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75TH ARMD MEDICAL BATTALION

5TH ARMORED DIVISION

AUGUST THRU DECEMBER 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
75TH MEDICAL BATTALION ARMORED
APO NO 255, U S ARMY

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29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Thru: Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, APO 255,
U. S. Army

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345 - 105, Change 3,
the following report is submitted for the month of August.

- a. Campaign - "Western Europe".
- b. Commanding Officers:
 - (1) Battalion Commander - Lt. Col. BENJAMIN H. BADER, 0372570.
 - (2) Headquarters Company - Capt. MERL V. SENEY, 01533199
 - (3) Company "A" - Capt. SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470.
 - (4) Company "B" - Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815.
 - (5) Company "C" - Capt. DWIGHT J. MOSIER, 01687015.
- c. Losses in battle:
 - (1) Headquarters Company - 1 EM killed.
 - (2) Company "A" - 1 EM killed & 6 EM to hospital.
 - (3) Company "B" - 3 EM to hospital.
 - (4) Company "C" - 1 EM to hospital.
- d. Changes in Organization:
 - (1) Assignments and transfers:

DATE	PERSONNEL		COMPANY	GAINS	LOSSES
	O	EM			
8/8		1	B		1
8/9		1	A		1
8/9		1	B		1
8/9		1	C		1
8/10	1		C	1	
8/12	1		A	1	
8/13		1	B		1
8/16		7	A		7
8/17		4	A	4	
8/21		1	C		1
8/22		1	C	1	
8/23	1		A	1	
8/25	1		B	1	
8/27		1	A		1
8/27		1	B		1
8/28		2	Hq.	2	
8/28		1	A		1
8/29		1	A	1	
8/29		1	C	1	
8/29		1	B	1	
8/31		1	B		1
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(2) Attached for rations & quarters.

DATE	PERSONNEL		ORGANIZATION	ATTACHED	RELIEVED
	O	EM			
8/1	1		American Red Cross	1	
8/1		1	CCA	1	
8/5	1		American Red Cross	1	
8/5		1	CCR	1	
8/7	3	3	CCA	3 - 3	
8/8		11	593 Amb. Co.	11	
8/13		13	65th Medical Group	13	
8/15		1	65th Medical Group		1
8/17	1	1	CCA		1 - 1
8/18	2	34	593 Ambulance Co.	2 - 34	
8/26	1	23	593 Ambulance Co.		1 - 23
8/26	1	23	577 Ambulance Co.	1 - 23	
8/27	1	22	593 Ambulance Co.		1 - 22
8/27	1	23	577 Ambulance Co.	1 - 23	
8/31		2	577 Ambulance Co.	2	

(3) Strength at end of month: 36 - Officers; 2 - Warrant Officers; 380 - Enlisted Men.

e. Stations.

(1) Headquarters Company

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
8/2	Milleres	T 2473	23
8/5	Ducey	T 3209	51
8/6	Fougeres	Y 3881	20
8/6	Fougeres	Y 3564	10
8/8	Le Mans		71
8/8	Le Mans	K 4433	19
8/10	Beaufay	V 5376	32
8/11	Le Mesle		36
8/12	Sees	Q 4629	12
8/16	Dreux	R 3129	71
8/19	Mantes-Gassicourt	R 4795	35
8/25	Thoiry	R 6547	18
8/30	Baron	S 3745	70
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(2) Company "A"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
8/1	Corbuchon	T 2269	26
8/3	Lessay	T 2473	6
8/5	St Aubin Du Cormier	J 2566	53
8/6	Craon	J 5622	43
8/7	Mulsanne	K 4422	25
8/9	Le Mans	V 4365	22
8/10	Ballon	V 4585	11
8/11	Dangeul		7
8/12	Argentan		36
8/14	Mortree		3

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Company "A" (Cont'd.)

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
8/15	St Martin N-D-d'Apres		67
8/18	Blainville		24
8/19	Pacy		32
8/22	La Chapelle	R 3773	11
8/24	Gaillon	R 7932	9
8/25	Septeuil	R 5850	35
8/30	Claye Souilly	S 3256	71
8/31	Soissons	S 7693	30
			<u>511</u>

(3) Company "B"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
8/1	St Sauveur Le Vicomte	T 1495	
8/2	Periers	T 2573	22
8/5	St James	T 3209	50
8/6	Vitre	Y 4251	50
8/7	Houssay	Y 7128	20
8/8/	Spay	Z 3627	35
8/9	Arnage	Z 3927	6
8/10	Terrehaut	V 5683	36
8/11	Contilly	V 5683	18
8/12	Sees	Q 4728	39
8/13	Chasse	Q 4205	5
8/16	Dreux	R 3329	71
8/17	Ouerre	R 3831	10
8/18	Brevai	R 4661	22
8/19	Lommoye	R 4562	2
8/21	Shaufour Les Bonnieres	R 4365	6
8/22	St Pierre De Bailley	R 3876	15
8/23	Champenard	R 3379	4
8/25	Boinville	R 6354	36
8/30	Senlis	S 2478	62
8/31	Verberie	S 3588	10
			<u>519</u>

(4) Company "C"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
8/1	St Sauveur Le Vicomte	T 1894	
8/2	Lessay	T 2174	23
8/5	St James	T 3209	51
8/6	Vitre	T 3650	43
8/8/	Le Mans	V 4355	85
8/10	Rouperieux	V 5886	33
8/11	Sees	Q 5214	36
8/12	Nonant	Q 4046	10
8/16	St Martin	R 3334	31
8/17	Dreux	R 2533	35
8/17	Dreux	R 2832	2
8/19	Rouvres	R 4346	18
8/20	Villiers En Desoeuvre	R 4458	11

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Company "C" (Cont'd.)

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
8/23	Douains	R 3870	12
8/24	Hargeville	R 6150	27
8/26	Orgeval	R 5277	13
8/30	La Chappelle en Serval	S 2172	50
8/31	Bethisy St Martin	S 4388	28
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f. Marches and Battles (See Appendix I)

g. Awards:

Purple Heart - Pvt. Steven DiPaola, 20273632
Bronze Star - Sgt. Henry Bacon, 31065170
Bronze Star - Sgt. Theodore Smith, 11048667

For the Battalion Commander:

Gordon B. Carey
GORDON B. CAREY,
Capt., MAC
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APPENDIX I

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, under divisional SOP is a component of the Division Trains and functioned in this capacity on August 1, 1944. At the start of the campaign the Division was in the XV Corps of the Third U.S. Army.

On August 1st, Headquarters and Headquarters Company was bivouaced in the vicinity of St Sauveur. The company then moved to the vicinity of Millieres, about a 40 mile march into an area mined and booby-trapped. It was decided to attach a truck from Headquarters Company for the purpose of supplies to each lettered company. On August 2nd the three lettered companies, less nine ambulances, nine Officers and nine Enlisted Men, reverted to Battalion control. August 5th found the battalion making a move of 51 miles to Ducey, enemy aircraft activity was noticed. A and C companies rejoined their combat commands at this time. The next day a move to Fougères of 20 miles was made. At this time B Company joined Combat Command B. One Officer from C Company and a detachment of 9 men were left at Headquarters to run a treatment section for Division Trains. The billeting party sent from Ducey consisting of the Adjutant, 1st Lt DALE TEKOLSTE, T/5 Ralph L. Heck and Private Horace M. Metcalfe were ambushed at Crosse Le Viven. In the ensuing action T/5 Ralph L. Heck was killed instantly. Lt DALE TEKOLSTE and Private Horace M. Metcalfe escaped uninjured. The 1/4 ton truck was demolished. On August 6th, two easy marches totaling 30 miles were made. On August 7th a march of 71 miles was accomplished being subjected to small arms fire on the way. The Company arrived at Maigne 14 kilometers west of Le Mans at 080340. The same day another march covering 20 miles was made arriving 4 miles south of Le Mans. On the 10th the company left at 0330 and arrived at noon at Beaufay, marching 32 miles. The S-4 made 2 trips to Ducey for supplies a distance of 125 miles, one way, on the nights of the 10th and 11th of August. On the 12th of August the company made another night move covering 36 miles to Le Mesle. The same day, the 12th, the unit moved to Sees, a distance of 12 miles. The night of the 12th, Captain Seney and Lt Garfield picked up a detail of 14 trucks from the 3907th QM trucking company which was attached to the 5th Division and proceeded to Beaufay where they supplied transportation for a platoon of the 16th Field Hospital and escorted them to Sees and the march was subjected to small arms fire. On the 13th of August, Division Medical Supply established a Medical Dump at Sees for the use of the 2nd French Armored Division. On the 16th of August, Headquarters, accompanied by the 16th Field Hospital, marched to the airport at Druex, a distance of 71 miles. Here the company was subjected to strafing. The company, accompanied by the 16th Field Hospital arrived 7 miles west of Mantes Gassicourt on the 19th of August, 35 miles covered. The next march totaled 18 miles and was made on the 25th bivouacing at Thoiry. On August 30th, leaving the Field Hospital behind, a march was made thru Paris, around the Arc De Triumphe, passing Le Bourget Field and arriving at Baron the same day a distance of 70 miles. On this date the Division was transferred to the V Corps as part of the First U.S. Army. The total casualties treated by the treatment section attached to the company were 111. Evacuation through the month was to the 16th Field Hospital, 103rd Evacuation Hospital, and 39th Evacuation Hospital.

Company "A", a medical company, armored, habitually supports Combat Command A of the Fifth Armored Division. On the 1st of August, CGA received and began its first mission as part of the 3rd U.S. Army. As medical support initially, we gave three ambulances, each carrying drivers, aid men and medical officers. It was realized almost immediately that it would be necessary to have the whole medical company in support, on August 5th the remainder of the company rejoined the 3 ambulances in the vicinity of Vitre, France.

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On August 6th the Combat Command marched over 50 miles thru lightly held enemy territory and near Craon, France, we received our first casualty. We bivouaced that night between Craon and Chateau Goutier and were cut off from our combat elements by German patrols. They circulated freely about the area but made no attempt to interfere with evacuations or treatment of casualties. From Chateau Goutier to Ballon the Combat Command moved very rapidly with few casualties. We were unable to get supporting evacuation from Army and our own ambulances evacuated not only from the front, but for 4 days, August 6 to 10, to the rear, as well. Our drivers making round trips up to 250 miles and then returning immediately to the front. At Ballon we met our first heavy German resistance and casualties were heavier than before. We were faced by elements of the 9th and 10th Panzer Divisions. Here, several of the ambulance drivers participated in acts of unusual heroism for which 4 of them later received the Bronze Star. The enemy was dispersed in a 2 day running battle and Le Mans was captured by the Corps. On the outskirts of Le Mans, vehicles of the company were fired upon by enemy for the first time, but no casualties resulted, although several vehicles were damaged. We marched on Sees, as the Argentan Gap became a reality and here we were met by stronger forces of Germans, than any previously met. We also handled many French and German casualties. Casualties averaged about 50 a day for 2 days, but at no time were we unable to adequately care for them. As we marched on Argentan, 2 more of our ambulance drivers distinguished themselves by acts of heroism for which they were later decorated. From Argentan we marched on Dreux and on the way at St Martin on the 16th of August, the company area was shelled intermittently for 90 minutes by rocket mortar shells. Three of our men were seriously wounded, one dying the following day. Two others were lightly wounded and two were evacuated because they showed signs of combat exhaustion. The company behaved magnificently in their first direct shelling and continued treating casualties (about 20 of them) while under direct fire from the enemy. The following day at Dreux the bivouac area was strafed by 2 M 109's, but no damage or casualties resulted to the company. At this point, about August 18th, we headed for the Seine River in an effort to trap troops of the German 7th Army. On August 20th we were treated to the most terrific artillery barrage we have ever witnessed, with over 20 battalions of artillery firing on a German concentration near Pacy-Sur-Eure. On the 23rd of August, the Combat Command reached its objective, Douviers on the west bank of the Seine. At this point we were relieved by troops of the British 30th Corps and returned to the vicinity of Mantes for a 4 day rest period. Fighting was hard all the way and the Combat Command was in contact with the enemy for 25 straight days. Fighting was continuous and many marches were made all thru the night. The Combat Command received a commendation from General Montgomery, who remarked that they had traveled farther, moved faster and hit harder than any armored unit in history. Casualties were light, however, and we never had any difficulty in either treating or evacuating patients. On the 29th of August we joined the First U.S. Army, the company passed thru Paris and crossed the Seine River. By the end of the month we had reached the Forest of Compiègne and on the morning of the 30th, saw our first flying bombs. At least one exploded in the near vicinity but no casualties occurred. During this period because of the lengthy marches, it was necessary to leap frog our two treatment sections, always keeping one mobile and one set up at all times to receive casualties. This method proved very satisfactory at all times. The total casualties treated by the company were 402. Evacuation through the month was made to the 104th Evac. Hospital, 106th Evac. Hospital, 101st Evac. Hospital, 34th Evac. Hospital, 45th Evac. Hospital, 96 Evac. Hospital, and 13th Field Hospital.

