At the start of the period the Troop was in position in a gap in the line between the 18th Infantry Regiment and the 26th Infantry Regiment.

On 5 December the Troop moved to the east of Eupen to secure the Eupen-Elsenborn road. The enemy had forced a break through south of Eupen and the Division was to use this road to move into position. The road was also threatened by enemy paratroopers (500 - estimated) dropped during the night of 16 - 17 December in the vicinity.

On 18 December the Troop became a part of Task Force "Davisson" and moved to Weismes to secure the town until a U.S. Army hospital and ammo dump in the town could be evacuated. The force accomplished its mission.

On 21 December Task Force "Davisson" was relieved and pulled back to Weywertz and held in Division reserve.

On 22 December the task force was sent to guard the dam at 845073. The Troop moved to the immediate vicinity of the dam and took up positions.

T.F. "D" secondary mission was securing of the Division's right flank, and so positions were selected and dug in during the period 26 December to 31 December.

g. No material change in combat efficiency during the month.

f. 10 PW's taken during month.

3. Administration.

g. No replacements needed.

h. Losses in action were two enlisted men wounded, one of which was evacuated. One Armored Car destroyed.

g. 10 PW's taken during the month.

d. Not known.

e. Not known.

f. Not known.

g. Roads generally good - muddy early in period, frozen at end of period.

4. General.

Awards and Decorations.

Silver Star

Sgt Ronald Cyr

Cpl John G. Juras

Tec 5 Herbert T. Henn

Pvt Frank R. Hlavka - Posthumous

Cluster Bronze Star Posthumous

Tec 5 Herman Petersen

Bronze Star

Capt William L. Blake

1st Lt Casimir I. Lenard

1st Lt John S. Nickell

1st Lt William F. Reich

1st Lt Thurber C. Raymond - Posthumous

1st Lt Paul L. Skogsberg

1st Sgt Gordon W. Staples

S/Sgt Edward J. Caporossi

S/Sgt John J. Ryan

Sgt Edward H. Strickland

Sgt Sidney S. Hazzard

Tec 4 Lester Magaw

Tec 4 James Papachriston

Tec 4 Benjamin S. Vitartis

Tec 4 Vance F. Bagley

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Bronze Star Cont'd

Tec 4 John J. Danahy - Posthumous

Tec 4 Theodore E. Drucker

Cpl John Skocz

Tec 5 Paul A. Morrissey

Pfc Peter W. Stoltenberg

b. One enlisted man, S/Sgt George B. Watts returned to the United States for a 30 day furlough.

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1st Lt. Cav.
Executive Officer

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1ST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

"REPORT AFTER ACTION"

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U.S. ARMY

3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended, and Letter First U.S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319 1/401 (C), Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports, the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 January 1945
To : 2400 hrs 31 January 1945

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 February 1945
Ruy, Belgium

Maps: GSGS 4414 5402, 1/25,000
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GSGS 4414 5502, "
GSGS 4414 5503, "
GSGS 4414 5504, "
GSGS 4414 5602, "
GSGS 4414 5603, "
GSGS 4414 5604, "
GSGS 4416 R1 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 91 1/100,000
GSGS 4416 T1 1/100,000

1. Enemy Situation.

- a. Units to our front were 3rd Parachute Division and 89th Infantry Division.
- b.
- c. During the month the enemy to the Division's front at first attempted to hold the northern flank of the Ardennes salient. In the latter part of the period the enemy withdrew toward the Siegfried line fighting a stubborn rear guard action as they went.
- d. Enemy morale during the month was good.
- e. The enemy's plan during the month seemed at first to be to hold the territory he had gained in the December offensive, and then to get as much of his men and materials as possible out of the salient.

2. Own Situation.

- a. At close of period Troop was in Division reserve as part of Task Force Davison in Heppenbach, Belgium.
- b. Entire Troop located in Heppenbach.
- c. Adjacent units - TF "D" located in Heppenbach.

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d. During the most part of the month the Troop as part of TF "D" in Division reserve, at first located at the dam between Walk and Ovifat (1 - 16 January), then at Weywertz (21 - 27 January) and at the close of the period at Happenbach.

On 17 January elements of TF "D" moved into position east of Faymonville dismounted relieving "K" Company, 16th Infantry Regiment.

On 28 January TF "D" moved to Happenbach, Belgium, relieving elements of the 18th Infantry Regiment with mission of protecting Division's flank.

e. No material change in combat efficiency during month.

f. During the month 12 PW's were taken.

3. Administration.

a. 5 Replacements needed.

b. Losses in action one enlisted man (frozen feet).

c. 12 PW's taken.

d. Not known.

e. Not known.

f. Not known.

g. Roads poor and congested due to heavy snow.

4. General.

Awards and Decorations.

Silver Star

Pfc Raymond E. Foell

Bronze Star

Tec Sgt Lewis J. Yanik

Sgt Ronald Cyr

Sgt Francis A. Dufrane

Sgt Mitchel J. Sechman

Sgt William Johnson

Sgt Robert L. Watkins

Tec 4 Ernest Daniels

Tec 4 Joe H. Kouba

Tec 5 Arthur L. Fregeau

Tec 5 Roy H. Waskom

Pfc Clarence C. Shaffer

Bronze Star

S/Sgt Irwin V. Stuart

Tec 4 Donald I. Beales

Tec 4 Ernest L. Carlson

Tec 4 Charles W. Webster

Tec 4 Edwin H. Mack

Cpl John Juras

Cpl Harold A. Williams

Tec 5 Ben M. Rabroker

Pfc Henry B. Eskola

Pfc Jesse G. Alexander Jr.

Paul L. Skogberg
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APO #1. U.S. ARMY

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DATE 1 January 1945 to 7 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0001 to 2400			Negative Report.

DATE 7 January 1945 to 14 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0001 to 2400			Negative Report.

DATE 14 January 1945 to 21 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0001 to 2400			Negative Report.

DATE 21 January 1945 to 27 January 1945.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0001 to 2400			Negative Report.

DATE 28 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1905	TF "D"	H-1	Proceed to this town as soon as possible. Your 6 report to this 6 as soon as you close in.
1930	TF "D"	H-1	Go by route 8182021-22-35369739
2119	H-1	H-3	Have 50 stay there for night and J-4 open at 0700 hours in morning.

DATE 29 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0746	H-4	H-1	Hot chow on way. When do we move?
0754	H-1	H-4	Do not know yet. Will let you know later.
1100	H-1	H-4	Prepare to move 50 wait for chow jeep to return to guide you.
1115	H-3	H-1	Has chow jeep left yet? Ans: Yes
1325	H-4	H-1	We are moving.
1629	H-3	H-1	Send guide for Lee. 291625.
1840	H-1	H-3	Has Lee left 291835? Ans: No.
1845	H-1	H-3	Pick up 50 cans of gas and bring here - 291841.
1851	H-3	H-1	No room for gas in vehicle.

(via messenger)

1853	C.O. Plat. 1st. 2nd Plat.		Have future patrol leaders report to Troop CP instead of TF "D". He is to call TF "D" from here to make report.
1922	H-1	H-3	Bring as much gas as possible - 291852.

DATE 30 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
2200	H-3	H-1	Mail Clerk here for night.

DATE 31 January 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1655	H-3	H-1	Instructions on way including copy for 25 C.P. who are at 968993. Suggest you make arrangements through forward C.P. at Troop.
1730	TF "D"	H-3	Instruct 634 TD Bn open radio with TF "D".
2000	H-3	H-1	Are you sending anyone to town on pass tomorrow? Ans: No.

DATE 31 January 1945 Cont'd

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
2030	H-3	H-1	The two men reported AWOL have been returned.
2140	H-1	H-3	The two EM reported AWOL have been returned. Officer's strength - 7 Enlisted Men 136.

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1ST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

"REPORT AFTER ACTION"

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U.S. ARMY

3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action.

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

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From: 0001 hrs 1 February 1945
To : 2400 hrs 28 February 1945

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 March 1945
Hochkirchen, Germany.

Maps: GSGS 4414 5103 1/25,000

GSGS 4414 5104

GSGS 4414 5105

GSGS 4414 5106

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GSGS 4414 5206

GSGS 4414 5502

GSGS 4414 5503

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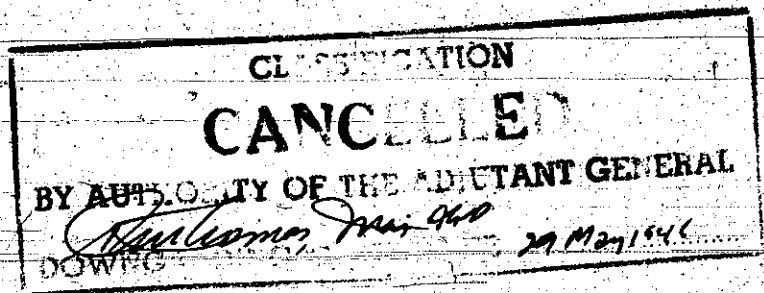
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1. Enemy Situation.

a. At beginning of period elements of 3rd Parachute Division and 89th Infantry Division were to our front. During later part of period 12th Volksgrenadier and 353rd Volksgrenadier Divisions were to our front.

b.

c. At the beginning of the month the enemy was withdrawing to positions behind the Siegfried Line and fighting a stubborn rear guard action as he went. During the middle part of the month he defended along the Roer River line, and at the end of the month he was being forced back to the Rhine River.

- d. Enemy morale during the month seemed to be good.
- e. The enemy's plan during the month seemed to be a general withdrawal toward the Rhine River fighting a strong rear guard action and trying to make us pay heavily for our gains.

2. Own Situation.

a. At the close of the period the Troop was assembled in Rommelsheim, Germany, as part of Task Force "Davisson". T.F. "D"'s mission being to maintain contact between the 1st Infantry Division's left flank and the 8th Infantry Division's right flank.

b. Entire Troop located at Rommelsheim.

c.

d. On 1 February Troop ordered back into Belgium to hold assembly area for the Division.

On 9 February Troop moved to vicinity of Schevenhutte and as part of T.F. "D" remained in Division Reserve.

On 13 February the Troop moved into position and held until 27 February a sector of the Division's front line on the west bank of the Roer River.

On 28 February the Troop moved across the Roer River to Rommelsheim.

e. No material change in combat efficiency during the month.

f.

3. Administration.

a. 6 Reinforcements needed.

b. 3 EM KIA, 1 EM MIA, 1 EM DOW, 2 EM WIA.

c.

d. Not known.

e. Not known.

f. Not known.

g. Roads muddy and congested west of Roer. Good east of Roer.

4. General.

Awards and Decorations.

Silver Star

S/Sgt Joseph Scampini

Tec 5 Patrick H. Waters

Cluster to Silver Star

Sgt Sidney S. Hazzard

Bronze Star

S/Sgt Ersul M. Pafford

S/Sgt Sim A. Tharp, Jr.

Sgt Ronald J. Cyr

Tec 4 William A. Frei

Cpl William Baldyga

Tec 5 Eugene A. Coleman

Tec 5 Raymond E. Fregeau

Tec 5 Albert L. Laflamme

Tec 5 Hugh N. Moss

Tec 5 Jacob Nelson

Tec 5 Sam M. Shannon

Pfc George J. Goodwin

Bronze Star Posthumous

Pvt. Gordon E. Covell

Pvt. Frank R. Hlavka

Bronze Star

Pfc Leonard Kriz

Pfc Mieno W. Lucht

Pfc Warren E. Moe

Pfc Peter W. Stoltenberg

Pvt Marvin L. Douglas

Pvt Marvin D. Sizemore

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U.S. ARMY

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DATE 1 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0858	H-3	H-1	Ol report here as soon as possible.
0922	H-1 H-1	H-3 H-3	Has mail clerk left yet? Ans: No/ Send him back at once.
0931	H-3	H-1	Will send him back as soon as he arrives here.
0945	H-1	H-3	Does message 0858 hours refer to us or T.F. "D"?
1100	H-3	H-1	What time did Ol leave for here? Ans: 1045 hours.
1415	S-1	H-1	We are moving out.
1430	F-1	H-1	We are moving out.
1755	T-1	H-1	We are here. What time will chow be out?
1808	F-1	H-1	What are the two words?
1820	F-1	H-1	733076.
1930	H-1	H-3	CP located at 696064.
2115	H-1	T-1	Have Williamson with his jeep ready with Edwards and Lt. Peek ready to leave at 1100 hours for court martial. Will pick them up in your area. Lindsey will ride with Ol.

DATE 2 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1530	H-3	H-1	Operations order #42 is rescinded.
1605	H-1	H-3	Does message 1530 hours concern us?
1608	H-3	H-1	Refere message 1605 hours - message is for Ol.

DATE 2 February 1945 Cont'd

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1905	H-3	H-1	How many men are you sending on pass tomorrow?
2000	H-3	H-1	Remain in position tonight more information tomorrow morning.
2012	H-1	T-1	Remain in position tonight. Notify 10.

DATE 3 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0930	Danger		Slidex setting compromised - use setups as follows: eff/03/1200 For Feb 3 & 4 use Feb 6 Setup " " 5 & 6 " " 7 " " " 7 & 8 " " 8 "
1110	F-1	H-1	M.P.'s in this town are not from this Division.

DATE 4 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1100	T-1	H-1	Is 03 on alert for going. Ans: 31 on way to you.
1424	T-1	H-1	When do we move?
1443	H-1	T-1	02 says stand by.
1500	H-1	T-1	10 move at 1515 - 30 move at 1530.

DATE 5 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1655	H-3	H-1	Upon arrival at new Division area complete radio silence will be maintained.

DATE 6 February 1945

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DATE 7 February 1945

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1230	T.F."D"	H-1	Concentration #5 09070 - 35905
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DATE 16 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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0840	H-1	H-4	Send jeep as far as 085378 to look for men from Sloppy Jess.
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0935	H-1	H-4	MLI 095362 - 30 needs socks also.
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1048	H-4	H-1	Refere message 161840 Weasle has returned.
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1105	H-1	F-1	31 returned because of improved visibility. 11 is to try to reconneiter a back route to lay wire.
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1915	H-1	F-1	30 cannot locate end of your wire. Send patrol with small radio to the end of your wire so they can get together.
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DATE 19 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
2330	T-1	H-1	Automatic weapon firing from 086352.

DATE 20 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0120	S-1	H-1	Outpost reports one blue flare at 091359.
0225	S-1	H-1	White flare at approximately 091359.
0340	S-1 T-1	H-1	Ten mortar shells landed vicinity 085360 - four in vicinity 082355 coming from vicinity 105356.
0345	T-1	H-1	Enemy light shown at 095355.
0500	S-1	H-1	Four enemy rifle shots heard at vicinity 086352.
0645	S-1	H-1	Automatic fire from vicinity 087355.
0647	T-1	H-1	One round enemy artillery - three round mortar landed in vicinity 082355.
2030	T-1	H-1	Light artillery fell in vicinity 082355.
2031	F-1	H-1	Seven rounds mortar about 81mm fell in vicinity 341087.

DATE 21 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0002	H-1	H-3	One round medium artillery 25 yards to east of CP - one round 300 yards to north of CP.
0005	S-1	H-1	One round light artillery fell at 20 location.
0545	H-1	H-3	Two rounds light mortar landed near CP.
2105	H-1	H-3	8 rounds light artillery fell in area 085346.
2115	H-1	H-3	4 rounds 81mm mortar fell east of CP.

