

HEADQUARTERS THIRD BATTALION
119th Infantry,
APO 30,
U. S. Army.

C O M B A T J O U R N A L

June 15 -
1200 - Embarked at Southhampton, England for S.S.V.
1500 - Boarded LST and prepared to proceed to Rendezvous Point to join convoy.

June 16 -
1600 - Boarded LCT's and proceeded toward Beach.
1620 - Landed on Beach, proceeded to transit area.

June 17 -
0230 - Arrived at the Bn CP, 1 mile east of Airl, France. Companies K, L, M, already outposts upon arrival. One casualty, Lt. Daniel A. Meade of Company L killed by sniper at about 0900 .

June 17th to July 6th -

This Battalion maintained and manned DEFENSIVE POSITION along the Vire River, from town of Airl, to town of La Meauffe, France. On July 1st Capt. George D. Rehkopf was wounded by shrapnel, and at 1800 this day 1st Lt. George W. Booher assumed command of Company I.

July 7 -
0430 - Attack began, this Battalion in Division Reserve.

July 8 -
1200 - This Battalion moved out, to assembly area.
1330 - Arrived at the Bn CP about 1000 yards south of Airl, France.
1600 - This Battalion attacked south along the Vire River, Company L on the left, Company K on the right, Company I in reserve. Battalion moved satisfactorily.
2200 - Bn consolidated and secured positions for the night, near town of Bordigny.

July 9 -
0700 - Battalion jumped off pushing the attack south along the Vire River.
2200 - This battalion consolidated their positions for the night just south of Cavigny, France.

- July 10 - Battalion still pushing forward Companies K and L reached high ground just north of Pont Herbert. Forward elements pushed into town. Bn secured positions on high ground for the night. During this move the battalion was subjected to severe enemy artillery fire, casualties were heavy.
- July 11 - Enemy artillery fire continued during night and also the day.
- 1700 - This Battalion was relieved by 1st Bn this regiment and reverted to Regimental reserve and went into assembly area 1000 yards north of Pont Herbert. Bn CP set up ~~up~~ Captain Harry J. Hopcraft of Company K was ~~SWA~~ and Lt. David Drake assumed command.
- July 12 - Bn in regimental reserve.
- 1400 - Company L attached to 1st Bn this reg't, Company K sent to cover left flank of 1st Bn at about 1800.
- July 13 - Battalion still in regimental reserve, Bn 6P shelled intermittently from 0600 to 1000, two officers and three EM killed, four wounded. Company L still attached to 1st Bn this reg't.
- 1400 - Company K reverted to Bn control. Bn CP moved at about 0900 to position 1300 yards north of Pont Herbert.
- July 14 - This battalion in Regimental Reserve. Company L released by 1st Bn at about 2000.
- 2300 - Attack order received, this Battalion attached to 117th Inf Regt. Time of attack scheduled for 0500 15 July. Capt. Palmer asgd and joined relieved Lt. Drake as CO.
- July 15 -
- 0400 - Companies K and I moved through G and F companies this reg't, respectively, and attacked at 0530, azimuth 220 degrees. Company K on the right, Company I on the left, Company L in reserve. Battalion met heavy resistance on the right flank in early stage. After advancing about 1000 yards they consolidated positions for the night.
- July 16 - This battalion relieved by elements of the 120th Infantry reg't
- 1400 - Battalion released from 120th Inf Reg't and reverted to Regimental Control. This regiment then went into Division Reserve. Bn assembly area same as 14th and 13th of July.
- July 17 -
- This Battalion received hot meals and hot showers.
- July 18th Bn alerted to be prepared to move to positions occupied by 2nd Bn this regiment.
- 1400 - Bn to move under company control to assembly area occupied by 2nd Bn this regiment. Companies to move in 15 minute intervals, between hours of 1700 and 1800.
- 1530 - This Bn to furnish one reinforced company to organize and man regimental reserve line. Company I alerted to move out soon as possible. Capt. Hopcraft returned to Company K as CO at 1300, Capt. Palmer relieved as CO of Company K and assigned to Company I relieving Lt. Booher as CO.
- 1930 - Bn closed into assembly area.

- July 19 - Police made of Assembly area, and salvaged equipment.
- 1430 - Battalion moved forward to assembly area north, Le Mesnil Durand, France.
- July 20 -
- 0900 - This Battalion in Regimental reserve Bn CO left for Division CP to meet 7th Corps Comdr.
- July 21 -
- Battalion still in regimental reserve, Company I relieved as RRL company and returned to assembly area at about 1900.
- July 22 - Battalion still in Regimental reserve, weather still uncertain and rainy.
- July 23 - Position and situation unchanged.
- July 24 - Weather still uncertain. Attack planned for 1300 with 85 minutes preparation by Air and Artillery (350 Dive Bombers, 396 Medium Bombers, and 1800 Heavy Bombers).
- 1135 - Dive Bombers started over target area, ceiling low.
- 1155 - Dive Bombers apparently lost (heading due north) made bomb run and dropped bombs in Cos. L, and Hqs. Co. area. Casualties from this Battalion and adjacent units; 7 killed and 15 wounded. Shortly after, medium bombers dropped bombs nearby on adjacent units. Total casualties estimated at 15 killed, 51 wounded. Lt. Pollom and Lt. Snow of Company L were SWA and evacuated. Lt. Kennedy assumed command of Company L. Attack postponed at 1430.
- July 25 - Attack scheduled for 1100, weather much better.
- 0935 - Air preparation began, bombers again short, inflicting casualties in this Bn of 8 killed and 14 wounded. Company K led attack with tanks attached, followed by Company I, L, M, and Hqs. Co. Tanks were road bound, and unable to give satisfactory support. Enemy artillery intense. Companies pushed forward slowly, pushing back stubborn resistance. By dark, 1st Bn this regiment was in Hebecrevon.
- July 26 - Attack moved off early, troops still encountering stubborn resistance and intense artillery fire.
- 1600 - Bn Executive Officer moved to the Bn OP to relieve Bn CO who returned to the CP. Troops pushed forward, resistance lessened. Battalion gained objective at about 2230, meeting practically no resistance. COL. KELTNER as STAFF ATTACHE
- July 27 -
- 0900 - Battalion attacked, and seized positions 1000 yards south of previous days objective, little resistance encountered.
- 1600 - Positions consolidated.
- July 28 - Battalion moved forward to positions $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Les Aneries, Bn CP set up. Bn then reverted to Regimental Reserve.

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July 29 -

- 0730 - Battalion moved up in the rear of 1st and 2nd Bns., this regiment. This regiment passed through 120th Infantry Reg't and attacked Southeast to consolidate positions along Vire River.
- 1200 - This Battalion committed around right of the 1st Bn, mission of seizing and preparing Bridge for demolition.
- 1220 - Company I, leading company encountered rifle and MG fire from the right.
- 1630 - Encountered five enemy tanks which delayed operation, TD's, battalion AT guns, and Bazookas placed into action.
- 2200 - Still delayed by enemy tanks and small arms fire. Positions consolidated for the night.
- 2300 - Enemy Aircraft bombed and strafed; Co. K suffered Casualties.

July 30 -

- 0500 - Enemy Aircraft attacked, bombed and strafed, no casualties reported.
- 0800 - Battalion commenced straightening their line, received reinforcements some light and medium tanks.
- 1300 - Little progress made, two of our tanks were knocked out of action. 1st Bn this reg't to pass through our positions. This Bn to revert to Regimental REserve.
- 2200 - Still little progress made, battalion held up by emplaced weapons both automatic and light, self-propelled artillery.

July 31 -

- 0100 - Enemy Air Attack, bombed and strafed, no casualties.
- 0700 - Company K with tanks attached, in the lead, and Company I, on the left, Company L, on the right moved forward and renewed attack.
- 1700 - With aid of artillery, tanks, and bazookas, battalion moved forward several hundred yards knocking out of action enemy emplaced weapons and tanks. Company I, pinched out by Company K and 1st Bn.
- 1715 - Company F this reg't with plat of light and plat of medium tanks coming down along river and plan to swing northwest and come in, in rear of enemy holding up this Battalion.
- 2030 - Companies L and K flushed the enemy from village of Troisgots and advanced their lines beyond town and organized defensive positions.
- 2200 - Positions consolidated and commenced digging in. Bn op set up in town of Troisgots.

