

UNIT REPORT
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From: 010001 January 1945
To: 312400 January 1945
No. 430th Tank Destroyer Battalion
APO 290 United States Army.

MAPS: 1 January 45 to 12 January 45.

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Colmar 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8.

A. UNITS IN CONTACT.

Elements of 708 Volks Grenadier Division
Elements of 189 Volks Grenadier Division
Elements of 2nd Mountain Division
Elements of 360 Cossack Regiment
Elements of 19 Aoksturm Battalion
Elements of 14 Battalion Customs Border Patrol
Elements of Kampfgruppe Elwangen (SS) (Horstman)
Elements of 111 Artillery Regiment

B. No reserve as such is known to exist.

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January 1 - 2 No Contact.

January 3 - Our sector was quiet except for intermittent shelling at MANDE-ST ETIENNE (P500595). Fire was received from one or two tanks or S.P. guns which fired then withdrew. A concentration of 95 tanks was reported in the vicinity of (P5363).

January 4 - The enemy resisted our attack with heavy mortar and M.G. fire and small groups of infantry. During the afternoon groups of from 8-20 tanks attacked our positions near MONTY (498595) and RENAUDMONT (P464598). The tanks were not supported by infantry. During the rest of the night our front lines received heavy artillery fire from the vicinity of FLAMIERGE (P475617).

January 5 - Enemy attacked in the early morning hours using infantry and from 15-20 tanks supported by artillery at RENAUDMONT. During the rest of the day accurate intermittent artillery fire fell on our positions.

January 6 - The enemy was very inactive engaging only in intermittent artillery fire of an harassing nature.

January 7 - Our attack met with little resistance in its initial stages but at noon we were counterattacked near FLAMIERGE by a force of 5 tanks and 200 infantry.

January 8 - During the day we were counter-attacked three times the strongest attack being at 0930 consisting of from 15-20 tanks attacking from FLAMIZOULLE (P492-613)

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This attack was repulsed with a loss to the enemy of four tanks. The second attack came at 1130 from the town of WILLOMONT (P465595) during which the enemy lost through attack was three more tanks. The third attack which came at 1330 was on a small scale using only two tanks and a company of infantry.

January 9 - From Mid-night of the 8th during the early morning hours the enemy used searchlights thrown against low clouds to light his rear areas. During this time patrols reported two full hours of tracked vehicular movement. During the day the enemy engaged in intermittent shelling of our forward and rear areas. Groups of from 3-6 tanks were reported at various times during the day but no attempt was made by them to penetrate our lines.

January 10 - The enemy appeared to have taken on a defensive attitude as he had apparently set up a series of strong points all along our lines. Our patrols reported the enemy digging in around the small towns to our front. During the night of the 10th the enemy again made use of searchlights and much flare activity was observed.

January 11 - No contact was made on this day and it was apparent that the enemy had completed his withdrawal from our sector.

January 12 - 21 No contact.

January 22 - Enemy engaged in light harassing artillery fire and intermittent mortar fire. The enemy sent out small patrols who attempted to penetrate our line. The strength of the largest patrol was estimated at one platoon. Two light tanks were reported moving into COLMAR during the period.

January 23 - 25 Only light intermittent artillery and mortar fire was reported and several of our patrols were fired on by MG and small arms as they attempted to penetrate the enemy positions.

January 26 - There was a noticeable decrease in mortar fire and much enemy troop movement was observed. The enemy engaged in a great amount of mining work both A-T and A-P.

January 27 - The enemy continued to hold his present line of defense using small arms, MG and mortars. Interdictory fire from 88 and 105 mm guns was received and roads leading south from ORBEY (V5249). No armor movement was reported.

January 28 - The enemy continued to hold his present line with no change in tactics.

January 29 - There was a noticeable increase in the resistance to the enemy to our penetrations wherein he made extensive use of mortars and artillery and also employed a great volume of MG and small arms fire. The enemy was observed digging in in several areas to our front.

January 30 - The enemy offered strong resistance to our advances North of COLMAR from positions at (V743463)(732463)(713474). On the eastern slope of hill 860 at (V5545) stiffened enemy opposition was met from a heavy volume of fire from automatic weapons. During this twenty-four hour period there was a sharp increase in artillery fire which consisted of both 88 and 105 mm. The enemy used a ski-patrol which ambushed one of our patrols at (V464427). Seven of the enemy surrendered under a white flag.