Company "B", a medical company armored, under divisional SOP, supports CCB of the Fifth Armored Division. On August 1st CCB received and began the first mission as a part of the Third United States Army. Initially, 3 ambulances, 3 medical officers, and 3 first aid men were the medical support. On August 6 the remainder

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of the company rejoined the original 3 vehicles in the vicinity of Vitre. Here German infantry shot out the lights of one of our trucks and the column was subjected to sniper fire. The first casualties of the campaign were treated here, however most of the men were Germans. On August 7th we crossed the Mayenne River traveling 20 miles. Capt. Jewett and Lt. Dursi captured 9 Germans in the vicinity of Spay. They were turned over to the MP's. After a night march on the 10th, we arrived at Beaufay. At this time "C" Company was loaded with patients and we assisted in the evacuation and treatment of CCR patients throughout the day. In the next two days CCB moved to the vicinity of Sees. We left Sees on the 15th of August and marched to an area south of Dreux. This was our biggest single advance through enemy territory to date, the majority during blackout. CCB marched in two units, each supported by a surgical section. The remarkable thing about the march was the fact there were no casualties. Four ME 109's passed about 20 feet over the company without firing a shot. One 88 mm shell landed in the area. Moderate number of casualties treated when CCB captured Dreux. Evacuation up to this point was at all times up to 100 miles one way from clearing station to evacuation or Field Hospitals. On the night of the 18th a night march of 36 miles was made to Hommage. On the 22nd CCB's column was strafed and suffered 8 casualties. The new bivouac area was in the vicinity of St Pierre De Bailley. The next day we proceeded by road and cross country to the vicinity of Champenard. On the night of the 24th a march of 38 miles was accomplished, bivouacing early in the morning in the vicinity of Boivre. The company rested the next four days and was visited by General Oliver, the Division Commander, who presented Bronze Stars to Sgts. Smith and Bacon. On the 30th the Fifth Armored Division being relieved from the Third Army and joining the First Army, CCB proceeded thru Paris and arrived at Senlis, a distance of 62 miles. CCB passed thru the 28th Infantry Division to spearhead the attack. Total casualties treated by the company were 459. Evacuation thru the month was made to the 103rd Evac. Hospital, 39th Evacuation Hospital, and 16th Field Hospital.

Company "C", a medical company, under Divisional SOP, supports CCR of the Fifth Armored Division. On August 1st, CCR received and began its first combat mission as part of the Third United States Army. Three ambulances, three medical officers, and three first aid men were initially the medical support for CCR who had a mission of repelling a counter attack by the enemy in the Avranches area. August 5th found the entire company (less a detachment of one officer and nine enlisted men to Headquarters Company) together in the vicinity of Vitre. On the 7th of August near Craon, Captains Benny and Guyton performed an arm amputation on a civilian assisted by technicians from the company. During the operation some Germans came into the area and surrendered. On August 10th we experienced our first heavy casualties, a total of 84, near Beaufay. One clearing station was sent forward to speed up the medical service. When we resumed our advance the next day it was found that due to the rapid spearheading, several German pockets were left behind, necessitating much fighting on the march by the trains in the rear of the column, particularly north of Mamiers. Tanks closed in on Mamiers as soon as the combat command had passed thru. One surgical section under Capt. Benny had remained behind to receive patients being transferred from ambulances and on pulling out was followed on the road by a German tank, but unmolested, the tank subsequently turned off. On the 12th while the company was temporarily bivouaced near Le Mesle, three ambulances under command of Capt. Allington were dispatched to pick up casualties at Belleme. The ambulances headed thru Mortagne, believing it to be in allied hands. It was not. They were held prisoners for two and one-half hours and then left behind by retreating Germans to await arrival of Americans. The company arrived at Nonant-Le-Pin on August 13th and CCR's mission was to help close the Falaise Gap. Here heavy shell fire was experienced. The morning of the 14th, two German medical soldiers surrendered voluntarily and assisted during the balance of the night in treating German casualties. On August 16th, the Division's mission was to take Dreux, mission accomplished within 24 hours, included a road march of 85 miles. While bivouaced outside the town, 23 ME 109's strafed the company, no casualties were suffered. On August 30th the company drove thru Paris on its way to the Forest de Campigne. The total casualties treated by the company were 355. Evacuation thru the month was made to the 13th and 16th Field

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1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, Change 3,
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- a. Campaign - "Western Europe".
- b. Commanding Officers:
 - (1) Battalion Commander - Lt. Col. BENJAMIN H. BADER, 0372570
 - (2) Headquarters Company - Capt. MERL V. SENEY, 01533199
 - (3) Company "A" - Capt. SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470
 - (4) Company "B" - Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815
 - (5) Company "C" - Capt. DWIGHT J. MOSIER, 01687015
- c. Losses in battle:
 - (1) Headquarters Company - None.
 - (2) Company "A" - None.
 - (3) Company "B" - 1 enlisted man killed.
 - (4) Company "C" - 1 enlisted man killed and 4 enlisted men to hospital.
- d. Changes in Organization:
 - (1) Assignments and transfers:

DATE	PERSONNEL		COMPANY	GAINS	LOSSES
	O	EM			
9/2		1	A		1
9/5		1	A		1
9/6		1	B		1
9/7		1	A		1
9/11		2	A		2
9/11		1	A		1
9/11		1	C		1
9/12		1	B		1
9/13		1	C		1
9/15		1	C		1
9/18		1	A	1	
9/18		1	B	1	
9/18		1	C		1
9/19		4	C		4
9/19		1	B		1
9/20		1	A		1
9/20		1	C		1
9/22		1	A		1
9/23		1	B		1
9/24		1	A		1

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PERSONNEL		COMPANY	GAINS	LOSSES
DATE	O EM			
9/25	1	B	1	
9/25	1	B		1
9/27	1	C		1
9/27	1	A	1	
9/28	1	A		1
9/29	2	C		2
9/30	1	B		1
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d. (2) Attached for rations & quarters:

PERSONNEL		ORGANIZATION	ATTACHED	RELIEVED
DATE	O EM			
9/2	9	577 Ambulance Co.	9	
9/3	2	577 Ambulance Co.	2	
9/6	2	577 Ambulance Co.		2
9/6	26	CCA	26	
9/7	9	577 Ambulance Co.		9
9/9	26	CCA		26
9/14	1	CCA		1
9/16	1	Division Headquarters	1	
9/18	1	American Red Cross		1
9/18	1	CCA	1	
9/21	1 23	577 Ambulance Co.		1 - 23
9/21	1 23	583 Ambulance Co.	1 - 23	
9/24	1	Division Headquarters		1
9/27	1 1	CCA		1 - 1
9/27	1 1	Division Trains	1 - 1	

(3) Strength at end of month: Officers - 35,
Warrant Officers - 2, and Enlisted Men - 358

e. Stations

(1) Headquarters Company

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
9/1	Baron	S 3745	70
9/3	Baron	S 3579	4
9/4	Hatteville	O 5315	96
9/5	Puisseux	O 689143	18
9/8	Chemery	O 956166	26
9/9	Bleid	U 492080	48
9/10	Steinsel	L 835205	30
9/11	Angelsberg	P 868312	11
9/19	Heisdorf	P 846205	9
9/27	Ettelbruck	P 823400	17
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(2) Company "A"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
9/1	Villers Cotterets	N 6388	12
9/2	Carlepont	N 5911	12
9/3	Esnes	N 8375	65
9/4	Wassigny	O 5719	87
9/5	Vendresse	O 861159	31
9/6	Bulson	O 966181	11
9/8	Margut	P 237124	26
9/9	Schouweiler	P 709108	30
9/10	Luxembourg	P 822115	8
9/11	Hamm	P 867135	6
9/12	Boudler	L 007264	13
9/15	Zittig	P 971299	5
9/16	Junglinster	P 930251	6
9/27	Holzthum	P 808553	29
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(3) Company "B"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
9/1	Verberie	S 3588	
9/2	Passel	S 5517	32
9/3	Conde	J 0514	95
9/4	Rocquigny	O 495271	90
9/5	Singly	O 797204	25
9/8	Douzy	P 053224	25
9/9	Musson	P 542087	30
9/10	Lintgen	P 842241	13
9/11	Flebour	L 827476	25
9/16	Wallendorf	P 954439	15
9/19	Diekrich	P 854410	10
9/20	Bettendorf	P 901425	11
9/22	Stegen	P 872374	5
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(4) Company "C"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
9/1	Bethisy St Martin	S 4388	
9/3	Avesnes	N 8885	75
9/3	Haspres	N 9291	6
9/4	Tournes	O 782365	84
9/6	St Laurent	O 867337	12
9/8	Daigny	O 015269	14
9/9	Etalle	P 478258	38
9/10	Cruchten	P 855340	34
9/11	Stegen	P 886375	4
9/16	Hommerdingen	P 981467	6
9/19	Stegen	P 886375	20
9/22	Schrandwieler	P 862343	4
9/25	Ettelbruck	P 833405	7
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- f. Marches and Battles (See Appendix I).
- g. Awards:

Bronze Stars:

T/5 Warren C. Wright, 31073424
Pfc. Martin V. Guspersion, 33260465
Pvt. Frank J. Lipomi, 31073427
Pvt. George W. Carberg, 31073423
Pvt. James A. St Paul, 31067200

Purple Heart

Pvt. James St Paul, 31067200
Pfc. Lloyd W. Mulcrone, 38388180
Pvt. Robert Merriman, 32674564
Pvt. Jack M. Peterson, 36815507
T/Sgt. Kenneth M. Chastain, 37153630
T/5 Domenico J. D'Acchioli, 31067697
S/Sgt. Alfred C. Magallanes, 39170250
S/Sgt. A mil T. Wasoff, 38098312
Sgt. Nicholas J. Annucci, 33071516
T/4 Fredrick J. Smith, 38098250
T/4 Harold A. Steele, 36180390
T/5 Henry R. De Malder, 39025446
T/4 Robert J. Norwood, 34131150
Pfc. Roy P. Naidl, 36237908
Pfc. Leonard J. Kafton, 35301428
Pvt. Edward M O'Sadnick, 36744609
1st Sgt. Peter J. Thomas, 36168553

For the Battalion Commander:

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APPENDIX I

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies for the month of September.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company a component part of Division Trains in combat, was on August 1st bivouaced at Baron. The medical detachment from "C" Company continued to furnish medical support for the above mentioned major command throughout the month. Here we saw our first flying bombs. A long march of 96 miles was made on September 4th to the vicinity of Hatteville. On the 5th we made a short move of 18 miles to Puisseux. Another short move of 28 miles was made to Chemery on the 8th. On the 9th we arrived in Bleid, Belgium, a distance of 48 miles covered under blackout conditions. Another blackout march was made the next day to Steinsel in Luxembourg. On the 11th we marched to Angelsberg a short distance of 11 miles. At the end of September the company was located in Ettebrück still in Luxembourg. During the month, Division Medical Supply thru the assistance of Civil Affairs picked up steel cabinets for one of their trucks from Gestapo Headquarters in the city of Luxembourg. Numerous visits by the staff were made to the companies throughout the month. Casualties treated during the month were 325. Evacuation was made to 91st Evacuation Hospital.

