

HEADQUARTERS
801st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AFG 230, U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, reports after/after action reports.

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

1. In compliance with AF 345-105 the following report is submitted for the month of November:

Nov. 1. Co B fired 260rds, unobserved, interdiction and harassing fires at ten points. Co C fired 300rds interdiction and harassing fires, with two guns. The remaining two guns were used for anti-tank defense of the Div sector. Heavy artillery was received in the second platoon area in which two casualties occurred. Co A held anti-tank positions on the South flank of Div sector.

Nov. 2. Co B fired 203rds of interdiction and harassing fires. Co C fired 49rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co A remained in same location.

Nov. 3. Co B fired 150rds interdiction and harassing fires. Co C fired 402rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Heavy artillery was received in the second platoon position of this company. No casualties were received.

Nov. 4. Co B fired 160rds of interdiction and harassing fires. Attachment to 52nd FA Bn was effected. Co C fired 300rds interdiction and harassing fires. Moving order for movement received from 4th Inf Div.

Nov. 5. Co B fired 200rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Relieved from attachment at 061200A. Co C fired 70rds interdiction and harassing fire. Relieved from 22nd Inf Regt as of 051550A. Moved to area via M102D. Co A relieved from anti-tank mission and moved at 051540A to assembly area via M102A-80N11D. Company commander's meeting was held, routes and security measures were given to all concerned. The move was to be secret so all patches and unit designation were removed. FO 551, Hq. 4th Inf Div, dated 5 Nov 44, was received and instructions given for movement. Two platoons moved to vic of Bn CP.

Nov. 6. Co B fired 177rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co B detached from 102nd Cav Gp and moved to assembly area via M102A80N11D. FO 552, Hq. 4th Inf Div superseded FO 551. Co A attached to 12th Inf Regt and moved with them to 20th Div sector.

Nov. 7. Company commander, less Co A, met at Bn CP to discuss movement. The order of march, route, time and passwords for guides were given. The Bn, less Co A, were to clear IP at 050000A. Co A moved with 12th Inf Regt and took up AF positions east of 27N11A11.

Nov. 8. Bn less Co A moved to and closed in new assembly area via IWEIFALL at 1900A. Co A located in vic Northwest of GAIMSFEA. Verbal warning order received from Div that Bn was to be detached. Message from Vister for movement to ELSENEMAN received.

Nov. 9. Bn, less companies A and C moved back to vic ELSENEMAN. Bn contacted 9-3, V Corps, and received order of attachment to 99th Inf Div. Bn, less companies A and C, closed in new assembly area via MIDSEM at 1900A. Co A remained with 12th Inf Regt. They were under constant artillery and mortar fire. A 12-ton cargo truck and trailer loaded with ammunition received a direct hit. The vehicles were completely demolished. One man was slightly wounded. One group of men, total nineteen, was in a dugout for a period of six hours. The shelling was so numerous and concentrated that they were unable to get out. Company C remained in vic IWEIFALL for further orders.

Nov. 10. Co B took over anti-tank defense of Northern flank of 99th Inf Div sector. Companies A and C reverted to Bn and moved to vic MIDSEM.

Nov. 11 and 12. Co B occupied positions of anti-tank defense with two platoons while the third platoon was placed in indirect fire positions in support of the 370th FA Bn. Co B placed one platoon via MOUNCHAS for anti-tank defense. The other remaining platoons of this company occupied indirect fire positions for support of the 924th FA Bn.

Nov. 13. 1st Bn platoon was attached to Co B to establish outposts for the platoon on the North flank. Co B fired 200rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co A received mission of AF defense of Southern flank of Div via MOUNFIELD. Co C located via MOCHEREM.

Nov. 14. Co B fired 60rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 15. Co B fired 70rds interdiction and harassing fire. Companies A and C - no change.

Nov. 16. Co B fired 100rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 17. Co B fired 100rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co C fired 69rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 18. Co C fired 200rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co B fired 74rds interdiction and harassing fire. 2nd Bn platoon was attached to Co C and established outposts for the anti-tank gun.

Nov. 19. One man, Co A, received injury from enemy boobytrap while on reconnaissance. Co B fired 100rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co C fired 200rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 20. - Co B fired 100rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co C fired 200rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 21. Co B fired 100rds interdiction and harassing fires. Co C fired 208 rds interdiction and harassing fires.

Nov. 22. Co B fired 178rds interdiction fire at seven targets. Co C fired 305rds interdiction and harassing fires.

Nov. 23. Co B fired 148rds interdiction and harassing fires. Co C fired 300rds interdiction and harassing fires. Message received from Daumbless stating that all AA batteries will fire on Dams-Bombs.

Nov. 24. Co B fired 128rds interdiction fire at six targets. Co C fired 300rds interdiction and harassing fire. Due to lack of visibility and CP's, this indirect fire was accomplished from map data. Possible bivouacs, supply routes and main crossroads were the points fired upon.

Nov. 25. Co B fired 154rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co C fired 308rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co A remained in present location with no change.

Nov. 26. Co B fired 196rds interdiction fire at 19 targets. Co C fired 320rds interdiction fire at ten targets.

Nov. 27. Co B fired 196rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co C fired 276rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 28. Co B fired 78rds interdiction and harassing fire. By order VCOG, 99th Inf Div, Co B relieved from support of 984th PA Bn to move to AT positions via KALIBHERBORG in Northern sector. Co C fired 300rds interdiction and harassing fire.

Nov. 29. Co C fired 300rds interdiction and harassing fire. Companies A and B continued AT defense of Div sector.

Nov. 30. One gun of Co B fired four rds APC and five rds HE direct fire at pillbox in vic MUNSOPAN. Results showed nine hits with inside explosions. 2nd and 3rd platoons of Co B moved from AT positions at 0900h by order of CO, 99th Inf Div to indirect fire positions via SLBESODON in support of 984th PA Bn. 2nd and 3rd platoons placed on half-hour alert for movement. Orders received from CO, 99th Inf Div to have two platoons Co B reoccupy original positions (AT) via VALTERBERG. Mission of AT defense. Co C fired 220rds interdiction and harassing fire. Co A remained in same location with no change.

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