Aug. 1 -

- Luftwaffe paid nightly visit at 0005, no casualties.
- 0700 - Patrol from Companies I, and L sent down to reconnoiter and secure bridge. Combat Patrols sent out to clean out any remaining enemy pockets.
- 1100 - Reconnaissance Patrol reported seven enemy tanks knocked out in this Battalion sector, remaining part of day devoted to strengthening positions and reorganizing companies.
- 1900 - Hot chow served

Aug. 2 -

- Bn moved CP to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Troisgots. Hot meals was served, and this battalion redeived hot showers.

- Aug. 3 -
0900 - Division Commander spoke to this Battalion.
1100 - This Battalion alerted and transferred to CCA.
- Aug. 4 - Alert Cancelled, USO Show and movies shown to members of this Battalion.
- Aug. 5 - This Battalion again alerted to move.
Capt. Poinsette assumed command of Company L.
- Aug. 6 -
0730 - Battalion motorized and moved approximately 35 miles to positions three-quarter East of Reffuveille, Bn CP set up at 1130.
- Aug. 7 -
0400 - This Battalion committed to stop enemy break through in sector between 117th Inf and 39th Inf.
0500 - Companies moved east toward Juvigny, in order of, L, I, M, K. Turned North at Juvigny toward Le Mesnil Tove.
0900 - Company I moved out cross-country to establish road Block on East-West road leading from Le Mesnil Adelee to Le Mesnil Tove.
1400 - Company I ordered to move West through town of Le Tertre Robert to Le Mesnil Adelee to contact Company B, this regiment.
2130 - Company I reached objective. Remaining companies consolidated positions south and slightly west of Le Mesnil Tove.
- Aug. 8 - Company K sent patrol of one platoon North to Le Mesnil Tove to contact 8th Infantry South of Le Roussel. CCB attached to Combat Team 119th Inf.
1400 - CCB ordered to move east through Le Mesnil Tove. Companies K, I, and L, alerted to move on order. Companies L and K to move East and then North to high ground Southeast of Le Roussel. Company I to take up position on high ground just South of Le Bernadaye.
1500 - Companies moved forward, leading elements of CCB observed in Le Mesnil Tove.
2000 - Advance slow due to artillery and direct fire on tanks and personnel.
2100 - Positions consolidated for night.
- Aug. 9 - Positions of previous night improved, patrols sent out.
1630 - Battalion reverted to attack, Bn Comdr left to Regiment to receive order.
1800 - Bn scheduled to jump off, Companies L, and K, following to the right rear of Task Force II, which was to move east of Le Mesnil Tove to high ground 1500 yards east of Le Bernadaye.
1850 - Attack moved off late due to intense enemy Artillery.
2230 - Bn held up for the night 1200 yards short of objective.
- Aug. 10 -
0600 - Battalion moved forward, and reached objective about 1200, and began preparing defensive position.
- Aug. 11 - Positions consolidated, and contact established with units on right and left.

- Aug. 12 -
0700 - Company K, entrucked and joined the 1st Bn., this regiment.
1400 - Company I, and L, attacked toward objective 2000 yards away, little resistance encountered, reached objective at 1900 and consolidated positions for the night.
1830 - Bn CP moved to $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Juvigny.
- Aug. 13 -
1000 - This Battalion moved by truck about 10 miles to positions $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Mortain, Companies moved forward and established road block on road net East and Northeast of Mortain.
1900 - Battalion alerted to move.
2100 - Battalion moved to position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Northeast of Barenton, via vehicular shuttle movement. Arrived there at the Bn CP about 2400.
- Aug. 14 -
0445 - Battalion alerted to move.
1400 - Battalion moved by foot to position $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of St. Mars D'Egrenne. Arrived at 1500. Company reverted to Battalion control and closed into area at about 1710. Inspection of feet was made by Bn Medical Personnel.
- Aug. 15 -
0630 - Hot Chow was served and Battalion moved at 0800 to positions just North of St. Gilles Des Marais and closed in area at 1045. Moved approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
1200 - Battalion moved to position east of Domfront and relieved 2nd Bn., 120th Inf. occupying road blocks and other strategic points formerly held by 2nd Bn., 120th Inf. Moved Approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Aug. 16 -
1300 - This Bn alerted to move.
1400 - Bn moved to position about $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles Northeast Domfront arrived at the Bn CP at about 1600.
- Aug. 17 - Status Unchanged, this battalion received hot meals.
- Aug. 18 - Positions maintained situation unchanged, Bn received hot showers.
- Aug. 19 - ^{None} This Battalion was alerted to anytime after 0600.
0900 - Bn entrucked and moved approximately 115 miles to positions $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Northwest of Brezolle.
1900 - Arrived at the Bn CP.
- Aug. 20 -
0800 - Bn moved approximately 2 miles northwest of Brezolle. Co. I pushed forward and crossed the river and established road blocks and sent out patrols to cover, roads and bridges in this sector.
1430 - Company K was to cross river to assist 2nd Bn this regiment in repelling enemy counterattack which had cut their column.
1600 - Company L crossed river and took position to cover roads and bridges left of our sector.
1800 - Company K remained with the 2nd Bn this reg't, and moved north to town of Panlatte held this town covering left of 1st and 2nd Battalions.

Aug. 21 -

- 0800 - This Battalion moved off and passed through the 2nd Bn. this regiment, and continued to advance north and northwest to positions in town of Jummelle. Consolidated there for the night. Arrived at the Bn CP there at 1700.

Aug. 22 -

- 0830 - This Battalion alerted to move on order. This Battalion to be regimental spearhead in attack, order of Battalions 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Bn. Companies abreast, to advance Northwest to town of Prey, along main highway to, and then to Le Mesnil Morin.. Companies I and K advancing on either sides of road and into town before striking enemy resistance. Enemy was first spotted just west of town. Companies I and K pushed through the town, elements of enemy horse drawn artillery contacted in east part of town.
- 1300 - Battalion continued to advance north to objective. At Les Mesnil Morin captured a total of 57 prisoners, total casualties, 2 KIA, and 10 WIA. Travelled approximately 15 miles.
- 2000 - Arrived at the Bn CP there.

Aug. 23-

- 0730 - Bn Moved, (order of companies K, I, L, M, Hqs.Co.) north and then west to Regimental assembly area just west of Evereux. Moved approximately 8 miles, and arrived at the Bn CP at 1130.

Aug. 24-

- 0700 - Reverted to Corps Reserve, positions unchanged.
- 1630 - This Bn alerted to move anytime after 0600, 25 Aug.

Aug. 25-

- 0600 - This Bn moved by foot approximately 15 miles to positions in town of Surville about 3 miles southwest of Louviers. Arrived at the Bn CP at 1215.
- 2000 - Bn alerted to move to town of Le Boulay. Motor Vehicles moved to point mentioned above, before troops.

Aug. 26-

- 0530 - Bn moved by foot to town of Le Boulay approximately 2½ miles.
- 0730 - Arrived at the Bn CP.
- 1200 - Bn entrucked and moved about 40 miles to position three-quarter miles southwest of Favrieux.
- 1530 - Arrived at the Bn CP.

Aug. 27-

- 0630 - This Battalion moved by foot approximately six miles, crossed the Seine River, and arrived at the Bn CP three-quarter mile west of town Porcheville at 1100.
- 1600 - Attack scheduled to jump off, this Battalion in Regimental Reserve. Bn moved out order of Companies K, L, M, Hqs, and I. Bn moved forward slowly to the rear of 1st Bn.
- 1930 - This battalion was committed to the left of the 1st Bn this reg't. Company K leading the attack, Company I in Reg'tl Reserve.
- 2130 - Arrived in the Bn CP in town of Issou.

