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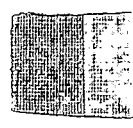
AFTER ACTION REPORT

62ND ARMD INF. BATTALION

14TH ARMORED DIVISION

842-34

NOV 44 thru APR 45

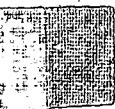


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see overlay to. 1

map France-Luneville- binel-sheet 1-2 - 1,100,000

11 Nov 44

- 1 Nov - Versailles - waiting on supplies and reorganizing.
- 11 Nov - 5 officers and 15 men departed from the staging area by rail for Verteuil-la-Verrerie 1800
- 12 Nov - 5 officers and 6 men departed from the staging area by motor convoy for Verteuil-la-Verrerie at 1700.
- 13 Nov - we arrived at Chatelet-Vauxey at 1500.
- 15 Nov - moved in bivouac 6 miles west of Vauxey at Verteuil-la-Verrerie, France
- 20 Nov - detail clearing mine fields had 3 casualties and 100 lbs of mines. changed bivouac area 5 miles west of Vauxey.
- 21 Nov - made motor march to 1 mile west of town by way of Verteuil-la-Verrerie. arrived at destination 2400 and stayed in column on roadside all night. In the darkness a half-track from 2nd Lt turned over killing 2 men - injuring 3.
- 21 Nov - left at 1700 for Schirneck via Vauthery-Villers-Neuvasse-les-Bois-Lux-Neuf-Brichelles - lat 49° 50' N - long 6° 00' E - Grandfontaine-Schirneck.
- 22 Nov - In morning first resistance was encountered at 2-47-30 in form of road block consisting of fallen trees covered by automatic weapons and mortar fire. Small arms fire eliminated, but road block could not be cleared until arrival of tank tozer because of mortar concentration on road block.
- 23 Nov - 0600 - continued the attack - resistance was mainly automatic weapons and tree road blocks. 1300 lbs were taken in Turqueston at 1800.
- 24 Nov - continued the attack 0600. at 1000 small arms fire. at 1100 at outskirts of Turqueston at 2000, continued until a mine road block consisting of dynamited road guarded by automatic weapons. resistance was eliminated, road repaired by engineers and tank crew at 1800. Column halted at 2-50-25 at 1830 to allow message of rotation to be sent. Column proceeded at 1830 to 2-50-25 at 2400. We remained there until morning of 27 Nov when column proceeded to place of bivouac (see overlay 2) pass east of 2nd Lt. at 0600 we were at 2-50-25 - Schirneck-Capitaine-Bischornach. At Bischornach column was ordered to Trutengrubel-Indischein-ephelein at 0800. At 0800 we met stiff enemy resistance in form of machine guns at 1200 consisting of heavy automatic weapons cross fire, mortar concentration, machine fire, 2-20 mm cannons and 4-00 mm anti-tank guns. enemy enveloped left flank of column and at 0900 we were forced to withdraw. secondary attack

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line set up at 4922-786 at 0200.

- 28 Nov - Withdrew column and troops under cover of this force to Hindisheim. Suffered vehicular casualties of 2-M4 tanks, 1-M/T-3A1, 1-Assault Gun M8, 1 Armored Car M8, 5 Pons, 1-AT 57 mm, and 1-M/T unit retrieved but out of action. Personnel casualties 35 and 4 off. 1500 proceeded to Hirscholsheim and remained until 29 Nov 44. Then proceeded to Zellwiller via Obernai-Coxwiller-Mourtheim.
- 29 Nov - Met enemy resistance 800 yds W of St Pierre. Set up PL at 4818-775 to 4808-771. Sent out patrols to reconnoiter stream crossings, bridges, and number of troops and activity in St Pierre.
- 30 Nov - Attack at 0615. Stiff resistance from automatic weapons exposed in buildings. Mortar and artillery fire also received. Town taken at 1530, 30 Nov 44. Outpost and security were set up for the night and preparation made for the attack on Epfig the following morning.

| DATE   | CASUALTIES | MISSING | KILLED | Pts TAKEN |
|--------|------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| 20 Nov | 5          |         |        |           |
| 21 Nov | 3          |         | 2      |           |
| 22 Nov | 13         |         | 3      |           |
| 23 Nov | 4          |         | 2      | 12        |
| 24 Nov | 2          |         |        | 15        |
| 25 Nov |            |         |        |           |
| 26 Nov |            |         |        |           |
| 27 Nov | 18         |         | 3      |           |
| 28 Nov | 10         |         |        |           |
| 29 Nov | 4          |         | 2      |           |
| 30 Nov | 5          | 6       | 1      | 3         |
| TOTALS | 59         | 6       | 15     | 30        |

VEHICULAR CASUALTIES

- 1 - M3A1 Half Track
- 1 - M8 Assault Gun
- 5 - Pons
- 1 - Armored Trailer
- 2 - Cargo Trailers
- 2 - M4A3 Tanks
- 1 - Armored Car M8

MATERIAL CASUALTIES

- 1 - 57mm AT
- 1 - 81mm Mort  
Radios
- 1 - 908
- 2 - 905
- 1 - 910

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Enemy material captured was piled in the towns of Le Domez, Schirneck, St Pierre and Sberheim for salvage by rear echelon. No estimate of material is available.

HEAD HIGHLIGHTS FOR ATIONS

OR SECT MARCH

22 Nov

1 Plat C-48  
1 Plat C-62 (on tanks)  
C-62 (-)  
1 Plat C-125  
1 Sec MG Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq 62  
3/4 ton Amb 3n Surg 1-ton  
1 Sec MG Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq Co 62 (-)  
AT Plat C-62  
C-48 (-)  
B-25 (-)  
Med Det 62  
1 Plat B-25

23 Nov

Gen Plat Hq Co 62  
1 Sec C-48  
Tank Dozer  
1 Sec C-48  
1 Plat B-62 (on tanks)  
1 Plat C-125  
B-62 (-)  
1 Sec MG Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq 62  
3/4 ton Amb - 3n Surg 1 ton  
1 Sec MG Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq Co 62 (-)  
C-62 (-)  
Med Det 62  
AT Plat C-62

24 Nov

Gen Plat Hq Co 62  
1 Sec C-48  
1 Plat C-62 (on tanks)  
1 Plat C-125  
C-62 (-)  
1 Sec MG Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq 62  
1 Sec MG Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq Co-62 (-)  
B-62 (-)  
Med Det 62  
AT Plat B-62

27 Nov

1 Plat B-94  
Rcn Plat Hq Co 62 & 1 Assault Gun  
1 Plat C-48  
1 Plat C-62 (on tanks)  
C-62 (-)  
1 Plat C-125  
1 Sec HQ Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq 62  
1 Sec HQ Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq Co 62 (-)  
C-48 (-)  
Med Det 62  
1 Plat C-48  
C-25

29 Nov

1 Plat B-94  
Rcn Plat Hq Co 62 & 1 Assault Gun  
2 Plat C-48  
1 Plat B-62 (on tanks)  
1 Plat C-125  
B-62 (-)  
1 Sec HQ Plat Hq Co 62  
Hq 62  
1 Sec HQ Plat Hq Co 62  
C-48 (-)  
C-62 (-)  
Med Det 62  
AT Plat 62

22 Nov

I Plan for attack (see road fighting formation 22 Nov)

A Point

1 Platoon C-48 with 1 platoon C-62 on tanks. When enemy resistance is met Infantry dismount and deploy to right and left to overcome resistance. Tanks support Infantry by direct fire.