DATE 22 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0530	H-4	H-1	Kuuba WIA two fingers left hand and right shoulder - at Eng. Bn. Aid Station at present.

DATE 22 February 1945 Cont'd

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0531	H-1	H-3	4 rounds 150 artillery fell north of CP.
0615	H-1	H-3	2 rounds 81mm mortar fell 75 yards north of CP and one round of light artillery fell 200 yards north of CP.
1820	T-1	H-1	Enemy machine gun fire at 094354 direction of fire unknown.
2140	T-1	H-1	Observed light artillery flash at 140 degrees azimuth. Observed from 082355.

DATE 23 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0035	S-1	H-1	Hear vehicle moving at 80 degrees approximately 1400 yards from our location at 080356.
0153	T-1	H-1	One round light artillery fell in area 082355.
0209	S-1	H-1	1 white flare at 090357.
0450	T-1	H-1	Heard two rifle shots in vicinity of target #75.
0555	S-1	H-1	Activity on other side of hill up from dam.
1915	T-1	H-1	At 085349 a light flashes off and on - looks like match.
2030	S-1	H-1	Sighted at 100354 one yellow flare and one green flare.
2035	S-1	H-1	Hear digging at 085349 see concentration at 099357.
2110	S-2	H-1	See light at 087354.

DATE 24 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0945	T-1	H-1	2 enemy in camouflaged uniforms in vicinity 087354.
1215	T-1	H-1	Enemy movement seen at 095355 and 087355.
1600	T-1	H-1	One round light artillery fell at 082355.
1940	S-1	H-1	Three rounds light artillery fell at 085359.
1950	S-1	H-1	Blasting or blowing of mines other side of river at 085349.
2005	S-1	H-1	Amber colored flares went up high beyond big hill, artillery flare.

DATE 26 February 1945 Cont'd

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
2211	F-1	H-1	Patrol made contact with friends and returned.

DATE 27 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0008	F-1	H-1	Patrol made contact with friends and returned.
0210	F-1	H-1	Patrol made contact with friends and returned.
0410	F-1	H-1	Patrol made contact with friends and returned.
0815	S-1	H-1	Tank or S.P. firing from big hill.
1635	H-1	H-3	MLI 072398.

DATE 28 February 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0812	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 166434.
1315	H-1	H-3	Give location forward troops.
1457	H-1	H-3	Ref message 1450: Recon Company accomplished mission.

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1ST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

"REPORT AFTER ACTION"

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO 1, U.S. ARMY

3 April 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended,
and Letter First U.S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319 1/401 (C),
Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports,
the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 March 1945
To : 2400 hrs 31 March 1945

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 April 1945
Hegensdorf, Germany

Maps: GSGS 4414 4912 1/25,000

GSGS 4414 4913	"
GSGS 4414 5105	"
GSGS 4414 5106	"
GSGS 4414 5107	"
GSGS 4414 5108	"
GSGS 4414 5109	"
GSGS 4414 5110	"
GSGS 4414 5111	"
GSGS 4414 5112	"
GSGS 4414 5113	"
GSGS 4414 5114	"
GSGS 4414 5205	"
GSGS 4414 5206	"
GSGS 4414 5207	"
GSGS 4414 5208	"
GSGS 4414 5209	"
GSGS 4414 5210	"
GSGS 4414 5211	"
GSGS 4414 5212	"
GSGS 4414 5213	"
GSGS 4414 5214	"
GSGS 4507 19	1/50,000
GSGS 4507 20	"
GSGS 4507 39	"
GSGS 4507 40	"
GSGS 4507 99	"
GSGS 4507 100	"
GSGS 4507 129	"
GSGS 4507 130	"

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GSGS 4507	150	1/50,000
GSGS 4507	159	"
GSGS 4416	Q2	1/100,000
GSGS 4416	Q3	"
GSGS 4416	R2	"
GSGS 4416	R3	"

1. Enemy Situation.

a. Not known.

c. At start of period, the enemy was fighting a rear guard action as he withdrew his forces back across the Rhine River. He was stalling for time in delaying us and made us fight for every bit of ground we gained.

After the Rhine had been reached and crossed the enemy turned his efforts to wiping out the bridgehead, but failed to do so.

After a break through was effected it was difficult to decide what the enemy tried to do. At first he tried to plug up the holes, and then upon having some of his forces encircled he was trying at the close of the period to extricate them.

d. The enemy's morale seems to be dropping, but there are many instances of stubborn resistance.

e. The enemy may gather what forces he has in the Rhur pocket and try to force his way out. He may also muster his forces to attempt to break through the encirclement from the outside.

2. Own Situation.

a. Troop not in position at close of period as it was being used as long range reconnaissance in front of motorized columns of the Division.

b. Entire Troop located in Biedenkopf.

c.

d. During the first seven days of the period the Troop was part of Task Force Davisson whose mission it was to maintain contact between the 1st Infantry Division's left flank and the 8th Infantry Division's right flank.

On 7 March T.F. "D" was broken up and the Troop was attached to C.T. 18 and screened their left flank as they advanced on Bonn.

When Bonn fell the Troop was used to guard warehouses and to regulate traffic in and out of the town. 10 security outposts were established.

On 16 March Troop crossed the Rhine at the Remagen Bridgehead and assembled in Honnef as Regimental Reserve.

From 18 March until 23 March the Troop was used as a dismounted force in the lines with the 18th Infantry Regiment.

On 23 March the Troop was attached to C.T. 16 and assigned mission of protecting left flank of the Regiment. In order to do this a platoon of tanks and a platoon of infantry were attached to the Troop. To accomplish this mission the Troop had to attack and clean out eastern end of town of Hennef. This was accomplished by 1300 hours 24 March. 75 P.W.'s were taken and a number killed.

On 25 March Troop was attached to C.T. 18 again and was used to clean out town on the left flank.

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On 28 March Troop made long range reconnaissance preceeding motorized column of C.T. 18.

29 - 30 March Troop again pushed out reconnaissance, this time of road net in C.T. 18 zone of advance. Troop worked in close conjunction with the Battalions as they advanced. One pocket of resistance, Oberdorf, was cleared out by the Troop and 142 P.W.'s taken.

e. Combat efficiency cut down somewhat by loss of key men during the month such as a platoon leader, noncommissioned officers, radio operators and armored car drivers.

f.

3. Administrative.

a. Troop strength - 132

1 Officer and 11 enlisted men reinforcements needed.

b. Casualties during the month amounted to 23.

1 Officer KIA

2 EM KIA

4 EM DOW

1 EM MIA

8 EM WIA and evacuated

3 EM WIA not evacuated

4 EM non battle casualties.

c. Prisoners captured - 271.

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Executive Officer

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO 1, U.S. ARMY.

2 April 1945

H I S T O R Y

1 March 1945: 3rd Platoon alerted and moved out on mission to reconnoiter area north east of Hochkirchen. Troop less rear echelon moved out at 1015 hours for Bolheim. T.F. "D" mission to screen between 8th Infantry Division and 1st Infantry Division. 3rd Platoon completed mission and returned to Troop at Bolheim. The rear echelon was brought up at which time the kitchen truck ran over an anti-tank mine seriously wounding Tec 4 Tatom, who later died of wounds, and resulting in the evacuation of Tec 5 Graybill, who was badly shaken up. At about 1730 hours, four or five mines blew up. Lt. Martin, KIA, S/Sgt Dufrane, WIA, Tec 3 Goldschmidt, DOW, Sgt Strickland, WIA, Cpl Goodwin, DOW, Tec 5 Hoover, DOW, and Tec 5 Bohrer, MIA. All wounded were evacuated. 1st Platoon alerted and moved out at 2330 hours to Kerpin.

Enemy air activity all night. Enemy planes dropped numerous bombs and flares.

2 March 1945: Remainder of Troop moved up to Kerpin. Contact patrol sent out at 1000 hours to the 18th Infantry Regiment in Gymnich. The first patrol went dismounted and picked route to be used by following patrols in jeeps. Patrols sent out every four hours. Patrols continued throughout the night without incident.

3 March 1945: Patrols continued. Troop relieved at approximately 1600 hours by one troop of 14th Cavalry and assembled in Hochkirchen.

4 March 1945: Troop remained in Hochkirchen performing maintenance on vehicles and weapons.

5 March 1945: No change.

6 March 1945: Troop alerted 1030 hours and moved out to Bleisheim at 1315 hours and billeted for the night.

7 March 1945: Troop alerted 0900 hours and moved into assembly area south west of Brühl. T.F. "D" attached to 26th Infantry Regiment and assigned mission of reconnaissance in force to the Rhine River. Mission cancelled, T.F. "D" attached to 16th Infantry Regiment and moved to Brenig. On arrival at Brenig Troop was detached from T.F. "D" and attached to 18th Infantry Regiment and assembled in Ollheim. Liaison established with 18th Infantry Regiment and Troop remained in Ollheim for the night.

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8 March 1945: Troop placed on alert at 0500 hours, ordered out on mission at 0830 hours. The roads were jammed with traffic and the Troop did not get up into position to start on it's mission until 1200 hours. Troop received artillery fire 1/2 mile east of Imperkoven. The assigned mission was to clear and secure the towns of Lessenich and Messdorf and to establish contact with the 16th Infantry Regiment to the south. The platoons drew flak as they moved towards their objectives. Troop Forward C.P. set up at Duisdorf railroad station. By 1430 hours the Troop had accomplished it's mission and the Troop Forward C.P. had moved to Odekoven. 43 P.W.'s were taken during the day. Late in the afternoon the rear echelon was called up and as they reached the location of the Forward C.P., enemy A.A. batteries from the north east opened fire on the area.

9 March 1945: Troop assigned mission of securing area bounded by Gieltsdorf, Dransdorf, Endenich, Duisdorf and Odekoven. Mission accomplished and much enemy equipment destroyed including 13 88mm A.A. guns, 1 75mm A.T. gun, 235 rifles, etc.

10 March 1945: Troop moved into Bonn and C.P. established near City Hall. Guards placed on food warehouse and on an ordnance collecting point. All quiet except for scattered rounds of harassing artillery fire.

11 March 1945: No change in situation. One more security post taken over by the Troop.

12 March 1945: Troop assigned mission of controlling traffic in and out of Bonn and seven security outposts were established.

13 March 1945: No change in situation.

14 March 1945: No change.

15 March 1945: Troop relieved at about 0900 hours by elements of 8th Infantry Division and assembled in Bonn.

16 March 1945: Troop moved out at 0630 hours in 18th Infantry Regiment column to Remagen, across the Rhine River and north to Honnef, arriving at 0930 hours. All quiet except for occasional harassing artillery fire.

17 March 1945: No change in situation. Troop remained attached to 18th Infantry Regiment. Harassing fire on town of Honnef continued.

18 March 1945: Harassing fire continued during night, one of buildings occupied by Troop hit, no casualties. Troop alerted 1100 hours. Captain Blake went forward to 1st Battalion Headquarters, 18th Infantry Regiment for mission. 1330 hours 3rd Platoon moved to assembly area, parked vehicles and went on dismounted reconnaissance mission. Drew mortar and artillery fire and sustained five casualties. Pvt Borgmann, MIA, Pvt Feagan, WIA and evacuated, Pvt Lee, Pfc Duncan, Pfc Ducharme, WIA not evacuated. 1430 hours Troop C.P. plus 1st and 2nd Platoons moved into assembly area, parked vehicles and moved forward into positions between "K" and "B" Companies, 18th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon on the left, 3rd in the center, 2nd on the right.

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18 March 1945 Cont'd: The Troop ran along the line 693325 - 698325. Harassing fire continued during night on forward positions and in Troop C.P. area. No casualties.

19 March 1945: Dismounted patrols pushed forward to find out if woods were clear of enemy. Patrols returned with one P.W. and reported wooded area clear. Pvt Borgmann's remains were found. (KIA by mortar fire.) Troop front widened as one platoon of "B" Company was pulled out. Forward positions under intermittent artillery fire all day with one forty round concentration and several smaller ones. Troop moved forward after dark and dug in on line 689333 - 693333.

20 March 1945: Intermittent artillery fire continued. Pfc Whelchel, WIA by shrapnel and evacuated. One machine gun knocked out by artillery fire. Troop ordered to attach one platoon to 1st Battalion 18th Infantry Regiment and to move to Willmeroth to take over from "A" Company. 1st Platoons pulled back and mounted up to move into position. Reconnaissance party drew A.T. fire as they moved into town and platoon ordered to stand fast at 690323. Cpl Capraro, WIA by A.T. fire and evacuated. 2nd and 3rd Platoons assembled in area in vicinity of 1st Platoon and vehicles were brought up. At dusk Troop moved forward into position between "A" and "B" Companies 18th Infantry Regiment. 1st Platoon on left, second in center and 3rd Platoon on right on line 709341 - 701336. Two platoons light tanks from "D" Company 745th Tank Battalion attached to Troop and located at 708332. Troop in position at 2030 hours. Area under intermittent artillery fire.

21 March 1945: Troop remained in position during day. Still tied in with "A" Company on the left and "G" Company 18th Infantry Regiment on the right. The sector held by the Troop was shelled intermittently throughout the day. 61 rounds of artillery, some mortar and 70 rockets (about 105mm) fell in the area. Pvt Johnson, WIA by artillery fire and evacuated. Artillery fire was mostly about 105mm with some smaller flat trajectory stuff from either tanks or S.P. guns. One jeep temporarily out of action by an A.P. mine. Rear echelon moved from Honnef to 690323.

22 March 1945: Artillery fire continued. Tec 5 Lindsey, KIA. Troop to be relieved during darkness and assembled in Berghausen. 1st Platoon relieved by platoon of "G" Company 18th Infantry Regiment. 2nd and 3rd Platoons relieved by elements of the 104th Infantry Division.

23 March 1945: Relief completed by 0230 hours. Berghausen under harassing artillery fire. Tec 4 Vitartis WIA and evacuated. Troop attached to 16th Infantry Regiment and ordered to assemble in Rott. Troop moved from Berghausen at 1030 hours and closed in at Rott at 1200 hours. Troop became part of Task Force I and assigned mission of securing eastern end of Hennef to protect the left flank of the 16th Infantry Regiment. Roads to Hennef reconnoitered before dark. Reconnaissance parties found mines on one road and drew artillery fire. All roads were under enemy observation. One M8 was knocked out by a mine, but no casualties sustained.

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23 March 1945 Cont'd: Task Force I (1st Reconnaissance Troop, one platoon of "F" Company 16th Infantry Regiment and one platoon of light tanks from "D" Company 745th Tank Battalion) moved into the part of Hennem occupied by 2nd Battalion 309th Infantry Regiment. Reconnaissance found eastern end of Hennem occupied by the enemy.

24 March 1945: Task Force I jumped off at 0400 hours to seize their objective. Enemy resistance found to be stiff. Dug in machine guns and bazookas were encountered. Most of the Troop were dismounted and fought as infantry. Armored cars were brought up for support. By 1030 hours Task Force I was on it's objective, but much enemy resistance remained to be cleaned out. One more platoon of "F" Company was attached to help clean up. Three casualties were sustained by Task Force I. Seventy five P.W.'s were taken and many more were either killed or wounded. By dusk all resistance had ceased. At dusk Task Force I was broken up. The infantry was relieved by a company of the 2nd Battalion 309th Infantry Regiment and the light tanks were pulled back to Ratt. The Troop remained in position. Entire area was under mortar and rocket fire all night.

