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- Nov. 29 -  
1400 - This BN was relieved by the 17th Cavalry.  
1500 - Hqs. Co. and K Companies entrucked and returned to assembly 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. at Executive Officer. Lt. Col. R. G. Fitzgerald Jr. assumed command of the Bn.
- Dec. 1 - Positions and situation unchanged.  
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Dec. 16 - Positions and situation unchanged.  
Dec. 17 - (~~Positions and situation unchanged.~~) Bn entrucked in Kohlscheid, and moved approximately 16 miles.  
1730 -  
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 over run 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.

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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.

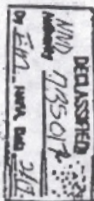
Dec. 23 -

- 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 Rougt.

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.

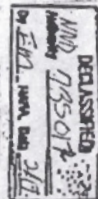
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- Dec. 24 - Contact was then established with the 1st battalion and 2nd battalion. 1st Bn moved through and secured eastern sector of town. This Bn pulled back and organized and established RRI. This Battalion recaptured 180 men from this TF, originally 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 outpostting "LAmbleve 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 "Chatear 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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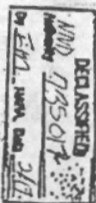


- Jan. 1 Positions and situation unchanged.
- 2 At 1230 Battalion moved via of motor to the vicinity of Masta, Belgium and took over the defensive positions of the first battalion this regiment. This battalion closed prior to darkness. Battalion C. P. set up in Masta about 1330.
- 3 Positions maintained, 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 Khoffraix, 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 0605 to the south of Malmedy and take the town of Hedomont. 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

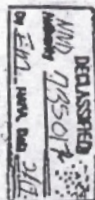
At 0400 the battalion fed hot breakfast just prior to the attack. At 0605 the companies cross the Line of Departure. Company "L" on the right, Company "K" on the left. Company "K" on the left frontly against the town, Company "I" securing the high ground and road net to the west. Company "L" reached 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 LMA 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.

- 14 The attack continued, companies moving thru the town and south of the town 500 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.



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- Jan. 19 At 0900, Company "I" released and pulled back to the battalion assembly area in Malmedy, closed into the area at 1100. Companies " ", "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 289th Infantry effected at 0400, 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 0300.
- 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 Kohlscheid, 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
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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.

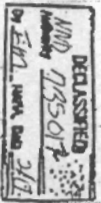
23 Large artillery saturation began at 0245. Regiment attacked across Roer River to Shophoven in a column of Battalion in order of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This Battalion started to move to Schophoven at 0610. Remained here until 1900 when they crossed the Roer River and passed through the 1st and 2nd battalions 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 Stetternich 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 \_\_\_\_\_ hours elements of the 1st Bn. this regiment and the 127th 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 sieze 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. Stewaet, 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.





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- 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