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Place : Lince, Belgium  
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MAPS: Sheet 79, 1/50,000; 4336, 1/100,000; 80, 1/50,000

I. OUR FRONT LINES: Does Not Apply.

II. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Battalion under Division control located in the vicinity of Lince, Belgium.

III. LOCATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: Does Not Apply.

IV. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: The battalion (less Companies "A", "B" and "C") remained under Division control throughout operations from the 1st to 17th January 1945. The Battalion CP moved from CRANTINE, BELGIUM (K133012) to the vicinity of LOHEHE, BELGIUM (K435968) on 2 January 1945, following the advance of the Division, remaining in that location until the 9th of January 1945, when moved to ERLZEE, BELGIUM (K444903). The Battalion CP remained in this location throughout operations on SAMREE, BELGIUM (P506814) and HOUFFALIZE, BELGIUM (P610721) moving forward CP's and radio contact stations, when necessary, forward as the Division elements advanced. Close contact was maintained with companies and combat commands headquarters during all operations.

On 11 January 1945, Company "B" (less one platoon) was released from control of CC"R" to that of the Battalion. On 17 January, Company "B" with its three platoons moved from ODRIGNE, BELGIUM (P538662) to the vicinity of EREZEE, BELGIUM to rejoin the Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" in preparation for move to new area.

The Battalion moved to the vicinity of LINCÉ, BELGIUM 20 January 1945. Remained in that position for remainder of period.

Company "A" attached to Combat Command "A", remained in assembly area at MONIH, BELGIUM (K162940) preparing for future operations. On the 2nd of January Company "A" moved with CC"A" to the vicinity of FISEBNE, BELGIUM (K432903). The First Platoon was attached to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Platoon to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Platoon to the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, respectively, TF"C", TF"B", and TF"A" for the attack from SOY - FISEBNE towards SAMREE, BELGIUM (P506814); which started on the 3rd of January. One platoon (2nd) of Company "B", was attached to Company "A" on the 3rd of January and placed in TF"B", 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment.

From the 3rd of January to 7th of January 1945, the 2nd Platoon of Companies "A" and "B" and the 3rd Platoon of Company "A" assisted in the attack on CC"A" on BELFE (P423851); MARCOURAY (P438818); MAGOSTER (P428861) and ALMONINES, BELGIUM (P448874), by direct fire in support of tank and infantry attacks. During this period, Company "A" had three M-36 tank destroyers damaged by enemy action. The 2nd Platoon, Company "B" lost two M-36 tank destroyers, one of which was a total loss. (Company "A"'s guns were returned to action by 17 January and two replacements by that date brought Company "B" back to strength.

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The 1st Platoon, Company "A", remained in reserve with TF"0" in BLIET, (P444096) and AMONINES, BELGIUM (P450875) throughout operations until moved to DOCHAMPS, BELGIUM (P495836) on attack toward SAMRE, BELGIUM (P406814), 8 January.

From the 7th to the 10th January 1945, the 2nd and 3rd Platoons, Company "A" and 2nd Platoon, Company "B" attacked through LAID-FRANHELEUX (P465834) and LA WATE (P482831) and DOCHAMPS, BELGIUM (P495836) on SAMRE. On the 8th January, the 1st Platoon, Company "A" relieved the 3rd Platoon which reverted to TF"0" in DOCHAMPS.

On the 11 January 1945, after SAMRE, BELGIUM (P506814) had been taken, Company "A" with CC"A" was relieved and assembled for maintenance and preparation for coming operations.

The 1st Platoon under control of TF"A", 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment assembled in BOIS ODELGNE (P545832) for attack on FARM ST JEAN (P547814) and CHABREBEZ, BELGIUM (P504825) on 12 January 1945. The 2nd Platoon of Company "B", and 3rd Platoon of Company "A" remained in FREINEUX, BELGIUM (K113002) in reserve with TF"0" and the 2nd Platoon, Company "A" with the 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, moving across country from FARM ST JEAN attacking from the north. The objective WIRIN was taken on the 12 January 1945.

The attack continued toward ACHOFFE, BELGIUM on the 13 January 1945, the objective being taken and occupied on that date. The 1st and 3rd Platoons of Company "A", and the 2nd Platoon of Company "B" assisted by overwatching and flank protection of the attacking tanks and infantry.

Company "A" assembled on the 14th January with CC"A" units following the completion of the mission involved. The 1st and 3rd Platoons of Company "A" assembled under their respective task forces in WIRIN, BELGIUM. The 2nd Platoon Company "A" remained with the 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment in CHABREBEZ, BELGIUM (P504825). The 2nd Platoon of Company "B" was released from Company "A" control and reverted to Company "B".

Company "A" remained in this location under CC"A" control from 14 through 17 January accomplishing maintenance and reorganization until moved to LINDO, BELGIUM (K502148) on 20 January 1945 in Division Assembly Area, at which time they reverted to Battalion control.

From the 21 - 31 January 1945, Company "A" remained under Battalion control training and preparing for future operations of the Division. Maintenance, practice firing, and extensive tactical platoon training was accomplished.

Company "B" under control of CC"B" remained in road block positions in the vicinity of FLOSTOT, BELGIUM (K186021) protecting CC"B" assembly area; and accomplishing maintenance and reorganization for coming operations.