25 March 1945: No change in situation. Enemy continued to lay in large artillery concentrations and to harass all roads and positions. Troop alerted to move at 2100 hours. Detached from C.T. 16 and attached to C.T. 18. Troop moved from Hennem to two miles west of Oberpleis and billeted for the night.

26 March 1945: Troop moved 0900 hours from west of Oberpleis to one mile east of Sand in an assembly area. 3rd Platoon attached to Division Headquarters for security. Troop received mission at dusk to work with 1st and 3rd Battalions C.T. 18 in their areas. Troop less rear echelon moved to Kasberg. From Kasberg the 1st Platoon moved into Forst and the 2nd Platoon moved into Sterzenbach. Troop C.P. remained at Kasberg.

27 March 1945: Troop pulled back and assembled with rear echelon in Rettersen just before noon. Late afternoon Troop ordered to work to north east with 2nd Battalion C.T. 18. Troop C.P. and 2nd Platoon assembled in Oberalsen. 1st Platoon moved to Leuscheid and tried to go into Nieder Saal but drew quite a bit of small arms fire. Infantry moved in and cleaned town out and 1st Platoon then sent strong patrol into Locksiefen, picked up one P.W. and returned. Troop C.P., 1st and 2nd Platoons assembled in Leuscheid around midnight and billeted for the night.

28 March 1945: Troop along with one reinforced infantry company, one platoon medium tanks and four T.D.'s organized into two task forces to precede motorized columns of C.T. 18. Each task force was composed of one reconnaissance platoon, 1/2 a rifle company, three medium tanks and two T.D.'s. Captain Blake commanding one force and the infantry captain the other. Column to pass I.P. at 0900 hours but ordered to hold up for change of orders. Route of advance changed and they proceeded at 1015 hours. Task forces moved in one column along route Weyerbusch - Altenkirchen - Kroppach - Heimborn - Limbach - Streithausen - Luckenbach - Kotzenroth - Elkenroth. At Elkenroth the task forces split up and reconnoitered the area bounded by Elkenroth - Weitefeld - Freidewald - Daaden - Biersdorf and Schutzbach.

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28 March 1945 Cont'd: When this was completed, small patrols were sent toward Herdorf and Altenseelbach. Patrol toward Herdorf drew enemy machine gun, rifle and 20mm A.A. fire in Sottersbachtal and returned. Other patrol recalled. One P.W. taken during day. Troop assembled at dusk in Friedewald.

29 March 1945: 0005 hours 1st Platoon was alerted and moved to Lippe to screen to the east as the 2nd Battalion C.T. 18 moved into position. Platoon remained in position until 0645 hours when it was released and returned to Friedewald. At 0900 hours 2nd Platoon alerted and assigned mission of finding shortest route from Emmerzhausen to Lippe. Mission accomplished and platoon returned to Friedewald at 1200 hours. 1st Platoon alerted and given mission of pushing reconnaissance from Burbach to the north to Wilnsdorf. Platoon moved out at 1230 hours with one platoon of infantry attached. Platoon got as far as one mile short of Wilnsdorf when contact was made with the enemy. Direct fire was received from tanks or S.P. guns and artillery was laid in on the platoons. Platoon ordered to hold in position until infantry passed through. At dusk 1st Battalion C.T. 18 passed through and on to clean out the opposition. Troop C.P. moved to Burbach at about 1330 hours and rear echelon closed in with 2nd Platoon at 2115 hours. 1st Platoon billeted for night at Gilsbach.

30 March 1945: 0700 hours 2nd and 3rd Platoons assembled one mile south west of Wilnsdorf. 1st Platoon sent to Division C.P. as security. Patrol sent out to check road from Burbach to Allendorf. Road found to be clear. Troop received mission in forenoon to make reconnaissance of route Wilnsdorf - Rinsdorf - Eisern - Obersdorf and coordinating advance with C.T. 18 who were advancing north cross country on Eisern and Rödgen. First enemy contact was at Eisern where the Troop, along with elements of C.T. 18, received small arms and mortar fire. Just beyond Eisern the Troop had to remove an undefended road block. "K" Company C.T. 18 received fire from Oberdorf as it pushed north from Eisern. O.P.'s reported enemy digging in on high ground around Oberdorf. Troop ordered platoons to go in and clean out the town. 3rd Platoon followed by the 2nd Platoon stormed the town with guns blazing. By 1900 hours all resistance had been cleared up. Approximately 25 enemy were killed and 142 taken prisoners. The Troop then assembled in Wilnsdorf and moved to Strassebersbach picking up the rear echelon in Burbach as they pushed through.

31 March 1945: Route to Strassebersbach was in poor condition and the Troop did not arrive until 0045 hours. Troop moved out again at 0400 hours to precede the 26th Infantry Regiment in it's zone of advance maintaining contact with rear elements of the 4th Cavalry Squadron and advance elements of C.T. 26. 4th Cavalry ran into heavy resistance north west and north of Laasphe. Troop placed road blocks to west of main route between Laasphe and Fischelbach. Column pulled off road and remained during day. Troop assembled in Biedenkoop and billeted for the night.

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO #1, U.S. ARMY

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2 April 1945

DATE 1 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0935	H-1	H-3	30 moved out at 0935.
1008	T-1	H-1	My location is 236448.
1101	H-1	H-4	Come to this location. 234476.
1130	H-1	T-1	When your mission is completed come to 221484.
1225	T-1	H-1	We are returning.
1330	TFD	H-1	Banks was ordered to report to 234476 - please verify.
1336	H-1	H-4	50 be sent to move at 2430. Sending guide to you.
1345	H-1	TFD	Refer message 1330 coordinates should be 221484.
1350	H-1	TFD	Decide from you.
1412	H-1	TFD	Am in position from 222489 to 223483. Have patrol going to 227479 - 233478 - 241483 - 237486 - 227481.
1425	H-3	H-1	Request disposition of TFD also want to be in communication with them.
1430	TFD	H-1	Have you located light tank platoon yet?
1434	H-1	H-4	Has 92 moved out yet - have you moved out yet?
1445	TFD	H-1	Have you received your tanks yet? Ans: No.
1510	H-1	H-3	TFD is in Division command net.
1525	H-1	H-1	Is 03 with you? If so give him information of message 1510.
1529	H-1	TFD	Patrol receiving no contact. Tanks are with

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1647	H-1	H-3	Kitchen truck damaged send ordnance to this location.
1800	TFD	H-1	Return mine detector crew to Jaunt that you borrowed this morning.
1900	H-1	H-3	Lt. Martin and 8 men casualties by A.T. Mines.
1930	H-3	H-1	Refere message 1900 - what was location? Ans: Our location.
2145	H-3	H-1	Ol is here.
2236	H-3	H-1	Ol is leaving here now.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0020	F-1	H-1	We are moving out.
0135	F-1	H-1	We have reached destination.
0853	H-1	F-1	Start patrol - notify us when they move out.
0915	F-1	H-1	Patrol has left. 20 - 30 and 40 move up. 50 remain behind.
0938	H-1	F-1	Am moving tanks. Have place for them.
1022	H-1	TFD	266521 not suitable for C.P. Our C.P. at 269525.
1045	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 269525.
1100	H-1	H-3	03 report here prepared to take over 30.
1119	S-1	H-1	20 on way have guide out.
1130	H-1	TFD	Patrol contacted K and returned. No enemy contact. Enemy mine field at 294498. How often shall we run patrol?
1200	Jaunt	H-1	Did you sweep road to Gymnich for mines?
1206	H-1	H-4	50 move to this location.
1220	TFD	H-1	Patrol will be every four hours.
1325	H-1	Jaunt	121st Infantry have mines at 269524, which we by passed. Enemy mines at 294498 which have not been cleared.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1341	H-1	TFD	Jeep patrol left at 1305 to contact K.
1415	H-1	TFD	Patrol returned - negative report.
1425	TFD	H-1	Report location of enemy mine field to unit you are in contact with.
1606	H-3	H-1	Is O3 there - tell his driver to stay there I am moving.
1639	H-3	H-1	Division C.P. at 197418.
1800	H-1	TFD	Patrol left at 1800.
1900	TFD	H-1	TFD closed 241501 at 1830.
1950	H-3	H-1	Have 1 EM report to Danger Base 1000 4 March 30 day furlough to U.S. report name to Personnel section immediately.
2020	H-1	TFD	Patrols report fair dirt roads with culverts intact at one and two. No contact at one, civilians only at two, Decoy withdrew from 308507.
2140	H-1	H-3	Refere message 1950. 1st Sgt Staples.

DATE 3 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0300	F-1	H-1	Patrol made contact with friends and returned.
0725	H-1	H-3	Bridge blown at 308505. Report by K Co Decoy.
1555	H-3	H-1	Is mail clerk coming to my location? Ans: Yes.
1705	F-1	H-1	We are moving out.
1730	F-1	H-1	We have arrived destination.
✓ 1735	H-1	H-3 TFD	We have cleared present location.
1810	S-1	H-1	Arrived at destination.
1830	H-1	TFD	We have moved in.
1831	T-3	H-1	Reached destination.
1835	H-1	H-3	My location is 228448.

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DATE 4 March 1945

TIME FROM TO MESSAGE

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DATE 5 March 1945

TIME FROM TO MESSAGE

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DATE 6 March 1945

TIME FROM TO MESSAGE

1745 H-1 H-3 C.P. at 356427.

DATE 7 March 1945

TIME FROM TO MESSAGE

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DATE 8 March 1945

TIME FROM TO MESSAGE

0520 H-2 H-1 Jump off postponed until 0400 we still cannot get information you want on towns. High ground at 503345 taken. Patrol contacted enemy at 504354 at 0108.

0745 H-2 H-1 491353 - 492365 - 491378 are clear. No report on 395360. K Company Dagwood at 554390. Red Dagwood in fire fight at cross road 513352.

0845 H-2 H-1 Fighting still going on at 514352. Decoy by-passing them going through 491352 - 498357 - 419361 and some enemy still in vicinity of 502350, counter attacks from 521340 of 50 men and 2 tanks repulsed. Did Dagwood go through 515377? Ans: Yes.

0930 H-2 H-1 Enemy not at 502350, but vicinity 509342 firing observed. Fire on road from 490338 to 496344. Proceed on mission at once. Use main road as far as 503354 it is clear. Will meet you on main road at my location.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0940	H-3	H-1	Tell Popovice to return here as soon as possible. He is on way there now.
1005	H-1	H-2	Held up by traffic.
1045	H-2	H-1	Give your location. Report progress every half hour.
1145	H-2	H-1	Enemy AA located 533368 - 550365 - 514369 - 496367 - 498362 - 488368 they are 20 and 40mm.
1200	H-2	H-1	Place a road block at 501360 in addition to original mission.
1310	H-3	H-1	Send truck to pick up Paris men.
1340	H-1	H-2 H-3	C.P. at 505354. 10 moving N.W.
1358	H-1	S-1 H-1	20 move up. 30 move into 30 place.
1400	F-1	H-1	At check point one.
1410	H-2	H-1	Enemy AA positions reported 524376. G Company Decoy at 528363.
1415	F-1	H-1	At check point two.
1427	H-2	H-1	We do not have check points.
1428	H-1	H-2 H-3	At road block. All clear proceeding on mission.
1430	F-1	H-1	At check point four everything clear.
1435	F-1	H-1	At check point six.
1448	H-2	H-1	Where is check point six?
1450	H-2	H-1	Decoy is now proceeding through your road block to 495360 - 495366. Road block must be maintained.
1455	F-1	H-1	Have 16 prisoners.
1458	H-1	H-2	Refere message 1448 - 503364.
1510	F-1	H-1	Sending back 26 prisoners. Will now search town.
1511	H-2	H-1	K Company Decoy is at 494366.
1548:3	H-2	H-1	Message 1510 is erroneous.

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1556	H-1	H-2	Town at 509362 clear. Total PW 29. 20 passing through to north.
1600	S-1	H-1	Have arrived at destination searching town now.
1600	F-1	H-1	We are in town. All clear.
1608	H-1	H-4	50 move to 504354. Will have guide there.
1640	H-1	H-2 H-3	C.P. at 498363.
1647	S-1	F-1 S-1 T-1 H-1	Town clear. Have patrol north.
1729	H-1	S-1	Have you contacted Dagwood?
1742	H-1	F-1	Are you drawing fire? Ans: Yes.
1813	H-2	H-1	My location is 512352.
1815	H-1	F-1 S-1	10 send guide here. How will be out for 10 and 20 after dark.
1900	H-1	H-2	Have 30 prisoners at 503354. Where is the nearest place to take them?
1916	H-2	H-1	Refere message 1900 - send them here.
1917	H-1	H-2 H-3	20 received 25 rounds 40mm direct fire from vicinity 504378. Also 10 rounds 88mm from vicinity 524375, 40mm from vicinity 522367. All between 1630 and 1830.
1935	H-3	H-2	Are you with Decoy Headquarters?
1955	H-1	F-1	Organize and hold Lessenich. Give me details on tanks reported in your area. Don't use road to Duisdorf it is covered by A.T. guns.
2000	H-2	H-3	Refere message 1935 - yes.
2007	H-2	H-1	Truck on way to your location to pick up PW's.
2010	H-1	H-2	Prisoners have been picked up.
2128	H-3	H-2	Line Officer of Decoy has field order. Nothing new on it for you.
2130	S-1	H-1	Rear on it's way.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
2235	S-1	H-1	Patrol returned, checked area in vicinity 522369. Report several trenches but no enemy or guns. Road blown at 519369.

DATE 9 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0915	H-1	F-1 S-1	Alert 10 and 20 for mission.
1005	F-1	H-1	Patrol has started.
1035	S-1	H-1	Patrol left as of 1015.
1040	F-1	H-1	Have 6 P.W.'s what do you want to do with them?
1045	H-1	F-3	Have guide out for gas truck.
1058	H-1	F-3	Has patrol from south of your sector returned?
1059	F-3	H-1	Refere message 1058 - patrol returned, all clear.
1136	F-3	H-1	Both patrols returned, all clear.
1145	H-2	H-1	Is all of 10 area clear? Ans: Yes.
1200	H-1	H-3	Destroyed 4 abandoned 88mm flak guns at 510377 at 1030. Also many small arms.
1223	H-1	S-1	Did you destroy guns?
1225	S-1	H-1	Checked area. A.T. guns at 530371 and 528374. All have mines and ammo.
1230	H-2	H-1	Need message books.
1250	H-1	H-2	Mission completed. Entire area clear.
1300	H-1	H-3	Refere message 1225 - A.T. gun not manned. 1 destroyed. 12 took the other.
1305	H-2	H-1	Are 10 - 20 - 30 - missions complete?
1320	H-1	H-3	In clearing area destroyed 235 rifles - 25 M.G. 1 A.T. Gun 75mm - 8 bazookas - 1 20mm - 4 88mm A.A. and 3 multiple mount 30 Cal. A.A.
1532	H-2	H-1	My location is 548369.
1540	H-2	H-1	Sub received 20mm A.A. fire from vicinity 525385. Investigate.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1615	H-2	H-1	Dagwood wants 512369. Put 20 with 10.
1625	H-1	S-1	Move 20 into town with 10.
1625	H-1	H-3	Refere message 1615 from H-3 - LN with Decoy.
1745	H-3	H-1	Supplies on hand at Disguise 4 for immediate pick up. For Decoy and Rcn Troop.
1750	T-1	H-1	12 20mm - 2 88's destroyed. Have 4 more 88's we will destroy all guns located vicinity of original destination.
1815	T-1	H-1	All guns destroyed, returning.
1822	H-1	H-3	Refere message 1745 - QJM GR 13 14.
2015	H-2	H-1	Do not destroy any more equipment.
2100	H-1	H-3	AWOL Report negative.