Aug. 28 -

- 0700 - Companies K, and L, pushed forward to edge of woods, remaining elements of Regiment jumped off at 0800 preceded by 15 min. concentration of artillery. Companies K and L pressing the attack pushed forward through enemy resistance. Co. K being delayed by intense small arms fire, broke through and reached the town of Les Noquets and consolidated positions for the night. Company I was in regimental reserve and under regimental control.
- 2130 - Arrived in the Bn CP in town of Oinville.

Aug. 29 -

- 0800 - Bn Pushed forward, companies K and L leading the attack, Co. I still in reserve. Bn took town of Jambville and kept pushing the attack toward objective 3 1/2 miles away. Companies K and L took the town of Freemanville. Bn hit determined enemy resistance from well dug in positions ~~XXXX~~ in and around factory just north of town. Company L and part of 1st Bn formed a holding force, while Company K went around the left through woods to the objective. Company K took town of Avernoes without firing a shot, capturing 89 prisoners and several self-propelled artillery (artillery) pieces. At 1930 tanks were brought up, and Bn A-T guns, reduced resistance around factory. Company L then proceeded on toward objective.
- 1730 - Arrived at the Bn CP at Freemanville.

Aug. 30 -

- 1000 - This regiment placed in Division reserve. Bn moved out order of companies I, K, L, M, and Hqs. Co. and moved to positions in town of Sagy.
- 1230 - Arrived in Bn CP in same town.
- 1400 - Bn alerted to move following 120th Inf Reg't. by one hour. moved approximately 14 miles cross-country to positions in and around Geincourt.
- 2200 - Arrived at Bn CP there.

Aug. 31 -

- 1000 - This Bn still in Division reserve. Battalion moved out, order of companies I, K, L, M, Hqs, to position in town of Livilliers, just north of Pontoise. Arrived at the Bn CP 1100.
- 1330 - Bn moved cross country to position in town of Crouy En Thelle moved approximately 15 miles.

Sept. 1 -

- 0900 - This Bn alerted to move after 1200.
- 1600 - Battalion entrucked and travelled approximately 75 miles north and northeast -----Still enroute.....

Sept. 2 -

- Bn still enroute encountering slight enemy resistance moved 50 miles forward, crossed the French Boundary into Belgium, and arrived in the village of Cherq, about 1 1/2 miles southeast of Tournai.
- 2400 - Arrived at the Bn cp. in Cherq.

Sept. 3 -

- K and L Companies sent patrols through town of Tournai, cleaning it out. Company swept through the town, assisting the 1st Bn this regiment secure the town. Bn held positions.

Sept. 4 -

- Positions maintained and situation unchanged.

- Sept. 5 - Positions maintained and situation unchanged.
Demonstration "Attack of a Fortified Position" displayed to members of this Battalion.
Division Band played concert for members of this Bn.
- Sept. 6 -
0900 - Bn comdr to meet Regimental Comdr and accompany him to a meeting with the Division Comdr. This Bn alerted to move, Bn comdr gave order of march to company commanders.
- Sept. 7 -
0500 - Bn entrucked and moved approximately 75 miles to positions in town of Bousval, no enemy encountered. Arrived at the Bn CP 1330.
- Sept. 8 -
0800 - Bn moved by foot cross-country approximately 20 miles encountering no enemy, to positions in and around the town of Folx Les Caves.
1715 - Arrived at the Bn CP .
- Sept. 9 -
0700 - Battalion moved by foot approximately 25 miles to positions in and around town of Crisnee.
1800 - Arrived at the Bn CP there.
- Sept. 10 -
0700 - Bn moved by foot approximately 15 miles to position in and around town of Amry, 3 miles northeast of Liege. Arrived at the Bn CP there at 1400.
- Sept. 11 - 0110 Bn proceeded to cross the La Meuse River, order of companies Co. L at 0400, K Co. at 1600, and Co. I at 1700, Hqs. at 1700, crossed the Albert Canal, just prior to this. Bn arrived and took positions in and around the town of Dalhem.
2300 - Arrived at the Bn CP at 2300. Covered approximately six miles.
- Sept. 12 -
0700 - Battalion began to attack, Company K in the lead, followed by Companies L, and I, encountered intense enemy small fire. Company K pressing the attack, kept pushing forward and Company L then moved to the left flank of Company K and both companies abreast continued to push toward town of Noorbeek in Holland. Arrived at the Bn CP at 2230.
Crossed over the boundary of Belgium into Holland at about 1930.
- Sept. 13 -
0800 - Battalion shoved off in the attack Companies K, and L in the lead followed by Company I, and Hqs. Co. pressing the attack through road blocks and well dug in enemy. The Battalion pushed forward to objective encountering intense small arms fire, and intermittent artillery fire. Reached objective at about 1730 and arrived at the Bn CP at 1930 in and around town of Ingber, and consolidated positions. Upon reaching objective this battalion encountered entrenched, and well dug in enemy positions. Cos. K and L with aid of 5 medium tanks flushed the enemy from positions capturing about 50 prisoners.
2000 - This Battalion received the mission of operating two reconnaissance patrols in the vicinities of Wijlre -- Fromberg-- and Strucht, and town of Schoonbron.
2015 - Cos. K and L alerted to furnish patrols, which moved just prior to darkness.

- Sept. 14 - Patrols were active all night long and with the information gathered by these patrols, it enabled Company K to secure and hold bridgehead across the Geul River in the vicinity of Wijlre and Company L to also secure and establish bridgehead of Geul River in the vicinity of Schin-Op-Geu.
- Sept. 15 - Company K still holding position at Wijlre, - Company L still same situation, Company I dispatched two squads to Gulpen to secure bridge. Several reconnaissance patrols were sent during the day, contact with the enemy was maintained.
- 2030 - Bn alerted to be prepared to move at 1200, 16 Sept.
2300 - Time of move changed to 0800, 16 Sept.
- Sept. 16 -
0800 - Battalion moved, order of companies K, L, I, M, Hqs Co. Company K leading the attack, pushed forward satisfactorily, Company L on the right, Company I on the left. Encountering small arms, and intense enemy artillery fire. Battalion kept pushing forward toward objective taking town of El Kenrade, Kolmont, and arrived at positions in and around Ubachsberg.
- 2100 - Arrived there at the Bn CP.
- Sept. 17 -
0800 - Battalion moved out in the attack, Company K in the lead, Company I on the left followed by Company L, and Hqs. Co. moving forward, encountered small arms fire, and direct fire from enemy tanks. Pushing forward steadily through this opposition Battalion pushed on to objective and to positions in and around the town of Terwinselen. Arrived at the Bn CP at 1700.
- Sept. 18 - Bn positions maintained anytime after 1500.
1830 - This Battalion moved approximately four miles cross-country to positions in and around Waubac. Arrived at BnCP at 2230.
- Sept. 19 - Positions maintained and situation unchanged.
- Sept. 20 - Attack scheduled for 1130, but was postponed.
- Sept. 21 - Battalion positions maintained. REconnaisance patrols sent out to obtain information of enemy positions. This Bn awaiting further orders to attack.
- Sept. 22 - Positions maintained ~~situation~~ unchanged.
- Sept. 23 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Sept. 24 - Positions Maintained situation unchanged. (Sgt. Warner jd Co.)
- Sept. 25 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Sept. 26 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Sept. 27 - Bn Comdr oriented Company Comdrs and key personnel as to the
0800 - preceeding demonstration.
1300 - Each company comdr took respective company through problem under company control.
- Sept. 28 - Bn as whole ran through problem "ATTACK OF FORTIFIED POSITION".