B Advance Party

C-62 (in H/T)

10-125

1 Sec HQ Plat Hq Co 62

Hq 62

3/4 ton ambulance - 3n Surg 1 ton

1 Sec HQ Plat Hq Co 62

Hq Co 62 (-)

AT Plat C-62

C-62 in vehicles ready to dismount and move forward on foot to help point in overcoming any resistance too strong for it to cope with.

10-125 prepared to move forward on call from point to remove road blocks, mines or any other vehicular obstacles. 10 Plt Hq Co 62 as protection to Hq 62. Hq Co 62 (-) held in readiness to support advance by Assault Gun and Mortar fire. AF Plt C-62 held in readiness to repel armored attack from flanks or to dismount personnel when enemy resistance is met as a rifle platoon to move forward and assist the remainder of C-62.

#### Support

10-48 (-)  
10-25 (-)  
10-25 (-)  
1 Plt 10-25 (rear guard)

Majority of tanks were held in support because column was road bound and the fires of more than one platoon of tanks could not be employed.

Orders - to move aggressively down route to Achirneck - by-pass any small pocket of resistance and reach Achirneck as quickly as possible.

#### 27. 10-25

10-25 attack (see road fighting formation 25 ov)

#### 1. Reconnaissance

10-25 1st Hq Co 62 precede point by 15 minutes, move aggressively, check side roads at least 500 yds from main route of advance.

#### 2. Point

1 Plt 10-48  
1 Plt 10-62 (on tanks)  
Tank 10-25

When enemy resistance is met infantry dismount and deploy to right and left to overcome resistance. Tanks support infantry by direct fire. Tank 10-25 well forward to remove road blocks.

#### 3. Advance Party

1 Plt 10-125  
10-62 (-)  
1 Sec 10 Plt Hq Co 62  
Hq 62  
3/4 ton ab - 20 sur, ton  
1 Sec 10 Plt Hq Co 62  
Hq Co 62 (-)

Platoon of engineers well forward to act on call of Point or Recon to remove vehicular obstacles. 10-62 (-) ready to move forward dismounted if point encountered resistance that it could not overcome. 10 Plt to protect Hq 62. Hq Co 62 (-) ready to support advance by Assault Gun and Mortar fire.

D Support  
C-62 (-)  
Med Det 62  
AT Plat C-62

C-62 held in support to be used in case advance party met resistance it could not overcome - also used to mop up areas taken by advance party.

II Orders - Same as for Nov 22

24 Nov

I Plan for attack (see road fighting formation 24 Nov)  
Units employed in same manner as on 23 Nov

II Orders initially same as for Nov 23.  
At 1600 orders issued to halt column at 0580-915 to allow passage of column #1 of OCA

25 Nov

I Orders - Remain in Le Donon - Perform maintenance on vehicles and weapons.

26 Nov

I Orders - Same as for 25 Nov

27 Nov

I Plan for attack (see road fighting formation 27 Nov)

II Orders - Proceed to and seize pass west of Selestat. Met stiff enemy resistance 1 mile N of Malsensheim and received orders to withdraw to Munsheim. Reorganized there and awaited further orders.

28 Nov

I Orders - Proceed to Bischsfelsheim and await further orders.

29 Nov

I Plan (see road fighting formation 29 Nov)

II Orders - To continue advance to Selestat. Met enemy resistance 800 yds N of St Pierre. Set up outpost line and planned attack of St Pierre on 30 Nov.

30 Nov

I Plan - Attack St Pierre at 0615 supported by two batteries P A. B-62 attached from North. C-62 from west. C-48 supported attack by direct fire. Assault Gun Plat and Mort Plat Hq Co 62 supported attack.

II St Pierre taken at 1550 - Orders issued to outpost town and plan on St Eprig on 1 Dec.



REGISTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

62d Armd Inf Bn

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| O C               | Lt Col James H Myers            |
| Sx Off            | Maj Arthur J Richards           |
| 3-3               | Maj William T Higgins Jr        |
| 3-4               | Capt Ernest W Gifford           |
| 3-2               | Capt Arlus L Gambrell           |
| Ln Off            | Capt Charles S Stratman         |
| 3-3 AIR & Com Off | 1st Lt Dean T Jones             |
| 3-1               | 1st Lt Richard E Hileman        |
| Hq Co Comdr       | Capt Beverly S Williamson (WIA) |
| B Co Comdr        | Capt James Mohr                 |
| C Co Comdr        | Capt Howard A Trammell          |
| Sv Co Comdr       | Capt Joseph R Adair Jr          |
| Med Det Comdr     | 1st Lt Laurence G Thoun         |
| Bn Mtr Off        | Capt Norval E Jones             |

48th Tk Bn

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| COO Comdr     | Capt John W Wilson         |
| C CO Plat Ldr | 1st Lt Russel Watson (KIA) |

27th Tk Bn

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| B Co Comdr | Capt Granville T Sackett Jr |
| C Co Comdr | Capt Andrew W Winierosyk    |

9th Sen Troop B Plat Ldr 1st Lt Willard T Rowsky (KIA)

125th Eng C Co Plat Ldr 1st Lt Marion H May

6638 Eng Mine Ctr Co Roger Comdr Lt Brien

62nd Armored Div

1 Dec 44 - We continued our attack on Epfig. Reconnaissance elements reported Epfig taken by elements of 103 Inf Div at 0400, 1 Dec 44. Removed road block north of Epfig and continued advance south on Highway N422. Leading elements were fired on at blown bridge at W995710. Enemy withdrew and we captured one truck and 2-40mm cannons. Repaired bridge and continued south on Highway N422. Received interdictionary artillery fire at W701795 and also at blown bridge at W995606. Repaired blown bridge and continued toward Ebersheim on Highway 1061. At 1510 received enemy automatic fire and sniper fire from the town of Ebersheim. All resistance ceased except sniper fire at 1700. At 1800, 1 Dec 44 started to receive artillery fire, shelling continued until our departure at 1530, 3 Dec 1944. Elements of the 103 Div taking over and outposting town.