January 31 - The enemy continued to oppose our advance toward COLMAR from well dug in MG and individual emplacements. The bulk of artillery fire reported in previous day has subsided and a great increase in mortar fire has been noted. Our infantry on the west flank met stiff resistance from LeNOIRMONT (V5445). Five tanks or S-P guns were reported during the period but were moving to the south and did not engage. The enemy was observed using horse drawn sleds to move troops.

D. At the present time the enemy is in the process of removing troops from the COLMAR pocket and only a guess can be made as to his strength in this area. It can

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be estimated that he is using from 2000 - 3000 men as a holding force while he withdraws precious guns and supplies from this area. Although the troops in this area are warmly clothed the supply problem is tremendous due to the difficulty in transportation. The enemy in this sector seems to have a good store of ammunition inasmuch as stores had previously been built up in COLMAR probably in view of making a stand here. The main supply difficulty seems to be in food which from PW reports is none to good or none to plentiful. Food being a large factor in the determining of morale this brings on the inevitable breakdown of morale even among victorious troops and therefore to the already beaten troops to our front it is the final blow to morale. The troops to our front have not up to this point been told of the Russian successes to the East which will account for their resistance despite their poor situation at present. Also the fact that their backs are on their own borders adds some incentive to resist. All of these things would tend to show that the enemies morale has reached a new low which will suffer an even more severe blow when the news of the collapse of the Eastern Front reaches them.

The enemy has identified the 28th Division as being on his front and from having full knowledge of its last two commitments and their subsequent effects on this division has a fair knowledge of the potentialities of the division and its attached units.

E. Actually there is only one plan of action open to the enemy that being to withdraw across the RHINE, River where he will be able to set up a defense more capable of holding us than that which he now occupies. We are meeting the enemy on the COLMAR PLAINS which is perfectly flat and adopts itself more to attack than to defense. Our supremacy both in armor and artillery can be employed to full advantage.

Because of the urgent need for men and machines on the Eastern front the enemy has been forced to withdraw great numbers of troops from this area including the armored units with which he hoped to stave off our inevitable attack. This indicates that no attack of any size can be launched from his present positions and that the enemy can only indulge in a delaying action designed to retard our advance until he has had time enough to regroup his shrunken forces and establish a line of defense capable of delaying us until he can once again stabilize both fronts.

It is evident that the withdrawal of the enemy into prepared positions on the East bank of the RHINE is now in progress and will no doubt be completed within the next two days and nights.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Does not apply.
- b. See overlay attached as inclosure #1.
- c. Attached to 28th Infantry Division.
- d. GENERAL:

At beginning of period, 1 Jan 45, the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed) was attached to the 28th Infantry Division, VIII Corps, Third United States Army. Battalion had participated in fighting against, and delaying, the German breakthrough which began 16 December 1944. Two thirds (24) of the battalion's complement of three inch guns had been destroyed or lost in recent activities, and while these had been replaced the battalion had no opportunity to reorganize. Company "A" supported 110th Infantry RCT in defense of NEUFCHATEAU, BELGIUM; Company "B" supported 109th Infantry RCT in defense of REGOGNE-LIBRAMONT, BELGIUM, road intersection; Company "C" supported 112th Infantry RCT. 16

On 1 January 1945 the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion (-Co "C") was attached to the 17th Airborne Division and on 3 January the battalion moved into the line with the division in vicinity of MORHET, BELGIUM (5 miles west of BASTOGNE), relieving

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11th Armored Division. The 87th Infantry Division was on the left (W) flank; the 101st Airborne Division on the right (E) flank. The battalion remained in this area until 11 January when it was relieved and moved to battalion assembly area at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM. On 15 January Company "C" rejoined the battalion.

The battalion continued reorganization until 18 January when it moved to St DIE, FRANCE, being attached to 28th Infantry Division on arrival. The division was under operational control of II French Corps, First French Army. During day and night of 19 January the battalion occupied positions in the division sector along the line LE-RUDLIN (V483371) to ROUSSEN (). The 10th French Division operated on the right (W) flank; the Third United States Infantry Division operated on left (E) flank. At close of period battalion continued support of division.

1 January 1945.

Battalion attached to 28th Infantry Division. Company "A" supported 110th Infantry RCT in defense of NEUFCHATEAU, BELGIUM; Company "B" supported 109th Infantry RCT in defense of LIBRAMONT - RECOGNE, BELGIUM, road intersection; Company "C" supported 112th Infantry RCT in defense of MORMONT. At 1500 battalion (-Co "C") attached to 17th Airborne Division but companies remained in position.