- Sept. 29 - Positions maintained situation unchanged, Battalion conducted training in their individual weapons.
- Sept. 30 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Oct. 1 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Oct. 2 -
0900 - Air preparation for attack began bombers saturation extremely scattered-- some to our rear, to our left flank, and a few on target. 1st Bn this reg't jumped off in attack at 1100. 3rd Bn moved out at 1630, K and L companies in position to 1st Bn's right flank, Company I to the right rear of 1st Bn, consolidated positions for the night. 1st Bn this reg't, 1500 yards from objective
- Oct. 3 - Companies K and L remained in same positions unable to move, strong enemy resistance from woods east of Wurm River to their front. Company I attached to Task Force consisting of Co. B this reg't, and two companies of tanks (743rd Tk Bn), and one company of SP TD's under command of Lt. Co. Quinn. This Task Force crossed river north of our sector and moved south to contact 1st Bn this regiment, capturing over 100 prisoners.
- Oct. 4 -
0500 - Company I in front and to the east of C Company this regiment was counter-attacked by enemy Infantry and tanks. Company I was forced back and tied in with C Company halting the counter-attack at this point. Company I suffered heavy casualties from artillery during the night and as a result of this counter-attack Company I was pulled back to reorganize. Company K less one platoon moved up to relieve Company I. Company L remained in position, one platoon of Company K on their right, and K Company sent one platoon as security for the Regimental CP. Company I pulled back to Bn CP for complete reorganization.
- Oct. 5 -
0800 - Bn CP moved forward 800 yards.
1600 - Company I sent one platoon to relieve platoon of Company K on L Company's right. This platoon reverted to company control at Rimberg otherwise positions and situation unchanged.
- Oct. 6 - Company K attached to 2nd Bn this regiment, who moved up and took positions South of Ubach. Company I took up position in Castle in Rimberg, vacated by Company K.
1400 - Company L began to move forward slowly pivoting on the platoon of Company I, and maintaining contact with 1st Bn on the left. (east
1700 - Company L consolidated position on high ground for night having knocked out two Pill boxes and capturing 12 prisoners.
- Oct. 7 - Company L moved off with 1st Bn maintaining contact on the left, followed by Company I, moved slowly, rolled up the Seigfried Line and consolidated positions south and east of Merkstein-Wurm. Co. K reverted to Battalion control at 1800 and tied in with 1st Bn on the left.
1900 - Arrived at the Bn CP in Merkstein-Hofstadt.

- Oct. 8 - Bn Pushed off on the attack, 1st Bn on left, 3rd Bn on the right.
0700 - Lt. Goodman and the Ammunition and Pioneer platoon formed point, cleaning roads in front of our Battalion.
1200 - Arrived at the Bn CP in Herzogenrath.
Bn still pushing on in the attack, order of companies, I, K, L, and M. Bn Finally held up by fire on the right flank, and intense heavy artillery.
- Oct. 9 -
0700 - Bn pushed off in the attack, company K in the lead, followed by Company L. Company I remained in position to bring flanking fire on enemy Pill boxes. Battalion continued to push forward toward objective, encountering intense heavy artillery fire, and scattered small arms. Companies K, and L, pressing the attack attained objective at 1730 went into positions in and around the town of North Wurselen.
1700 - Arrived at the Bn CP there in above town.
- Oct. 10 - Intense Heavy enemy artillery continued all night, and all day long. Supply route cut by the enemy.
1300 - Company K was attached to the 2nd Bn this regiment, mission to re-open supply route. Company L took over position previously held by Company K.
1500 - Enemy Infantry and tanks savagely counter-attacked, Company K was released and returned to Bn Control. Counter-attack was repelled with aid of Band C Companies this regiment, whose situation is the same.
2300 - Patrol from 120th Inf Regt, contacted this Battalion.
- Oct. 11 - Intense heavy enemy artillery continued all night and during the day. Battalion tied in with 1st Bn this regiment to the left rear. Evacuated wounded and prisoners and brought in supplies, through the 120th Inf, sector, positions still maintained.
1500 - Enemy Infantry and tanks again fiercely counter-attacked our positions, counter-attack was repulsed, casualties were moderate.
2300 - Company I made contact with the remaining Battalion.
- Oct. 12 -
0830 - Enemy Patrols spotted south of town, some also noted Southwest of town. Bn alerted and CP's established. Artillery defensive fire laid down by this Battalion on observed and suspected troop concentration areas. This Battalion subjected to interdictory and enemy harassing fire during the day.
1500 - Enemy counter-attack repelled. Large enemy troop concentration reported to south, aircraft called on for support.
1600 - Company I tied in with Company L.
- Oct. 13 - 116th Infantry made contact, and began passing through this Battalion's positions. This Battalion still subjected to intense enemy artillery fire.
- Oct. 14 - 29th Div. still passing through this battalion, moving forward slowly.
1530 - This Bn moved CP to Bardenburg.
Company I moved its positions to Bardenburg, Company L extended to the right, and Company K tied in between them.
1700 - 2nd Bn this regiment passed through south of this Bn, and tied in with the 116th Inf. Reg't.

- Oct. 15 - Positions maintained and situation unchanged.
- Oct. 16 -
0001 - One Platoon of Company crossed Wurm River, and were cut off, presumably captured.
0500 - Company I crossed Wurm River followed by Company K. 1st Bn with A and B companies on their right.
1000 - Town of Kohlscheid is in our hands.
1130 - Company K moving south to next objective, followed by Company L.
1630 - Bn reached objective
1700 - Bn CP established in Kohlscheid.
- Oct. 17 - Positions maintained and situation unchanged.
- Oct. 18 -
0630 - Bn pushed off in the attack and consolidated positions in and around town of Sors, just approximately 1000 yards north of Aachen. Contact made with 1st Inf. Division, and this Bn sent reconnaissance patrols out.
- Oct. 19 - This Battalion improved and maintained its positions. Company I moved Northeast about 1000 yards to attain closer contact with 2nd Bn this regiment.
- Oct. 20 - Positions maintained.
1700 - Company K less one platoon relieved by the 247th Engineers, Co. A.
- Oct. 21 - AACHEN TAKEN at about 1200. Company Pulled back less one Platoon for Regimental CP security, approximately 1500 yards.
- Oct. 22 - Company K moved to position, in rear of 1st Bn this regiment.
- Oct. 23 - 30th Recon. relieved this Battalion in its sector at 1900. This Bn relieved part of 1st Bn this regiment, and elements of 99th Inf Bn. Company Comdrs, and platoon leaders made reconnaissance and prepared to move their companies into positions east and slightly north of present location.
1700 - Companies began to move into position, by infiltration, Cos. K and L on the line, (Co. L on the right, and Co. K on the Left) Company I in reserve.
- Oct. 24 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 25 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 26 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 27 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 28 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 29 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 30 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Oct. 31 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Nov. 1 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.

- Nov. 2 - Effective at 1900, 1st Bn, 406th Inf, is responsible for our zone. Approximately at 1500 Company I was relieved and infiltrated back to assembly area in town of Kohlscheid. Company K began infiltrating rear elements at about 1830 to assembly area in town mentioned. Company L and remainder of Company arrived in town of Kohlscheid at about 1930.
- Nov. 3 -
0900 - Bn entrucked and moved to Kerkrade, Holland to Recreation Area.
- Nov. 4 - Status unchanged.
- Nov. 5 - Status unchanged.
- Nov. 6 - Status unchanged.
- Nov. 7 - Bn entrucked and left Kerkrade, Holland, and proceeded to assembly,
0830 - area in Kohlscheid. Bn closed in area at about 1030.
1330 - Bn Comdr went to Regiment and then on to Custom with Regimental Comdr.
1600 - Bn Comdr returned and took company comdrs on a reconnaissance of area which they were to occupy. Company I relieved Co. B of the 406th Inf Reg under cover of darkness, Northeast section of Wurselen. Company L to relieve Company A this regiment at daylight. Company K in reserve. Company M to take up MG and Mortar Positions of Company D, this regiment.
- Nov. 8 -
0300 - Company I completed relief of Company B, 406th Inf.
0800 - Company L completed relieving Company A this regiment.
0830 - Bn OP group moved forward and took over installations of 1st Bn this regiment.
- Nov. 9 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 10 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 11 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 12 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 13 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 14 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 15 - Positions maintained situation unchanged.
- Nov. 16 -
1245 - Bn jumped off in the attack, moved east Company K on the left, Company I in the center, and Company L on the right. Advanced slowly against heavy resistance. Capt. Hopcraft was SWA, Capt. Stewart assumed command of Company K. Company K advanced about 500 yards, Company I about 300 yards and Company L, very little.
- Nov. 17 - Resumed attack at 0730 swinging slightly to the southeast and cleaning out town of Wurselen. Encountered many booby traps and anti-personnel mines. Bn was on intermediate objective (eastern edge of Wurselen) by 1300. Consolidated positions and worked on clearing mines and booby traps.
1775 - Bn rear CP moved forward to West Wurselen.