Proceeded to rejoin our division at Hechfelden by way of Epfig, St Pierre, Corteviller, Goumliller, Obernai, Melsheim, Vasselone to Hechfelden then Vickersheim. Arrived at 2330, 3 Dec 1944. Remained in Vickersheim from 4 Dec to 12 Dec reorganizing and resupplying. 13 Dec 44 at 0945 proceeded to Soultz sous Forêt making no enemy contact, but receiving some artillery time fire as the head of the column entered Soultz at 1600. 14 Dec 44 - Patrols report SP and MG dug in at R124998. Captured Schannenberg at 1600 after artillery preparation. Enemy had withdrawn hurriedly allowing us to capture two 88mm guns and a side of beef. Enemy blew bridge at R133408 and withdrew before our reconnaissance forces at Ingelsheim. We attacked dismounted toward Riedelseltz and found bridge blown. Hostile artillery fell in Riedelseltz preventing repair of bridge. The road between Ingelsheim and Riedelseltz was cleared of mines, and vehicles moved up to Riedelseltz. Occupation of town was completed at 1700, but a pillbox NW side of Riedelseltz continued firing. Six enemy tanks were reported in Riedelseltz earlier in the day. 15 Dec 44 - Artillery and mortar fire fell around bridge site. Unable to complete bridge until 0930. Leads out of town under constant shelling. Reconnaissance post knocked out by mine at R156445. Heavy small arms and automatic fire stemmed our advance and limited it to 1000 yards. Our combat patrol killed 4 enemy and took 7 PVs at R166449. 16 Dec 44 - Pushed through to Wissembourg after heavy artillery preparation. Town captured and secured 1045. GIC requested to investigate town. Abundance of enemy records and papers found in town. Entered Germany 1202. Pushed on to Schweigen and Nechtenbach. Two pillboxes located at R169466. Remained in Schweigen overnight receiving interdictionary mortar and artillery fire. 17 Dec 44 - Pulled back beyond Wissembourg to allow Air Corps to bomb Bergsborn. At 1400 we moved back to Schweigen receiving artillery fire as we moved back. Encountered AF guns but unable to locate them. Pulled back to Reimsheim and established security. At 0100 on 18 Dec we were relieved by the 68th AIB and moved to division reserve in Oberseebach. For route see overlay. From 18 to 22 Dec 44 remained in Oberseebach reorganizing and resupplying. 22 Dec 44 - moved to Hindviller making reconnaissance and preparing to relieve the 121st Cavalry. 23 Dec 44 - moved to Philippsbourg. All units completed relief by 1200. Outpost lines set up. See overlay. Enemy patrols active after 2000. Civilian PW reported artillery positions vicinity Q925706. Blown bridge via Q909471. 24 Dec 44 - During early morning hours artillery fell at Q865460. A counter-attack took place from 0700 to 0820, but was repulsed after their commanding officer was killed. 50 civilians were forced out of the town of Hunsheffen by the enemy, because the enemy was moving in. G Co patrol reached Hunshefferdt and found it unoccupied. Civilians claimed hills east of town were occupied, and road to Hunsstein mined.

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A Co patrol investigated Neuhoffen and drove two squads of enemy out. One PW taken. An 88mm fired 9 rounds at C Co outpost from Q826468. 25 Dec 44 - Patrol headed for Neudorf, met resistance at Q914469. Fire-fight resulted in location of pillboxes at Q910466, 909468, 917464 and a shed of 88mm ammunition at Q15467. Patrol received SA fire from Q82984690. Same patrol questioned civilians and reported 500-600 men in hills behind Equischardt. Aid station located Q875482. 43 combat troops and 20 labor troops vicinity Q874480. 26 Dec 44 - 2 PWs taken. Claimed to be moved in to reinforce infantry in Waldeck area. Wearing air corps uniform. Artillery active during morning hours shelling Phillipsbourg with 77 rounds. OPs and outposts received heavy shelling. Plane reported artillery positions at Q91255030 and Q1255100 fired on and fire effective. C Co patrols report dugout at Q849466. Encountered 2 men and killed them. Civilians reported 40 men in hills north of Waldeck Q849466. 3 men in civilian clothes walked out of pillbox known to be occupied by Germans. Tank with crew seen moving in a position at Q916463. Total of 101 shells fell in Phillipsbourg during day 26 Dec 44. 27 Dec 44 - Patrols unable to contact enemy. Four rounds enemy artillery fell Q909462. Our artillery was active firing known pillboxes and occupied towns. 28 Dec 44 - Artillery fired on large concentration of men, which seemed to be withdrawing or being relieved. The effect of fire was good. B Co patrol discovered a road block and was fired on by 6 or 8 defenders at Q874462. After dark, vehicular movement was heard on the road to Neuhoffen, but this movement ceased when artillery fell on the suspected location. 29 Dec 44 - Patrols investigated pillboxes and artillery fired suspected locations of enemy. Enemy OP or CP located at Q91804795. 30 Dec 44 - C Co pinned down 5 man patrol and killed 1 man later identified as a sergeant. Our artillery knocked out a vehicle drawing an artillery piece. Mortar and artillery fell intermittently in Phillipsbourg. 31 Dec 44 - 1430 Enemy vehicles were heard on north side of lake at Q853459. Active patrols found no enemy in the sector during daylight hours, but a six man patrol with a dog infiltrated our lines at Q892452 at 2040.

|        | CASUALTIES | MIA | KIA | PW |
|--------|------------|-----|-----|----|
| 1 DEC  | 3          | 1   |     | 16 |
| 2 DEC  | 5          |     |     | 5  |
| 3 DEC  |            |     | 2   | 1  |
| 5 DEC  | 2          | 8   |     |    |
| 13 DEC | 3          |     |     |    |
| 14 DEC | 20         | 1   | 3   | 3  |
| 15 DEC | 6          |     |     |    |
| 16 DEC | 5          |     | 2   | 8  |
| 17 DEC | 2          |     |     |    |
| 24 DEC | 3          |     |     |    |
| 25 DEC | 1          | 1   |     |    |
| 26 DEC | 3          |     | 1   | 2  |
| 28 DEC |            |     |     | 1  |

VEHICULAR CASUALTIES

15 DEC 1 Jeep - 1 ton  
 17 DEC 1 Jeep - 1 ton, 2 Half-tracks M4A1

TOWNS CAPTURED AND SECURED BY THE 62D ARMD INF BN

1 DEC - Ebersheim VT967 secured at 1700  
 14 DEC - Schoenenbourg R1339 secured at 1100  
 Ingelshelm R1441 secured at 1230  
 Riedelitz R1543 Secured at 1700  
 16 DEC - Wissembourg R1548 secured at 1045  
 Schweigen R1650 secured at 1400  
 Rechtenbach R1751 secured at 1500

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

62d Armd Inf Bn

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| CO                   | Lt Col James H Myers      |
| Ex O                 | Maj Arthur J Richards     |
| S-3                  | Maj William T Higgins Jr  |
| S-4                  | Capt Ernest M Gifford     |
| S-2                  | Capt Arlus L Gambrell     |
| Asst C               | Capt Charles E Stratman   |
| <u>S-1 AIR &amp;</u> |                           |
| Com                  | 1st Lt Dean T Jones       |
| S-1                  | 1st Lt Richard E Hileman  |
| Co Co Comdr          | 1st Lt Willard C Robinson |
| A Co Comdr           | Capt Daniel F Iannella    |
| B Co Comdr           | Capt James Mohr           |
| C Co Comdr           | Capt Howard A Frammell    |
| D Co Comdr           | 1st Lt Eugene D Petheran  |
| Med Det Comdr        | Capt Laurence C Thoun     |
| Bn Mtr C             | Capt Norval E Jones       |

Attached

48th Tank Bn

C Co Comdr Capt John F Wilson

29th Tank Bn

|            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| B Co Comdr | 1st Lt Homer L Wager  |
| 28 Plt Ldr | 2d Lt James Frazer    |
| 1A Plt Ldr | 2d Lt Henry J Schlarf |

175th Eng Bn

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 28 Plt Ldr   | 1st Lt James Willey |
| C Co Plt Ldr | 1st Lt Marion E May |

64th Cav Recon Sqd Mech

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| C Sqd Comdr     | Capt Carl Steffens |
| 1st Plt Ldr     | Lt John Kraker     |
| 28 Actg Plt Ldr | S/3gt Joseph B Kak |