DATE 10 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0720	F-1	H-1	Sending 2 P.W.'s back.
0930	H-2	H-1	Get billiating party and one section ready to move out.
0950	H-3	H-1	The man going home will report tomorrow instead of previously scheduled.
1054	T-1	H-1	Mission completed.
1201	H-2	H-1	How soon will you move out?
1242	H-1	H-2	We are moving.
1330	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 552376.
1415	H-2	H-1	Is O3 there? Ans: Yes.
1430	H-2	H-1	Major Carter wishes to see him.
1955	H-3	H-1	Unit C.O. will meet in G-2. Officer will attend tomorrow morning at 0930. O1 will attend.
2000	T-2	H-1	Am closing down if anything turns up will open and call you.

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DATE 11 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 12 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 13 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 14 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 15 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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2100	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 632226.
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DATE 16 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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1112	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 646266.
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DATE 17 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 18 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 19 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 20 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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2140	H-1	H-4	Send chow in jeep to arrive at 0730. Will have guide at possible location for you.
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DATE 21 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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DATE 22 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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0200	H-3	H-1	Telephone map coordinate code for 21 March covering period 21 1200 hours to 22 1200 hours has been compromised. Effective on receipt of this message and until 22 1200 hours use only the point of original code. After 22 1200 hours both codes may be used.
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0202	T-1	H-1	Can hear two tanks and two other lighter vehicles moving around 1 mile in front of my position. Sounds to be getting closer.
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0245	T-1	H-1	Fired 3 rounds and 1 flare 500 yards immediate front. Target thought to be vehicle moving around. No results.
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0430	F-1	H-1	Fire fight 100 yards to the left of our position.
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0610	F-1	H-1	Artillery and mortars falling in our position.
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0710	T-1	H-1	Tanks moving in vicinity 717357.
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1040	H-3	H-1	My location is 677347. Give your location.
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1047	H-1	H-3	My location is 701336.
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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1210	H-1	H-4	Have chow vehicle pick up 12 mines from 10 vehicles tonight.

DATE 23 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0930	H-2	H-1	Do not bring 50.
1858	T-1	H-1	Have found 9 enemy mines at 673405. Mines same as 1 March. Wrecked vehicle in road, request Engineers and further orders.
1903	T-1	H-1	Have contacted friendly patrol coming from due north. No enemy reported.
2200	H-3	H-1	Will meet you at the spot you told me, with man.
2355	H-4	H-1	Chow will be ready at 0400. Should we bring it out singularly or in groups?

DATE 24 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0045	T-5	H-1	Patrol reports approximately 30 enemy and one tank at 25.
0100	H-3	H-1	Clear 25.
0405	H-3	H-1	What progress has been made on point 25? What is condition of roads between my location and point 25. Point 38 partly held by 24.
0425	H-1	H-3	Moved out for point 25 at 0400. Will report progress. Best route is way we came.
0452	T-1	H-1	Our position is at farthest position of friends on our left.
0455	T-1	H-1	Can observe 2 enemy red flares directly to our front.
0500	T-1	H-1	We are in fire fight at 25.
0506	H-3	H-1	Report on actual condition of road from my location to 25.
0515	T-1	H-1	Disregard message regarding fire fight. We are almost at 25. No contact. Firing reported was a few hundred yards south of 25.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0540	H-1	T-1	Can 10 move to 30 position.
0550	T-1	H-1	10 move to 30 original detrucking point. Fire fight at 30 present position.
0555	F-1	H-1	Can you send 3 tanks up ahead of 30 position.
0601	T-1	H-1	Much resistance on left having fire fight - not much at 25.
0604	T-1	H-1	Have 10 come up at once.
0606	H-1	F-1	Move into position.
0609	T-1	H-1	Enemy dug in with bazookas.
0615	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 683418.
0625	T-1	H-1	Fighting in 25 progressing satisfactorily. Re- ceiving heavy small arms fire and heavy mortar fire. Complete report on situation not avail- able at present.
0636	T-1	H-1	Have 3 P.W.'s from 353 Div - 943 Regt. Say 942 and 941 Regt have been desolved to form 943 Regt.
0727	H-3	H-1	As soon as clear at 25 move something south east towards 38 to contaet "G" Company. Re- port all progress.
0745	T-1	H-1	Send 3 boxes M1 AP ammo. Will meet ammo on road.
0800	H-3	H-1	Request what situation looks like in direction of 26 and 39. If possible send 21 Recon patrol to check the two points. Report progress as soon as possible.
0813	H-1	H-3	Refere message 0727. 25 is not clear cannot send patrols yet.
0816	H-1	F-1	As soon as 25 is clear send contact patrol.
0820	F-1	H-3	Is it definate that frieds are at 38.
0823	H-1	F-1	It is definate that friends are at part of 38.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0823	H-1	H-4	Hq is sending for ammo.
0850	T-1	H-1	We have reached 25 and R.R. to north but neither are secure. Still meet heavy opposition.
0955	T-1	H-1	Send 10 rounds Bazooka - 35 rounds H.E. 37mm - 15 A.P. 37mm - 2 boxes cal. .30.
1130	H-3	H-1	Go to "E" Fwd at 25 and call White 6 immediately.
1158	H-4	H-1	4 men to go to the states selecteed men will report to Div Base 1700 today.
1243	T-1	H-1	Send 75 rounds H.E. 37mm - 500 rounds carbine 500 rounds .45 - 500 rounds .50 - 2 cases C rations.
1256	H-1	H-4	Have you 75 rounds .37mm H.E. - 500 rounds carbine for 30.
1448	H-1	H-3	"E" Company is leaving one platoon with me. One platoon is at 15 and one platoon is pinned down 300 yards north of 25 and will be relieved as soon as possible.
1457	T-1	H-1	10 friends are waiting on him should his vehicle be sent back.
1514	H-3	H-1	What is the info on smoke screen extending from 38 to 54.
1747	H-1	H-4	32 cans gas - 12 cans water - C rations for all - 1 M1 rifle. Have Tumblin come with equipment to stay. Bring all the mail.
1918	T-1	H-1	Send a vehicle to our half track and pick up a phone for us.
1922	H-3	H-1	Request exact location to send chow.
1930	H-1	H-3	200 yards west of 25.
1940	S-1	H-1	Send guard for 50 P.W.'s immediately.
1946	H-1	S-1	Send P.W.'s in with guard we will give you guide to P.W. Cage.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0125	H-3	H-1	Am at point 38.
0230	H-3	H-1	"F" Company C.P. at 698403.
0750	H-1	H-3	Go to Dagwood White for liaison.
0945	H-3	H-1	Point 26 has been taken. Officer from "I" Company gave me info. "F" Company has moved.
0955	H-1	H-3	Ol on way to Div C.P.
1444	H-1	H-4	Get equipment off of T-3 as it will be picked up. Be careful.
1448	H-3	H-1	T-3 has been stripped and has been hauled away.
1500	H-1	H-4	What time was T-3 hauled away. Ans: 1200.
1945	H-3	H-1	Confirming VOGG 1st Rcn Troop less one platoon is detached from 16th Inf Regt and reverts to Division control effective 26 0800. 1st Rcn Troop less one platoon is attached to 18th Inf Regt effective 26 0800.
2135	16th Inf	CO	You are released from attachment 16th Inf Regt effective 2230 this date. Assemble Troop vicinity Bellinghausen - 667343 immediately. Report to G-3 1st US Inf Div.

DATE 26 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
2359	H-1	H-3	On objective 2. Enemy contact.

DATE 27 March 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0138	S-1	H-1	Have reached objective one contacted friends setting up.
0140	H-1	H-3	On objective one and have contacted friends.
0500	H-1	S-1	Are friends at your position from Dagwood Red. Are they going to stay there.
4525	H-1	H-3	Are we to be relieved at objective one or will Decoy Blue stay there.
0530	H-3	H-1	"B" Company Red is on way to relieve you now.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0540	H-1	H-3	Refere message 0530 they have no instructions to go to one.
0945	H-3	H-4	C.P. at 824345 awaiting instructions.
1008	H-3	H-1	Contact your party at 825355.
1020	H-1	H-4	Move 50 to 837342.
1030	H-1	F-1	"G" attacks 33. After 33 is secure we will have to take 31. Our C.P. will move to 36.
1116	H-1	H-3	Contacted Decoy White looking for an alternate route. C.P. at 837345.
1135	H-3	H-1	Number two road running north through friends open.
1154	F-1	H-1	Patrol reached 31 all clear.
1311	H-3	H-1	Move to 42 to contact white six.
1434	H-1	H-3	10 and 20 assembled - 868382.
1458	H-3	H-1	Report to white six at point 42.
1605	H-5	H-1	10 move out to 36. Proceed on mission. 36 and 37 clear.
1620	H-1	H-3	Will be at 864400.
1715	H-1	H-3	C.P. at 867399.
1730	H-1	H-4	Come to 867399 by way of 872351 and 870393 with chow.
1819	H-1	S-1	Have 20 move to my location.
2012	H-3	H-1	Have 01 report here for meeting at 2100.
2100	H-1	H-4	C.P. at 878412. Will have guide out in morning.
2225	F-1	H-1	We are starting for 31-

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0022	F-1	H-1	We are returning.
0840	H-4	H-1	Do you want 10 half track? Ans: No.
0918	H-3	H-1	Hold up. Report location. Await orders.
0926	H-1	H-3	We are awaiting orders at I.P.
0930	H-2	H-1	10 half track ready when you call for it.
0935	H-3	H-1	Messenger coming with change in route.
0949	T-2	T-1	Col. Hicks I & R Platoons await your arrival. Buildings empty - civilians unhappy - traffic heavy.
0955	H-1	H-4	What are two words for tonight.
1005	H-4	H-1	Refere message 0955 Warning Threat
1042	H-1	H-3	Passing I.P.
1105	H-1	H-2	Am with 10 and second 32 column. 20 is with first column ahead of me. 10 will use route one. 20 route two.
1110	H-4	H-1	When do we move.
1115	H-1	H-3	Passing 934320.
1150	H-2	H-1	Go no further north then points 431815 -
1155	H-1	H-3	Am at Div Hq. 03 is with me moving soon.
1330	H-1	H-3	Have elements at 15 no contact.
1355	S-1	H-1	Arrived at 31.
1357	H-1	H-3	Elements at 18 no contact.
1415	S-3	H-1	21 Requests location of 01.
1420	H-1	S-3	Refere message 1415 Pt 3 going to 18.
1425	H-2	H-1	My location 136352.
1425	S-3	H-1	Contact has been made between 341518.
1435	S-1	H-1	Is it possible to get radio technician to my location. Small set is out. Believe it

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1450	H-2	H-1	50 passed here headed towards point 15.
1453	H-4	H-1	My location is 159350. Where shall I assemble.
1510	H-2	H-1	On way to 50.
✓1520	H-3	H-1	Div C.P. at 976355.
1537	H-1	H-3	Patrol returned from 4. No contact.
1605	S-3	H-1	20 proceeding toward 1 and 9- last report no contact.
1637	H-2	S-1	50 SS men and six artillery pieces digging in at 152427. 5 light tanks and one AA gun reported at point 9 by Russian civilian.
1638	H-1	H-3	Patrol drew 20mm and small arms fire from vicinity of 152410.
1700	H-2	S-1	Give location of patrol.
1710	S-1	H-2	Patrol reached 31 - 154408. Received rifle and machine gun fire from 15 - 241011. Also 20mm fire from 151415. Road mined on shoulders from 155406. Patrol returned.
1755	S-1	H-1	Patrol reached 34 - 173387. Friendly mortars registering there.
1830	H-2	H-4	Small transmitter needs repair can you send for it-
2345	H-2	H-1	Have one platoon alerted to move. Platoon C.O. report to C.O. White immediately.

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0026	F-1	H-1	Moving out.
0535	F-1	H-1	Assembling and returning.
0740	H-3	H-1	Are you sending for PX Rations? Ans: Yes.
0806	H-3	H-1	How many EM have you? Ans: 121.
0845	H-2	H-1	15 EM to reconoitier route to find shortest route for MSR., C.P. from 203359 to 228345 without going long way down south.
1000	H-2	H-1	24 make immediate reconnaissance north from 243387 to 260463. Contact Decoy white C.O. to furnish mobile infantry to accompany you.
1015	H-2	H-1	01 report here immediately.
1135ra	H-2	H-1	Refere message 0845. They are getting anxious about the route.
1205	T-2	H-3	Am at 315392. Will be ready when you arrive.
1210	S-1	H-1	Route from 13-204359-378346 very poor. Route from 204359 to 369321 to 380323 to 378322 is good.
1243	S-1	H-1	No friends at 21 or 228346 have moved to 244386 will contact.
1430	H-2	H-1	My location is 13 ZZ 243387.
1432	H-3	H-1	Pick up QM supplies at 2 and 4 dump.
1512	H-1	F-2	Made contact just before point 3.
1520	F-2	H-1	Enemy column heading north west.
1540	H-2	H-1	Refere message 1520 give coordinates.
1546	F-1	H-1	10 to 15 men 5 trucks one tank. Men and trucks disappeared but tank is still there.
1554	F-1	H-1	Enemy tank is at phase line 4.
1625	H-2	H-1	Any answer to message 1520.
1626	H-1	H-3	Column last spotted at 253459 heading north east. 5 Trucks 15 Men 1 tank.
1755	F-2	H-1	We withdraw to phase line 2 because of heavy enemy artillery fire.
1800	H-1	H-4	Send message 243387 for 10 and 40.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1805	H-1	H-4	Send chow to 243387 for 10 and 40. Send 20 and 50 here as soon as possible.
1825	H-1	F-1	Hold where you are friends will come.
1835 1835	F-2	H-1	Friendly troops are passing now we are awaiting orders.
1840	H-1	F-2	Assemble at 245454 after that area is clear. Chow is on way.
2055	H-1	H-3	Have 30 at my location at 240390 at 0645.
2148	H-3	H-1	Who is relieving 30 and what time will they arrive.
2154	H-1	H-3	Refere message 2148. 10 as soon as possible in the morning.
2225	F-2	H-1	10 assembled at phase line 1. No room at phase line 3. Will 17 be located here for night.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0800	T-1	H-1	30 at point 3.
0810	T-1	H-1	Send 100 gallons gas to point 3.
0813	H-1	H-3	Send location of QM ration dump as soon as possible.
0830	H-3	H-1	Ration dump same location vicinity F 9432. Probably move sometime this afternoon.
0852	S-1	H-1	Have maintenance bring up voltage regulator for SAC 1.
1045	H-2	S-1 T-1	Alert 20 and 30. 01 on the way.
1210	S-3	S-1	We are at point one.
1214	H-2	H-1	How soon will you move out on mission.
1210	T-1	H-1	Have passed check point one.
1240	S-3	H-1	Contacted friends at point 2.
1245	T-1	H-1	Believe rocket gun firing from vicinity point four. Can hear them fire but not land.