"A" Company continued to give medical support to CCA throughout the month of September. In the first few days we pushed directly north toward Belgium, crossing the Oise and Somme rivers on pontoon bridges. Only rear guard action was encountered and casualties were extremely light. At one point one of our ambulance drivers came upon an enemy column of artillery and promptly reported this. The column was attacked by our Thunderbolts and decimated. We reached a point near Cambrai and the Corps mission was changed. We then headed due east, CCR of the division capturing Sedan and CCA crossed the Meuse, near Douzy under heavy fire. The night of September 6th the combat command bridgehead received a heavy counter attack and suffered about 30 casualties. On the 9th of September the company was in three countries. We entered Belgium near Virton and by night fall were across the border of Luxembourg, near Althus. The following day the city of Luxembourg was liberated after a stiff fight with moderate casualties resulting. The following day other units of the division crossed into Germany and CCA had the mission of guarding the city of Luxembourg and the entire border of the Duchy from Remich to Echternach. During this period the enemy patrols were very active near Junglinster about the 16th of September. A small enemy patrol reached our bivouac area and was dispersed by combat elements. Although our bivouac area was in the line of fire no casualties occurred. Shortly before the month ended we moved to Consthelm, Luxembourg to guard the northern portion of Luxembourg. During the month of September, total casualties of the combat command were extremely light and "A" Company had none. The total casualties treated during the month were 339. Evacuation was made to the 45th Field Hospital and 67th Field Hospital.

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Company "B", 75th Medical Battalion Armored, continued to give medical support to CCB, Fifth Armored Division through the month of September. On September 1st, the company moved in two columns thru the Compiègne Forest across engineer bridge at Compiègne to reach Passel at midnight, traveling 32 miles, the majority in blackout. The following morning, the company left on longest single advance of the campaign, 95 miles to reach Conde at 2330. On September 3, the company reformed and bivouaced on the Belgium border. At the time, there were many German wounded, mostly from snipers and German columns trying to escape from France. Sgt. Henri Gauthier crawled thru sniper fire to give aid to a French woman. On September 4th the company marched 90 miles thru friendly territory to vicinity of Rocquigny, and the next day marched 25 miles to Singly. On September 8th and 9th we moved to Douzy and Musson, Belgium, a total of 55 miles with no especial casualties. On September 10th and 11th, we moved from Musson to Lintgen and Flebour in Luxembourg, another 55 miles, with mission of patrolling German border. For four days, the company remained stationary and treated few casualties. On September 16th, we moved thru Diekrich across the Our river into Wallendorf, Germany at 1950. We bivouaced north-east of town for night and on the 17th moved to Hommerdingen, only to move back to original area because of change in mission. That day and night and following day were quiet except for screaming mimmies over a rea at night. Casualties were light. On September 19th, enemy artillery fire landed directly in company area killing T/5 Valdy Davis. The company moved hurriedly several hundred yards to the north, and were rapidly receiving numerous patients. Because of German counter-attacks, all of the company except one surgical section and 12 men, moved back across the Our River to Reisdorf where it was again shelled after giving position over CW radio. The company moved two miles further, gave position and was again shelled. It finally moved out of artillery range in vicinity of Diekrich. The following morning it was learned that the Division SOI had been compromised. During shelling during the day, a liason plane dropped a message to send help to an anti-aircraft battery, which was done. The strange movements of the plane and its relation to repeated artillery barrages caused suspicion, and later the plane was brought down and found to have a Nazi pilot. On the 20th, the company moved back to Reisdorf only to be shelled once more, whereupon it moved closer to Diekrich. Casualties were highest of campaign, totaling over 160 for the day. The section remaining in Germany was under constant mortar and artillery fire. Several ambulance drivers distinguished themselves by acts of gallantry in evacuating patients. Privates Znoj, Anderson, and Sandoval entered a burning home in Niedersgegen in face of enemy small arms fire to give aid to and evacuate two wounded American soldiers. T/5 Wells and T/5 Scruton crawled in face of enemy fire to evacuate wounded near Wallendorf. At the time, German counter-attacks continued and CCR, elements of 112th infantry and one of CCB's task forces withdrew across the Our river leaving only a skeleton force in Germany holding the bridge-head. On September 21st, the enemy blew the bridges at Wallendorf and mined the approaches, cutting off evacuation completely. Artillery fire continued to be heavy late in the afternoon. The 47th Infantry Battalion Armored crossed the river on foot to cover withdrawal of CCB. P-38's and P-47's gave excellent support in holding off German counter-attacks. Five armored half-tracks were obtained from service elements and approximately 30 patients were evacuated in face of continued fire at bridge. Three of

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the half-tracks had to turn back and wait for a whole column. Ambulances from aid stations, a truck from "B" company, 22 Engineers, peeps, and other half-tracks were all loaded above capacity with wounded men after dark during artillery fire. There was no room to evacuate five wounded Germans, who were put in fox holes and marked with Geneva Red Cross flags. The company moved with the combat command under strict blackout across ford at Wallendorf. There was slight mortar and machine gun fire on the column, but all withdrew safely in the early hours of 22nd of September. All wounded were then cleared, company reformed and bivouaced at Stegen, Luxembourg. The company remained at Stegen until the end of the month in semi rest period with only a few casualties from patrols along the border. The total casualties for the month were 649. Evacuation was made to the 42nd Field Hospital, 45th Field Hospital and the 67th Evacuation Hospital.

Company "C", continued to give medical support to CCR through the month of September. On the 1st day of the month we headed through the forest of Compiègne handling a tremendous number of German casualties, all evacuations being performed while enroute under most difficult conditions. On the 2nd, while by-passing St Quentin which was in German hands, the trains, in whose column we were marching, got on the wrong road and very nearly entered the town, the error being discovered about 100 yards outside the town. A distance of 75 miles was covered before arriving at Avesnes on the 3rd. Here Captain Allington in an ambulance picked up a wounded officer about 8 miles away during the hours of darkness and under sniper fire. On the 5th a long march of 84 miles was made arriving at St Laurent the 6th. At Charleville, ambulance drivers Jones and O'Sadnick voluntarily helped the 47th Medical Detachment in carrying litter patients across the Meuse river. On the 10th the company was bivouaced in Cruchten, Belgium and moved the next day to Stegen, Luxembourg. On September 15th we entered Germany with combat elements who were, according to press reports, the first to cross the Siegfried Line. Here we were warmly received by Hitlerites being under continual artillery fire and "screaming meemies". In a 24 hour period covering the 18th and 19th we handled 192 patients. On the 19th, ten men volunteered to assist company aid men of the 112th Infantry Regiment in clearing patients from the battlefield. On the 19th we left Germany to head back for Luxembourg, after escape routes had been cut off several times during the day. No army ambulance evacuation to the rear was possible during the day, necessitating the carrying of 65 patients, utilizing every available transportation, some of which was borrowed. T/5 Creaden was seriously wounded by enemy artillery in Germany and died the following day. Several others were wounded during this action and subsequently were evacuated. September 20th, Corporal Wood went back into Germany, voluntarily rescued a wounded American from a ledge which was under enemy small arms and mortar fire, and was subsequently awarded the Silver Star for this deed. On the 25th the company bivouaced in Ettelbruck in a semi rest period where it was located at the end of the month. The total number of casualties treated during the month were 1004. Evacuation was made to the 42nd, 45th, 13th, and 67th Field Hospitals.

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75TH MEDICAL BATTALION ARMORED
APO NO 255, U S ARMY

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b: Ltr Hq 5th AF 19 Oct 44
Initials: *RA*
Date: 3 Nov 1944

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Thru: Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, APO 255,
U. S. Army

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, Change 3,
the following report is submitted for the month of October.

- a. Campaign - "Western Europe".
b. Commanding Officers:
(1) Battalion Commander - Lt. Col. BENJAMIN H. BADER,
0372570
(2) Headquarters Company - Capt. MERL V. SENEY,
01533199
(3) Company "A" - Capt. SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470
(4) Company "B" - Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815
(5) Company "C" - Capt. DWIGHT J. MOSIER, 01687015
c. Losses in battle: None.
d. Changes in Organization:
(1) Assignments and transfers:

DATE	PERSONNEL		COMPANY	GAINS	LOSSES
	O	EM			
10/1		1	A		1
10/4	1		B		1
10/5		1	C	1	
10/6	2		A		2
10/6	1		A	1	
10/7		1	C	1	
10/7		1	C		1
10/10		1	A	1	
10/10		1	B	1	
10/10		1	C	1	
10/12		1	B		1
10/14		1	Hq.		1
10/14		1	C	1	
10/16		1	B		1
10/17		1	C		1
10/19		1	C	1	
10/19		1	B	1	
10/19		1	A	1	
10/21		1	C		1
10/22		1	A	1	
10/23		1	A		1
10/24		1	C	1	
10/25		1	B		1
10/26		1	A	1	
10/26		1	B	1	

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DATE	PERSONNEL		COMPANY	GAINS	LOSSES
	O	EM			
10/26		2	C	2	
10/27		2	A		2
10/30		1	A	1	
10/31		1	B	1	
				<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>

d. (2) Attached personnel:

DATE	PERSONNEL		ORGANIZATION	ATTACHED	RELIEVED
	O	EM			
10/3	1	1	CCA	1 - 1	
10/13	1	23	583 Ambulance Co.		1 - 23
10/13	1	23	566 Ambulance Co.	1 - 23	
10/26	1	23	566 Ambulance Co.		1 - 23
10/28	1	11	583 Ambulance Co.	1 - 11	
10/30		9	583 Ambulance Co.	9	

(3) Strength at end of month: Officers - 31,
Warrant Officers - 2, Enlisted Men - 364.

e. Stations

(1) Headquarters Company

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
10/1	Ettelbruck, Luxembourg	P 823400	
10/3	Waimes, Belgium	K 848029	70

(2) Company "A"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
10/1	Holzthum, Luxembourg	P 808553	
10/4	Butgenbach, Belgium	K 912043	69
10/13	Heerlen, Holland	K 749561	54
10/13	Kunrad, Holland	K 729549	1
10/17	Ubagsberg, Holland	K 738523	2
10/26	Moderscheid, Belgium	P 906993	56
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(3) Company "B"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
10/1	Stegen, Luxembourg	P 872374	
10/3	Mosdorf, Luxembourg	P 835320	6
10/4	Waimes, Belgium	K 850037	75
10/13	Faymonville, Belgium	K 857027	1
10/15	Forstbach, Germany	K 879373	28
10/28	Schoppen, Belgium	K 881009	35
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(4) Company "C"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
10/1	Ettelbruck, Luxembourg	P 833405	
10/3	Schoppen, Belgium	K 885007	77
10/12	Butgenbach, Belgium	K 914055	10

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(4) Company "C" (Cont'd.)