500th AFA Bn

C Btry Comdr Capt Newman

51 Mort Bn

C Co Comdr Capt Robert B Smith  
B Co Comdr 1st Lt James Davis

117 Cav Reg Sdgn Mgmt

A Co Comdr Capt Pitts-Randolph

645th T D Bn

2B Actg Plat Ldr S/Sgt Edward Toussaint

Support

540th Eng Bn

Co Comdr 1st Lt Kunes

17th FA Bn

FC 1st Lt Wagner

Promotions & Appointments

To Captain

1st Lt Laurence G Thoun O 515 573 MC

Battfield Appointments

|                           |            |     |
|---------------------------|------------|-----|
| 2d Lt Rexford J Biddgett  | 02 000 647 | INF |
| 2d Lt James V Bailey      | 01 692 639 | INF |
| 2d Lt Roland L Adcox      | 02 000 648 | INF |
| 2d Lt Joseph F Collins Jr | 01 692 637 | INF |
| 2d Lt David Klein         | 02 000 662 | INF |
| 2d Lt Robert L Sarbritton | 01 692 636 | INF |

UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

1 Jan 1945 at 0001 vehicles were heard at Q824473. At 0002 enemy attack across the entire front of our battalion zone. The main effort by enemy being made on battalion left flank in the sector of C Co, by estimated 2000 infantry supported by five (5) Mark IV tanks. At 0020 tracks tracks of 6 enemy and a dog were discovered to rear of our lines. SA were heard in Neunhoffen - Q9146. Flares were continuously sent up by the enemy. Intense AW fire followed at 0200. Bazookas being used by enemy on right flank of Co A near Neunhoffen. 0230 - enemy patrol of 10 men reported at Q885456. At 0325 enemy had placed SA and AW fire on road at Q823448. At 0402 receiving heavy mortar fire at Q829451. Our intense mortar and AG fire forced enemy to start digging in at Q830455. At 0430 communication with Co C lost. At 0450 vehicles were seen on trail and enemy were heard in our tactical wire at Q903455. At 0500 sporadic SA and AW fire received from Q825458 and Q835455. An explosion was observed at Q843450. Our AG fire forced enemy to withdraw from Q904456. Fiercest part of fight now at Q779463. At 0555 attack shifted in intensity to Q853444. Two enemy mortars located firing from Q916462. At 0800 enemy driven back to Q881488 under fire of our 4.2 mortars. At 0815 all enemy observed were wearing full field equipment with extra shoes. At 0905 two enemy tanks believed to be Mark IV observed in Neunhoffen. At 0915 enemy reorganizing at Q880462 fired on by our artillery. 10 enemy observed traveling NW into Neunhoffen. 0920 - enemy attack at Q881454. 1000 - enemy attack repulsed at Q881454. At 1115 30 rounds medium arty fell in Philipsbourg. 20 rounds of medium arty fell at Q884462. At 1220 five enemy tanks and two armored cars reported advancing down the railroad track from Bannstein to Philipsbourg. Intermittent arty fire fell until 0400 2 Jan 1945. 2 Jan 1945 - enemy infiltrating behind A and B Co at 0405. Intense hand grenade and SA fight in both company sectors. At 0710 enemy armed with automatic pistol at Q8878429. S/Sgt Lepak, Co A, captured 19 enemy at 0750. A Co trapped two enemy platoons in draw at Q889445. At 0835 two medium tanks of 1B-25 supported by the AT platoon of A Co placed fire on enemy in draw at Q889445. At 0840 Co A captured 104 enemy infantry and 23 evacuated. 6 officers one of which was wounded, for a total of 133 PW's. A and B Co estimated 309 dead in front of their positions. C Co estimated 1000 dead, no PW's. At 1120 - 3 rounds of light arty fell in Philipsbourg. Enemy sniper firing on personnel outside En CP at Q875428. 2 rounds of light arty fell in Philipsbourg at 1310. At 1320 we were relieved by the 275th Inf of 70th Inf Div. At 1330 we reverted to Div Res and moved to Ingwiller, where we were in the process of reorganization and resupply until 1700, 4 Jan 1945. At 1700, 4 Jan moved to Kindwiller where we established defensive line Zinswiller, Rothback, Offwiller and Ingwiller. We remained in this area through the 10th of Jan. On the 11th of Jan we moved to Gunstett via Ingwiller and Gundershoffen. On the 12th we moved to Kuhlendorf via Soultz and Hohwiller. At 1300 the 12 Jan 45 this battalion attacked toward the high ground north of Hatten. Companies A and C, the assault companies, passed the LD and received heavy arty and mortar fire at R156350. At 1400 75 and 88mm enemy AT guns fired on our troops from positions vic R162345 and R156339. Mortar and Arty fire was placed on the enemy. At 1430 Rcn 2A-94 reported being pinned down vic of R171355. A and C Co plus 62 Rcn receiving heavy casualties from enemy tank, mortar, arty and SA fire, were forced to withdraw. Reported enemy infantry dug in at R162345. Two Mark VI tanks and 75mm AT gun at R154337. Mortar position at R185345. 88m AT gun at R175339. 20mm AA gun at R159341. C-25 attached to 62d AIB lost two M4 tanks,

destroyed one enemy 88 AT gun. Unknown number of enemy personnel. 13 Jan 45 at 0835 C-25 in fire fight with enemy tanks knocked out 2 Mark IV tanks and at 1020 C-25 hit and burned one Mark IV. At 1030 C-25 was sent to attack the high ground north of Hatten. But was forced to withdraw by intense AT fire and tank fire from Hatten, Stundwiller and high ground north of Rittershoffen. 14 Jan 45 - we received intermittent arty fire and mortar fire on our front lines and in Kuhlendorf. 15 Jan 45 - vehicles were heard in vic of R165343. 7 enemy vehicles moved north from Rittershoffen at 1200. 1300 - patrol reported 3 enemy digging in vic of R165348. Received sniper fire from vic of knocked out tank R158345. Fired into tank with bazooka - sniper fire ceased. Intermittent harassing arty fire fell in Kuhlendorf through out the afternoon and night. 16 Jan 45 - 1040 - received enemy fire of 40mm and mortar on our outposts. 1050 - received intense mortar barrage on outpost line. Enemy fired 2 rounds of 88mm into our knocked out tank at R158345. Undetermined number of infantry reported at creek bed at R165343. Enemy tank believed to be Mark IV withdrew from orchard at R165343, fired on by our tanks, reported burning. At 1310 enemy armored personnel carrier and Mark IV tank vic 169346 hit and set afire by assault guns 62d AIB. At 1545 two bombs were dropped in Kuhlendorf by two ME-262's. Enemy SP reported vic R173346. Enemy towed 88 and undetermined number of vehicles reported vic R165343. 17 Jan 45 - 1400 - undetermined number of enemy vehicles, one personnel carrier, on self-propelled reported vic R169352. Interdictory light and medium arty fire fell in Kuhlendorf throughout the day. 0800, 18 Jan 45, 3 enemy tanks, one half-track with infantry reported vic R171348. These vehicles were destroyed by direct fire of B-25. Mark VI seen at R160343. At 1630 enemy smoke-screen between our position and Rittershoffen. Patrols which pushed through to investigate were forced back by the heaviest mortar barrage we have encountered to date. At 1400 - 4 enemy killed attempting to enter our knocked out tank at R158343. Interdictory fire fell in Kuhlendorf during the day. 2400 -increased activity reported in Rittershoffen. 19 Jan 45 - 0145 - Blackout lights reported vic R171349 - fired on by our assault guns. At 0800 - one enemy tank and infantry reported in vic R159343 - fired on by arty. 0945 - 3 enemy half-tracks abandoned vic R164332 - fired on by C-25, they were destroyed. Personnel from abandoned enemy half-tracks reported going toward Obercoedern. Enemy 40mm At gun destroyed by C-25 at R179343. Wrecked L-4 Rcn plane reported at R168348, identity unknown. Enemy tank with infantry at R168350 fired on and destroyed by C-25 at 1035. At 1040 3 enemy tanks and MG reported vic R179343. Enemy infantry between RJ and woods, same area. 1100 - one enemy SP, one Mark V or VI, hit and reported burning vic R171347 by C-25. 40 rounds of 150mm arty fell in Kuhlendorf 1315 to 1330. 20 Jan 45 - 0130 - 4 rounds of 150mm arty fell in Kuhlendorf. 0830 - Heavy enemy smoke-screen 400 yards to front of our position. Intense heavy shelling of our front line positions throughout the day. Enemy flares reported to our front at intervals throughout the night. 21 Jan 45 - at 0220, acting as a rear guard for the withdrawal of the 14th AD, started withdrawing. At 0645 withdrawal by way of Hohwiller, Soultz, to high ground north of Surbourg was completed. Small enemy patrols with bazookas reported in Hohwiller. At 0730 completed withdrawal by way of Hagenau passing through new MLR to Saessolsheim where we reverted to Corps Reserve. 21 Jan through 31 Jan devoted to reorganization and resupply. During this period we received 145 reinforcements:



CASUALTIES

|        | NBC |    | WIA |    | MIA |    | KIA |     | PW |
|--------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
|        | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM  |    |
| 1 Jan  |     | 2  |     | 21 | 3   | 92 | 7   | 7   |    |
| 2 Jan  |     |    | 1   | 5  |     | 4  | 1   | 146 |    |
| 3 Jan  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |     |    |
| 4 Jan  |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |     |    |
| 5 Jan  |     | 4  |     |    |     |    |     |     |    |
| 9 Jan  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |     |    |
| 11 Jan |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |     |    |
| 12 Jan |     | 5  | 2   | 18 | 1   | 52 | 1   |     |    |
| 13 Jan | 2   | 1  |     | 13 |     | 3  | 1   |     |    |
| 14 Jan |     | 15 | 1   | 5  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 15 Jan | 2   | 17 |     | 2  |     |    | 1   |     |    |
| 16 Jan |     | 6  |     | 7  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 17 Jan | 1   | 9  |     | 1  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 18 Jan |     | 7  |     | 1  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 19 Jan |     |    |     | 2  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 20 Jan |     |    |     | 3  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 22 Jan |     |    |     | 5  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 24 Jan |     |    |     | 6  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 25 Jan |     |    |     | 1  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 26 Jan |     |    |     | 3  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 29 Jan |     |    |     | 4  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 30 Jan |     |    |     | 1  |     |    |     |     |    |
| 31 Jan |     |    |     | 2  |     |    |     |     |    |

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

CC Lt Col James H Myers 1-12 Jan 45 (WIA 12 Jan 45)  
Maj Arthur J Richards 13-31 Jan 45

EX C Maj Arthur J Richards 1-12 Jan 45  
Capt Charles E Stratman 13-31 Jan 45

S-3 Maj William T Higgins Jr  
S-4 Capt Ernest M Gifford  
S-2 Capt Arlus L Gambrell

Ln O Capt Charles E Stratman 1-12 Jan 45  
Capt Howard A Trammell 13-31 Jan 45

S-3 AIR & Com C 1st Lt Dean T Jones 1-12 Jan 45  
2d Lt Charles C Collins 13-31 Jan 45

S-1 1st Lt Richard E Hileman  
Hq Co Comdr Capt Willard C Robinson  
A Co Comdr Capt Daniel R Iannella 1-12 Jan 1945  
1st Lt Dean T Jones 13-31 Jan 1945  
B Co Comdr Capt James Mohr 1-12 Jan 1945  
1st Lt Robert H Peoples 13-31 Jan 1945  
C Co Comdr Capt Howard A Trammell 1-12 Jan 1945  
1st Lt Thomas R Day 13-31 Jan 1945

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL (Cont'd)

Sv Co Comdr      1st Lt Eugene D Petheram  
Med Det Comdr    Capt Laurence G Thouin  
Bn Mtr Off        Capt Norval E Jones

ATTACHED

25th Tank Bn

A Co Comdr      Capt James Scanlon  
B Co Comdr (1st & 2d Plats atchd)    Capt H L Swager  
C Co Comdr      Capt Andrew W Winiarczyk

94th Cav Rcn Sqdn Mecz

2A Plat Ldr      2d Lt Arnold B Blakeslee

125th Armd Eng Bn

1B Plat Ldr      1st Lt Martin J Cullen  
2B Plat Ldr      1st Lt J B Quinn  
1C Plat Ldr      1st Lt Marion May

48th Tank Bn

B Co Comdr      1st Lt Robert G Elder

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

To Captain

1st Lt Willard C Robinson      01 295 773      INF  
1st Lt Ralph N Miller          0 443 606      MC

To 1st Lieutenant

2d Lt Frank M Foster (TD)      01 059 119      INF  
2d Lt Robert H Peoples          0 518 706      INF  
2d Lt William S Lanier          01 018 105      INF  
2d Lt Edwin M Kosik            0 539 886      INF  
2d Lt Bernard H McNally        01 019 199      INF

### BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

|                          |            |     |
|--------------------------|------------|-----|
| 2d Lt Louis P Gold       | 02 000 765 | INF |
| 2d Lt Robert L Biernat   | 02 006 413 | INF |
| 2d Lt Raymond Gravelle   | 02 006 412 | INF |
| 2d Lt Paul W Johnson     | 02 006 415 | INF |
| 2d Lt James J Kolar      | 02 006 410 | INF |
| 2d Lt John W Pleacher Jr | 02 006 411 | INF |
| 2d Lt George W Willis    | 02 006 414 | INF |
| 2d Lt Charles G Baldwin  | 02 006 385 | INF |

### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

#### Silver Star

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Capt James Mohr     | Co B |
| S/Sgt James H Meeks | Co A |

#### BRONZE STAR

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| 1st Lt Thomas R Day        | Hq Co   |
| 1st Lt Dean T Jones        | Hq Det  |
| 2d Lt David Klein          | Co B    |
| 2d Lt Louis P Gold         | Hq Co   |
| 2d Lt George W Willis      | Hq Co   |
| T/Sgt Clyde E Woertendyke  | Co A    |
| S/Sgt Edward H Czajkowski  | Co B    |
| S/Sgt Harvey J Gleason     | Co A    |
| Sgt Glenn D Blankenhorn    | Hq Co   |
| Tec 5 Alfred G Nett        | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Vito R Dorio         | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Buford W Carr        | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Theodore A Stefaniak | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Stanley J Zolnowski  | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Wesley P Norman      | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Lincoln H Colby      | Med Det |
| Pfc Adelbert H Brott       | Co C    |
| Pfc John B Held            | Med Det |
| Pfc Victor M Spilly        | Co A    |
| Pvt Kenneth H Cockman      | Co A    |
| Pvt Howard W Hollenberg    | Co A    |
| Pvt William J Whitnah      | Co A    |

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UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT 62D ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

(Narrative)

1 March 1945 - The battalion continued its mission of defensive positions Uberach, Pfaffenhoffen and high ground east of Pfaffenhoffen. Enemy generally non-aggressive but sensitive to our patrols using his artillery and mortar extensively throughout the day and night. There was heavy flare activity. Considerable enemy motor movement between Bitshoffen and Q927289. C Co patrol reached objective at RR Station which was unoccupied by enemy.