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1322	S-3	H-1	One section at point 3 under mortar fire. Friends here, awaiting further orders.
1345	H-2	H-1	Move on to point four.
1346	H-1	S-1 T-1	30 pass through 20 and proceed to point 4.
1404	H-1	S-1 T-1	Friends attacking 5.
1420	T-2	H-1	We have been ordered to hold up until friends give the word.
1421	H-2	H-1	Two tanks reported vicinity of point 4.
1422	H-2	H-1	Refere message 1421. Tanks going north through woods.
1428	H-2	H-1	Two enemy tanks and 20 infantry reported going north at 239497.
1429	H-3	H-1	Troop to revert to Division control at 1800. Ol to call G-3 by telephone as soon as possible.
1455	H-2	H-1	My location is 247455.
1505	T-2	H-1	Friendly patrol reported enemy digging in at 232485. Will send more information later.
1511	T-2	H-1	Friends are firing in direction of point 4.
1515	H-2	T-2	Identify friends.
1518	T-2	H-2	It is friends we are with.
1522	H-2	T-2	Who are friends. Identify them.
1525	H-2	H-1	The line is in from here.
1530	T-2	H-2	"K" Company of Decoy are friends we are with.
1532	H-2	H-1	Move on to point 4. If you cannot let me know details of why you cannot.
1545	T-2	H-1	20 and 30 at point 3. K advancing north from 3 and firing across our route of advance at enemy in vicinity of 223481. K also reports enemy tank in vicinity.
1550	H-4	H-1	Request information as to chow.
1613	H-1	H-2	Enemy road block at 220481. Will try to clear.
1626	T-2	H-1	Engaged in fire fight 400 yards from point 4. Enemy holds high ground north of point 4.
1630	H-1	H-4	Have chow at my location by 1800.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1649	H-1	H-2	Have cleared road block moving on.
1754	H-1	S-1	Move up to 30 at point 4. They need support.
1808	T-1	H-1	100 enemy soldiers reported in village they are fleeing due north.
1820	S-1	H-1	20 and 30 in town. Town clear. Few enemy troops to the north. Are flushing them out.
1825	H-3	H-1	Do you want 10 ready to go when you go.
1845	H-1	H-3	10 can move to new location as soon as 02 gives them new location.
1854	T-1	H-1	We have contacted friends.
1915	H-3	H-1	10 ready ⁷ to move. But don't know where to go.
2023	H-3	H-1	Give location of 01. Will his route bring him through my location.
2025	H-2	H-1	Come to 32 LL 408482. Will have guide out.
2026	H-1	H-3	Cleared town at four. Captured 123 P.W.'s. Assembling to move to new location.
2045	H-1	H-3	My location is 247389-column will pass through your location. Have 10 fall in the rear. 01 stopping off at your location.

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0400	H-1	H-3	Moving out.
0425	S-1	H-1	My location is 427507. Road good. Enemy equipment both sides of road.
0430	H-1	H-2 H-3	Several abandoned enemy vehicles along highway. Should be removed for two way traffic.
0500	S-1	H-1	My location is 434576. All is good.
0536	S-1	H-1	04 Cavalry held up by enemy road block at 4561. We are moving at rear of their column- will keep you informed.
0622	H-2	H-3	4th Cavalry had forward troops at 465619 moving north. 24th Cavalry has forward troops at 545698. Road block at 4516 covered by anti tank gun. My O.P. at 469584.
0636	H-3	H-1	Refer to message 0536. Remain where you are.

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0640	H-2	H-1	What is present location of tail of your column.
0700	H-1 H-2 H-3		P.W. captured this morning says 4 company of infantry are in position in woods from 4461 to 4863. Forward troops of 4 at 463620.
0755	H-2	H-3	Enemy anti tank gun or tank reported at 455655.
0756	S-3	H-1	Tell O1 to bring S-1 and S-2 with him.
0758	H-1	F-1	Sending tire. Move rest of DO as ordered.
0805	H-1 H-2 H-3		Trying to by pass by way of 496588.
0852	H-1 H-2 H-3		Forward troops at 456649 being held up by S.P. and A.T. fire.
0900	H-1 H-2 H-3		We have road blocks at 432576-427560-432531-
1015	F-1	H-1	Have 3 P.W.'s what shall we do with them.
1022	H-1	F-1	Send them to 469584.
1040	H-1 H-2 H-3		Location same. Negative report.
1052	H-3	H-1	Report forward elements of troops.
1105	H-1 H-2 H-3		4th Cavalry forward troops at 457648 - 453598. Dextrous C-P at 467583.
1130	H-3	H-1	Where are your own forward elements.
1200	H-1 H-2 H-3		20 at 444585 - 30 at 438583 - 10 has road blocks at 432576 - 427560 - 432531 - C.P. at 470584.
1215	F-3	H-1	Pick up 3 P.W.'s at 425553. Turned over to Dextrous.
1225	H-1 H-2 H-3		4th Cavalry pushing light tank force around 496588 - 498616 - 511655 - 485685 - 450704 and then north. Dismounted men going to seize 452621 - 458617 and 459619. Also will open road 470584 - 411662 - 472687.
1240	H-4	H-1	Request time of supper. How many people.
1252	H-1	H-4	Chow for everyone at 1700.

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1435	H-1 H-2 H-3		4th Cavalry has secured 452622.
1538	H-1 H-2 H-3		4th Cavalry has reached 510655.
1555	H-3	H-1	My location is 555575.
2120	H-1	H-3	03 bring over orders for tomorrow.

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO 1, U.S. ARMY

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended, and Letter First U.S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319 1/401 (C), Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports, the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 April 1945
To : 2400 hrs 30 April 1945

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 May 1945
Gross Wenden, Germany

Maps: GSGS 4416 Q2 1/100,000
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1. Enemy Situation.

- a. No contact.
- b. Not known.
- c. At the beginning of the period the enemy was engaged in attempting to find a way out through the northeast corner of the "Ruhr Pocket". As the line moved eastwards the enemy attempted to establish and hold a line on the Weser River but was singularly unsuccessful.

During the middle of the period and on towards the end of the month the enemy bitterly contested the reduction of the "Harg Mountains Pocket". Although he lacked an abundance of heavy supporting weapons, especially artillery, the enemy made the most of the terrain, and, by using innumerable road blocks and establishing numerable village strong points, he bitterly contested our advance.

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At the end of the period the enemy showed a definite lack of aggressiveness, indeed he was incapable of coordinated action, and his only activity was limited to weak attempts at halting the advance to limited objectives.

d. The enemy's strength has reached a new low ebb as has his material means. His morale is definitely low and is not likely to improve. His probable knowledge of our situation is limited by what information he can obtain from "agent" sources and is likely very poor.

e. The enemy can attempt to hold what remains to him of Czechoslovakia but in view of the vast overwhelming numerical superiority in numbers and material of the Allies his attempt can only result in a short delay of his ultimate destruction.

2. Own Situation.

a. Troop not in contact with enemy.

b. Troop C.P. and assembly area at Gross Wendern. One platoon located at Merktleuthen.

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d. During the first five days of the period the Troop was engaged in moving into position, and holding a sector between the 18th and 26th Infantry Regiments on the northeast corner of the "Ruhr Pocket".

During the next seven days the Troop was engaged in route reconnaissance in advance of one of the regimental Combat Teams and flank protection to the north of the C.T. as the Division crossed the Weser River and advanced to the Harz Mountains.

During the following week the Troop was engaged in route reconnaissance, contact patrols, and security sweeps through areas by-passed by the main division advance as the "Harz Mountain Pocket" was reduced.

The next four days were spent on badly needed maintenance as the Troop was in an assembly area except for one platoon which was assigned as security guard at an enemy installation in Bad Lauterberg. On the 24th of the month the Troop moved east to a new assembly area where maintenance of equipment and vehicles and cleaning of vehicles and personal equipment was performed, until a move south to new assembly area was made on the 28th day of the period.

The Troop, less one platoon, was in a reserve position for the remainder of the period. The detached platoon was on security duty with Division Headquarters.

e. Combat efficiency was excellent throughout the period with a high state of morale prevalent, due in part to the obvious degeneration of the enemy situation.

f. Advance of the Division units across the Weser River and through the Harz Mountains was facilitated and aided by the Troop's operations. Supply routes and flanks of advancing units in the Harz Mountains were secured by the sweeps made by Troop units during that phase of operations.

3. Administrative.

a. Troop strength - 186

2 Officers and no enlisted replacements needed.

b. Casualties during the period amounted to 9.

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1 Officer KIA
1 EM KIA
1 Officer WIA, not evacuated
1 EM WIA, evacuated
5 EM Nonbattle casualties, evacuated
Prisoners captured - 338

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William F. Reich
WILLIAM F. REICH
1st Lt. Cav.
Executive Officer

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APO 1, U.S. ARMY

3 May 1945

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DATE 1 April 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0135	H-3	H-1	26th Infantry Regiment to cross I.P. at 0700 hours.
0315	H-3	H-1	16th Infantry Regiment will not reconnoiter Ruthen. They will reconnoiter Geseke. You will reconnoiter Ruthen.
0614	H-1	H-3	We have moved out.
0621	T-1	H-1	My location is 640688.
0649	H-1	H-2 H-3	Leading elements at 640688.
0717	H-2	H-1	Leading elements now passing I.P.
0720	T-2	H-1	Leading elements at 620832. We are halting due to information that road is mined.
0800	H-1	H-2 H-3	Road mined at 625832. Enemy still reported at 625838. Using 16th route to bypass by way of 665795 - 708843 - 678894.
0820	H-2	H-1 H-3	Counter attack by 15 enemy tanks and an unknown number of infantry at 675893.
0830	T-1	H-1	Leading elements at 710840.
0850	F-1	H-1	Request more information on counter attack. Also give your locations.
0854	H-1	H-2 H-3	Attack repulsed. Two enemy tanks destroyed. One knocked out, the rest withdrew.
0905	H-1	F-1	My location is 680896.
0915	T-1	H-1	Leading elements at 727937.
0932	H-2	H-1	Did you go straight through.
0940	T-1	H-1	Leading elements at 760038.
1000	H-1	H-2	We took route from 760996 to 780010 then back to 760040. Having route between first and last point checked. It has had no traffic. Route we took is OK for dry weather.

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1030	H-2	H-1	We are going by 625795 - 737812 - 760040.
1045	T-1	H-1	Leading elements at 778140.
1110	F-1	H-1	C.G. and party at 104th Division Hq.
1115	T-1	H-1	Leading elements at 720220.
1218	F-3	H-1	Am located at B.
1245	H-1	H-2	Sending 30 out road from 597266 and 20 from 621256 toward 18th Infantry's objective. C.P. at 621256.
1306	T-1	H-1	30 is moving out.
1328	F-1	H-1	What is location of 50.
1332	H-1	F-1	C.P. at 621256 also 50.
1335	F-1	H-1	Can you send A/C tire to Div. Fwd. Ans: Yes.
1336	T-2	H-1	30 has reached first town on route that is passable.
1345	F-1	H-3	Div C.P. at 667241.
1346	H-1	H-3	Where is ration dump.
1350	S-1	H-1	Do we have friends at 575259.
1355	H-1	S-1	Yes. 20 passed that point.
1408	S-1	H-1	My location is 589223.
1414	H-1	S-1	Refere message 1350. Yes 30 passed that point.
1432	S-1	H-1	My location is 590238. Town clear.
1445	T-1	H-1	Can observe nothing along road leading into second town on route. Dismounted patrol just reached there.
1452	S-1	H-1	My location is 580228. Munitions plant here. Several explosions in vicinity. Proceeding with caution.
1503	T-2	H-1	Civilians report enemy at 521240.
1510	H-2	H-1	Civilians report 1 tank is at 483174.
1513	H-2	H-1	26th Infantry now moving towards objective.

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1515	H-1 H-2 H-3		Can observe nothing along road from 535226 550250. Have dismounted patrol at first point. Civilians report enemy at 521240.
1520	T-1	H-1	Have occupied second town on route. Am checking town at 5224.
1528	S-1	H-1	Ammo dump at 580228. Bombs, mines and other explosives. No enemy encountered.
1531	H-1	T-1	Keep patrol at 535227 to observe. Rest of 30 stay put.
1535	H-1	S-1	Go to 565191 - 550182 and up main road to NW.
1550	H-1	H-2	Where does 26th intend to detruck.
1551	T-1	H-1	My location is 534227. Have patrol moving 2 kilometers NW.
1600	S-1	H-1	26th Infantry moving on west from 5823. We are moving later.
1615	T-1	H-1	Have occupied town at 5224. Three enemy infantry came into town at 1330 hours and told people to take down white flags - civilians report.
1620	H-2	H-1	Refere message 1550. 535227 or 482220 if possible.
1630	S-1	H-1	Bomb crater at 577222. Moving to 613183 - 582161 then NW.
1700	T-1	H-1	26th Infantry with tank moving through me to 4822.
1700	H-1	H-3	Request information on friendly troops to South and East of 26th Infantry So we can screen properly.
1705	H-3	H-1	My location is 666254.
1707	H-1	S-1	Assemble at 6218 for chow.
1710	H-1	T-1	Leave one section to follow 26th in and report progress. Rest assemble at 6218.
1730	S-1	H-1	Enemy troops contacted at 570161.
1748	T-1	H-1	Have one A/C tire with chow for 30.

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1815	H-1	S-1	Give details on enemy contact.
1825	H-3	H-1	No information of friendly troops other than elements of 104th Division suppose to be blocking 5811. Company of 18th Infantry moving to 639208 to form. 10 is available to you.
1830	S-1	H-1	Enemy road block at 570161. Approximately 15 enemy with supporting weapons.
1900	H-3	H-1	Change from A time to B time at 0200 hours.
1901	H-1	S-1	Establish road blocks at 581161 and 590166.
2212	F-1 S-1 T-1	H-3	Sentinel - challenge.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0055	F-1	H-1	We are in position. Is chow coming in morning. If so what time. Ans: Chow at 0730 hours
0100	F-2	F-1	Hq has just arrived. Will have the desired information in one hour.
0530	S-1	H-1	Enemy patrol consisting of approximately 10 men.
0630	T-1	H-1	Friendly troops at 494212 and 466212 and 471208. Enemy had road block at these points. Everything quiet except snipers.
0819	S-1	F-1	Chow is here. Send guide.
0820	T-1	H-1	Have moved road block at 603173 to 649167. Can observe 2 kilometers south and south east.
0835	S-1	H-1	Have radio technician come to this location. Bring message books.
0850	H-3	T-2	Are friendly troops at all points mentioned in message 0630 hours.
0900	T-2	H-1	My location is 482218.
0935	T-2	H-1	Friendly troop positions the same. 89 P.W.'s taken in all. Five officers among them.
0950	S-1	H-1	Moving to 590155. Send auto mechanic with A/C tire.
1015	H-1	S-1	Clear through this headquarters before you make any moves.