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELLED
10/19	Eisenborn, Belgium	K 925075	1
10/28	Sourbrodt, Belgium	K 863133	7
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f. Marches and Battles (See Appendix I).

g. Awards:

Silver Star

Cpl. Raymond E. Wood, 36182182

Purple Heart

Pfc. Louis B. Freed, 33177619

For the Battalion Commander:

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APPENDIX I

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies for the month of October.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, on the 1st of October was located in Ettelbruck, Luxembourg. Only one move was made throughout the month, a march of 70 miles to Waimès, Belgium on the 3rd of October. Due to the lull in fighting of the division, most of it was in Army Reserve during the month, a training program was carried on throughout the month. Battalion and Medical Supply worked to bring up supplies to their original T/E strength. On October 21st flying bombs started coming over the area and continued the rest of the month. Casualties treated by the treatment section were 629. Evacuation was made to the 107th Evacuation Hospital, 44th Evacuation Hospital, and the 42nd Field Hospital.

Company "A". Shortly after the first of the month, the combat command moved to the vicinity of Butgenbach, Belgium. We were tactically inactive there. The combat command developed a large number of respiratory cases. In order to keep the health of the command at a high level, in the face of changing weather, we began to operate a respiratory center. This prevented unnecessary evacuation and contributed materially to the health of the command. About the 12th of October, the combat command moved to the vicinity of Heerlen, Holland, in order to act as mobile Army Reserve in the area of the 19th Corps, however we remained in reserve until the 25th of October without being committed. On the 26th we returned to the Fifth Corps area, in the vicinity of Schoppen, Belgium. The combat command suffered no combat casualties during the month of October. The total number of casualties treated during the month were 335. Evacuation was made to the 67th, 44th, and 91st Evacuation Hospital.

Company "B", 75th Medical Battalion Armored, still in support of Combat Command "B", Fifth Armored Division, was at Stegen, Luxembourg on October 1st. While returning from evacuation hospital, S/Sgt. Morris of the 587 Collecting Company attached to Company "B" for evacuation, was killed when the ambulance hit 4 Teller mines on main road north from Diekrich in vicinity of Hoscheid. Ambulance was completely destroyed, but other occupant was unharmed. On 4th of October the company left Stegen and traveled 6 miles to Mosdorf, leaving again the following morning to march 75 miles to Waimès, Belgium. From the 5th of October to the 14th of October the company remained in the same vicinity on a rest period as CCB was not in contact. On the 15th of October, the company left at 1600 and marched approximately 35 miles to Forstbach, Germany the last 6 hours of the march being blackout. Due to bad weather, vehicles ahead were bogged down and the company had to bivouac in driveways in town. The next morning, 16th October, the company moved north of Forstbach where it remained until the 28th of October. During this period, CCB was in mobile Army Reserve, in the area of the Seventh Corps. On the 19th of October, 170 mm German shells were landing all round the company, about 30% were duds. No casualties were suffered. Most every night

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German reconnaissance planes came over the area and two flying bombs were reported. On the 24th of October, a British bomber was shot down and crashed 1/2 mile from our area. More enemy shells passed over the area. On the 28th of October, the company moved via Eupen and Malmedy to vicinity of Faymerville for a rest period and remained there until the end of the month. Approximately 10 flying bombs per day passed over or by during three day stay. The company was given the responsibility for handling civilian medical cases in Faymonville, which included a minor outbreak of diphtheria. Capts. Jewett and Glick examined the entire population of the town, isolating the inhabitants of three households, and giving them temporary immunization. There were no cases of diphtheria among the troops. The total number of casualties treated during the month were 130. Evacuation was made to the 2nd, 44th, and 67th Evacuation Hospital.

Company "C", still in support of CCR was at Ettelbruck the 1st of October. On the 3rd, a march of 77 miles brought the company in the area of Schoppen. For the next 8 days CCR remained in a rest period. On the 12th CCR moved north to protect the left flank of the Corp. The company marched 10 miles in the vicinity of Butgenbach. A week later we moved to Elsenborn. Flying bombs were sited at this time. During the ensuing week Elsenborn was shelled twice by enemy artillery however there were no casualties in the company. On the 28th we moved to Sourbrodt where we remained the rest of the month. Here many more flying bombs passed over the area. The total number of casualties treated during the month were 323. Evacuation was made to the 67th Evacuation Hospital and the 44th Evacuation Hospital.

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
FROM : Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, APO 933, U.S. Army.

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 315-105, Change 3, the following report is submitted for the month of November.

- a. Campaign - "Western Europe".
- b. Commanding Officers:
 - (1) Battalion Commander - Lt Col J. M. H. HANSEN, 9372570
 - (2) Headquarters Company - Capt. H. A. SMITH, 91533193
 - (3) Company "A" - Capt. J. M. H. HANSEN, 9124470
 - (4) Company "B" - Capt. J. M. H. HANSEN, 9124470
 - (5) Company "C" - Capt. H. A. SMITH, 9356325
- c. Losses in Battle: None.
- d. Changes in Organization:
 - (1) Assignments and transfers:

DATE	NO.	COMPANY	STATUS	REMARKS
11/1	1	A		1
11/3	1	A		1
11/3	1	A	1	
11/3	1	A	1	
11/3	1	A	1	
11/3	1	A	1	
11/11	1	A	1	
11/11	1	A		1
11/12	1	A		1
11/13	1	A	1	
11/13	1	A		1
11/14	1	A		1
11/15	1	A	1	
11/15	1	A		1
11/15	1	A	1	
11/15	1	A		2
11/15	1	A		1
11/15	1	A	1	
11/17	1	A		1
11/17	1	A	1	
11/17	1	A	1	
Total			10	10

(C) Attached personnel:

DATE	NO.	COMPANY	ATTACHED	RELIEVED
11/14	1	504 Ambulance Company	1 - 22	
11/14	1	503 Ambulance Company		1 - 25
11/19	1	501 Ambulance Company	1 - 22	
11/19	1	504 Ambulance Company		1 - 22
11/20	1	503 Ambulance Company	1 - 23	
11/20	1	501 Ambulance Company		1 - 22

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(3) Strength at end of month: Officers - 55, Warrant Officers - 2, Enlisted Men - 354.

e. Stations

(1) Headquarters Company

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
11/1	Naines, Belgium	K 948029	

(2) Company "A"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
11/1	Moderscheid, Belgium	F 906993	
11/2	Rotgen, Germany	K 915284	53

(3) Company "B"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
11/1	Sourbrodt, Belgium	K 858112	12
11/10	Schoppen, Belgium	K 892001	10
11/17	Dospert, Belgium	K 852273	32
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(4) Company "C"

DATE	NEAREST TOWN	COORDINATES	DISTANCE TRAVELED
11/1	Paymonville, Belgium	K 877009	12
11/11	Hettenis, Belgium	K 788295	26
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f. Marches and Battles: (See Appendix 1)

g. Awards:

Bronze Star

1st Lt. Harry Goldberg, O-2047034

For the Battalion Commander:

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APPENDIX 1

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies for the month of November.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company remained in Waines, Belgium during the entire month November. Division Medical supply and battalion maintenance functioned normally supporting the lettered companies. A combat exhaustion center for the division was put into operation during the month in Waines under the direction of Major Secunda, the Division Neuropsychiatrist, manned by the personnel of the medical battalion. There was an increase of flying bombs over the area during the month. A total of 255 casualties were treated during the month. Evacuation was made to the 44 and 67 Evacuation Hospitals.

November 1st, 1944 found "A" Company in the vicinity of Schoppen, Belgium, engaged in training exercises for future operations of the combat command. On the second day of the month we were alerted for movement to Germany in support of our organic troops who were to take limited objectives in the Siegfried line. On the third we moved to Reibgen, Germany and set up a clearing station. The proposed operation was cancelled because of the failure of supporting infantry to service the flanks. Going into a state of partial readiness and remaining on a six hour alert status throughout the month, we resumed training for future exercises. We also set up a convalescent home for minor ailments of the Combat command and supporting troops. Our average daily census for this establishment was 22. We also cleared sick and wounded for neighboring units such as the 82 Field Artillery Battalion, 893 Tank Destroyer Battalion and numerous other transients. The medical officers of the company assumed the responsibility for the health of the German community when the local physician was removed because of known Nazi connections. On the 6th of November a Junkers 88 dropped several sticks of bombs within 600 yards of our bivouac but no casualties were suffered within the company. On the night of the 29th we were again alerted for movement with instructions to join the 7th Corps. On November 30th we were in Brenzing, Germany where our area was staffed by two FM 190's. No casualties occurred. A total of 528 casualties were treated during the month. Evacuation was made to the 67th Evacuation Hospital and 2nd Evacuation Hospital.

Company "B" continued to render medical support to Combat Command "A" through the month of November. On November 1st, 1944, the company moved approximately 12 miles from Faymonville via Butgenbach, Elsenborn to Sourbrodt to support Combat Command "B" which had the mission of holding part of the line in vicinity of Haffen, Germany. We remained at Sourbrodt until 10th of November, when the company moved 10 miles by infiltration to the school house in Schoppen, Belgium to stay until the 16th of November. On that day the company moved to Mosport, Belgium, approximately 32 miles, to bivouac in a large farm house where it remained until the end of the month. There was no direct contact with the enemy except for buzz bombs which passed over various areas, averaging eight or ten per day. Casualties from the combat command were light, and being in buildings, many were treated that otherwise would have been evacuated. A total of 98 casualties were treated during the month. Evacuation was made to the 44th, 67th, and 2nd Evacuation Hospital.

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Company "C" still in support of Combat Command "A" moved to the vicinity of Paymonville, Belgium on the first of the month, traveling a distance of 10 miles. At this time flying bombs became more and more frequent. On the 11th the company marched 20 miles to Kottenis, Belgium. On the 13th one surgical section moved to Breinig, Germany in anticipation of future operations but they returned to Kottenis the next day. The company commander, Capt. Mosier, was transferred to a General Hospital on the 17th and Capt Bartone was appointed in his place. On the 24th OGR was attached to the 8th Infantry Division with the mission of seizing Hurtgen. On this day one surgical section moved forward to Mularschutte, Germany. On the 25th OGR was committed and casualties were heavy, over 100 being cleared thru the advance section within 24 hours. On the 26th, OGR was withdrawn from action to reassemble but was recommitted the following day. Casualties were considerably lessened the remaining days of the month. A total of 434 casualties were treated during the month. Evacuation was made to the 67th, 45th, 5th, 2nd, 633rd Evacuation Hospital.

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HEADQUARTERS
75TH MEDICAL BATTALION ARMORED
APO NO 255, U S ARMY

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AUTH: Ltr. Hq. 5th Armad.
Div., 19 Oct. 1944
Init: ABC
Date: 3 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Thru: Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, APO No. 255, U S Army.

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, Change 3, the following report is submitted for the month of December.

- a. Campaign - "Battle of Germany".
b. Commanding Officers:
(1) Battalion Commander - Lt. Col. BENJAMIN H. BADER, 0372570
(2) Headquarters Company - Capt. MERL V. SENEY, 0153199
(3) Company "A" - Capt. SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470
(4) Company "B" - Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815
(5) Company "C" - Capt. NOEL F. BARTONE, 0356625
c. Losses in battle: 2 enlisted men.
d. Casualties treated during the month:

Company	Officers	Enlisted men	Civilians	Allies	Enemy	Total
Hq. Co.	4	123	1		1	129
Co. "A"	36	618	0		3	657
Co. "B"	21	879	0	5	7	912
Co. "C"	13	605	3		27	628
Totals	74	2225	4	5	18	2326

- e. Hospitals evacuated to:
(1) 44th Evac. Hosp. (8) 622nd Clearing Co.
(2) 91st Gas Clearing Co. (9) 633rd Clearing Co.
(3) 97th Evac. Hosp. (10) 45th Evac. Hosp.
(4) 128th Evac. Hosp. (11) 13th Field Hosp.
(5) 96th Evac. Hosp. (12) 5th Evac. Hosp.
(6) 126th Evac. Hosp. (13) Div. C. E. Center
(7) 2nd Evac. Hosp.