- Nov. 18 - Battalion jumped off in the attack at 0730.
0815 - Battalion on final objective. Company K on the right, Company I on the left, Company L in the left rear, travelled approximately 1000 yards.
- Nov. 19 - Battalion held positions.
1400 - Battalion alerted to move back to Kohlscheid, this regiment in division reserve.
1630 - Battalion moved back to assembly area in Kohlscheid, and closed in.
- Nov. 20 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Nov. 21 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Nov. 22 - This Battalion entrucked and moved to Kerkrade, Holland to Recreation Area.
1000 - Arrived in Kerkrade, Holland.
1800 - This battalion alerted to move.
- Nov. 23 -
0830 - This battalion entrucked and moved approximately 10 miles to Schleiden, Germany. Bn detrucked and moved by foot to Aldenhoven. This battalion passed through elements of the 29th Div. to LD and crossed LD at 1245, and attacked southeast in column of Companies, Company L in the lead two platoons abreast, followed without interval by Company K. Company I remained in Aldenhoven until two lead companies entered town of Pattern, the Bn objective.
1430 - Bn closed in on objective.
- Nov. 24 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Nov. 25 -
1200 - This Bn attached to the 120th Inf Reg't, positions maintained situation unchanged. Capt. Rehkopf assumed command of Co. K.
- Nov. 26 - Positions and situation unchanged.
- Nov. 27 -
1140 - Bn jumped off in the attack, Company L on the left, Company K on the right, and I Company in the center rear. Advanced 1000 yds. They were halted by flanking and grazing fire from well dug in automatic and small arms fire. Also received direct fire from tanks or assault guns, casualties were heavy. Captain Eskelin was KIA, and Lt. Kane assumed command of Company I. Companies pulled back slightly, and consolidated positions and dug in. Company I operated patrols between outposts to the north contacting the 115th Inf.
- Nov. 28 - 1st Battalion 120th Inf passed through our positions and attacked east into Altdorf at 0430. This Battalion cleaned out Altdorf. Companies I and L, sent strong patrols to clean out area north of Altdorf, and tied in with 115th Inf. Reg't. Company K less one platoon attached to Company I, pulled back to Pattern.

Nov. 29 -

- 1400 - This BN was relieved by the 17th Cavalry.
- 1500 - Hqs. Co. and K Companies entrucked and returned to assembly area in Kohlscheid. Company I and M began infiltrating back to Pattern at 1500 and were shuttled back to Kohlscheid. Co. L at 1900 infiltrated back to Pattern and remained there for the night.

Nov. 30 -

- 0730 - Company L and attachments entrucked and returned to Kohlscheid.
- 0900 - Closed into assembly area at about 0900.
Lt. Col. C. P. Brown was trfd to Regimental Hqs. as Executive Officer. Lt. Col. R. G. Fitzgerald Jr. assumed command of the Bn.

Dec. 1 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 2 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 3 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 4 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 5 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 6 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 7 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 8 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 9 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 10 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 11 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 12 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 13 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 14 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 15 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 16 - Positions and situation unchanged.

Dec. 17 - (~~Positions and situation unchanged.~~) Bn entrucked in Kohlscheid,

1730 - and moved approximately 16 miles.

2000 - Arrived at the Bn CP in Raeren, Belgium.

2200 - Bn again entrucked and moved approximately 6 miles to town of Raerenpfad, Belgium, **arrived** at the Bn CP there at 0200.

Dec. 18 - Bn entrucked and crossed Bn IP at 1315 and moved approximately 50 miles to Stoumont, Belgium.

2100 - Arrived at the Bn CP in above town.

Dec. 19 -

0430 - TD Officer from the 823rd TD Bn reported enemy tanks had overrun his gun position and forced one gun crew to withdraw.

0500 - Above officer reported enemy MG fire from tanks, forcing 2nd gun-crew to withdraw.

Dec. 19 -

- 0730 - Bn received reinforcements of ten medium tanks.
- 0745 - Enemy force estimated at about 30 to 40 tanks and several hundred infantry began concerted attack on our positions. Attack continued forcing Cos. I, and K back slowly.
- 1100 - Bn forced to withdraw west towards Stoumont RR station. Company L fought withdrawal action north and west toward town of Chefna, and tied in with a covering force in position in this area. Just west of Stoumont RR station, 1st Bn this regiment reinforced with one company of medium tanks and SP TD's passed through this battalion and pushed towards Stoumont.
- 1330 - Bn reorganized and formed Provisional Company, reinforced with one platoon of A-T guns attached from A-T Company this Regiment.
- 1530 - Report received from Capt. Stewart that Provisional company was consolidating positions on objective, and contact was established with Company L who organized reserve line 800 yards north of Chefna.
- 1700 - Remainder of Hqs. and M Companies entrucked and moved to vicinity of Desnie.
- 2400 - Bn set up rear CP at Desnie. Capt. Stewart assumed command of the Battalion.

Dec. 20 -

- 0100 - Task force of two platoons of infantry and five light tanks set up positions in town of Desnie.
- 0930 - Reinforced Task Force of 3rd Armored Div. passed through our positions and attacked towards Stoumont.
- 1700 - Attack advanced slowly, and held up for the night after advancing 2000 yards.

Dec. 21 -

- Bn moved up on line with TF - 33B of 3rd Armored Div. and prepared to jump off at 0800. Time for attack postponed and finally jumped off at 1245. Bn suffered relatively heavy casualties, and advanced a few hundred yards. Bn encountered heavy resistance from dug in tanks and A-T weapons, mortar, and small arms fire.
- 1630 - Positions consolidated for the night.

Dec. 22 -

- 0830 - TF - 33B. 1st battalion this regiment pushed at same time into Stoumont. Positions consolidated for the night at 1430.
- 2030 - Bn rear CP moved to Monthouet.

Dec. 23 -

- 0830 - This regiment jumped off in the attack, two battalion abreast, 1st Bn on the right and the 3rd Bn on the main road, toward town of La Gleise. Company I made contact with the 117th Inf Regt. Regiment held up for the night on the outskirts of the town. Held up waiting for air strike, which did not arrive.
- 0930 - Bn CP moved to town of Rouat.

Dec. 24 -

- 0745 - This Battalion jumped off, Company I on the left, Company K in the center, Company L on the right, supported by Armor and Armored Infantry on main road. Company I's mission was to clear woods in their sector, to protect rear, and to support by fire from high ground North of town. The assault on the town. For this mission Company I had attached a platoon of tanks from L company, and one additional platoon of tanks. Company L and K to clear woods in their sector, and take southern sector of town. Initial missions were accomplished rapidly and contact could not be made with 2nd Bn or 1st Bn this reg't. Orders were then issued by Bn CO to take 2nd Bn objective, and proceed to our own. This Bn took and cleared entire town by 1050.

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- Dec. 24 - Contact was then established with the 1st battalion and 2nd battalion. 1st Bn moved through and secured eastern sector of town. This Bn pulled back and organized and established RR. This Battalion recaptured 180 men from this TF, originally taken by the enemy.
- 1200 - Bn CP moved to position 800 yards east of Stoumont.
- Dec. 25 - Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- Dec. 26 - This Bn assigned mission of outposting "L'Ambleve River" from town of La Gleize to Stoumont RR station. Company K on the left, Company L in Stoumont in the center, and Company I on the right, vicinity of RR station.
- 1000 - Bn CP moved to Stoumont "Chateau de Froidcour".
- Dec. 27 - Positions maintained and situation unchanged.
- Dec. 28 - This Battalion placed in Division Reserve. Battalion entrucked and moved approximately 10 miles to positions and assembly area in town of Ster, Belgium, 1000 yards northeast of Francochamps.
- Dec. 29 - Positions and situation unchanged.
- Dec. 30 - Positions and situation unchanged.
- Dec. 31 - Positions and situation unchanged.
- 1945 -
- Jan. 1 - Positions and situation unchanged.