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1018	S-1	H-1	Can we move to that point so we can be near road o'clock. Ans: No.
1035	H-1	F-1	Send patrol to 580111. Contact Cavalry Squadron there and get complete dispositions and plans. Send vehicle back to Div Hq with all information you get.
1425	S-3	H-1	One T.D. and one squad infantry setting up at 581161. 18th Infantry moving through woods to their objective. Patrol out to contact them.
1503	H-1	T-1	30 sector for next mission will be 495213 - 525203 not including road on east. Maintain contact with 26th Infantry on west. Move on order.
1507	H-1	F-1	10 sector for next mission will be 525203 - 542194. Road on west included. Maintain contact with 18th on east. Move on order.
1545	H-1	S-1	Assemble at 6226. Move on order.
1555	H-1	T-1	Information you received earlier was changed.
1618	H-1	S-1	Is 18th Infantry in position.
1648	H-1 F-1	T-1	Assemble at once at 619182 for chow. After chow start new mission.
1650	H-1	S-1	20 return here at once.
1713	F-1	F-2	We are leaving here. Will leave guide here.
1716	F-1	F-2	How long before you will be back.
1720	S-3	H-1	21 and two men missing on patrol.
1747	S-1	H-1	We are on way.
1750	H-1	S-1	01 on way to you.
1815	F-2	H-3	Tell our NCO who is coming to your place he cannot join us over the route we told him to. We will have a guide to meet him where we ate chow.
1950	F-1	T-1	Is 01 with you. Ans: No.
2200	F-3	T-1	Are you in position. Ans: Yes.

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2210	H-1	T-1	Do you have contact with 26th Infantry.
2212	H-1	F-3	Do you have contact with 18th Infantry.
2214	F-3	H-1	One car in position other going in now.
2252	F-3	H-1	12 is taking patrol around back way to contact friends on left.
2300	T-1	H-1	Refere message 2210. No contact out have arranged for communication if necessary.

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0905	F-1	H-1	Four P.W.'s turned over to friends.
0916	F-3	T-1	Have hot chow, can you handle it. Ans: Yes.
0957	H-1	H-3	One Officer KIA one enlisted man MIA. Relay immediately.
1057	H-1	F-1 T-2	4th Cavalry sending contact patrol across your front to contact 3rd Battalion 26th Infantry.
1230	H-1	F-1 T-1	How much gas do you need.
1245	F-1	H-1	22 would like to have 18th Infantry contact me. I do not have man to man positions and patrol also. Oil refinery should be guarded heavy and searched. Much stock on piles and sidings.
1300	S-1	H-1	20 on way.
1307	T-1	H-1	80 gallons gas and 5 quarts oil.
1335	F-1	H-1	We need 70 gallons gas.
1340	F-1	H-1	Has anyone come out after A/C yet. If not send brake fluid out at same time.
1430	H-1	F-1	Refere message 1245. Give locations. What is your disposition.
1435	H-1	F-1	Put guard on it. 18th Infantry is coming out to take over guard.
1445	S-3	S-1	Engineers have not cleared route yet.

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1505	F-1	H-1	Send out radio man and let us know when he can come.
1506	S-1	S-3	Are engineers working on route.
1535	S-1	S-3	Watch road closely between 552277 and 548185. Especially gas and oil - first coordinate.
1605	T-1	H-1	Patrol returned, area clear.
1610	F-1	H-1	Patrol just left.
1728	S-1	H-1	My location is 494213.
1738 at	F-1	H-1	Patrol returned. Sighted four dismounted men at 534195. Believe they were enemy. They were traveling north east.
1748	S-1	H-1	Patrol returned. Route now clear.
1800	S-1	H-1	Is chow coming and what time.
1947	F-1	H-1	Putting in mines west side of bridge at 534199 and booby traps at all areas.
1006	H-1 F-1 T-1	S-1	Check oil in all vehicles at once for proper level.
2145	H-1	S-1	What about reports on patrols.
2214	S-1	H-1	Will be held up for time being cannot see.
2220	H-1	S-1	Get patrol started at once and run them every two hours.
2235	T-1	H-1	We need 4 quarts oil and 25 gallons gas.
2240	H-1	S-1	Start patrolling at once.

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1251	F-3	H-1	Send rations, water and half track.
1252	S-1	H-1	Patrol returned. Everything okay.
1518	T-2	H-1	Send radio technician to my location. Repair small sets.
1530	T-2	H-1	Wounded and captured one German worker in front of our position. Captured two civilians and two vehicles reported to be armed but were not.
1930	F-1	H-1	What is the word.

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1940	H-1	F-1	Squeeze - Play
2035	S-1	H-1	Patrol has returned everything okay.

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0105	F-1	H-1	Patrol returned everything okay.
0300	S-1	H-1	Patrol returned everything okay.
0525	T-3	H-1	Patrol returned everything okay.
0725	S-1	H-1	Patrol returned everything okay.
1449	F-2	H-1	Have one P.W.
1640	S-1	H-1	Patrol returned everything okay.
1915	S-1	H-1	Request approximate time of relief.
1930	H-1	S-1	Refere message 1915 approximate time 2000 hours.
2050	H-1	S-1	If you have not been relieved check with "E" Company 26th Infantry.
2135	S-1	H-1	Give location of "E" Company.
2145	H-1	S-1	Everything okay return at once.
2215	S-1	H-1	Due to rain and darkness request that departure from present location be delayed until 0500 hour
2224	H-1	S-1	Request granted.

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0855	T-1	H-1	My location is 805950 have you any new instructions.
0906	H-1	T-1	No. Continue on.
0930	T-1	H-1	Bad spot in road 100 yards long at 835365.
0943	T-1	H-1	Suggest using route south of B have reconnoitered first and second left cutting back onto B and have found road good.

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1005	T-1	H-1	Use route from 810360 to 835345 to 855351 to 846365.
1035	F-3	H-1	We are with 18th Infantry.
1053	T-2	H-1	Enemy reported digging in at 105380 to 940371. Road is blocked by wagon will reconnoiter route south of this parallel.
1115	F-3	H-1	Friendly troops in town at 965345 with road block at 970391 and 990355. Road from 905374 to 990355. Not covered by armored. Enemy infantry reported at 970376 last night.
1116	T-1	H-3	My location is 905375 route from this point to 976370 cleared. Infantry - enemy - with at least one towed piece reported dug in along north side of stream. I am proceeding along road running to the south and parallel thru 965345.
1139	H-1	T-1	Give source of information of message 1116 hours
1143	T-1	H-1	Have crossed phase line one at 965345.
1146	T-1	H-1	Crossed phase line two.
1203	T-1	H-1	Refere message 1139. Unit from 9th Armored Division objective 0181. Under fire now.
1210	H-3	H-1	Refere message 1053. Request source of information and location.
1221	F-3	H-1	After checking objective returned over route to clear of enemy.
1225	H-1	F-3	Bypass for point 835364 not satisfactory. Looking for better one.
1227	T-1	H-1	My location is 039358. Objective 0181 reported by civilian to be held by 60 enemy SS Troops.
1319	S-3	H-1	Road clear for you. Friends are here.
1320	H-1	F-3	Road from 809260 - 860325 - 880364 is good bypass.
1320	T-1	H-1	Enemy mortar falling at 970350. Objective 0181 still not clear.

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1322	T-1	H-1	Refere message 1221. Do not understand. Be more specific.
1346	S-1	H-1	Am I to continue on mission or wait.
1445	S-3	H-1	My location is 945371. No enemy sighted.
1456	T-2	H-1	My location is 040357.
1503	H-1	F-3	C-P at 903373.
1505	H-1	F-3	3 armored unit now moving south east toward 055370. Resistance in general area stiffening.
1509	F-3	H-1	Report latest progress.
1512	H-1	S-1	Hold up when you reach 990352.
1545	H-1	F-3	905373 - 944371 clear. 20 working toward 990351 now. 30 at 040357. Fighting still going on at 055370.
1547	S-1	H-1	Route impassable from 977366 have patrol at 981362. Will look for roundabout way.
1555	H-1	S-1	Take route 968372 - 966345 - 990351.
1615	T-1	H-1	Have cleared road block at 0369 and am on D.
1635	H-1	T-1	What is situation at 055370.
1730	H-1	F-3	Route 905373 - 968372 - 966345 and 905373 - 966345 - 039357 good. 968362 990351 impassable.
1734	T-1	H-1	Route from 5373 to 968372 clear. Trail leading south east impassable. Route south to 967343 good. Main route to objective clear.
1755	S-3	H-1	My location is 990353. Enemy in town. More information after we reconnoiter town.
1805	T-1	H-1	Objective clear. How soon will 18th Infantry arrive.
1825	H-1	S-1 T-1	Do you want hot chow. Ans: Yes.
1845	S-3	H-1	Town clear. What are my orders from here?
1850	H-1	S-3	Stand by.
1853	F-3	H-1	We will not arrive today. Stay where your are. Send 18th Infantry I and R platoon leader back with details. Report location.

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1925	H-1	T-1	Is there room for the Troop where you are.
1957	T-1	H-1	Town under shell fire. There are quarters.
2110	H-1	S-1	Come to 040357 at once.
2120	T-1	H-1	Will you arrive tonight. My location is 052369.
2030	T-1	H-1	Friends want to know if 18th Infantry Headquarters is coming here tonight. If so what time if possible.

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0814	H-3	F-3	My location unchanged.
0815	F-3	H-1	My location is 643247.
0821	H-1	F-3	When is the 18th Infantry moving up.
0842	F-3	H-1	We may leave before noon.
0925	H-1 F-3	H-3	C-P at 040357.
1120	H-3	H-1	3rd Armored column at 1447 column 2 at 132420 column 3 at 167380 column 4 at 140320. Enemy booby traps at 113273.
1600	H-3	H-1	Moving to 966343.
1703	F-3	H-1	My location is 055371.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1210	H-3	H-1	Can you send somewhere here to pick up maps.
1214	H-1	H-3	My location is 139417.
1228	H-1	H-3	Hold maps until you have completed move. We will pick them up.
1454	H-4	H-1	We are moving out-

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1510	H-3	H-1	My location is 143415.
1800	S-1	S-2	Report to 18th Regiment C.P.
1835	T-1	H-1	30 in position.
1837	S-2	S-1	We are delayed. Send up a small vehicle.
1917	H-1	S-2	Is 313418 cleared yet.
1920	T-1	H-1	Is chow coming here.

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0825	S-1	H-1	At point 19 moving to 20.
0837	T-1	H-1	Have reached check point 19.
0845	T-1	H-1	Large bomb craters holding us up one and one half mile north of point 19.
0846	S-1	H-1	Moving on to 22 and 12.
0915	F-3	H-1	Report progress.
0923	T-1	H-1	By passed craters now checking 21.
0925	S-1	H-1	Captured one P.W. at 22. Moving on to 23.
0929	T-1	H-1	Have checked 21 am proceeding to 25.
0957	T-1	S-1	1st Battalion 18th Infantry passed point 10. 2nd Battalion 18th Infantry passed point 3.
1020	T-1	H-1	Passed 24. At 23 now. Have contacted 20.
1040	S-1	T-1	We are moving to point 4.
1105	T-1	H-1	Passed point 25.
1130	T-1	S-1	Are you at 17. Unidentified troops there.
1133	S-1	T-1	Friends at 13.
1134	S-1	H-1	Moving to 13. Captured 5 P.W.'s at 369461.
1200	S-1	H-1	On way to 27.
1230	F-3	H-1	Friendly elements at check point 26.
1300	S-1	H-1	My location is point 27 waiting for 30.

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1307	T-1	H-1	30 P.W.'s and 3 Officers turned over to 18th Infantry.
1315	T-1	H-1	My location is 385500. Held up by road block.
1320	S-1	H-1	my location is point 21. Must wait for contact.
1324	H-1	S-1	Send contact patrol to 14, 15, 16.
1402	T-1	H-1	Impassable road block at 399509 looking for bypass.
1410	S-1	H-1	18th Infantry advance at 14. Am proceeding to 15.
1414	S-1	H-1	Am cleaning out 2215.
1427	S-1	H-1	Captured 10 P.W.'s at 15. Moving to 16.
1505	S-1	H-1	Moving to point 8. No friendly troops at points 15 and 16.
1520	H-1	S-1	Assemble in vicinity of 8.
1540	S-1	H-1	Road blocked at 447426. Will use other route.
1600	S-1	H-1	My location is 8. What are my orders from here.
1625	H-1	H-3	C-P at 400440.
1627	H-1	S-1	My location is 400440. Have platoon leader come here.
1630	H-1	T-1	Assemble in vicinity of 8.
1631	H-3	H-1	Revert to Division control as of 1530 hours. Mission established and maintain contact between 3rd Battalion 18th Infantry and 4th Cavalry and 26th Infantry Regiment.
1635	T-1	H-1	On objective awaiting orders to make contact patrol.
1645	T-1	H-1	Captured 4 P.W.'s turned over to 18th Infantry.
1655	F-3	H-1	Have OI report to 18th Infantry C.P. at 565476.
1708	H-1	T-1	Are you on way to assembly area.

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1709	T-1	H-1	Held up by road block at 437435. Will use different route.
1715	H-1	T-1	When you reach assembly area have 31 report to 400440 immediately.
1740	H-1	S-1	Is 21 on way to my location.
1750	H-1	S-1	Refers message 1625 hours report to 440400.
1824	H-1	F-3	30 has assembled we are on our way.
1900	H-3	H-1	My location is 315420.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0235	H-3	H-1	Your mission to remain Assembly area vicinity Northheim prepared to move north and establish and maintain contact between 16th Infantry on the north and 18th Infantry on the south on order of this headquarters.
0840	T-3	H-1	Do we contact regiment or squadron C.P.
0842	S-1	H-1	Few enemy riflemen at 567528. Will fire on them in order to pass.
0900	H-1	T-3	You will be with 3rd Battalion 18th Infantry.
0904	S-1	H-1	My location is 592538. Am moving on to friends.
0920	T-3	H-1	Forward elements of 3rd Battalion 18th Infantry at 625514.
0914	S-1	H-1	Cleared road block at 596550.
0940	S-1	H-1	Cleared road block at 607569.
1000	H-1	H-3	Road block at 607569 impassable. Mined on both sides. Will look for bypass.
1005	S-1	H-1	Refers message 0940 hours road block impassable mined on both sides. Will look for bypass.
1015	H-1	S-1	18th Infantry is sending one platoon to clear up enemy in vicinity 565530.
1024	S-1	H-1	Captured 21 P.W.'s at 606565.
1040	S-1	H-1	3 Englishmen at 606565. Send CIC to pick them up at town hall.