- f. Changes in Organization:
(1) Assignments and transfers:

Date	Personnel		Company	Gains	Losses
	O	EM			
12/1		1	B	1	
12/1		1	A	1	
12/2	1		B	1	
12/2		1	B		1
12/2		2	C	2	
12/3		1	A		1
12/4		2	A	1	1
12/6		1	A	1	
12/7		1	C		1
12/8	1		Hq.	1	
12/9	1		Hq.		1
12/9		1	B		1
12/9	1		C	1	

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(1) Assignments and transfers (cont'd.)

Date	Personnel		Company	Gains	Losses
	O	EM			
12/12		1	B		1
12/14		1	B	1	1
12/14		1	C	1	
12/17		1	B		1
12/17	1		C		1
12/18		1	A		1
12/19		1	C	1	
12/19		1	B		1
12/20		1	C		1
12/20		1	B		1
12/23		1	B		1
12/24		1	C	1	
12/26		1	A		1
12/30	2		Hq.	2	
12/30		1	C		1
Total				14	17

(2) Attached personnel:

Date	Personnel		Organization	ATTACHED	RELIEVED
	O	EM			
12/5	1	20	583 Ambulance Company		1 - 20
12/6	1	9	584 Ambulance Company	1 - 9	
12/9		2	577 Ambulance Company		2
12/10		13	584 Ambulance Company	13	
12/17	1	22	584 Ambulance Company		1 - 22
12/17	1	13	576 Ambulance Company	1 - 13	
12/20	1	23	583 Ambulance Company		1 - 23
12/20	1	22	584 Ambulance Company	1 - 22	
12/22	1	10	452 Medical Collecting Co.	1 - 10	
12/23	1	13	576 Ambulance Company		1 - 13
12/23	1	15	566 Ambulance Company	1 - 15	
12/23		2	552 Medical Collecting Co.	2	
12/25	1	24	583 Ambulance Co.	1 - 24	
12/25	1	12	452 Medical Collecting Co.		1 - 12
12/25	1	18	556 Ambulance Company		1 - 15
12/25	1	22	583 Ambulance Company	1 - 22	
12/26	1		Hq. CCR	1	

(3) Strength at end of month: Officers - 35, Warrant Officers - 2, Enlisted men - 366.

g. Stations

(1) Headquarters Company

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
12/1	Walmes, Belgium	K 848029	
12/11	Wenwegen, Germany	K 927368	38 miles
12/27	Pepinster, Belgium	K 632204	33 miles
			<u>71 miles</u>

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(2) Company "A"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
12/1	Rotgen, Germany	K 915284	
12/6	Walheim, Germany	K 899355	6 miles
12/15	Vicht, Germany	K 961391	6 miles
12/24	Baelen, Belgium	K 752273	22 miles
			<u>34 miles</u>

(3) Company "B"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
12/1	Mospert, Belgium	K 852273	
12/10	Zweifall, Germany	K 957363	18 miles
12/24	Baelen, Belgium	K 735294	20 miles
			<u>38 miles</u>

(4) Company "C"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
12/1	Kettenis, Belgium	K 806288	
12/12	Astenet, Belgium	K 797337	5 miles

h. Awards:

Silver Star

Pvt. Raymond L. Anderson, 33452803

Pvt. Transito E. Sandoval, 38103584

Pvt. Steven Znoj, 31086166

Bronze Star

Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815

T/5 Ray E. Wells, 38131952

Pfc. Robert Brummitt, 35126170

2. Marches and Battles:

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies for the month of December 1944.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company on the first of December was located in Waines, Belgium. On the 11th of December the company marched to Venwegen, Germany a distance of 39 miles. The night of December 17th an increase in air activity was noted, flares were dropped and a few sticks of bombs were reported dropped in the vicinity of the town. The next day the company sent out a search party after German paratroopers however none were found. On December 27th the company moved to Pepinster, Belgium as the Division was placed in mobile Army Reserve to be prepared to work with the First or Ninth Armies. Training programs were discontinued during the month. Division Medical Supply and battalion maintenance functioned normally supporting the lettered companies.

The beginning of December found "A" Company in Rotgen, Germany where they were operating both a dispensary and convalescent home for CCA of the Fifth Armored Division. On the 2nd of December one treatment section moved forward to Vicht with some supporting personnel in order to give evacuation to the combat command

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in their first operation under the VII Corps. At this time elements of CCA were attached to the 4th Infantry Division for attack and capture of portions of the Hurtgen Forest in the vicinity of Grosshau and Kleinbau. Casualties were heavy averaging close to 50 per day. Total in this period were 203. During this period we were also evacuating casualties for both the 4th Infantry and 8th Infantry Divisions. Our ambulances were evacuating under very heavy shell and mortar fire and although no direct hits were suffered, many tires and windows were blown out. Men of the company answered a call for volunteers for battle-field evacuation and 12 of them went forward under extremely hazardous conditions and aided in evacuation of members of the 46th Infantry Battalion. Both the forward station at Vicht and the rear at Rotgen were strafed on several different occasions. Thru all these activities, no casualties to organic personnel were incurred. About the 8th of December ^{W/79} we were returned to Divisional control under the VII Corps and retired the combat command to the vicinity of Hahn and Walheim, Germany. About the 13th of December the Combat command was again ordered to the Hurtgen Forest area to act with the 83rd Division in attempt to clear the area from Gey to the Roer. This was accomplished in about 10 days with casualties suffered somewhat less than in the Kleinbau area. The total casualties suffered by the combat command in both actions was 393. On December 18, T/4 Walter Smolski liaison agent of the company with the combat command was injured lightly, ostensibly by flak burst and was evacuated to the hospital. This was our first battle casualty since August 16th. During the second phase of the Hurtgen Forest action the main clearing station again functioned at Vicht with a forward clearing and emergency station located at Schevenhutte. Both these areas were heavily strafed and bombed several times. On the 24th of December the company closed in bivouac in the vicinity of Baalen, Belgium where we are being held as Army reserve. At this point we have dissolved our convalescent home because of the improved efficiency of the Army evacuation and replacement setup. During this month we suffered our first deadline day in five months of campaigning. This was an ambulance which was struck with shell fragments and had to be battle evacuated.

During the month of December Company "B" continued to support CCB of the Fifth Armored Division. From 1st December to 10th December, the company was in Corps Reserve at Mospert, Belgium. There were few casualties during this period as the command was not in contact. On the 3rd December, 3 ME 109's passed directly over the area without firing a shot. On 10th December the Company moved 18 miles to Zweifall, Germany to support line elements on line at edge of Hurtgen Forest. At 1630, enemy planes overhead dropped bombs in CCB Hq. area causing approximately 20 casualties. Ambulance Relay post ~~was~~ was set up in vicinity of 81st, 85th, and 15th Aid stations. For the next few days casualties were extremely heavy and taxed evacuation to the utmost. Extra ambulances from Army and 2-1/2 ton trucks were pressed into service. On the 12th of December, 12 men of the company were sent to the front to act as aid men and litter bearers. After the 14th December casualties were less in number and aid men returned to the company. Several enemy planes were over on the 16th of December but did no damage to the company. On the 24th December, the company left Zweifall at 1500 and moved to vicinity of Baalen, Belgium to remain in Army reserve until the end of the month. Occasional enemy reconnaissance planes were overhead during this period plus isolated enemy bombers. Estimated 200 pound bomb dropped 500 yards from CP about 0645 on 31 December 1944.

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On the First day of December, "C" Company was rendering medical support to CCR, which was fighting on the edge of the Hurtgen Forest. A forward treatment section was set up in the vicinity of Mularschutte, Germany while the balance of the company remained in Kettenis, Belgium. On the second of the month the forward section moved deeper into the Hurtgen Forest to shorten the evacuation route however the next day the system of one way roads was changed and the treatment section returned to its original site in Mularschutte. Also on the third, 3 enlisted men from the company, Flam, Kabasinsky, and Atkins went to the 47th Medical Detachment to serve as company aid men due to the shortage then. During this period and thru the 8th of the month casualties were heavy. On the 6th, Flam, Kabasinsky, and Atkins returned from the 47th and was replaced by Fred Smith and Steinberg. On the 8th, CCR was taken out of action. The forward section remained in Mularschutte to help evacuate the 2nd Ranger Battalion and the 28th Infantry Regiment. Smith and Steinberg returned to the company that day. On the 9th the forward treatment section rejoined the company at Kettenis. On the 13th, the company moved to Astenet, Belgium taking over one wing of a convent. A hospital was set up to take care of trench foot, respiratory, and other non-serious cases - a total of 35 beds were available for use. On the 14th CCR was put on an alert status and a surgical section moved to Rotgen, Germany in preparation for any future action. On the 15th Rotgen was shelled for 3 hours. On the 17th bombing and strafing was frequent during the day and night, enemy paratroopers landed in the area. On the 19th CCR returned to VII Corps with the rest of the division. On the 21st CCR reverted to the V Corps and the forward section returned from Rotgen. The combat elements of the Combat Command were in Eupen in mobile reserve. During the remainder of the month the hospital ward was continued, results proving very successful as more than 50% of the patients were returned to field duty.

For the Battalion Commander:

Gordon B. Carey
GORDON B. CAREY,
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5TH MEDICAL BATTALION ARMORED
APO NO 255, U S ARMY

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Div., 19 Oct. 1944
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Date: 3 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Thru: Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, APO No. 255, U S Army.

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, Change 3, the following report is submitted for the month of January.

- a. Campaign - "Battle of Germany".
- b. Commanding Officers:
 - (1) Battalion Commander - Lt. Col. BENJAMIN H. BADER, 0372570
 - (2) Headquarters Company - Capt. MERL V. SENEY, 01533199
 - (3) Company "A" - Capt. SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470
 - (4) Company "B" - Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815
 - (5) Company "C" - Capt. NOEL F. BARTONE, 0356625
- c. Losses in battle: None.
- d. Casualties treated during the month:
 - (1) Headquarters Company

	5th. Armd.	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	:	:	:	4	:	4
Disease:	228	15	:	:	5	248
Total	228	15	:	4	5	252

- (2) Company "A"

	5th Armd.	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	23	9	:	7	1	40
Disease:	272	13	:	:	3	288
Total	295	22	:	7	4	328

- (3) Company "B"

	5th Armd.	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	1	:	:	:	1	2
Disease:	91	:	:	:	:	91
Total	92	:	:	:	1	93

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d. Casualties treated during the month (Cont'd.)

(4) Company "C"

	5th Armd.	Other American	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	1	:	:	:	:	1
Disease:	202	45	:	:	12	259
Total :	203	45	:	:	12	260

e. Hospitals evacuated to:

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| (1) 46th Field Hosp. | (8) 2nd Evac. Hosp. |
| (2) 96th Evac. Hosp. | (9) 622nd Clr. Co. |
| (3) 129th Evac. Hosp. | (10) 609 Clr. Co. |
| (4) 128th Evac. Hosp. | (11) 53rd Field Hosp. |
| (5) 97th Evac. Hosp. | (12) 108th Evac. Hosp. |
| (6) 56th Gen. Hosp. | (13) 617 Clr. Co. |
| (7) 24th Evac. Hosp. | |

f. Changes in organization:

(1) Assignments and transfers:

Personnel		Company	Gains	Losses
Date	O EM			
1/2	1	C	1	
1/2	1	B	1	
1/3	1	A		1
1/5	1	B	1	
1/5	2	A	2	
1/6	1	Hq.	1	
1/6	1	A	1	
1/8	1	B	1	
1/11	1	B	1	
1/12	1	C	1	
1/12	1	B	1	
1/13	1	A	1	
1/13	1	A		1
1/13	1	B		1
1/13	2	B	2	
1/13	1	C	1	
1/17	1	B		1
1/18	3	A		3
1/18	1	C		1
1/19	1	B		1
1/20	1	A	1	
1/20	1	C	1	
1/25	1	B	1	
1/25	1	C		1
1/25	1	A		1
1/26	1	Hq	1	
1/29	1	A		1
1/30	1	A		1
1/31	1	Hq		1

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f. Changes in organization (Cont'd.)