0500, 2 March 1945, B Co took three PW's. Continued enemy artillery activity which fell in Uberach and Niedermodern, 150 rounds falling in the period of 1900-2200.

0300, 3 March 1945, A Co patrol had fire fight with enemy vic RR Station. Enemy not aggressive but continued use of his mortar and artillery throughout day and night. Continued heavy flare activity throughout battalion sector.

0615, 4 March 1945, seven PW's were taken by B Co. Heavy vehicular traffic in the vicinity Bitshoffen between hours of 0200 and 0400. B Co OP in Uberach received burp gun fire from corner of woods during the morning. Mortar position located by assault gun OP Q90922890 and neutralized by assault gun platoon. Enemy mortar and artillery light throughout day and night. Continued heavy flare activity due to our patrols probing their positions.

5 March 1945 - enemy remained non-aggressive and decreased their mortar and artillery fire throughout day and night. Approximately 45 rounds of mortar and artillery fell during this 24-hour period.

6 March 45, C Co patrol reached objective at RR Station and found positions unoccupied. B Co received harrassing burp gun fire from corner of woods throughout day. Enemy mortar fire increased, approximately 60 rounds fell in Uberach. Flare activity heavy throughout night.

7 March 45, enemy very quiet. Received 18 rounds mortar in Niedermodern, but continued heavy flare activity.

Enemy action during the period of 8th and 9th of March very quiet. Light artillery and mortar fire during period. Flare activity decreased also.

The battalion was relieved by the 68th AIB, 10 March 45, and moved to Ettendorf 10 March 45. Co Co moved to Altenheim and was attached to 47th Tank Battalion. A Co moved to Wickersheim, and B Co to Bossendorf. Bn Hq moved from Ettendorf to Alteckendorf at 1100, 12 March 45. Co C 47th Tk Bn was attached to 62d AIB and billeted in Alteckendorf from 12 March to 19 March, reorganizing and resupplying under COMBAT.

1900, 19 March 45, the battalion moved to assembly area Niederbitchdorf via Hochfelden, Hagenau, and Surbourg arriving at 2315.

0530, 20 March 45, battalion moved to vic Aschbach. A Co in Leiterswiller, B Co in Hoffen, C Co in Obermodern. 2015, 20 March 45, battalion marched to assembly area and attack position vicinity Kapsweyer, Germany, and prepared to attack Steinfeld through the 6th AIB, 21 March 45.



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0455, 21 March 45, attack jumped off, A and B Co's on the left and C Co on the right. C Co entered Steinfeld thru heavy mortar barrage and AW fire at 0515. A and B Co's entered Steinfeld at 0525 thru heavy SA and AW fire from pill boxes. By 0700 the area assigned to C Co was cleared. B Co moving slowly from house to house under heavy enemy SA, artillery and mortar fire, reached and secured final objective at eastern end of town. A Co receiving small arms and mortar fire from pill boxes fought house to house and secured their objective. At 1300 enemy counter-attack preceded by artillery barrage was beaten off by all three companies.

The battalion cleared and outposted Steinfeld, 21 March 45. During the attack on Steinfeld, the Battalion Commander, Lt Col James H Myers, was wounded and evacuated for the second time in a period of three months.

0500, 22 March 45, 68th AIB passed thru our positions to attack the town of Schaidt. A and B Co had the missions of clearing the pillboxes and sealing them to the left and right of Steinfeld and Schaidt. Service Co, 62d AIB had the mission of welding all pillboxes to prevent further occupation. Bn Hq plus A and B Co moved to Schaidt in rear of CC"A" as Division reserve and outposted town. Co C, 62d AIB remained in Steinfeld and secured the town.

1800, 24 March 45. The battalion marched from Schaidt to Kapsweyer, Germany, where it remained to 31 March 45, reorganizing and resupplying under CC"R".

CASUALTIES

|              | NBC      |           | WIA      |           | MIA      |          | KIA      |           | PW         |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
|              | Off      | EM        | Off      | EM        | Off      | EM       | Off      | EM        |            |
| 1 Mar 45     |          | 1         |          | 2         |          |          |          | 1         | 1          |
| 2 Mar 45     |          | 3         |          | 1         |          |          |          |           | 3          |
| 3 Mar 45     |          | 2         |          |           |          |          |          |           | 3          |
| 4 Mar 45     |          | 1         | 1        | 2         |          |          |          |           |            |
| 5 Mar 45     |          | 1         |          | 1         |          |          |          |           | 7          |
| 6 Mar 45     |          | 3         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 7 Mar 45     |          | 2         |          |           |          |          |          |           | 2          |
| 8 Mar 45     | 1        | 3         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 10 Mar 45    |          | 3         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 14 Mar 45    |          | 3         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 15 Mar 45    |          | 4         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 16 Mar 45    |          | 1         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 17 Mar 45    |          | 5         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 18 Mar 45    |          | 1         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 21 Mar 45    |          | 3         | 2        | 16        |          | 6        |          | 6         | 37         |
| 22 Mar 45    |          | 2         | 2        | 23        |          |          |          | 8         | 78         |
| 23 Mar 45    |          | 1         |          | 15        |          |          |          | 5         | 55         |
| 24 Mar 45    |          | 1         |          | 3         |          |          |          |           |            |
| 25 Mar 45    |          | 5         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 26 Mar 45    |          | 4         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 27 Mar 45    |          | 2         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 28 Mar 45    |          | 4         |          |           |          |          |          |           | 4          |
| 29 Mar 45    |          | 1         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 30 Mar 45    |          | 1         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| 31 Mar 45    |          | 2         |          |           |          |          |          |           |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>58</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>190</b> |

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

|                    |   |                          |              |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------|
| CO                 | - | Lt Col James H Myers     | 1-20 Mar 45  |
|                    |   | Maj Arthur J Richards    | 21-31 Mar 45 |
| Ex O               | - | Maj Arthur J Richards    | 1-20 Mar 45  |
|                    |   | Maj William T Higgins Jr | 21-31 Mar 45 |
| S-3                | - | Maj William T Higgins Jr | 1-20 Mar 45  |
|                    |   | Capt Ernest M Gifford Jr | 21-31 Mar 45 |
| S-4                | - | Capt Ernest M Gifford Jr | 1-20 Mar 45  |
|                    |   | Capt Eugene D Petheram   | 21-31 Mar 45 |
| S-2                | - | Capt Arlus L Gambrell    |              |
| Ln O               | - | 2d Lt Raymond Gravelle   | 1-11 Mar 45  |
|                    |   | 2d Lt Rexford J Blodgett | 11-31 Mar 45 |
| S-3 AIR &<br>Com O | - | Capt Charles E Stratman  |              |
| S-1                | - | 1st Lt Richard E Hileman |              |
| Hq Co Comdr        | - | Capt Willard C Robinson  |              |
| A Co Comdr         | - | Capt Dean T Jones        |              |
| B Co Comdr         | - | 1st Lt Thomas R Day      |              |
| C Co Comdr         | - | Capt Howard A Trammell   |              |
| Sv Co Comdr        | - | Capt Eugene D Petheram   | 1-20 Mar 45  |
|                    |   | 2d Lt James J Kolar      | 21-31 Mar 45 |
| Med Det Comdr      | - | Capt Laurence G Thoun    |              |
| Bn Mtr Off         | - | Capt Norval E Jones      |              |