2 January 1945.

Battalion (-Co "C") attached to 17th Airborne Division which was arriving in NEUFCHATEAU area. Company "A" had guns in position around NEUFCHATEAU; Company "B" had guns in position protecting RECOGNE - LIBRAMONT road net. Company "C" moved from MORMONT to assembly area at HAVELANGE, going into Corps reserve with 112th RCT.

030900 - 040900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP458532)

87th Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101st A/B Division on right (E) flank.

During day 17 A/B Div completed relief of 11th Armored Div.

At 1230 Co "A" moved from assembly area at vP 3643 to gun positions with 513 Par Regt. CP moved to JODENVILLE (P478540). Co in position to support 513 Reg. in atk at 040815.

At 1130 Co "B" moved from assembly area at LAHERLE (P383430) in position with 194th Glider Regt. Six towed guns placed in position prior to 1700. Four M10's held in mobile reserve at P458535. Co CP at MARGOROTTE. Co in position to support atk at 040815.

Co "C" attached to 112th Regt. Operations unknown.

Bn CP moved to MORHET, vP458532 from NEUFCHATEAU at 1645.

040900 - 050900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP458532).

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B Div on right (E) flank.

17 A/B division with 630th TD Bn Attached, attacked NORTH at 040815 and made gains in area.

Co "A" supporting 514 Par Regt had one plat supporting each bn. 1A moved to vic 458592, 2A moved to vic 498592 MANDE-ST-ETIENNE; 3A moved to vic 497580. No engagement with tanks, though tanks and SP guns reported used by enemy in limited attacks. Five men injured by arty fire. At close of period 1A had moved 1 section to 478551.

Co "B" moved six towed guns to vic HUBERMONT. At 1440 enemy tanks made limited attack and 1B moved to that sector. No engagement. Around 2100 enemy tanks attacked 194 Glider Regt; 3B destroyed 1 tank. At 050400 194 Regt began to displace to vic HOUNMONT. Guns of Co B moved to position at HOUNMONT; in position at 0900. 17

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050900 - 060900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP458532)

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B Div on right (E) flank.

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended ground from vicinity RECHRIVAL to MANDE-ST-ETIENNE, BELGIUM.

Co "A", supporting 513 Par Regt had section 1A at vP 476578; section at P484589 of 2A; 3A at MANDE-ST-ETIENNE. CP at FLOHAMONT (P478551). Arty fire received (1 EM injured). At 2120 2A moved to assembly area vic Co CP; reoccupied positions prior to daylight.

Co "B" supporting 194 Glider Regt. had 6 towed guns in positions in perimeter defense of HOUMONT. At 1315 1B moved to position vicinity P476577, guarding approaches from NW. At 060800 German patrol moving South from RECHRIVAL fired on with small arms. 2 rds APC and 15 rds HE fired direct at buildings in which enemy troops sought shelter. Believed six enemy killed. 1 EM, Co "B" wounded. Co "B" CP at COPON (P454544).

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B", Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

060900 - 070900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP 458532).

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B on right (E) flank.

17 A/B div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended ground from vicinity RECHRIVAL to MANDE-ST-ETIENNE, BELGIUM, 6 Jan 45, and began atk at N on 7 Jan 45.

Co "A" supporting 513 Par Regt, had sec 1A at VP 476578; sec at P484589 of 2A; 3A at MANDE-ST-ETIENNE; CP at FLOHAMONT (P478551). Arty fire received (2EM injured). At 0900 Co in position to support atk.

Co "B" supporting 194 Glider Regt, had 6 towed guns in perimeter defense of HOUMONT during day. During darkness 3B moved to vic P474587. Co supported atk of 194 Regt at 070800. CP at COPON (P454544).

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B", Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

070900 - 080900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP458532).

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B on right (E) flank.

17 A/B div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) atked N at 070800 to secure HUBERMONT, RENAMONT, PLMANIERGE and FLAMIZOULLE.

Co "A" supporting 513 Par Regt, had sec 1A at P474575; sec 2A at 482590; 3A at 493590. CP at FLOHAMONT (P478551). During night 3A attempted to reach FLAMIERGES but due to direct fire could not reach objective. 1 gun out of action (broken Lunette).