(1) Assignments and transfers:

Date	Personnel (O)	EM	Company	Gains	Losses
1/31	1		B	1	
Total				20	14

(2) Attached personnel

Date	Personnel (O)	EM	Organization	Attached	Released
1/1	1	15	422 Med Bn	1	15
1/12	1	15	422 Med Bn		1 15
1/12	1	11	583 Amb Co	1	11
1/27		5	Hq, CCA		5
1/28	1	23	583 Amb Co		1 23
1/28	1	13	566 Amb Co	1	13
1/29		21	501 Med Col Co	2	1
1/31	1	11	583 Amb Co		1 11
1/31	1	7	574 Amb Co	1	7

(3) Strength at end of Month: Officers - 38, Warrant Officers - 2, Enlisted Men - 365.

g. Stations.

(1) Headquarters Company.

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
1/1	Pepinster, Belgium	K 632204	
1/29	Aachen, Germany	K 816415	23 miles
			23 miles

(2) Company "A"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
1/1	Baelen, Belgium	K 752273	
1/27	Raeren, Belgium	K 868318	13 Miles
			13 Miles

(3) Company "B"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
1/1	Baelen, Belgium	K 735294	
1/28	Busch, Belgium	K 766330	5 Miles
			5 Miles

(4) Company "C"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
1/1	Astenet, Belgium	K 797337	

h. Awards:

Silver Star
Sgt. Sidney Flam, 33038731
Tec 5 Henry Rochman, 33177763

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h. Awards (Cont'd).

Bronze Star

CAPT SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470, MC
CAPT MERL V. SENEY, 01533199, MAC
Tec Sgt Kenneth M. Chastain, 37153630
Tec 4 Walter Smolski, 32134671
Tec 5 Thomas Gilhoolley, 11009868
Pfc Transite E. Sandoval, 38103584
Pfc Joseph W. Gamble, 38098050
Pvt Merl S. Scott, 36520168

Purple Heart

Tec 4 Walter Smolski, 32134671

2. Marches and Battles:

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies for the month of January 1945.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company on the first of the new year was located in Pepinster, Belgium. Only one move was made throughout the month, a march of 23 miles to Aachen, Germany, on the 29th. Due to the lull in fighting of the division, most of it being in Army Group Reserve during the month, a training program was initiated and carried on throughout the month. An increase of flying bombs over the area was noticed during the month. Our S-4, Capt Seney, was awarded a bronze star for meritorious service during our first six months of combat. The company made about 700 red cross flags for use by the medical vehicles in the Division, the rest to be held in reserve for future use. Division Medical Supply and battalion Maintenance functioned normally supporting the lettered companies.

The first day of the new year dawned bright and cold and found Company "A" in the vicinity of Baelen, Belgium, in their usual role of support to CCA of the 5th Armored Division. The division, as a whole, remained in mobile reserve for the 21st Army Group. About 0900 the same day the cold quiet morning was disturbed by the staccato-like reports of ack-ack. Six (6) ME 109 came in over our area, "on the deck". A moment later one returned to the Fuehrer's fold, the other five crashed earthward. Exploding ack-ack covered our bivouac area. Although three vehicles were hit by fragments of flak or 50 cal. A.P. slugs, no personnel were injured. When it became evident that we were to remain quiescent for the time being, a training schedule was put into effect. On the 25th of January we were alerted for movement to the Ninth Army. On the 26th we closed in bivouac in the vicinity of Raeren, Belgium. An advanced treatment section moved to Rotgen, Germany, in anticipation of the forthcoming combat. At 0700, January 30th, CCA jumped off from Summerath, Germany, in an attack, coordinated with elements of the 78th Infantry Division. The purpose was to make contact with and secure the north flank of the advancing First Army. In quick succession the fortified towns of Konzen, Eischerscheid, Kesternich and Huppenbach were captured along with a considerable portion of the Siegfried belt. By 0400, January 31st, contact

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was made at Widdan with units of the First Army's Ninth Infantry Division. By 2 400 most of the armored elements were relieved by the 78th Infantry and we withdrew to Raeren, Belgium. For the first time we witnessed flame-throwing Churchill tanks in action against enemy pill boxes, apparently a very successful procedure. During this entire action ~~the~~ CCA had less than 25 battle casualties, total. Company "A", 75th Medical Battalion Armored, suffered no battle casualties for the entire month. Tec 5 Henry Rochman won the company's first Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in the Hurtgen Forest. Now at the turn of the new month, CCA is resting awaiting a new assignment and still boasting the record of never having failed to take an assigned objective.

During the month of January, Company "B" continued to support CCB of the Fifth Armored Division. The first of the month we were in the vicinity of Baelen, Belgium, in Army Group Reserve. Considerable enemy air activity was noticed over the area and five out of six enemy planes were destroyed by our alert anti-aircraft men. Most of the month was spent in training and refitting and a few reinforcements arrived to bring the company up to its T/O strength. On the 25th of January, Tec 5 Gilmooley and Pfc Sandoval were awarded bronze stars for heroic action against the enemy. On the 28th of January the company moved by motor convoy to Busch, Belgium, a distance of five miles. The company remained at this location for the remainder of the month.

The first of the year found the company still located in its convent at Astenet, Belgium. The combat elements being in reserve, casualties were very slight. However, there was a large number of respiratory cases, the majority of which were kept in the hospital set up by the company thereby enabling these men to be returned to duty without being evacuated to the rear. The heavy snows and cold weather made the men and officers most appreciative of by far the best quarters they had had since arriving on the continent. In a formal ceremony, the Commanding General of the Division presented a Silver Star to Sgt. Sidney Flam for gallantry in action, and Bronze Stars to LT. Randell and Tec Sgt Chastain and Privates First Class Jones, O'Sadnick, Scott and Gamble. Although the combat command remained in reserve throughout the month, the company, due to its hospital, was fairly active. The results obtained were extremely gratifying. For the month just ended, out of a total of sixty-six (66) men placed in the hospital ward instead of being immediately evacuated to the rear, fifty-six (56) were subsequently returned to duty. The totals to date since setting up in the present location reveal ninety-six (96) more being returned to duty out of one hundred and forty (140) men who were kept in the ward.

For the Battalion Commander:

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GORDON B. CAREY
Captain, M.A.C.
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APO 255, U. S. Army :

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3 March 1945

Subject: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Thru: Headquarters Fifth Armored Division, APO No. 255, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, Change 3, the following report is submitted for the month of February.

- a. Campaign - "Battle of Germany".
- b. Commanding Officers:
 - (1) Battalion Commander - Major RAYMOND J. WEINER, 0357402
 - (2) Headquarters Company - Capt. MERL V. SENEY, 01533199
 - (3) Company "A" - Capt. SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470
 - (4) Company "B" - Capt. JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815
 - (5) Company "C" - Capt. NOEL F. BARTONE, 0356625
- c. Losses in battle: None.
- d. Casualties treated during the month:
 - (1) Headquarters Company

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	1	:	:	:	:	1
Disease:	92	:	1	:	3	96
Battle Injury:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Non B. injury:	40	:	:	:	:	40
Total	133	:	1	:	3	137

(2) Company "A"
Other

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	:	:	4	:	3	7
Disease:	158	:	11	:	2	171
Battle Injury:	3	:	:	:	:	3
Non B. injury:	27	:	2	:	4	33
Total	188	:	17	:	6	211

(3) Company "B"

	5th Armd	O Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	47	:	:	5	:	52
Disease:	60	:	:	11	:	71
Battle injury:	11	:	:	0	:	11
Non B injury:	17	:	:	3	:	20
Total :	135	:	:	19	:	154

(4) Company "C"

Other

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	14	:	:	:	:	14
Disease:	168	38	:	:	9	215
Battle injury:	1	:	:	:	:	1
Non B injury:	44	:	:	:	:	44
Total :	227	38	:	:	9	274

e. Hospitals evacuated to:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) 108th Evac. Hosp. | (7) 48th Field Hosp. |
| (2) 24th Evac. Hosp. | (8) 41st Evac. Hosp. |
| (3) 95th Med Gas Treat Bn | (9) 609 Clr. Co. |
| (4) 111th Evac. Hosp. | (10) 96th Collecting Co. |
| (5) 100th Evac. Hosp. | |
| (6) 91st Evac. Hosp. | |

f. Changes in organization:

(1) Assignments and transfers:

Date	Personnel	Company	Gains	Losses
2/3	1	Co A		1
2/3	1	Co A		1
2/5	1	Hq		2
2/8	2	B		2
2/8	1	C		1
2/10	1	A	1	
2/10	1	C	1	
2/11	1	A	1	
2/11	1	B	1	
2/13	1	B		1
2/14	1	A	1	

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f Changes in organization

(1) Assignments and transfers: (Cont'd)

Date	Personnel		Company	Gains	Losses
	O	EM			
2/17		1	B	1	
2/18		1	C		1
2/20		1	B	1	
2/20		1	C		1
2/22		1	A		1
2/22		1	C		1
2/23		1	A		1
2/23		1	B		1
2/26		1	Hq	1	
2/26		1	A	1	
2/27		1	C		1
2/28		1	Hq		1
2/28		1	C		1
			Total	9	17

(2) Attached personnel.

Date	Personnel		Organization	Attached		Released	
	O	EM					
2/1		21	501 Med Col Co				21
2/1		6	34th Tank Bn		6		
2/1	1	2 3	566 Amb Co	1	23		
2/3	1	8	574 Amb Co	1	8		
2/6	1	13	583 Amb Co	1	13		
2/6		15	462 Amb Co		15		
2/6	1	7	574 Amb Co			1	7
2/6		7	472 Amb Co		7		
2/7		15	462 Amb Co		15		
2/7		7	488 Amb Co		7		
2/7	1	7	488 Amb Co	1	7		
2/8		5	34th Tank Bn				5
2/8	1	8	574 Amb Co			1	8
2/9	1	22	472 Amb Co	1	22		
2/9		7	488 Amb Co		7		
2/9		7	472 Amb Co				7
2/9		7	489 Amb Co		7		
2/10	1	1	462 Med Col Co	1	1		
2/10	1	23	489 Amb Co	1	23		
2/10	1	7	488 Amb Co			1	7
2/12		16	489 Amb Co				16
2/18	1	1	462 Med Col Co			1	1
2/18	2	7	CCA			2	7
2/18	1	22	472 Amb Co			1	22
2/18		7	489 Amb Co				7
2/18	1	7	489 Amb Co			1	7

(3) Strength at end of month: Officers - 36, Warrant Officers - 2, Enlisted Men - 362.

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g. Stations.

(1) Headquarters Company

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
2/1	Aachen, Germany	K 816415	
2/7	Heerlerheide, Holland	K 7559	14 miles
2/27	Baesweiler, Germany	K 9058	12 miles
			<u>26 miles</u>

(2) Company "A".

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
2/1	Raeren, Belgium	K 868318	
2/7	Vrank, Holland	K 7457	27 miles
2/26	Baesweiler, Germany	K 9057	20 miles
2/27	Gevenich, Germany	K 9966	7 miles
2/28	Bellinghove, Germany	F 0174	8 miles
			<u>62 miles</u>

(3) Company "B".