ATTACHED

25th Tank Bn

C Co Comdr - Capt Andrew W Winiarczyk

47th Tank Bn

C Co Comdr - Capt H D Persky

48th Tank Bn

A Co Comdr - Capt Joel P Ory

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

To 1st Lt

2d Lt Jesse Charleston                      01 015 195    INF

Battlefield Appointments

|                       |            |     |
|-----------------------|------------|-----|
| 2d Lt James H Shaw    | 02 011 645 | INF |
| 2d Lt James R Kimball | 02 011 608 | INF |
| 2d Lt Waldo H Hunt    | 02 011 609 | INF |
| 2d Lt John J Flanagan | 02 011 610 | INF |

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1st Lt Francis B Dorre | A Co  |
| Sgt Robert F Lavelle   | Hq Co |
| Tec 5 Jack R Brown     | C Co  |
| Pfc John S Nardone     | A Co  |

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UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT (Narrative)

62d AIB billeted in Saessolsheim Q835120 from 1 Feb to 27 Feb 1945. Time was spent in reorganizing, resupplying and training of reinforcements. On 27 Feb 45 at 1300 the 62d began march by infiltration to relieve 68th AIB in defensive position and occupy MLR on the right flank of 14th AD sector. This move was completed at 0130, 28 Feb 45. 282100 Feb 45 - 7 man patrol was sent out to capture a PW. This mission was accomplished and the patrol returned at 282345 Feb 45. Enemy action, non-aggressive, enemy artillery and mortar sporadic.

CASUALTIES

|        | NBC |    | WIA |    | MIA |    | KIA |    | PW |
|--------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|
|        | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM |    |
| 1 Feb  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 2 Feb  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 5 Feb  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 6 Feb  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 7 Feb  |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 13 Feb |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 14 Feb |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 15 Feb |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 16 Feb |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 17 Feb |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 18 Feb |     | 4  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 20 Feb |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 21 Feb |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 23 Feb |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 24 Feb |     | 6  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 26 Feb |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 27 Feb |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |
| 28 Feb |     |    |     | 1  |     |    |     |    | 1  |

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| CO -            | Maj Arthur J. Richards     |
| Ex O -          | Capt Charles E. Stratman   |
| S-3 -           | Maj William T. Higgins Jr. |
| S-4 -           | Capt Ernest M. Gifford Jr. |
| S-2 -           | Capt Arlus L. Gambrell     |
| Ln O -          | 2d Lt Raymond Gravelle     |
| S-3 AIR & Com - | 2d Lt Charles O. Collins   |
| S-1 -           | 1st Lt Richard E. Hileman  |
| Hq Co Comdr -   | Capt Willard C. Robinson   |
| A Co Comdr -    | Capt Dean T. Jones         |
| B Co Comdr -    | 1st Lt Thomas R. Day       |

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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL (Cont'd)

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| C Co Comdr -    | Capt Howard A. Trammell |
| Sv Co Comdr -   | Capt Eugene D Petheram  |
| Med Det Comdr - | Capt Laurence G. Thoun  |
| Bn Mtr O -      | Capt Norval E. Jones    |

ATTACHED

48th Tank Bn

B Co Comdr -- Capt Robert G. Elder

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

To Captain

|                           |            |     |
|---------------------------|------------|-----|
| 1st Lt Eugene D. Petheram | 01 311 426 | INF |
| 1st Lt Dean T. Jones      | 01 311 301 | INF |

Battlefield Appointments

|                        |            |     |
|------------------------|------------|-----|
| 2d Lt Gordon F. Krentz | 02 007 052 | INF |
| 2d Lt Howard L. Laws   | 02 006 192 | INF |

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Silver Star

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| 2d Lt John W. Pleacher Jr    | Co C |
| S/Sgt Augustine C. Bojorques | Co C |
| Sgt John H. Barber           | Co A |

Bronze Star

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 2d Lt Charles G. Galdwin  | Co A    |
| T/Sgt Robert C. Eubank    | Hq Det  |
| T/Sgt Dale L. Phipps      | Co C    |
| S/Sgt Roland T. Kelly     | Hq Co   |
| S/Sgt Norman B. Miller    | Co C    |
| Sgt Benedict J. Kacsmarek | Co C    |
| Tec 5 Kenneth N. Crago    | Med Det |
| Pfc William A Gerow       | Co A    |
| Pfc John J. Cunningham    | Med Det |
| Pfc Fred Davis            | Co A    |

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UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

For April 1945

0500, 1 April 1945 the 62d AIR moved from Kapsweyer, Germany and marched to division assembly area in the (Route of march - Bergzabern, Landau, Offenbach, Geinsheim, Hafsloch, Micklenheim, Frankenthal, Worms, Bensheim, Rossdorf, Darmstadt, Uberau) vicinity Reidheim, Germany arriving at the town of Uberau at 1145. This battalion with attached units A-501, one platoon of 636 TD's, A Co-25th Tk Bn, one platoon of A-125 moved in rear of CC"B" as division reserve to jump off position at Lohr. B Co which throughout this operation was attached to CC"R" Hq was sent to Hammelsburg to liberate allied PW Camp.

The battalion was held up by CC"B" column which was being slowed down by numerous blown bridges and road blocks. Being unable to move, unit remained at Lohr until 0830 the 6th of April, during which time C Co was sent to outpost Gemunden.

At 0830, 6 April 1945 the battalion jumped off in the attack. Moved rapidly along route against spotty enemy opposition. At 2030 the battalion stopped for night at Munster.

At 0545 C Co attacked Hunsbach, this town being cleared by 0700. Unit then continued attack along route meeting light to moderate resistance, Co A leading. At 1205 Co A, while clearing town of Gressthal, was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar concentrations. During this time the battalion commander, Major Arthur J Richards was slightly wounded. Major William T Higgins Jr, battalion executive officer, was wounded and had to be evacuated. After clearing town, column was halted for the night in the town of Gressthal.

8 April 1945, the battalion was assembling and resupplying in the town of Gressthal.

1400, 9 April 1945 this battalion moved to Ostheim via Bad Kissingen, Munnerstadt and Neuustadt arriving at 1845. It remained here until 1815, 11 April. Then it moved to forward assembly area vicinity of Streufdorf.

0630, 12 April C Co crossed L. D. and attacked to the south followed by column. The battalion proceeded as far as the Main river where it was held up by blown bridge. At 0701, 13 April, moved across bridge built by A-125 under Lt Dillard and proceeded forward, A Co leading, against no opposition arriving at Rothmansthal at 1303. At 1700 the battalion moved to the vicinity Fernreuth arriving at 2000. The battalion remained here picking up numerous prisoners from the town and surrounding woods. During this period C Co was sent to Crussen to aid 94th Rcn in guarding PWs. Attack by 20 SP's and Inf. Attack driven off. At 0630, 15 April the battalion moved from Fernreuth to new area at Buchenbach. A Co plus A-25 leading column and out-posting Kaltenthal. 16 April still in Buchenbach. Platoon, Co A placing post on Auto Bahn cutting it.