Co "B" supporting 194 Glider Regt, had 3B in position vicinity 480500 to support atk; 2 guns at 455574. 1B held in mobile reserve initially but moved to RECHRIVAL with infantry. 1B fired 15 rds APC and 21 rds HE destroying houses containing Germans and 4 machine gun nests. One gun and halftrack destroyed by enemy arty. Co C.P. at COPON (P454544).

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B". Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

080900 - 090900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP458532)

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B on right (E) flank;

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended line RECHRIVAL, COCHI VAL to NE.

Co "A" supported 513 Par Regt during morning and 507 Par Regt when it relieved the 513 Regt. 1A (Sec) in position at 474577; 2A (Sec) at 485586; 3A (Sec) at 482591. CP at FLOHAMONT (P478551). During morning 8 Jan Co "A" knocked out 1 Mk V tank and 4 Mk IV tanks.

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Co "B" supported 194 Glider Regt, had sec 3B at 454574 and sec at 478591. 1B had 1 M10 at 455581 and 1 in reserve at 464565. Co CP at COPON. During morning 8 Jan Co knocked out 1 Mk v Tank and 1 MK IV tank.

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co. "B", Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

090900 - 100900 Jan 45.

Bn CP at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP458532).

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B on right (E) flank.

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended and consolidated line RECHRIVAL - COCHIEVAL - CHAMPS, BELGIUM.

Co "A" continued support of 507 Par Regt with positions as follows: 1A (Sec) at P474577; 2A (SEC) at P485586; 3A (Sec) at P482591. CP at FLOHAMONT, (P478552).

Co "B" continued support of 194 Glider Regt. Third Plat had sec at 454574 and sec at P478591. 1B had 1 M10 at P455581 and 1 in reserve at P464565. Latter moved at 1600 to gen area of first to support Co "F", 194 Glider Regt. Co CP at COPON.

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B", Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

100900 - 110900 Jan 45.

Bn CP at MORHET, BELGIUM (vP 458532)

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 10 A/B Div on right (E) flank.

17 A/B Div (w/630 TD Bn atchd) defended and improved line RECHRIVAL-COCHIEVAL-CHAMPS, BELGIUM.

Co "A" continued support of 507 Par Regt with positions as follows: 1A (Sec) at P474577; 2A (Sec) at P485586; 3A (Sec) at P482591. A Co CP at FLOHAMONT (478-554). 1A being rel'd by pers of 144 AA-AT Bn at 0900.

Co "B" continued support of 194 Glider Regt. 3B had sec at P454574 and sec at P478591. 1B had 2 M10's at P455581, supporting Co "F", 194 Glider Regt. Co CP at COPON. At 0900 1 Sec 3B being rel'd by elms 155 AA-AT Bn.

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B". Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

110900 - 120900 Jan 45.

Bn CP at MORHET, BELGIUM, (vP 458532)

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 10 A/B Div on right (E) Flank.

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended and improved line RECHRIVAL-COCHIEVAL-CHAMPS, BELGIUM.

Co "A" turned its guns and prime movers over to, and was rel'd by, Btrys "A" and "F" 155 AA-AT Bn, relief completed at 1900. Co "A" moved to battalion assembly area at PETITVOIR (P303408).

Co "B" turned over 5 guns to Btry "E", 155 AA-AT Bn and 2M10's to 602 TD Bn, and rel'd by those units. Relief complete at 1900. Co "B" moved to battalion assembly area at PETITVOIR.

Elms of 2Rcn moved to battalion assembly area at 1530.

Elms of 1 Rcn moved to battalion assembly area at 1930.

At 121000 Bn CP preparing to move to PETITVOIR.

120900 - 130900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM (vP304407)

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B Div on right (E) flank.

17 A/B Div defended line RECHRIVAL - COCHIEVAL - CHAMPS, BELGIUM; began atk N at 130800.

Battalion (-Co C) began reorganization in assembly area at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM. C.P. moved to PETITVOIR at 121100.

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130900 - 140900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM (vP 304407)

87 Inf Div on left (W) flank; 101 A/B Div on right (E) flank.

17 A/B Div continued atk N to OURTHE RIVER w/ slight resistance.

Bn (-Co C) continued reorganization in assembly area at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM.

140900 150900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM, (vP 304407).

VIII Corps continued atk N to OURTHE RIVER and to NE.