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
2/1	Busch, Belgium	K 7630	
2/8	Heerlen, Holland	K 7456	22 miles
2/24	Alsdorf, Germany	K 9055	10 miles
2/25	Gevenich, Germany	K 9966	7 miles
2/26	Hottorf, Germany	F 0268	4 miles
2/27	Bellinghoven, Germany	F 0175	5 miles
2/28	Rath, Germany	F 0180	7 miles
			<u>55 miles</u>

(4) Company "C".

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
2/1	Astenet, Belgium	K 7933	
2/6	Heerlerheide, Holland	K 7559	25 miles
2/25	Ubach, Germany	K 8658	10 miles
2/27	Gevenich, Germany	K 0066	18 miles
			<u>53 miles</u>

h. Awards:

Bronze Star

Major Thomas G. Gardner, 0421797

Captain Gordon B. Carey, 01533023

1st Lt Richard W. Garfield, 01534019

2nd Lt Arnold Thall, 02049742

M/Sgt Thomas A. Rawls Jr., 34131070

S/Sgt Monroe W. Crawford, 34078600

The Battalion was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for period 15 April 1944 to 15 June 1944.

A Star for the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was awarded Company "B" for period 5 July 1944 to 5 January 1945.

2. Marches and Battles:

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion by companies for the month of February 1945.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company on the 1st of February were located in Aachen, Germany. Only two moves were made throughout the month, one a night march of fourteen miles to Heerlerhide, Holland, and the second a trip of twelve miles to Laesweiler, Germany. On the fifth of the month the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Bader, was assigned to the Tenth Replacement Depot and Major Gardner assumed command. On the 8th, Major Winkler was assigned and assumed command of the battalion. During the month the battalion carried on a training program and refitted for future operations. On the 22nd, Major Gardner, Captain Carey, Lt. Garfield and M/Sgt Rawls were awarded Bronze Stars for meritorious service. The Operations Sergeant, Tec 3 George Westhoff, was discharged from the service on the 20th awaiting an appointment to Second Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, on the 1st of March. Division Medical Supply and Battalion Maintenance functioned normally supporting the lettered companies.

At the beginning of the month Company "A" was located at Platz, Belgium, with the exception of Captain Flett's Clearing Section which was located at Roetgen, Germany. On the 2nd of February Captain Flett's Section moved from Roetgen and joined the remainder of the company at Platz. The next few days were spent in maintenance work. On the 7th of February the Combat Command was ordered to the vicinity of Heerlen, Holland. This move was carried out at night. The company was billeted in the suburb of Heerlen at Vrank, Holland. The next few days were spent in preparation for the move across the Roer. On the 22nd of February, Lt. Phall was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Immediately after the Ninth Army crossed the Roer, Combat Command "A" was alerted for movement. On the 26th of February the order came to move. The main part of the company moved to Laesweiler, Germany. Captain Smith's Clearing Section and Lt. Todd's Ambulance Section followed the Combat Command across the river and bivouaced near Gevenich, Germany. The remainder of the company joined Captain Smith's Section at Gevenich on the morning of February 27th. On the same morning Captain Smith's section moved to Votterf, Germany. On the 28th of February both parts of the company moved again. Captain Smith's Section and Lt. Todd's Section moved to Rath, Germany, and the remainder of the company moved to Bellinghoven, Germany. The end of the month finds Captain Smith's Section in support of the Combat Command and Captain Flett's section waiting in reserve with the remainder of the company.

Company "B" continued to provide medical service for Combat Command "B". On the 1st of February the Company was billeted at Busch, Belgium, in Corps Reserve. On the 5th of February the company moved to a new area one mile southwest of Heerlen, Holland, traveling twenty-three miles. The move was made at night and the convoy traveled by dark over unfamiliar roads. One surgical truck turned over in a ditch and one two-and-one-half ton truck had to be temporarily abandoned in another ditch. There were no casualties. The following day the trucks were recovered and returned to the new area. Up until 23rd of February training and refitting continued. A few V-bombs came over the area and occasional German reconnaissance planes were the only evidence of action. On February 24th the company left Heerlen at 1500 by motor convoy to Alsdorf, Germany, Enemy planes dropping flares were over the area at 2100. At 0400, 25th of February

2. Marches and Battles. (Cont'd)

one treatment section moved across the Roer River, a distance of nine miles, to bivouac one-half mile south of Gevenich, Germany. During the day enemy jet-propelled planes were overhead bombing and strafing near-by artillery positions. The remainder of the company moved from Alsdorf at 0700 to same position, closing in bivouac at 0200, 26 February. At 1000 the company moved to Hottorf, Germany, to support attack of Combat Command "B" to the north. Casualties were light. On 27th of February the company moved in two sections to Bellinghoven, Germany. Casualties were slightly heavier, numbering about sixty-four for the day including thirteen German prisoners. Three German planes strafed column near billets. On 28th of February the company moved in two sections to Rath, Germany, a distance of five miles. Combat Command B was out of contact and casualties were light.

On 1st of February "C" Company was still running its hospital in the convent at Astenet, Belgium, and was continuing its work of returning to duty the greater part of the patients coming in from the Combat Command. On the 6th of February the company moved to Heerlerhide, Holland. For approximately the next three weeks the company trained and fitted itself for future operations. On the 22nd, S/Sgt Monroe Crawford was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. The liaison sergeant, S/Sgt Gabriel, was discharged from the service on the 28th awaiting an appointment to Second Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, on the 1st of March. On the 25th of February a move was made into Ubach, Germany, and in the early morning hours of the 27th the company moved across the Roer River and set up in a field one-half mile east of Gevenich, Germany, in support of Combat Command "R" which was protecting the XIII Corps' right flank.

[Signature]
R. J. WINKLER
Major, M. C.
Commanding

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TO : SAC, Chicago, Illinois, Washington, D. C.
FROM : SAC, Chicago, FBI Training Division, Date 1/17, J. C. Walsh.

1. The drawings are for length 1, 11, 51'-101', Series 2, and following report is submitted for the month of March, 1944.

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	5th Ward	6th Ward	7th Ward	8th Ward	9th Ward	10th Ward	Total
Abundant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Abundant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abundant	26	2	0	0	0	0	28
Total	152	2	0	0	0	0	154

(2) Company and Other

	5th Arm	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Killed	37	7	0	15	4	63
Disease	133	23	0	0	0	156
Battle Injury	1	1	0	0	0	2
Non B. Injury	34	14	0	1	2	51

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(3) Company "B"
Other

	5th Bn	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded :	5	0	0	0	0	5
Disease :	83	12	0	0	3	98
Killed :	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury :	12	0	1	0	5	18
Non E						
Injury :	12	0	1	0	5	18
Total :	100	12	1	0	8	121

(4) Company "C"
Other

	5th Bn	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded :	81	1				82
Disease :	11					11
Killed :				17	3	20
Injury :						10
Total :	92	1		17	3	113

1. Summary of Casualties:

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| (1) 1st Bn, 7th Div | (2) 1st Bn, 7th Div |
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2. Summary of Casualties:

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(3) Company "B"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
7/24	Wich, Germany	F 0108	
7/25	Hollhausen, Germany	F 0506	7 miles
7/26	Hollhausen, Germany	F 0506	15 miles
7/27	Wich, Germany	A 0807	5 miles
7/28	Wich, Germany	A 7070	75 miles
			102 miles

(4) Company "C"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance Traveled
7/24	Wich, Germany	K 0300	
7/25	Hollhausen, Germany	F 0304	14 miles
7/26	Wich, Germany	A 0909	20 miles
7/27	Wich, Germany	A 1910	7 miles
7/28	Wich, Germany	A 1509	17 miles
7/29	Wich, Germany	A 7502	93 miles
			141 miles

1. 1st 7/24/44

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2. 1st 7/25/44

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4. 1st 7/27/44

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except for the three two days of the month, Combat Group "1" was not in actual combat. During these two days mopping-up operations were under way southwest of Lunczen-Gladbach. The remainder of the month was one of occupation of towns already captured. On the 1st of March, Company "1" was billeted at Lath, Germany. Three German planes dropped bombs in Lath, "1", and Engineer area and a few casualties were caused. During the early morning of 2 March the company made a short road march of seven (7) miles to Holhausen, Germany. On the 3rd of March the company left Holhausen at 0300 and traveled blackout for ten (10) miles to the east of Lath, Germany. On the 4th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 5th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 6th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 7th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 8th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 9th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 10th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 11th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 12th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 13th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 14th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 15th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 16th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 17th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 18th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 19th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 20th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 21st of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 22nd of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 23rd of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 24th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 25th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 26th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 27th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 28th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 29th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany. On the 30th of March the company was billeted at Lath, Germany.

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3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Thru: Headquarters, 5th Armored Division, APO 255, U. S. Army

1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, Change 3, the following report is submitted for the month of April, 1945.

a. Campaign - "Battle of Germany".

b. Commanding Officers:

- (1) Battalion Commander - Major RAYMOND J. WINKLER, 0357402, MC
- (2) Headquarters Company - Capt MERL V. SENEY, 01533199, MAC
- (3) Company "A" - Capt SANFORD M. LANGSAM, 0424470, MC
- (4) Company "B" - Capt JAMES P. HARBESON, 0422815, MC
- (5) ~~Company~~ "C" - Capt NOEL F. BARTONE, 0356625, MC

c. Losses in battle: None.

d. Casualties treated during the month:

(1) Headquarters Company

Other

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	3	0	0	0	0	3
Disease:	60	4	5	1	0	70
Battle						
Injury :	0	1	0	0	0	1
Non B.						
Injury :	22	1	1	0	3	27
Total :	85	6	6	1	3	101

(2) Company "A"

Other

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
Wounded:	104	16	0	59	4	183
Disease:	67	30	16	3	5	121
Battle						
Injury :	19	9	0	0	1	29
Non B						
Injury :	53	14	2	2	0	71
Total :	243	69	18	64	10	404

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(3) Company "B"

Other

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
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Wounded:	48	2	0	32	2	84
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Battle

Injury :	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Non B

Injury :	29	4	1	0	4	38
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Disease:	61	5	1	0	2	69
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Total :	139	11	2	32	8	192
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(4) Company "C"

Other

	5th Armd	Americans	Allies	Enemy	Civilians	Total
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Wounded:	73	5	8	23	4	113
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Battle

Injury :	12	1	4	32	0	49
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Injury :	44	4	0	0	6	54
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Disease:	100	6	4	18	18	146
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Total :	229	16	16	73	28	362
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e. Hospitals evacuated to:

24th Evac Hospital	100th Evac Hospital
105th Evac Hospital	114th Evac Hospital
111th Evac Hospital	53rd Field Hospital
119th Evac Hospital	625th Clearing Station
108th Evac Hospital	658th Clearing Station
113th Evac Hospital	84th Clearing Station
91st Evac Hospital	

f. Changes in organization:

(1) Assignments and transfers.

Personnel

Date	O	EM	Company	Gains	Losses
1/1		1	B		1
4		2	B	2	
5		1	B		1
7		1	C		1
9		1	Hq		1
9		2	A	2	
9		3	B	3	
10		1	Hq	1	
10		1	A		1
10		2	C	2	

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f. Changes in organization.

(1) Assignments and transfers (cont'd).

Date	Personnel		Company	Gains	Losses
	O	EM			
4/10		2	C		2
14		1	Hq	1	
15		1	C		1
17		1	A		1
18		1	Hq	1	
19		1	Hq	1	
19	1		Hq	1	
19	1		A		1
19		2	C		2
23		1	Hq		1
25		1	B		1
26		1	Hq		1
26		1	B		1
26		1	C		1
26		1	C	1	
27		1	C	1	
28		1	A	1	
			TOTAL	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>

(2) Attached personnel:

Three (3) officers and sixty-six (66) enlisted men from the 417 Ambulance Company were attached throughout the month.