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1057	F-3	H-1	I tank reported vicinity 490505. 100 enemy reported north of 490505.
1100	H-1	S-1	30 track and A/C on way to pick up P.W.'s turn English over to them also,
1220	T-3	H-1	Friends meeting resistance at 665525. This C.P. moving towards resistance in half hour.
1221	H-1	S-1	Have you made contact with 26th Infantry.
1230	S-1	H-1	Friends are moving to 635564. Left A/C for liaison. Am going to 680524 to contact friends.
1255	S-1	H-1	1st Battalion 26th Infantry at 640550. Am going to 680525.
1257	S-2	S-1	Am at 1st Battalion 26th Infantry.
1300	H-3	H-1	Screening mission cancelled. Proceed at once to town at 525513. Hold bridge and patrol west. Enemy tank and infantry reported at 492503.
1330	S-1	H-1	My location is 634564 having fire fight believed to be a platoon of enemy infantry.
1335	H-1	S-1	Notify 26th Infantry our mission is changed. Return at once with all of 20 and T-3.
1350	H-1	T-1	Secure bridges to east of town. Do not send patrols out until ordered. 20 is coming to your location.
1355	S-2	S-1	Where will we meet you.
1405	T-1	H-1	On reconnaissance captured 2 P.W.'s at 515525.
1417	H-1	S-1	Okay. Continue.
1440	F-3	H-1	We are with 10.
1445	T-1	H-1	My new small radio is not tuned. Send technician to do it to 525515.
1447	H-1	S-1	Are you on way in to us. Ans: Yes.
1447	T-1	H-1	Captured 3 P.W.'s at 515522.
1500	S-1	T-3	Report to C.P. at once.

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1508	H-1	T-1	Call patrol back.
1516	H-1	T-1	Ol will be out to see you.
1550	T-1	H-1	Enemy soldiers reported 1000 yards from our position changing into civilians clothes. Request to investigate.
1602	H-1	T-1	Refere message 1447 hours. Ol on way to your location.
1745	T-1	H-1	Captured 5 P.W.'s. Destroyed one tank at 480510.
1855	S-1	H-1	Can you give the words for tonight.
1914	T-1	H-1	My location is 435545.
1945	T-3	H-1	We are on our way to 20 location.
2047	T-1	H-1	Destroyed two enemy howitzers at 434535 at 1930 hours. We are now at 20 location.
2130	H-1	T-1	TJ 6 was disabled in accident. Driver alright.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1050	S-1	T-1	We are to return immediately.
1052	H-1 S-1	T-1	Remain in position but prepare to move.
1145	H-3	H-1	Send one platoon to investigate situation in Moringen and Espol and then continue mission per verbal orders.
1158	H-1	S-1	Move 20 immediately to investigate situation at 476467 then to 415468.
1209	H-1	S-1	Do not wait for 21.
1222	H-1	S-1	We are moving out.
1225	H-1	S-1	SS men at both locations causing disturbances.
1226	T-1	H-1	What are our orders.
1255	S-1	H-1	Investigating 476466.
1310	H-1	S-1	H-1 on way to your location. 21 on way to you.

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1320	H-1	H-2	Would like to move 30 as soon as possible.
1335	H-2	H-1	30 can move anytime. Will meet them.
1340	H-1	T-1	Move out at once. 31 will meet you at 565487.
1455	H-1	S-1	Report progress.
1456	S-1	H-1	Have 8 P.W.'s all in civilian clothes. Searched town no SS found.
1507	H-3	H-1	Refere message 1455 hours. What is location of town.
1510	S-1	H-1	My location is 436491.
1513	H-1	H-3	Refere message 1507 hours 438491.
1530	H-1	H-2	We are moving.
1600	S-1	H-1	My location is 415468. "othing to report.
1700	S-1	H-1	Point-25-417506 negative.
1724	S-1	H-1	Point-397540 negative.
1730	H-3	H-1	Alert two platoons for screening mission between 2nd and 3rd Battalions 18th Infantry to begin as soon as possible.
1743	S-1	H-1	4 German wounded soldiers at 444546.
1755	H-3	H-1	Give location of 30. Is 20 on way to this location.
1803	H-3	H-1	Request location of H-2 immediately.
1811	S-1	H-1	Have finished patrol have 24 P.W.'s what are my orders from here.
1813	H-1	S-1	Assemble at 740507.
1825	H-3	H-1	Move 30 to assembly area at once. 03 on way to your location.
1830	H-1	H-3	Alert 1st Platoon.
2100	T-1	H-1	Am in position. Will send location shortly.
2110	T-1	H-1	My location is 756503 - 757499 - 977624.
2115	F-1	H-1	10 in position at 764473 - 761479 - 759582.
2350	H-1	F-1	Are you tied in with 18th Infantry. Ans: Yes.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0844	H-1	T-2	Point 22 cleared.
0845	T-2	H-1	Picked up 2 P.W.'s on the way back from point 12. SS reported in same place as last reported.
0921	T-1	H-1	Contacted an enemy road block at 10. Killed one wounded three. They are SS.
0935	H-2	T-2	Have you passed point 10.
0953	H-1	T-1	Friendly patrol on your right vicinity point 10 also engaged enemy. Be careful who you fire at.
0953	T-1	H-2	Refere message 0935 hours. No.
1019	H-1	T-1	Pull back to point 9 immediately. Artillery to fall in your present position.
1039	T-1	H-1	My location is point 9. Route to point 1 blocked. Suggest going from 9 to 11 to 10. Waiting orders.
1044	H-1	T-1	Give coordinates of road blocks. Refere message 1039 hours.
1045	T-1	H-1	Refere message 0921 hours. Killed one officer and one private. Wounded one captured one. 10 is surveying that area.
1048	H-1	T-1	Did you ever reach 10. If so how.
1050	T-1	H-1	Refere message 1044 hours. Road block at 775479 others reported along route by 18th Infantry.
1055	H-1	T-1	Where did you make contact with enemy.
1107	H-3	S-3	Have you picked up anything yet.
1111	T-1	H-1	Contacted enemy at 765474.
1115	S-1	H-3	Refere message 1107. Point 695478 and 690496 negative.
1116	T-1	H-1	Is friendly patrol at 10 or 11.
1123	H-1	T-1	Refere message 1116 at 10.
1140	T-1	H-1	Road block at 772432. Patrol from 18th Infantry report enemy at 803500.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
1140	T-1	H-1	Road block at 772485. Patrol from 18th Infantry reports enemy at 803500.
1217	H-1	T-1	Report progress. Self propelled reported at 802498.
1235	T-2	H-1	Have no patrol yet. My location is 772485. Have seen 3 enemy soldiers at 771482 am checking. Engineers working at road block from 9 to 10. Waiting orders.
1254	H-1	T-2	Proceed to 11 if at all possible.
1258	T-1	H-1	It is not possible to proceed to 11.
1322	T-2	H-1	1000 yards west of point 9 observed 2 enemy am investigating.
1339	H-1	F-1	Contact 30 on small set in refere message 1322 hours.
1414	T-2	H-2	Am working on Road block on road to point 10 not on road to point 11.
1423	T-2	H-1	31 on way to your location.
1608	H-1	H-2	Return to our location.
1755	H-1	F-1 T-1	Are you in position.
1807	T-1	H-1	30 in position.
1830	F-1	H-1	Refere message 1755 hours. Yes.
1852	H-3	H-1	Request coordinates of 30 and 10.
1901	H-1	H-3	03 on way to my location. Will give him information.
1903	H-3	H-1	03 is here. Do you want him to come after requested information.
1912	H-1	H-3	Send 03 here.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0217	MC	H-1	Telephone map coordinate code for 11 April has been compromised and will not be used point of origin method of designating map locations has shown in periodic reports can be substituted therefore until new map coordinate code is issued.

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1304	H-1	S-1	Hold up outside of town.
1310	S-1	H-1	Shall we move to destination.
1312	H-1	H-2	Take receiver out of S-3 and wsap with H-3.
1323	H-1	S-1	Refere message 1310 hours. Yes.
1325	H-2	H-1	Refere message 1312 hours. S-3 is not here now.
1330	H-1	S-1	Are you moving. Ans: Yes.
1340	S-1	H-1	Refere message 1304 hours. We are here.
1355	H-1	F-1 F-3	Have you been relieved.
1400	H-2	H-1	Ready to move. Is there definate location.
1404	F-1	H-1	Refere message 1355 hours. No.
1408	H-1	H-2	Refere message 1400 hours. 03 will contact you.
1440	S-1	H-1	My location is 867468.
1513	H-1	F-1 T-1	Move out now. Do not waite for relief. Halt in vicinity of 795435.
1530	S-1	H-1	My location is 860460.
1534	H-1	S-1	Can you move faster or are you having to remove road blocks.
1535	S-1	H-1	Captured one P.W. at 860460. Expect to get nine. More off hill.
1545	S-1	H-1	Will try to move faster but at the moment situation will not permit.
1610	S-1	H-1	One man slightly wounded. Pocket of ten enemy at 857462 with MG. Will try to move on with mission.
1638	S-1	H-1	My location is 875444. Still moving along.
1658	T-2	H-2	My location is 855475.
1700	S-1	H-1	Killed four enemy at 875452. Captured one.
1712	T-2	H-1	Room for all

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1800	H-1 H-3	F-1 S-1	C-P at 863482.
1805	S-1	H-1	My location is 882435.
1840	S-1	H-1	My location is 884427. Road block at 884424. Will try to reduce it and continue on mission.
1915	S-1	H-1	Road block cleared proceeding on mission.
1930	S-1	H-1	Bridge blown out at 886417. Will try to bypass and continue on mission.
1946	H-1	F-1	Return to 863482 at once.
2030	H-1	H-4	Chow for three platoons and Forward C.P. at 6600 hours.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0003	H-4	H-1	10 is with H-4 for night.
0815	H-1	H-4	Has 10 moved out. Ans: 11 on way to your location.
0843	T-1	H-1	On reconnaissance for bypass. Contacted enemy at 900500. Strength unknown.
1020	T-1	H-1	Am on right road going south. Only one vehicle contacted enemy up north.
1030	T-2	H-1	My location is 895470.
1038	F-2	H-1	My location is 865455 proceeding on mission.
1053	T-2	H-1	Found abandoned C & R car at 890460.
1108	F-2	H-1	Road block at 859444. Clearing same.
1112	F-2	H-1	Anyone using route on our left. Ans: No.
1121	H-1	T-2	Refer message 1053 hours. If car is servicable take it.
1130	T-2	H-1	Do not know. We have passed it if servicable will pick it up on way back.
1132	F-2	H-1	Proceeding on mission.
1134	T-2	H-1	Took three P.W.'s at 895449.
1230	T-2	H-1	200 yards from the crossroads.

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1236	T-2	H-1	Reached objective.
1237	F-2	H-1	My location is 856439.
1246	T-2	H-1	My location is 885417. Am returning back same route will pick up C & R car.
1346	H-1	T-1	Go to 925495 and tie down buildings for all.
1420	S-1	H-1	Mission has been changed. Reconnaissance from 930503 and 945493 to 907420 and woods around Lauterburg. Awaiting orders from Colonel to go ahead.
1429	T-1	H-1	Contacted enemy on way back at 900475. Killed one. Destroyed one civilian vehicle.
1436	H-1	S-1	Is "C" Company going south from 925495 or are you to take both routes.
1507	S-1	H-1	Am taking road south 925495. Road is clear where bridge is blown.
1529	F-1	H-1	My location is 863416.
1546	F-2	H-1	Road block at 864412 clearing same.
1600	S-1	H-1	Is A/C at 16th Infantry C.P.
1602	H-1	S-1	Refere message 1600 hours. Our C.P. with them.
1617	F-2	H-2	Road block at 858400. Job for Engineers. Will try to bypass.
1635	S-1	H-1	Captured 34 P.W.'s at 938480. Am moving on.
1650	S-1	H-1	Road block at 933467. Will clear and move on.
1655	F-2	H-1	Arrived at destination what now.
1708	H-1	F-2	Come to 925495.
1740	S-1	H-1	Meeting numerous road blocks. Tanks and Infantry can go on but wheeled vehicles cannot. Do you want tanks and infantry to go on.
1755	H-1	T-1	Be ready to guide. 10 is coming in.
1800	S-1	H-1	My location is 932466. Am clearing last road block and moving on.
1805	H-1	S-1	Tanks and infantry continue on. Bring 20 back here.

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1811	H-1	H-3	My location is 925495.
1815	H-3	H-1	Is route from 8142 to 8340 to 888400 good for traffic.
1900	H-1	H-3	Refer message 1815 hours Route good traveled it last night.

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0900	H-3	H-1	03 on way to your location.
1706	H-1	S-1	Are you with "F" Company. Ans: Not yet.
1724	H-1	S-1	Point has been taken. Proceed on mission.
1734	H-1	S-1	"F" Company has reached 988465 and is working along north of your route.
1758	F-1	H-1	We have moved on.
1810	S-1	H-1	My location is 985460.
1824	F-1	H-1	What are the two words.
1825	H-1 F-1	S-1	Two words are radio cabinet.
1831	T-1	H-1	Road block at 992462 Engineers working trying to bypass.
1836	H-1	S-1	"F" Company has reached 995465.
1847	T-1	H-1	Picked up five P.W.'s. Four at road block. Block is one large tree.
1850	S-1	H-1	Captured three P.W.'s at 003664. Am moving on.
1900	S-1	H-1	Captured two P.W.'s and ten horses.
1910	S-1	H-1	Captured three vehicles and 42 more P.W.'s. My location is 011466.
1930	H-1	S-1	Stay at 030450 tonight. Move out 0600 hours and retrace your route contact 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry. Their location 981460.
1950	S-1	H-1	Have contacted friends am on way back.
2000	S-1	H-1	What am I to do with P.W.'s at 995463.
2000			

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2006	C.O. 16th Inf.	S-1	Good Work.
2008	H-1	F-1 T-1	Return to my location.
2013	H-1	S-1	Contact elements of 3rd Battalion 16th Inf at your location. Get runner from them to run messages from 16th Infantry.
2020	S-1	H-1	3rd Battalion 16th Infantry had orders to attack west along road at 050405. Should make contact with "F" Company.
2035	T-1	H-1	Find quarters. Ours have been taken.
2100	H-1	T-1	Go to same house. It is unoccupied.
2202	H-1	S-1	Did you turn over any P.W.'s at your present location.
2210	S-1	H-1	Am with friends that have wire communication to 3rd Battalion 16th Infantry.
2300	S-1	H-1	"L" Company with one platoon of tanks is at 027480. They hear explosives to north west of their position.
2345	H-1	S-1	Will have hot chow for you when you arrive here in the morning.

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0030	S-1	H-1	"I" Company now at 034481 hear tracked vehicles to north. Scattered infantry light resistance.
0700	T-1	H-1	Undefended road block at 987445. 25 trees. will find bypass or clear.
0800	H-1	T-1	Bridge blown up at 990440.
0830	F-2	H-1	My location is 985459. Trying to find bypass.
0900	T-1	H-1	Road block at 003428. 20 to 30 trees undefended.
0955	T-1	H-1	Just cleared road block. Moving through now.
1015	T-1	H-1	Contacted friendly troops at 006418. Road to 20 objective cleared.

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1023	T-1	H-1	Friends were elements of 4th Cavalry at 006418.
1033	T-1	H-1	My location is 030446. Awaiting orders.
1050	H-1	T-1	Stay where you are for time being.
1245	H-3	H-1	Have 1st Platoon contact 4th Cavalry at 998358. Did 3rd Platoon make contact with friendly units at 007418.
1256	FF22	H-1	Found bypass moving on.
1330	H-1	H-3	Refere message 1245 hours. 3rd made contact.
1332	H-1	T-1	Come to 062452.
1400	F-2	H-1	Road block at 969437. Clearing same.
1415	F-2	H-1	Proceeding on mission.
1440	F-2	H-1	Road block at 970433 and 969432. Clearing same.
1525	F-2	H-1	We are on objective going through town. One P.W.
1535	H-1	F-2	Contact 4th Cavalry at 998358.
1626	F-2	H-1	Captured 14 P.W.'s more coming.
1637	H-1	S-1	Was your outpost relieved. Ans: Yes.
1710	S-1	H-1	My location is 111475. "B" Troop is here.
1730	T-2	H-1	My location is 8367. Friends here. Returning over same route.
1820	F-1	H-1	51 P.W.'s taken. Contacted friends. My location at destination.
1822	H-1	F-1	When you reach 997363 come to 065453 via 007382 - 030446.