Bn (-Co C) continued reorganization - Company "A" at GRANDVOIR; Company "B" and Headquarters elements at PETITVOIR.

Company "C" moved S from First U.S. Army sector and spent night 14-15 Jan near NEUFCHATEAU. During morning company moving to TOURNAY.

150900 - 160900 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM (vP 304407)

VIII Corps continued atk N along OURTHE RIVER and to NE.

Bn continued reorganization - Co "A" at GRANDVOIR; Co "B" and Headquarters elements at PETITVOIR.

Co "C" closed in assembly area at TOURNAY (P320420) at 151330 with 12 guns. Began maintenance and reorganization. During morning 16 Jan 3" guns of Co's "A" and "B" being used by 155 AA-AT Bn returned to Co's.

161200 - 171200 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM (vP 304407)

VIII Corps continued atk N along OURTHE RIVER and to NE.

Bn continued reorganization - Co "A" in assembly area at GRANDVOIR; Co "C" at TOURNAY; Co's "B" and Headquarters at PETITVOIR.

171200 - 181200 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. enroute to new area.

Bn continued reorganization and preparation for future operations. 17 Jan at 180730 battalion began move to vicinity ST DIE, FRANCE (v6442) to rejoin 28th Inf. Division.

181200 - 191300 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST DIE, FRANCE (v428649)

III French Corps on right (S) flank; 3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank.

At 180730 battalion began move from PETITVOIR, BELGIUM, to vicinity St DIE, FRANCE, (v4264) to rejoin 28th Inf Div. Route of march: NEUFCHATEAU, -ARLON, LONGWY, Junction N52 - N53, METZ, NANCY, LUNEVILLE, ST DIE. Total distance 165 miles. Unit (-) closed 182300. Battalion attached to 28th Inf Div on arrival. During morning of 19 Jan reconnaissance made for gun positions on div front and plans made to establish TD defense of sector.

191300 - 201300 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; TF "BOGART" on right (S) flank.

At 191405 Bn C.P. moved from ST DIE to ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, closing at 1725.

Co "A" moved at 191300 from ST DIE to area of 109th Inf. During afternoon and night positions occupied as follows: CP at LA POUTROLE (v7578508); first platoon at 567473 and 577474; second platoon at 533470; third platoon at 44470.

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Co "B" spent night at ST DIE and during morning began move to LA POUTROIE.

Co "C" moved from ST DIE at 1430 to sector of 112th Inf and occupied positions as follows: CP at GRANDTRAIL (V555524); first platoon at 587494; second platoon at 641502 and 654489; third platoon at 628511 and 616513.

Second reconnaissance Platoon supporting Co "A" and 109th Inf on flank mission.

200600 - 210600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" continued support of 109th Inf. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V567473 and V577474; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. C.P. moved to LEBON-HOMME at 1330.

Co "B" moved during period from ST DIE to assembly area at LA POUTROIE, closing at 1400. Reconnaissance made for indirect fire position.

Company "C" continued support of 112th Inf, with guns in position as follows: 1C at V587494; 2C at V641502 and V654489; 3C at V628511 and V616513. CP moved at 1400 to LA POUTROIE.

2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A" and 109th Inf; reconnoitering for routes and areas in sector of 109th Inf; gaining and maintaining contact with unit on right (S) flank.

1st Rcn Plat in reserve at WISEMBACH.

210600 - 220600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" continued support of 109th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V567473 and V577474; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LABONHOMME.

Co "B" put two platoons in indirect fire position with guns in position as follows: 1B at V574503, 3B at V574504. 2B reconnoitered indirect fire position and prepared to occupy it 22 Jan. CP at V548525.

Co "C" continued support of 112th Inf. RCT with guns in position as follows during morning 21 Jan; 1C at V587494; 2C at V641502 and V654489; 3C at V628511 and V616513. During afternoon and night 2C moved sections to V661483 and V696493. At 0600 3C preparing to move to previously prepared positions. CP at LA POUTROIE.

2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A" and 109th Inf; reconnoitering for routes and areas in sector of 109th Inf; gaining and maintaining contact with unit on right (S) flank.

1st Rcn Plat in reserve at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES.

220600 - 230600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES (V582607)

3d US Inf on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" continued support of 109th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V567473 and V574474; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BONHOMME.

Co "B" in indirect fire position, tied in with 107th FA Bn. Guns in position as follows: 1B at V574503; 2B at V576507; 3B at V574504. CP at LA POUTROIE.