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1300, 17 April after being relieved by elements of 71st Inf Div, the battalion moved to assembly area vicinity of Altdorf via the Autoban, Autoban to Lauf, Herbstbrook, then Altdorf, then to Deinschwanz - arriving here at 2045.

Following morning moved to take over position at Bittenhofen closing at 1215. A Co led in this march.

1430, Liaison officer orders battalion move to Wendelstein and relieve elements of 106 Cavalry Group in that zone and protect flank of 45th Div which was attacking Nurenburg. The route to this area was, Deinschwanz, Reichelshofen, Stockelsberg, Altdorf, Weinhof, Pengenhof and Feucht. A Co led this march. The battalion closed in at Leerstetten, C Co in Rednitzheinsbach, A Co in Schwand.

April 17th and 20th the battalion spent in Leerstetten. 21 April, 0600 the battalion attacked to the south, C Co in the lead, meeting very little resistance. At 1000 took Hilpoltstein and assembled there awaiting further orders from CC"R".

At 1200 message from CO, CC"R" ordering one Co to be sent to the aid of 25th Tk Bn which was meeting stiff resistance at Allersburg.

22 April the battalion was still in Hilpoltstein.

23 April at 0815 the battalion moved to attack to the south C Co leading. At 0930 our column held up by 47th Tk column at Pyras. After numerous Rcn missions on different roads of suitable routes could not be found by 94th Rcn. At 1710 C Co attacked town of Stout after heavy artillery preparation. At 1830 the town was reported clear and outposted for the night, the remainder of the battalion staying in Eysolden. At 2200 the 14th Armored Division was transferred to the 3rd Corps, 3rd Army.

24 April at 0645 the battalion attacked to the south with Ingolstadt as the objective. The battalion proceeded as far as the Altmuhl river where it was held up by blown bridges.

25 April was spent in town of Hirnstetten awaiting completion of bridge.

At 1030 battalion moved from Hirnstetten crossing river and proceeded to objective where it encountered very little opposition. The battalion closed in Mailing at 1715.

27 April the battalion moved to Ingolstadt to take over police and holding of town.

1600, 28 April the battalion moved from Ingolstadt crossing Danube river and proceeded to assembly area at Aiglsbach via

Manching, Ernsgaden, Geisenfeld.

1100, 29 April Staff and Company Commanders meeting at battalion CP a new march order was issued moving the battalion to assembly area at Neuhausen.

While closing into town a new O. I. sent by radio moved the battalion to Moosburg to take charge of town and P W camp.

1745, 30 April A Co and C Co plus B-68 were committed to establish bridgehead on the high ground across Isar river. Crossed by foot over blown bridge of Isar river. Objective was taken at 2000 against enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, siezing and securing the bridge intact over the Isar Canal.

TOWNS CAPTURED BY 62D AIB APRIL 45

Munster  
Hunsbach  
Gressthal  
Fernreuth  
Buchenbach  
Hilpoltstein  
Staut  
Pottenau  
Bridge and bridgehead at 745915

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|           | NBC |    | WIA |    | MIA |    | KIA |    | PW  |
|-----------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|
|           | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM |     |
| 1 Apr 45  |     | 2  |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |
| 5 Apr 45  |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 5   |
| 6 Apr 45  |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    | 35  |
| 7 Apr 45  | 1   | 2  | 2   | 5  |     |    | 1   |    | 316 |
| 8 Apr 45  |     | 1  |     | 2  |     |    |     | 1  | 27  |
| 9 Apr 45  |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 12  |
| 10 Apr 45 |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 4   |
| 11 Apr 45 | 2   | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 8   |
| 12 Apr 45 |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 8   |
| 13 Apr 45 |     | 4  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 12  |
| 14 Apr 45 |     | 4  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 140 |
| 15 Apr 45 |     | 2  |     | 1  |     |    |     |    | 136 |
| 16 Apr 45 |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 37  |
| 17 Apr 45 |     | 9  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 16  |
| 18 Apr 45 |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 4   |
| 19 Apr 45 |     | 4  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 42  |
| 20 Apr 45 | 1   |    |     | 2  |     |    |     |    | 93  |
| 21 Apr 45 |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 120 |
| 22 Apr 45 | 1   | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 19  |
| 23 Apr 45 |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 13  |
| 24 Apr 45 |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 11  |
| 25 Apr 45 |     | 3  |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |
| 26 Apr 45 |     |    |     | 1  |     |    |     |    | 15  |
| 27 Apr 45 |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 42  |

Casualties (cont'd)

|           | NBC |    | WIA |    | MIA |    | KIA |    | PW   |
|-----------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|------|
|           | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM | Off | EM |      |
| 28 Apr 45 |     | 1  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 10   |
| 29 Apr 45 |     | 2  |     |    |     |    |     |    | 18   |
| 30 Apr 45 |     | 1  |     | 1  |     |    |     |    | 33   |
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| TOTAL     | 5   | 58 | 2   | 13 | 0   | 0  | 1   | 1  | 1176 |

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

CO - Maj Arthur J Richards  
Ex O - Maj William T Higgins Jr 1-7 Apr 45  
          Maj Ernest M Gifford Jr 7-30 Apr 45  
S-3 - Maj Ernest M Gifford Jr 1-7 Apr 45  
          Capt Arlus L Gambrell 7-30 Apr 45  
S-4 - Capt Eugene D Petheram  
S-2 - Capt Arlus L Gambrell 1-7 Apr 45  
          Capt Beverly B Williamson 7-30 Apr 45  
S-3 AIR  
& Com O - Capt Charles E Stratman  
S-1 - 1st Lt Richard E Hileman  
Hq Co Comdr - Capt Willard C Robinson  
A Co Comdr - Capt Dean T Jones  
B Co Comdr - Capt Thomas R Day  
C Co Comdr - Capt Howard A Trammell 1-3 Apr 45  
          1st Lt Edwin M Kosik 3-30 Apr 45  
Sv Co Comdr - 1st Lt James J Kolar  
Med Det Comdr - Capt Laurence G Thouin  
Bn Mtr Off - Capt Norval E Jones

Attached

25th Tk Bn

A Co Comdr - 1st Lt John R Martin  
Rcn Plt Comdr - 1st Lt Richard M Grandin  
3d Plt-A Comdr - 2d Lt Robert S Walton  
3d Plt-D Comdr - 2d Lt Robert D McClerran

125th Eng Bn

1st Plt-A Co Comdr - 1st Lt John A P Dillard

636th TD Bn

3d Plt C Co Comdr - 2d Lt John P Kehoe  
2d Plt C Co Comdr - 2d Lt Thomas L Copeland

501st F A Bn

A Btry Comdr - Capt Bernard P Gwalphney

Promotions & Appointments

To Major

Capt Ernest M Gifford Jr      O 447 217    INF

To Captain

1st Lt Thomas R Day      O1 015 286    INF

To 1st Lt

2d Lt David Klein      O2 000 662    INF

2d Lt James J Kolar      O2 006 410    INF

2d Lt Robert W Hawes      O 528 402    INF

Battlefield Appointments

2d Lt Gustav Hinrich

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British Military Medal

T/Sgt James H Meeks      Co A

Bronze Star

2d Lt Vernon L Conway      Co B



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