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- Jan. 1 Positions and situation unchanged.
- 2 At 1230 Battalion moved via of motor to the vicinity of Masta, Belgium and took over the defensive positions of the first battalion this regiment. This battalion closed prior to darkness. Battalion C. P. set up in Masta about 1330.
- 3 Positions maintained, situation unchanged.
- 4 Positions maintained, situation unchanged. Company "I" sent a strong combat patrol south across the river with the mission of bringing back prisoners. This patrol contacted the enemy and engaged in a fire fight and was forced to withdraw. No prisoners taken.
- 5 Positions maintained and situation unchanged. Company "L" sent out a combat patrol with the mission of capturing prisoners. Enemy again contacted but ran, and the patrol therefore captured no prisoners.
- 6 This battalion relieved by the 99th Battalion at darkness (1730), and moved by truck to Xhoffraix, Belgium where it reverted to Division Reserve.
- 7 Situation Unchanged.
- 8 Situation Unchanged.
- 9 Situation Unchanged, during this time while in reserve the men of this battalion was transported to Spa where they received hot baths and showers.
- 10 Battalion alerted to move to Malmedy, Belgium in preparation for an attack to the south and the south east. Battalion moved by motor to Malmedy and closed at 1800.
- 11 Position and situation unchanged.
- 12 Battalion alerted to attack at 0805 to the south of Malmedy and take the town of Hadomont. Then the first battalion, this regiment, to pass through and continue the attack to the south. The second battalion on our right and the 117th Infantry on our left.

Jan. 13

At 0400 the battalion fed hot breakfast just prior to the attack. At 0505 the companies cross the Line of Departure. Company "L" on the right, Company "K" on the left. Company "K" on the left frontly against the town, Company "L" securing the high ground and road net to the west. Company "L" reached its objective rapidly and without difficulty. Company "K", however, was discovered when only a few hundred yards from the town and was pinned down by direct fire and automatic weapons. Company "I" was committed around to the left and succeeded in getting one platoon into the town. Area was heavily mined thus preventing tanks from operating. Lts. Kane and Petchulat was LWA and evacuated. Lt. Hager was SWA and evacuated. Lt. Garhart assumed command of the Company. At 2330 the Battalion renewed the attack with a six (6) battalion T.O.T. barrage layed on the town just prior to the jump off. Town was taken with just one (1) casualty. 1600 Capt. Stewart reported forward to assume command of the Bn. vice Lt. Col. R. G. Fitzgerald, Jr. rel'd.

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The attack continued, companies moving thru the town and south of the town 300 yards where they consolidated positions and dug in at 0530. At 0730 the battalion pushed on into the town of Lammonville where they held. Company "K" moved over to cover the right rear of the second battalion, this regiment.

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At 1700 battalion, less Company "K" alerted to move to Ligneuville with the mission of taking the high ground to the left of the 117th Infantry. Battalion closed at Ligneuville at 2130.

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At 0600, Company "K" released and reverted to Battalion control and moved by foot to Ligneuville arriving at 0730. At 0900 battalion jumped off and moved rapidly to their objective. At 1030, Companies "I" and "L" were digging in on their objective. Company "K" moved further to the south and took up positions dominating an important crossroad in the rear of enemy troops. From this position they directed extremely accurate and effective artillery fire. All positions consolidated and held for the night. Battalion rear C.P. moved to Ligneuville, closed at approximately 1500.

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The 18th Infantry passed thru our area and attacked south east. The second battalion, 120th Infantry relieved this battalion on our positions. Our battalion pulled back into an assembly area in Malmedy. Battalion closed at 1900.

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Positions unchanged. At 1430 this battalion alerted to move to Thirimont and take up positions on the high ground to the east to cover the left flank of the 117th Infantry and the 120th Infantry. Company "I" moved out and took up position at 1700. The rest of the battalion remained in Malmedy.

- Jan. 19 At 0900, Company "I" released and pulled back to the battalion assembly area in Malmedy, closed into the area at 1100. Companies "J", "L" and part of Hqs. and "M" was transported to Spa and received hot baths and showers. At 2100 the battalion was alerted to be prepared to move prior to noon 20 January 1945. Captain Russell A. Chabaud was assigned to this battalion and assumed command of company "K".
- 20 Battalion CO and Staff moved forward on a reconnaissance at 0800. Bn. entrucked and followed at 1030, moved to an assembly area in vicinity of Recht and at 1400 pushed off in the attack to the South and East. 2nd Battalion on the right, 3rd Bn. on the Left. This battalion with one company less one platoon of tanks (743rd) and one company, less 1 platoon (SP-TD's) attached, attacked with companies "I" and "L" in the assault, Company "K" in support. Advanced and secured objective by darkness.
- 21 Positions and situation unchanged. Defensive positions. At 1800 Battalion alerted for the attack the next day. 2100 Battalion CO and Bn. S-3 to regiment for order, returned at 1200.
- 22 Battalion jumped off at 0800 moved rapidly to the objective. Leading elements entered town of Hinderhausen at 0840. Town was cleared out and road blocks established. Approximately 75 PW's, only one casualty. The town was subjected to enemy artillery, mortar, and rocket fire throughout the day.
- 23 Situation and positions of this battalion unchanged. 1st battalion of this regiment passed thru our positions at 1000.
- 24 Situation and positions unchanged.
- 25 Alerted at 1400 to move by foot to positions on line on right of 2nd Battalion this regiment to relieve last of the 75th Division on line. Bn. CO, company and platoon officers left on a reconnaissance of new area at 1300. Bn. started to move at 1715 by companies in order of "I", "L", "M" and "K". Bn. cleared Hinderhausen at 1810. Leading elements arrived at Braunlauf at 2000. Relief of the 283rd Infantry effected at 0200, 26 Jan 45.
- 26 Situation and Positions unchanged.
- 27 Bn. alerted to move by motor to assembly area in the vicinity of Rencheux, Belgium.
- 28 At 0900, Battalion entrucked and moved to assembly area in Rencheux, Belgium, battalion closed at 0200.
- 29 Situation and position unchanged.
- 30 Situation and position unchanged.
- 31 Situation and position unchanged.
- Feb. 1 Situation and position unchanged.

- Feb.
2. At 1100, Battalion alerted to move to a secret destination. Unit identification removed from all vehicles, uniforms, etc. Code name in use until this time abolished. Quartering party left about 1500.
 3. Battalion entrucked at 0100, and moved to Kohlscneid, Germany, closed at 0530. Companies returned to approximately the same positions as vacated in December 1944.
 4. Situation and positions unchanged.
 5. The reinforcements of the battalion began a seven hour a day training schedule.
 6. The battalion began a four hour a day training schedule and the new men still continued the seven hour a day schedule as previously planned.
 7. Vehicle inspection by regimental commander and party. Quartering party left for Kirchburg after darkness.
 8. Battalion moved at 1830 by truck to Patern where they detrucked and moved by foot to Kirchburg. This town was subject to enemy small arms fire and under enemy observation. Battalion closed Kirchburg at 0030, Feb. 9th, 1945.
 9. Situation and Position Unchanged
 10. Situation and Position Unchanged.
 11. Situation and Position Unchanged.
 12. Situation and Position Unchanged.
 13. Battalion alerted to move to Kerkrade at 1100 (rest area). Lt. Richard Hughes "M" Company Battalion Liaison Officer SWA. Lt. John L. Kennedy "L" Company appointed by Bn. CO to replace Lt. Hughes at 1800. At 1900 Battalion entrucked at Pattern and moved to Kerkrade, closed at 2300.
 14. Situation and Position unchanged.
 15. At 1100 battalion alerted to move to Kinzweiler, Germany. Bn. entrucked at 1730 and moved to Kinzweiler, closed at 2000.
 16. Companies cleaned up areas and rested.
 17. Companies began tactical training program.
 - 18.