Co "C" continued support of 112th Inf RCT with guns in position as follows: 1C at V587494; 2C at V661483 and V696493; 3C (2 guns) at V665499, 2 guns prepared to move to position at V680488 as soon as situation permits. CP at LA POUTROIE.

1st Rcn attached to 112th Inf RCT; operated from LA POUTROIE.

2nd Rcn attached to 109th Inf RCT; operated from V464527; continued rcn of routes and areas in sector.

230600 - 240600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" continued support of 109th Inf Rct. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V567473 and V560465; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BONHOMME.

Co "B" in indirect fire position tied in with 107th FA Bn. Guns in position as follows: 1B at V574503; 2B at V576507; 3B at V574504. CP at LAPOUTROIE. During period 0630-0700, 13 harassing missions, totalling 270 rds HE fired at targets in MONSTER-HONRODBERG-SOULTZERENE area. 57 rds HE fired during day.

Co "C" continued support of 112th Inf RCT, with guns in position as follows: 1C at V575473; 2C at V661483 and V696493; 3C at V665499 and V668484.

1st Rcn attached to 112th Inf Rct, operated from LA POUTROIE.

2nd Rcn attached to 109th Inf RCT, operated from PLAINFAING, continued rcm of routes and areas in sector, and contacted French troops on right (S) flank.

240600 - 250600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, France (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to 110th Inf RCT, guns in position as follows: 1A at V567473., and V560465; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BONHOMME.

Co "B" attached to 109th Inf RCT and in assembly area vic LA POUTROIE. Co "B" preparing to move to assembly area vic OSTHEIM V720510 with 109th Inf RCT.

Co "C" continued support of 112th Inf RCT, with guns in position as follows: 1C at V575473; 2C at V661483 and V696493; 3C at V665499 and V668484.

1st Rcn Plat attached to 109th Inf RCT and in assembly area vicinity LA POUTROI E. Preparing to move to vicinity OSTHEIM V720510 with Co "B" and 109th Inf.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to 110th Inf RCT, operated from PLAINFAING. Continued reconnaissance of routes and areas in sector and maintained contact with French troops on right (S) flank.

250600 - 260600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE, (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to 110th Inf RCT, guns in position as follows: 1A at V567473 and V560465; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BONHOMME.

Co "B" moved during period from vicinity LA POUTROIE to assembly area ZALLENBURG V690520 with 109th Inf RCT closing at 1100 hours. During afternoon and night Co moved gun platoons to position as follows: 1B at V718482; 2B at V728497 and V742512; 3B at V735485. CP at ZALLENBURG.

Co "C" attached to 112th Inf RCT, with guns in position as follows: 1C at V575473; 2C at V661483 and V696493; 3C at V665499 and V668484. CP at LA POUTROIE.

1st Rcn Plat attached to 109th Inf RCT, and moved during period from vicinity LA POUTROIE to assembly area vicinity ZALLENBURG V690520 with Co "B" and 109th Inf RCT. Plat operated from ZALLENBURG.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to 110th Inf RCT operated from PLAINFAING continued reconnaissance of routes and areas in sector and maintained contact with French troops on right (S) flank.

260600 - 270600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to 110th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V560467

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and V567475; 2A at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BONHONNE.

Company "B" attached to 109th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1B at V732485; and V729496; 2B at V723478; 3B at V735474. CP at ZELLENBURG.

Company "C" attached to 112th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1C at V585488 and V575474; 2C at V695494 and V659487; 3C at V695489 and V665500. CP at LA ROUOTROIE.

1st Rcn Plat attached to 109th Inf RCT. Operated from ZELLENBURG.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to 110th Inf RCT. Operated from PLAINFAING, continued reconnaissance of routes and areas in sector and maintained contact with French troops on right (S) flank.

270600 - 280600 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to 110th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V560467 and V567475; 2A at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BONHONNE.

Co "B" attached to 109th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1B at V733485 and V742474; 2B had section at V722475 and ind. guns at V718480 and V720478; 3B had section at V737469 and ind. guns at V730474 and V734472. CP at ZELLENBURG; forward CP at HOUSSEN.

Co "C" attached to 112th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1C at V585488, and V575474; 2C at V695494 and V659487; 3C at V695489 and V665500. CP at LA POUTROIE.