(3) Strength at end of month: Officers - 34; Warrant Officers - 1; Enlisted Men - 362.

g. Stations.

(Headquarters Company.

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
4/1	Dulmen, Germany	A 6861	45 miles
2	Appelhusen, Germany	A 8164	13 miles
4	Werther, Germany	B 4886	60 miles
5	Herford, Germany	B 6592	18 miles
13	Kakerbeck, Germany	Y 4058	145 miles
26	Wilsche, Germany	X 8638	47 miles
			<u>328 miles</u>

Company "A"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
4/1	Darup, Germany	A 6869	71 miles
2	Senden, Germany	A 8864	20 miles
4	Herford, Germany	A 6695	68 miles
10	Adenbittel, Germany	X 8523	115 miles

g. Stations.
Company "A" (Cont'd)

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
4/11	Karritz, Germany	Y 5257	57 miles
12	Bellingen, Germany	Y 7842	28 miles
13	Stendal, Germany	Y 7954	9 miles
16	Calverde, Germany	Y 4127	37 miles
19	Brome, Germany	Y 1749	31 miles
20	Ahlum, Germany	Y 2160	7 miles
21	Bergen, Germany	Y 1781	21 miles
22	Pommoissel, Germany	T 0912	28 miles
23	Gohrde, Germany	T 1009	2 miles
25	Meine, Germany	X 9024	90 miles
29	Fallersleben	Y 0228	8 miles
			<u>592 miles</u>

Company "B".

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
4/1	Venne, Germany	A 8862	8 miles
2	Borgholzshn, Germany	B 3786	52 miles
3	Bad Oeynhausen, Germany	W 7101	28 miles
10	Grusendorf, Germany	Y 0243	127 miles
12	Thuritz, Germany	Y 4665	40 miles
13	Osterburg, Germany	Y 7173	25 miles
16	Apenburg, Germany	Y 3462	26 miles
17	Tangeln, Germany	Y 2258	9 miles
20	Zasenbeck, Germany	Y 1157	10 miles
26	Ehra, Germany	Y 0745	10 miles
			<u>335 miles</u>

Company "C"

Date	Nearest Town	Coordinates	Distance traveled
4/1	Venne, Germany	A 8762	8 miles
2	Jollenbeck, Germany	B 5188	73 miles
4	Exter, Germany	B 7194	17 miles
5	Hohenhausen, Germany	B 8390	10 miles
8	Hasperde, Germany	C 1795	30 miles
9	Bledeln, Germany	X 4910	27 miles
10	Peine, Germany	S 7016	15 miles
11	Blotzenhagn, Germany	Y 0851	42 miles
12	Bretsch, Germany	Y 6278	44 miles
14	Osterburg, Germany	Y 7173	11 miles
16	Dewitz, Germany	Y 6178	14 miles
17	Winterfeld, Germany	Y 3766	22 miles
18	Salzwedel, Germany	Y 3744	8 miles
25	Wesendorf, Germany	X 8747	57 miles
			<u>378 miles</u>

h. Awards: PURPLE HEART.

Pfc Harry D. Atkin, 31229845 Pfc Hilbert D. Howe, 36743869
Pfc Stanley J. Kabasinsky, 31073387
Pvt Johnny Bennett, 34201096

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2. Marches and Battles:

The following is a narrative report of marches and battles of the battalion, by companies, for the month of April, 1945.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company on the first of April crossed the Rhine River bridge at Wesel and arrived in Dulman at 0900, a distance of forty-five (45) miles being covered since midnight. The next day the company moved to Appelhusen, a short march of thirteen (13) miles. On the fourth day of the month the company crossed the Dortmund-Ems Canal and bivouaced near Werther, covering a distance of sixty (60) miles. On the fifth of April the company moved to Herford, a distance of eighteen (18) miles. The 13th of April found the company making their longest march during combat action, covering one-hundred and forty-five (145) miles in thirteen (13) hours, arriving at Keckerbeck for a short stay. A 2-1/2 ton truck, driven by Tec 5 Kelly Anderson, was destroyed by an enemy tank in the vicinity of Voitze while in convoy on detail for the Administrative Center. This incident took place at approximately 0830 on the 16th of April. The company then moved to Wilsche, a distance of forty-seven miles, where they took over the military government of that town and the adjacent territory. Seven (7) German soldiers dressed in civilian clothes were picked up and sent to the Prisoner of War Enclosure. Division Medical Supply and Battalion Maintenance functioned normally, supporting the lettered companies.

Company "A", attached to Combat Command "A", crossed the Rhine River at Wesel about 0100 the 1st of April. By morning they had reached bivouac area near Darup where they paused long enough to rest and refuel. By late afternoon they were on the road again and reached Senden that night. On the march the combat command was put in Corps reserve. At this point, while attempting a crossing of the Dortmund-Ems Canal, heavy artillery fire was received and the bridge was successfully blown. When airbursts were received within one hundred (100) yards of the company they were ordered off the road for the night. Our artillery located enemy gun positions and were successful in counter-battery fire. By morning the engineers had bridged the canal and we started on the move again. By nightfall advance elements of Combat Command "A" had reached Herford and Company "A" spent the night in Warendorf as elements of the 84th Infantry Division passed through on the road to Minden. Given road priority on the 4th, the company closed in bivouac in the vicinity of Herford and remained here in reserve until the night of the 10th. On the morning of the 11th Combat Command "A" relieved Combat Command "B" and took off from vicinity of the Weser bridgehead. By the night of the 13th elements had reached the Elbe River at Tangemunde. By the 16th, Germans had crossed into the division's rear sector from the pocket between the American XIII and British VIII Corps. Half of Combat Command "A" was dispatched to the vicinity of Brome while the remainder stayed at Calverde. Company "A" had a detachment with both combat teams. On April 21st Combat Command "A" was given mission, with Combat Command "R" on the right flank, of driving Germans out of the pocket between American XIII Corps and British VIII Corps. The mission was accomplished within forty-eight (48) hours with Combat Command "A" reaching the Elbe River Northwest of Danneberg. The Combat Command was relieved by the 29th Infantry Division and Company "A" moved to Fallersleben. The present campaign is reminiscent of the halcyon days of the French campaign with the combat command making drives of twenty to seventy miles in twenty-four hours. Much of the treatment has been

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done at the roadside itself, particularly during daylight hours. In the drive from the Weser to the Elbe Combat Command "A" had only two combat casualties, both resulting from enemy strafing. One of these was Pfc Murray of this company, making our first casualty since Hurtgen Forest. However, the last kilometer in Tangemunde saw over thirty (30) casualties in the command, many serious. Enemy air was more active than we have ever seen him before. We were strafed in column and in bivouac on average of once an hour during daylight from the 11th to 13th of April. Casualties were very light though. On the 8th of April, near Hannover, the company was shelled twice within four hours, first by 88's and then by a heavy concentration of nebelwerfer fire. Fortunately, cover was handy and no casualties were inflicted. Our biggest problem was the evacuation of casualties to the rear. Ambulances were making round trips up to two hundred miles through territory filled with by-passed enemy troops. Normal T/E equipment proved adequate throughout the month.

The month of April saw Combat Command "B", which Company "B" supported medically as in the past, move east across the Rhine to the Elbe River and then back to a rear area to act as an occupation force. Casualties for the whole operation were remarkably light considering the distance covered and the number of enemy encountered. Large numbers of Allied prisoners of war were liberated by our advance. Aside from some difficulty in evacuation back to the Evacuation Hospitals because of the great distances, medical support was relatively simple. On 31st of March the company moved from vicinity of Kempen, crossed the Rhine bivouaced near Darup, covering a distance of seventy-five (75) miles. On the 2nd of April the Company followed Task Force Anderson which had fallen slightly behind Task Force Dickinson during the previous night. Movement was generally east and northeast, following secondary roads and meeting only scattered resistance. At Sassenberg, one treatment section split from the company and followed the advance of Task Force Anderson, which paralleled the other task force to the south. One quarter mile to our rear, at 1800, four gas trucks and a jeep were ambushed by snipers. Two light tanks and ambulances were sent back to dispose of the enemy and evacuate the wounded. The company finally closed in temporary billet near Borgholzen, having gone fifty-two (52) miles. At the time, near midnight, there were quite a large number of American and German casualties that had to be kept over night because of lack of ambulances and the poor road net. The next morning two trucks were obtained and approximately twenty-five American wounded were evacuated to the rear, led by one Army ambulance. An attempt was made to obtain more ambulances, but it was unsuccessful. Evacuation was difficult because of the poor roads and muddy terrain. On the 3rd of April the company, still following Task Force Dickinson, moved at 1100 and moved all day. Mission was to move east to the Weser. The mission was accomplished this day and the company bivouaced at Gohfeld. Five prisoners were captured while looking for a billet. All bridges over the Weser had been blown and the advance had to stop temporarily. During this drive the section with the other task force had only three casualties. On 11th of April the company crossed the Weser at Hamelin and moved all night and closed in bivouac at 0800 the next morning at Stederdorf, a move of ninety-seven (97) miles. Again the same day, a thirty (30) mile move was made to Grussendorf. During this march there were several stops for fighting troops to clear the way. The following day the company moved another forty (40) miles to Thuritz and on the 13th of April they moved to Osterburg, a distance of twenty-five (25) miles.

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During this march from the Weser to the Elbe, Combat Command "B" was theoretically in Division reserve and was protecting the advance of Division Headquarters. On the last two days, Combat Command "B" left Division Headquarters and advanced east to the Elbe between Combat Command "B" and Combat Command "R" through virgin territory. The whole advance was remarkable in the lack of casualties, and medical service was no hard problem. There were tentative plans for supporting a crossing of the Elbe at this time but the mission was changed. After remaining in Osterburg on the 14th and 15th of April, the company moved west to Gr. Apenburg with the mission of protecting the rear areas. At this time the German division von Clauowitz attacked to the Division rear and destroyed supply vehicles on the MSR. Combat Command "B" was sent to meet this attack. The company moved on 17th of April nine (9) miles to Tangeln where it remained until the 20th of April. During this time, the tanks and infantry, aided by artillery and airplanes, virtually destroyed the aforementioned German division, with very few casualties of American soldiers. On the 20th of April there was another change of billets to Zasenbeck, where the company remained until the 27th of April. On this day one surgical section moved to Bomenzien, near the Elbe River, to support the Division Artillery which was prepared to resist any crossing by the enemy. This section stayed at Bomenzien under Division Artillery control until the end of the month. On the 26th of April the remainder of the company moved to Ehra, with the mission of supporting the combat command during its occupation of German territory. It has remained at this location until the end of the reported period.

On the 1st of April, Company "C", still in support of Combat Command "R", continued its march east of the Rhine, moving from Senden to the town of Venne and the next day on to Jollenbech during very bad weather. The casualties were surprisingly light. On the 4th of April, Company "C" moved to Exter and the following day to Hohenhausen where it stayed until the eighth, then taking to the road again with overnight stops in Hasperde, Bledeln, Peine, Blotzhagen and Bretsch. On the 12th of April the combat command was finally stopped by the Elbe River after its advance across Germany. Two days later the company set up in Osterburg to support Combat Command "R" and attached units in an attempted crossing of the Elbe. However, the crossing was called off and, on the 16th, the company moved to Dewitz, then to Winterfeld, and, on the 18th, moved to a hospital at a German airport on the outskirts of Salzwedel, from which place it supported the Combat Command during its drive north to the Elbe River. One week later, having attained its objectives, the division was relieved and ordered back to the rear, the company setting up in another German Luftwaffe hospital building southwest of Wesendorf. Here a hospital ward was set up in order to retain the patients and return them to duty without necessitating their evacuation to the rear.

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