February 18 Situation unchanged

- 19 Training four hours per day
- 20 Training four hours per day
- 21 Training four hours per day
- 22 Battalion alerted at 1100 to move to assembly area in Lamersdorf. Battalion entrucked about 2000 and closed in Lamersdorf about 2315. Battalion Rear set up in Altdorf Germany.
- 23 Large artillery saturation began at 0245. Regiment attacked across Roer River to Schophoven in a column of Battalion in order of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This Battalion started to move to Schophoven at 0610. Remained here until 1900 when they crossed the Roer River and passed through the 1st and 2nd battalions of this regiment and attacked Hambach. Battalion crossed the line of departure at 2300 and reached their objective at 2330.
- 24 This battalion attacked to the north west toward Stettelnich at 1500. Company "K" as the assault company with tanks attached. Company "I" on the right with tanks in support of company "K". Company "L" remained in Hambach in regimental reserve. Company "K" reached its objective in short time. Positions consolidated by companies "I" and "K" at about 1700 hours. Captured considerable number of prisoners, 20- 120 MM mortars, and ammunition. At 1700 hours elements of the 1st Bn. of this regiment and the 177th Infantry regiment passed through Hambach attacking to the north and the north east.
- 25 At 1200 hours this battalion with second battalion on the right attacked to the north to seize Rodingen and Hollen respectively. This battalion attacked with "I" and "K" in the assault. Company "L" in support with Company "A" 744th Tank Battalion and 1 platoon 823rd TD's attacked at 1300. 1st elements of company "I" in South edge of Rodingen. "K" company on the left was held up by intense tank and small arms fire from Welldorf and Guston on their left. By 1530, Companies "I" and "L" and one platoon of "K" company had captured all but the west end of Rodingen at 2000 hours. The balance of "K" company with tanks attached forced the enemy out of the west end of Rodingen and the town was completely taken. At 1700 a force of at least 150 men with tanks (five) were assembling to the north*- east for a counter attack on Rodingen. This attempted organization was broken up by heavy artillery concentrations. By 0200 hours, 26th February 1945 the battalion objective was completely cleaned out and organized defensively. During the night Colonel R. A. Baker, Regimental commander visited the Battalion Forward C. P. and presented Major Carlton E. Stewart, Battalion Commander with the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Bronze Star in behalf of General Hobbs.
- 26 Situation and positions unchanged. Battalion Rear C.P. moved to Rodingen, closed in town at 1600.
- 27 Situation and positions unchanged.

February 28 Situation and Positions Unchanged

March 1 Situation and Positions Unchanged

2 Situation and Positions Unchanged

3 Situation and Positions Unchanged

4 Situation and Positions Unchanged

5 Quartering party left at 0630 for Saeffelen, Germany.

6 Battalion Rear installations left Rodingen at 1030, closed in Kirchherten at 1050. Battalion entrucked at 1345, travelled approximately 50 miles to assembly area in Saeffelen, Germany. Battalion closed at 1825.

7 Situation and Position unchanged-Clean Up Area

8 DO

9 DO

10 Battalion started four hour daily training schedule. 10% of command authorized passes to Sittard, Heerlen, and Maastricht.

11 Situation and Positions Unchanged

12 No Change

13 Regimental Officers Dance in Sittard in evening.

14 Lt. G. B. Collins attended M-290 Amphibious Jeep Demonstration. Enlisted Men Dance in Sittard in evening.

15 Situation and Positions Unchanged

16 Do.

17 Reconnaissance party sent to check prospective area for battalion near Alpen and returned.

18 Situation and Positions Unchanged.

19 Battalion entrucked at 1830 travelled approximately 50 miles to assembly area near Alpen, closed at 2330. Set up C.P. 3000 yards S.W. of Alpen.

20 Situation and Positions Unchanged

- March 21 Situation and Positions Unchanged.
- 22 Situation and Positions Unchanged.
- 23 At 2000 Battalion moved to assembly area S. W. Alpen, Moved by foot to Enderth.
- 24 At 0200, Second Battalion 119th Infantry crossed the River Rhine in assault wave and secured a beachhead. At 0332 Companies "I", "L" and "M" company M.G. platoons and forward elements of Battalion Headquarters Company crossed with the first wave. At 0432 second wave consisting of "K" and "A" company mortars, Battalion Medical Det. landed on the newly secured beachhead. At 0530 Battalion jumped off in the attack on Spellen. Company "I" in the assault, followed by Company "L" and "K" in the reserve. At 0640 battalion mopped up the town, objective secured. Battalion took 85 prisoners including several officers. No casualties. At 1500 Battalion passed through 2nd Battalion this regiment to take and secure objectives "Jo" and our portion of "Hedy" with company "K" on the right and "I" company on the left and company "L" in reserve. Moved forward rapidly and aggressively and secured "Jo". At 1900 This battalion then given the mission of taking objective "Peg" 2000 yards east of Friedrichsfeld. Battalion jumped off at 2235, company "L" on the left, Company "K" on the right, and company "I" supporting with one platoon 823rd T.D.'s, 2 platoons light tanks attached. Company "B" 1st Bn. also attached. Companies "B" and "K" met light resistance, Company "L" in center met heavy resistance from direct machine gun fire. This opposition overcome and objective secured at 0100, March 25, 1945. 143 prisoners taken in last two actions, making a total of 228 for the day.
- 25 Positions maintained and battalion had mission of clearing area between objective "Peg" and 117th Infantry. To accomplish this mission Company "I" passed through company "K" and attacked to the north and north east. In this attack they made wide flanking movement coming in on rear of the enemy. Battalion captured 128 prisoners, 11-88 MM dual purpose guns, 2 Radar sets, several searchlights, and numerous 20 MM and other smaller caliber guns. On completion of this mission, regiment reverted to Division reserve and was immediately committed to the mission of attacking on the flanks of the division. This battalion was to protect north flank along Lippe canal from the Rhine river east 6000 yards.
- 26 0900 battalion alerted to follow in zone of 117th and occupy successive objectives taken by the 117th Infantry. 1030 battalion again moving, due to present situation, mission changed several times in route. 1500 battalion on right of 1st battalion this regiment in attack on Gahlen. Battalion passed through Company "A" and moved in to the attack just as darkness set in. Battalion pressed attack all night, meeting heavy resistance and direct fire from artillery and well emplaced weapons.
- 27 Battalion continued the attack moving around to the east of the canal and cutting main road leading east, and taking up positions from the Lippe canal southward. 1st battalion completed clearing of town at 1600.
- 28 At 1400 Companies "I" and "K" moved to north to clear out small sectors between this battalion and 2nd battalion this regiment, mission accomplished in twenty minutes. At 1600 rear C.P. moved forward to position east of Gahlen. (arrived at 1700).

MARCH 29 Situation and positions unchanged.

30 Situation and Positions Unchanged.

31 Pay-day. Battalion alerted to move by truck. Provisions made for 5 days travel.

APRIL 1 Battalion left Gahlen at 0400 and travelled 40 miles to Drensternfurt arriving at 1200. At 1700 Battalion alerted to continue move. At 2130 Battalion received orders to be attached to 2ND ARMORED.

2 At 0100 Battalion left Drensternfurt and moved to assembly area 3 miles East of Stromberg arriving at 0600. At 0930 Battalion left assembly area. Companies I, K, and 1 platoon of heavy Machine Guns from Company M attached to Striking Force commanded by Lt. Col. HAWKINS of C.C.R. Remainder of the Battalion plus attachments constituting reserve in command of Lt. Col. STEWART. At 1730 Battalion given the mission of taking town of WBBEDESSIN. Company I moved to the right flank and met heavy resistance. At 2130 objective secured, 55 POW's taken.

3 At 0200 2ND Battalion of the 117TH arrived at the forward C.P. and prepared to relieve this Battalion. At 1500 this Battalion captured the town of MACKENBRUCH. 30 POW taken. At 1800 relief by the 117TH finally completed.

4 At 1200 Battalion alerted to move. At 1600 Co's I, K, attached to Striking Force. The reserve force consisting of Co's L, M, Hq, 1 platoon A. T. 2 platoons Engineers, 1 Co. Light Tanks, moved to vicinity of Lemgo, arriving at 2035.