1st Rcn Plat attached to 109th Inf RCT. Operated from ZELLENBURG.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to 110th Inf RCT. Operated from PLAINFAING. Continued reconnaissance of routes and areas in sector and maintained contact with French troops on right (S) flank.

281800 - 291800 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to 110th Inf RCT; guns in position as follows: 1A at V560467 and V567475; 2A at V533470; 3A at V484470; CP at LA BOHONNE.

Co "B" attached to 109th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1B at V733485 and V742474; 2B had section at V722475 and ind. guns at V718480 and V718479; 3B had section at V737469 and ind. guns at V730474 and V734472. CP at ZELLENBURG; forward CP at HOUSSEN.

Co "C" attached to 112th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1C at V585488 and V575474; 2C at V695494 and ind. guns at V655488 and V661483; 3C at V695489 and V667485. CP at LA POUTROIE. 2B fired 8 rds and lrd., APC at enemy O.P.

1st Rcn Plat attached to 109th Inf RCT; operated from ZELLENBURG.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to 110th Inf RCT; operated from PLAINFAING, continued reconnaissance of routes and areas in sector and maintained contact with French Troops on right (S) flank.

291800 - 301800 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr. Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to the 110th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V560467 and V567475; 2A at V533470 and V519488; 3A at V484470. 2A fired 6 rds of HE direct in support of attack of 110th Inf RCT. CP at LA BOHONNE.

Co "B" attached to 109th Inf RCT, Guns in position as follows: 1B at V733485 and V742474; 2B had section at V722474 and ind. guns at V718480 and V718479; 3B had section at V737469 and ind. guns at V730474 and V734472. Company fired 130 rds HE

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and 19 rds APC direct, from 3" guns, as well as machine guns and small arms fire, in support of atk of 109th Infantry at 292100 Jan. Destroyed 1 enemy O.P., bunkers and houses. CP at ZELLENBURG; Fwd CP at HOUSSEN.

Co "C" attached to 112th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1C at V585488 and V575474; 2C at V695494 and ind. guns at V655488 and V661483; 3C at V695489 and V667485. CP at LA POUTROIE.

1st Rcn Plat attached to 109th Inf RCT, fired 12 rds HE (37mm) direct in support of 109th Inf atk at 292100. Plat performed foot patrols for 109th Inf during afternoon.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to 110th Inf RCT, operated from PLAINFAING. Maintained contact with Fr troops on right (S) flank.

301800 - 312400 Jan 45.

Bn C.P. at ST MARIE-AUX-MINES, FRANCE (V582607)

3d US Inf Div on left (N) flank; 10th Fr Div on right (S) flank.

Co "A" attached to the 110th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1A at V560467 and V567475; 2A (2 guns) at V533470; 3A at V484470. CP at LA BOHONNE.

Co "B" attached to the 109th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1B, ind. guns at V730463, V732465, V733466, V734467; 2B had sec at V722474 and ind. guns at V718480, and V718479; 3B had ind. guns at V737469, V732470, V729474 and V739455. CP at ZELLENBURG; Fwd. CP at HOUSSEN.

Co "C" attached to the 112th Inf RCT. Guns in position as follows: 1C (1 Sec) at V577476 and 1 gun at V587487; 2C in 21st Corps reserve with 3d Bn. 112th Inf in vicinity of GUENAR; 3C (1 Sec) at V690486 and ind. guns at V661482, V658487. CP at LA POUTROIE.

1st Rcn Plat attached to the 109th Inf RCT. Operated from ZELLENBURG.

2nd Rcn Plat attached to the 110th Inf RCT. Operated from PLAINFAING. Maintained contact with Fr troops on right (S) flank.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE.

a. Status of strength of command:

Assigned	668 EM	22 Off	2 WOJG
Repl needed	60 EM	12 Off	

b. Casualties	Off	WO	EM
(1) Killed	0	0	3
(2) Wounded			
(a) SWA	0	0	0
(b) LWA	0	0	20
(c) LIA	1	1	2
(3) Missing	0	0	0
(4) Captured	0	0	0

c. Prisoners captured. None.

d. Evacuation. Normal.

e. Location of supply & evacuation: Wisemback, France (V535662).

f. Status of supply. Rations - 2 day reserve, ammunition - 2 days of fire, gasoline - 2 days supply, oil - 7 days supply.

g. Condition of roads and circulation. Roads - Icy, wet & slippery. Circulation - Good.

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Commanding.