On 2 January 1945, Company "B" moved with CC"B" to assembly area in the vicinity of GRANDMENIL, BELGIUM (K520901) prepared to support the attack of the Second Armored Division to the southeast. The company less one platoon was attached to the 2nd Battalion of the 41st Armored Infantry. The 2nd Platoon of Company "B" was attached to Company "A" under control of CC"A". Company "B" remained on alert prepared to support attack of CC"B" until 5 January 1945.

On 5 January, Company "B" was assigned mission of supporting tanks in defensive positions in FREINEUX and LAMORLENIL, BELGIUM coordinated with the 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion. The two platoons supported the tanks attacking towards the southeast, destroying one SP gun on the 8 January 1945 which was holding up the tank advance. As objectives were taken, Company "B" assumed defensive positions for the area.

On the 9-10 January 1945, Company "B" less one platoon, supporting the 2nd Battalion, 41st Armored Infantry and the 2nd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, attacked SAMRE, BELGIUM (P506814) coordinating the AT defense of that town after seizure by the Division.

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The 1st and 3rd Platoons of Company "B" were released from attachment to the 67th Armored Regiment and 41st Armored Infantry and reverted to Company control on the 11th of January 1945 and assembled under Company control in ODEIGHE, BELGIUM (P53802) in CC"R" reserve. On 12 January, Company "B", less one Platoon was placed under Battalion control for maintenance and reorganization. The 2nd Platoon Company "B" was released from CC"R" control and returned to Company "B" assembly area in ODEIGHE on the 10th of January 1945.

Company "B" under Battalion control, was moved to EREZEE, BELGIUM (K44903) on the 17 January 1945 prepared to move to new Division assembly area. On the 20th of January, the company under Battalion control moved from EREZEE, BELGIUM to LINDI, BELGIUM (K502148) in the Division assembly area to prepare for coming operations.

From the 21-31 January 1945, Company "B" remained under Battalion control training and preparing for future operations of the Division. Maintenance, practice firing, and extensive tactical platoon training was accomplished.

Company "C" under control of CC"B" remained in assembly area on the 1st of January 1945 preparing for future operations. On the 2nd of January, Company "C" moved with CC"B" to the vicinity of CLERHEID, BELGIUM (K474006) placing road blocks around that assembly area upon closing. On the 3rd of January, Company "C" in support of the tank attacks assisted in the drive south toward FREMEEK (K513862) and LAICHELET, BELGIUM (P500601), destroying one Mark IV tank on the 4th of January.

On the 6th of January 1945, the 1st Platoon of Company "C" supported the tank attack on ODEIGHE, BELGIUM (K53802), while the 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained in reserve.

From the 7th of January 1945 through the 10th of January 1945, Company "C" alternating platoons, advanced steadily in direct fire support of the tank attacks with mission of protecting the flanks of the advance. Upon completion of the mission, cutting road running northeast from SAKREB, BELGIUM. CC"B" placed two platoons of Company "C" on outpost duty as tank blocks on the 11th of January. One anti-tank gun destroyed during this period.

On the 12 January 1945, Company "C" was reorganized for new attack in the zone to the east. The 1st Platoon was placed under control of TF"Y"; 2nd Platoon in CC"U" and 3rd Platoon supporting TF"Y".

The attack toward HCOFFALIZE, BELGIUM (P510721) was launched 13 January 1945. Company "C" in support of the two task forces of CC"B" destroyed four Mark IV's, one Mark V, one 105mm Artillery Piece, one cargo truck, and one tractor truck on the 14th and 15th of January 1945. After mission was completed by CC"B" two platoons of Company "C" were retained on road blocks while the remainder of the company assembled in DHEZ, BELGIUM (K607700) preparing for future movements, remaining in these positions until 19 January 1945. Platoons were alternated on road blocks protecting Division left flank.

On 20 January 1945, when the Division was relieved from the line, Company "C" accompanied CC"B" on the march to the new assembly area, going into LA PILLÉE, BELGIUM (P501133). Upon closing into this area, Company "C" reverted to Battalion control for maintenance and reorganization.

From the 21-31 January, Company "C" remained under Battalion control training and preparing for future operations of the Division. Maintenance, practice firing, and extensive tactical platoon training was accomplished.

Reconnaissance Company (less three platoons) operated under Battalion control during periods of action. When the battalion assembled, the company was reorganized for training and reorganization. During the attack phases, the three reconnaissance platoons were attached to the line companies. The Pioneer Platoon personnel were assigned to the companies due to understrength on the guns and that platoon has not been reformed.

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V. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Does Not Apply.

VI. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent

VII. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

a. By Date and Company

<u>DATE</u>	<u>"A" COMPANY</u>	<u>"B" COMPANY</u>	<u>"C" COMPANY</u>
4 Jan 45	2 Mark V 2 Arty Pieces	1 Mark V	24 Enemy killed
5 Jan 45	3 Prisoners	3 Mark IV 2 AT Guns, 75mm 3 Trucks 1 Halftrack 1 Mark V 1 AT Gun, 75mm	1 Mark V
6 Jan 45			
8 Jan 45			1 AT Gun, 75mm
9 Jan 45	1 Mark VI	1 Mark V	
13 Jan 45			1 SP Gun, 75mm
14 Jan 45			1 Mark V 1 Mark IV 1 Cargo truck 3 Mark IV 1 Tractor Truck 1 Arty Piece, 150mm
15 Jan 45			

b. Total by types:

1 Mark VI	4 Cargo trucks
7 Mark V	1 Half-track
7 Mark IV	24 Enemy killed
3 Arty Pieces	3 Prisoners
4 AT Guns, 75mm	1 Tractor truck
1 SP gun, 75mm	

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