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0200	H-1	H-3	My location is 065453.
0700	H-1	F-1	Go to 030446 first.

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0745	S-1	H-1	My location is 049480. Am with 3rd Platoon. Our infantry having light resistance at 042492.
0800	H-1	S-1	Your mission will not begin until 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry has reached 030510.
0810	T-3	H-1	Slight demolition job on railroad on over road at 041485. Will have cleared shortly.
0830	H-1	H-4	Are you with 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry. Ans: Yes.
0843	T-3	H-1	My location is 039496 "F" Company 2nd Battalion has taken 80 P.W.'s.
0856	H-1	H-3	One under "D" signed Moss.
0905	T-3	H-1	My location is 041499. Waiting for 20 to reach 029509. Going east together.
0930	S-1	H-1	My location is 035501. Am following friends.
0956	S-1	H-1	My location is 0351. Road block at 031509. Will try to clear it.
1007	S-1	H-1	Road block will take hours to remove. Will bypass if possible.
1015	T-3	H-1	Have contacted enemy at 054505. Have one P.W.
1022	S-1	H-1	My location is 035508. Have bypassed road block and am moving on.
1033	T-3	H-1	Destroyed two enemy half tracks. Personnel going north.
1045	S-1	H-1	My location is 044508. Captured 2 P.W.'s.
1100	T-3	H-1	Picked up 10 P.W.'s in vicinity of half tracks at 054505.
1110	T-3	H-1	My location is 065507.
1120	H-3	H-1	One platoon Reconnaissance Troop is detached 16th Infantry effective 18 1045 and comes under division control.
1125	H-4	H-1	My location is 049479.
1150	T-3	H-1	Contacted enemy at 070504.

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1204	S-1	H-1	Contacted "L" Company 3rd Battalion 16th Infantry at 077504. Will move to point 091523.
1215	H-4	H-1	Friendly unit at 074504.
1216	T-3	H-1	Contacted "L" Company 3rd Battalion 16th Infantry at 074503. Report bridge blown up. Proceeding on mission.
1237	T-3	H-1	Picked up 3 P.W.'s at 065502.
1308	S-1	H-1	Forward troops of 3rd Battalion 16th Infantry at 092523. Will proceed when road junction is clear.
1310	T-3	H-1	Contacted enemy dug in positions at 058500. Strength about one squad. Am working on them.
1337	T-3	H-1	Referred last message. Killed two captured eight.
1347	S-1	H-1	Enemy blew bridge at 092522. Time 1335 hours.
1405	T-3	H-1	Trees in area of last location prepared for demolition.
1445	H-4	H-1	My location is 043536.
1430	T-3	H-1	Have completed mission. My location is 061487. Am eating chow and awaiting orders.
1450	S-1	H-1	My location is 0952. Bypass bridge that is blown up at 092522.
1515	H-1	T-3	Remain at present location until ordered to return.
1530	S-1	H-1	My location is 085516. Killed one enemy officer.
1600	H-4	H-1	Friendly troops attacking east from 050522.
1601	S-1	H-1	Captured 17 P.W.'s at 071518.
1623	H-1	T-3	Send your half track here at once.
1637	S-1	H-1	My location is 051512. Friendly mortar fire falling on right.
1719	S-1	H-1	Road impassable for vehicles at 047514. Am taking trail south. Had fire fight from point 078515 to 065515. Enemy was to my right. Have 17 P.W.'s. One wounded. Will turn over to friends.

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1730	T-1	H-1	Will hot chow be sent or will we return for it.
1740	S-1	H-1	My location is 035500.
1747	H-1	T-1	You will return for chow when notified.
1800	H-1	H-4	How much of road from 035525 to 091522 did 16th Infantry 2nd Battalion cover.
1805	H-1	S-1	Have you been on road from 035525 to 091522 at all.
1811	S-1	H-1	Have contacted friends at 043525.
1821	T-3	H-1	For future reference bridge blown at 060482.
1825	H-4	H-1	Road clear from 035525 to 050522. We are proceeding east on that road.
1826	S-1	H-1	Have not reconnoitered road from 062523 to 082523.
1827	H-1	T-1	Have guide out at 060482 for chow.
1841	S-1	H-1	Are you sending chow to us tonight.
1843	H-1	T-3	Alert 30 for mission.
1846	H-1	S-1	Where do you want chow sent and how should it go.
1850	H-1	T-2	Proceed to 091422 at at once. 16th Infantry outpost there that is hard pressed by enemy.
1853	S-1	H-1	Friends are at 075525.
1910	H-1	T-1	When you reach 091522 head west.
1912	S-1	H-1	Large tree road block at 083523.
1916	S-1	H-1	My location is 074524. Send chow to 092523. Use main road.
1920	S-1	H-1	Disregard last message on chow. Send chow to 034526. Use road south.
1920	H-1	T-1	2nd Platoon and infantry coming towards you from west.
1940	T-3	H-1	My location is 091522. Road block at this point. Trees and approximately 30 enemy. Will try to bypass and proceed west.

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1943	H-1	S-1	Refer message 1912 hours. Bypass if you can and proceed.
1950	H-1	S-1 T-1	Keep on the lookout for friendly troops.
1959	T-2	H-1	Have found bypass and am heading west.
2001	S-1	H-1	Am at 092522.
2010	T-3	H-1	Road block at 084523. Will have cleared shortly.
2015	S-1	H-1	What are my orders from here.
2021	T-3	H-1	Road block cleared proceeding west.
2022	H-1	S-1 T-3	Have you seen any friendly units in your vicinity. If so who.
2026	H-1	T-3	Hold up. Pull back on main road.
2045	H-1	T-1	Remain at 091522 tonight blocking to west.
2045	S-1	H-1	Seen Company "G" 16th Infantry taking trail at 074525 heading north east.
2047	T-3	H-1	Only friendly unit at junction of main road.
2050	H-1	S-1	Proceed to 078503 set up for tonight blocking to west. Chow will come there.
2100	T-2	H-1	Have covered as far west as 20 covered coming east, road is clear. Friends going north awaiting orders.
2135	H-1	S-1	Comply with message 2050 hours.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0015	H-3	H-1	1st Reconnaissance Troop less one platoon under division control to work the roads between 16th Infantry 1st Battalion and 18th Infantry 2nd Battalion.
0100	H-3	H-1	Make contact between 16th Infantry and 18th Infantry. General line of Hasseelfelde and Trautenberg at first light and work north from there.
0101	H-3	H-1	Effective 19 0600 hours 1st Reconnaissance Troop less one platoon detached 16th Infantry revert division control. Mission 19 April maintain contact between elements (Cont'd)

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0101	H-3	H-1	contact between elements of 16th Infantry and 18th Infantry sweeping north from line Tanne - Trautenberg - Hasselfelde.
0545	S-1	T-1	Return as soon as possible.
0600	F-1	H-1	We are moving out.
0815	H-1	H-3	Where and when is Division Headquarters moving today.
0838	T-1	H-1	Moving out.
0845	S-1	H-1	3rd Battalion 18th Infantry attacking from 178505 up road north east. Am moving to 160488.
0900	H-3	H-1	Refer message 0815 hours. Tentative plan is for Division Headquarters to move to your location this afternoon.
0920	T-1	H-1	Have reached phase line one. Where is 02.
0923	S-1	H-1	Am at phase line one.
0926	H-1	S-1 T-1	Proceed on mission.
0945	T-1	H-1	Got one P.W. at 151534.
0946	S-1	H-1	Captured 7 P.W.'s at 170500.
0957	T-1	H-1	Road block at 145527 impassable. Will try to bypass.
1042	T-1	H-1	Road blocks at 152521 and 149519 impassable. My location is 155525. Can observe 2nd Platoon if they reach 156516.
1115	T-1	H-1	We have visual contact with 20. Will start on next phase line.
1118	H-1	F-1	14 has tire trouble. Will return after chow.
1142	S-1	H-1	Am at phase line 2.
1143	T-1	H-1	We are working on road block at 155537.
1220	H-3	H-1	Compromise panel code effective immediately. 19 - 21 Cerise 22 - 24 yellow.
1220	S-1	H-1	Road block at 176510. Have bypassed.

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1252	S-1	H-1	Road block impossible to bypass. Will try trails to left.
1315	T-1	H-1	My location is 165532.
1358	S-1	H-1	Crater in road at 171524.
1501	S-1	H-1	My location is 153521. Held up by road block.
1535	S-1	H-1	My location is 152521. Have civilian who says 40 enemy trucks in area. Should I go and investigate.
1540	T-1	H-1	My location is 157554. Phase line 3 not clear. Awaiting orders from 1st Battalion 16th Infantry.
1600	H-1	S-1	Refere message 1535 hours. No.
1602	H-1	S-1	What are you doing at 152521. You should be headed towards phase line 3. What is forward location of 2nd Battalion 18th Infantry.
1605	H-1	T-1	You take orders from Troop C.P. not 1st Battalion 16th Infantry. Just coordinate with them. Waite until phase line 3 is clear.
1630	S-1	H-1	My location is 182521. 2nd Battalion 18th Infantry are withdrawing back from 205536 to attack point, located at 200539.
1634	S-1	H-1	Bridge at 201539 held by enemy with A.T. gun. Will stand by until point is clear.
1642	S-1	H-1	Are you sending hot cknow tonight.
1651	H-1	S-1	Do not know yet. Hope we can pull you in.
1717	T-1	H-1	Had physical contact with 2nd Platoon at 170525.
1725	H-3	H-1	Refere message 1535 hours. What happened to trucks.
1759	H-1	T-1	Did you make physical visual contact with 2nd Platoon on phase line 2.
1805	H-1	T-1	Return to Troop C.P.
1810	H-1	S-1	Bivouac in vicinity of 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry for tonight.

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1820	H-1	S-1	Have guide meet chow at 178505.
1825	S-1	H-1	Give location of 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry.
1834	S-1	H-1	Friends are across bridge at 200539.
1835	H-1	S-1	"efere message 1825 hours. One company is ahead of you. 'icinity of phase line 3.
1850	H-1	S-1	Will they hold there tonight or are they moving.
1857	S-1	H-1	Large crater blown in road at 195533. No bypass this time.
1915	S-1	H-1	2nd Battalion 18th Infantry is expecting to move north.
1936	S-1	H-1	Bridge blown at 200539. No bypass to phase line 3.
1947	F-1	H-1	Have 2 P.W.'s will keep them over night.
2016	S-1	H-1	"L" Company 18th Infantry is moving tonight to point 238568.
2027	S-1	H-1	Shall I stay at 2nd Battalion 18th Infantry for tonight.
2035	H-1	S-1	Are you at 2nd Battalion 18th Infantry.
2044	S-1	H-1	My location is 193532. Are we to stay here.
2051	H-1	S-1	Chow will be out at 0630 hours.
2115	S-1	H-1	What are words for tonight.
2125	H-1	S-1	Cameo - Broach.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0705	S-1	H-1	Should I carry out mission in regards to phase line 3.
0730	H-1	S-1	Has bridge at 200539 been repaired yet so that you could get to 210548.
0757	S-1	H-1	Bridge still out.
0807	S-1	H-1	Can get to phase line by route 178505 south to 197469. Then take route north.
0811			

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DATE 20 April 1945 Cont'd

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
0811	H-1	S-1	Proceed to 210548 via 179505 - 217524 and standoy in that vicinity.
0855	H-1	S-1	Get there as soon as you can.
0900	S-1	H-1	Forward troops at 178502. Will try to bypass.
0940	S-1	H-1	My location is 217524. Waiting orders.
1035	H-1	H-3	Have Mine laid to us.
1037	H-1	S-1	Return to Troop C.P.

DATE 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945

TIME FROM TO

Negative Report.

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1st Inf Div

FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO 1, U.S. ARMY

3 June 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

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

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105 as amended, and Letter First U.S. Army, 13 July 1944, file 319 1/401 (C), Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports, the following is submitted for this organization.

From: 0001 hrs 1 May 1945
To : 2400 hrs 31 May 1945

1st Reconnaissance Troop
3 June 1945
Cheb, Czechoslovakia

Map: GSGS 4416 T7 1/100,000

1. Enemy Situation.

a. No contact.

b. None

c. During the first week of the period prior to the surrender of all the German Armed Forces, the enemy attempted to contest the advance of the Division eastwards through Czechoslovakia. The enemy's defense consisted mainly of scattered strongpoints along the main routes.

d.

e. There may still be some attempt at sabotage or incidents intended to disrupt our security measures, but it is extremely unlikely that any real coordination exists among those of the enemy who would still offer resistance to Allied Occupation.

2. Own Situation.

a.

b. Entire Troop located in Cheb (Eger).

c.

d. During the first five days of the period the Troop was engaged in patrolling the Division's rear area, as a security reserve. One platoon was attached to, and remained with, Division Headquarters for the first half of the period. Throughout the remainder of the period the Troop remained in a reserve status, and engaged in maintenance and training schedules, as well as furnishing a security patrol for Cheb (Eger).

e. Combat efficiency was excellent at beginning of period but has dropped considerably during latter part of period due to return of experienced personnel to the United States.

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3. Administrative.

- a. Troop strength - 124
19 enlisted replacements needed.
- b. Casualties during period - 3
3 EM nonbattle casualties, evacuated.
- c. Prisoners captured - none

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FIRST RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO 1, U.S. ARMY

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3 June 1945

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1 May 1945: Maintenance of vehicles and weapons continued.

2 May 1945: No change.

3 May 1945: Troop assigned mission of patrolling division area with security patrols. Patrols from Division rear boundry east across the Czechoslovakian boarder and as far forward as the Regimental Command Post. 2nd & 3rd platoons were each employed in these patrols. The bulk of both platoons were kept on the alert at the troop C.P. 1st Platoon attached to Division C.P. was used on similar missions. Ten stragglers were picked up and turned over to C.I.C. Patrols returned at dark.

4 May 1945: Security patrol continued, with 3rd platoon handling the job in the morning, and 2nd platoon in the afternoon.

5 May 1945: No change in situation. Patrolling continued.

6 May 1945: Troop moved at 0945 hrs. from Gross Wenden to Cheb, Czechoslovakia and remained in assembly area awaiting orders from Division Hq.

7 May 1945: Word recieved by Division to cease all offensive operations, that the war with Germany had ended.

8-10 May 1945: Usual training and camp duties.

11-13 May 1945: 3rd Platoon furnished traffic control means, and guide vehicles for convoys of enemy moving from C.T. Concentration areas to the Division Concentration Area.

14 May 1945: Usual training and camp duties.

15 May 1945: 1st Platoon detached from Division Hq. and moved to troop area.

16-31 May 1945: Usual training and camp duties.

Note: Division had total of 444 days in combat as a Division.
Took over 120,000 P.W.'s.

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