5 Battalion left LEMGO at 1545 and moved to assembly area at HUMMARBRUCH arriving at 1745.

6 Battalion alerted to move and moved by motor N.E. to cross the WESER RIVER and into the town of ELZE. Co's I, K, still attached to Striking Force of C.C.R. Advance held up by bad roads. At 1600 Battalion reached ELZE. At 1600 Battalion moved to NORD STEMMEN, arriving at 1200 April 7th.

7 Co's I, K, attached to the Striking Force cleaned out all towns along route and established necessary Road Blocks. At 1700 Co's I, K, given the mission of cleaning out the town of HILDESHEIM. Co L sent forward to assist.

8 At 1200 town of HILDESHEIM cleared of enemy. All Co's reverted to Battalion control and moved to assembly area in town of ROSSING.

9 At 1400 Battalion left ROSSING and moved approx. 5 miles to BETHLEN arriving at 1900.

10 AT 1630 Battalion left BETHLEN and moved 20 miles to HOLLE, arriving at 1900.

11 Battalion left HOLLE at 0430 and moved to assembly area 2 kil. west of GETHARDSHAGEN. At 1700 moved to JERXHEIM arriving 1930.

12 Battalion left JERKSHEIM at 0925 and moved to HOBENWARSLEBEN arriving at 1330. Battalion acted as rear guard for CCR. Battalion released from CCR and attached to CCB. At 2200 Battalion moved to WESTERHUSEN arriving at 0400 on the 13th.

April 12 0925 Bn moved from JERXHEIM as rear guard for CCR by truck.

1335 Bn arrived at HOHENWARSLEEBEN.

2030 Bn released from CCR and attached to CCB.

2200 Bn moved from HOHENWARSLEEBEN by truck to join CCB at WESTERHUSEN.

April 13 0400 Bn arrived at WESTER HUSEN and joined CCB.

0500 Bn crossed ELBE River by DUKW and went into assembly area in small patch of woods on east bank of ELBE across from WESTER HUSEN to be in reserve at bridgehead.

2030 Bn CO received orders that present bridgehead would be abandoned due to enemy shelling and new bridgehead would be established on east bank of the ELBE opposite SCHONEBECK. This Bn ordered to seize ELBENAU; 3rd Bn 41st Armd Inf to seize ground on our left and establish a line abreast this Bn; 1st Bn 41st Armd Inf to seize GRUNEWALDE and go into bridgehead reserve. Bns to move out at 2100.

2100 Bn moved out to attack and establish new bridgehead followed by 3rd Bn 41st Armd Inf and 1st Bn 41st Armd Inf in column in that order.

April 14 0045 Bn entered town of ELBENAU against moderate resistance, and began clearing the town.

0400 ELBENAU almost cleared when enemy counterattack in force came. One column enemy armor in which 27 armored vehicles were counted by Lt TULBANE drove in from the northeast. (Vehicles included tanks, SP guns, and half tracks with towed guns). Another column of enemy infantry and armor drove into the town from the north and another column of enemy drove in from the north west. L Co cut off by attack. K Co ordered to establish line in the north edge of the woods at the south edge of the town and hold. I Co split by attack and ordered to fall back on K Co. One platoon I Co unable to do so because tank was covering the field they had to cross, so they fell back to M Co. One platoon HMG from M Co covering an open field was driven back by the attack to the river and surrounded and captured.

0600 Requested support from CO 1st Bn 41st Armd Inf who was commanding operation. Support promised, but order was revoked without knowledge of Col STEWART. Support never arrived.

0700 M Co reported enemy force of approximately 200 enemy infantry attacking from the west. Enemy allowed to come within 200 yards and pinned down by MGs and rifle men plus mortars driving the enemy back with serious losses. Three enemy attacks between 0700 and 0900.

0800 Enemy troops driven from old bridge site at WESTER HUSEN by rear CP group using artillery and small arms fire.

1030 Enemy began to shell position of K Co and the platoon of I Co and the CP group threatening encirclement. Bn CO ordered that force to fall back to GRUNEWALDE to reorganize as much of the Bn as possible, gain support, and prepare to return to ELBENAU to relieve Co L.

1200 Bn began reorganization in GRUNEWALDE. Col. Hinds, CO CCB arrived in GRUNEWALDE and after sizing up the seriousness of the situation, ordered the bridgehead evacuated. (Maj ANDERSON, Co 3rd Bn 41st Armd Inf on this Bns left, reported that his bn was cut up and disorganized, and that he had about 15 men left. Most of that Bn was later recovered and evacuated.)

1400 Bn less most of L Co evacuated from E bank of ELBE to SCHONEBECK. Remainder of L Co surrounded and could not get out of ELBENAU.

1730 Capt. [redacted], with 3 officers and 60 men, slipped [redacted] of ELBENAB, under cover of smoke and fighter planes (which did not strafe) escaped thru enemy lines and crossed the NUB River to return to the Rn. Losses for action on east bank of the NUB finally came down to 1 known KIA, 84 IA, and 12 IT.

April 15 At 1100 the Battalion moved H.Q. to an assembly area in the town of AG-
[redacted] arriving at 1500.

16 Situation and positions unchanged.

17 At 1245 after 2 hours Air Preparation Battalion scheduled to jump off in the attack on HACHBURG. Attack postponed to 1515. Battalion jumped off and pushed forward through the town of HACHBURG meeting slight enemy resistance. Bn moved forward through large cemetery S.E. of HACHBURG and met stubborn resistance from 88's, bazookas, and small arms fire. At 2100 Bn reached objective. 1st Bn 300 yards to the right. Positions consolidated for the night.

18 At 0630 the 117th Regt. which was on the left, jumped off in the attack and passed in front of this Bn moving South. Bn consolidated positions and popped up in the area. At 1500 Rear Co moved up to the city of HACHBURG arriving at 1500.

19 Situation and positions unchanged.

20 At 1100 Battalion entrucked and moved from HACHBURG to new locations. Arrived in new locations at 1500. Battalion CP established in WEISLEBERG, G.S. 247.

21 Situation unchanged. Positions unchanged.

22 Situation and positions unchanged. Companies operated motor patrols designed to keep the rather large area occupied by the battalion under close observation. Check points established along the patrol routes for security and reporting purposes.

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2 At 2000 Bn. Rear installations moved from Welsleben, Germany, to Schwaneburg, Germany, and set up C.P. Traveled about 6 miles and arrived at about 2100 hours.

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10 Situation and positions unchanged. Anti-Tank Plt under Lt. Ansejus took over Military Govt. of Schwaneburg, Germany.

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28 Anti-Tank Plt. ceased operation of Schwaneburg, Germany, as Military Govt. force. Lt. Ansejus returned to Communications Platoon.

29 Battalion entrucked from Schwaneburg, Germany, at 0715 hours and traveled approximately 115 miles to Schleiz, Germany, where the Bn. C.P. was established.

MAY 30 Situation and positions as follows: Battalion Hq. Co. quartered in Schlieze. 275
"I" Company in Oettersleben 890303, "K" Company in Lössan, 935291.
"L" Company in Oberbehmsdorf, 900260, and "M" Company in Drispendorf, 825288.
All units housed in buildings with good facilities. No Mit. Govt. duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 119TH INFANTRY
APO # 30, U. S. ARMY

19 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Change in status of Casualty.

TO : Commanding General, 30th Infantry Division, APO 30.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of change of address card on Pfc Joe S. Speaks, 38516598, giving present address of soldier as Detachment of Patients, U. S. Army Hospital Plant 4354, APO 513.
2. Soldier has been carried as missing in action since 14 April 45. ECR carried him as MIA 14 Apr 45 on ECR 247, this headquarters.
3. Admission and Disposition Report, form 324-A has never been received on subject EM.
4. Request this headquarters be notified of status in which soldier was hospitalized, or if soldier was returned to military control from a Prisoner of War Status or Missing in Action status, request that appropriate entry be made by higher headquarters.

For the Commanding Officer:

L. F. SANCY
Captain, Infantry
Personnel Officer