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AP0 256, US Army
3 December 1944

Subject: Unit History and After Action Report.

To : Commanding General, 6th Armd Div, APO 256, US Army.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions, and par. 1, D.B. No 151, Hq 6th Armd Div. c.s., and under the provisions of A.R. 345-105, the following history of this command for the period 1st November, 1944 to 30 November, 1944 is submitted.

2 A. Overall strength of command, beginning of period:

44 Officers
3 Warrant Officers
860 Enlisted Men

B. Strength at end of period:

47 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
826 Enlisted Men

C. Net decrease for period: 1 Warrant Officer-34 Enlisted Men
Net increase : 3 Officers

3. Temporary Station of Squadron: Bosserville Monastery. one (1) mile NE LANEVEVILLE, FRANCE.

November 1 to 8

Squadron CP was located at the Bosserville Monastery, engaged in training of replacements and further training of the Squadron, also refitting, repairing, and resupplying for future operations. "D" Troop plus two platoons of Troop "E" and one platoon Co "F" were acting as a covering force in the vicinity of MONCEL, FRANCE. On the 3rd November Troop "C" was ordered to relieve "D" Troop plus attachments of Co "F" and Troop "E". A detachment of Headquarters Troop was guarding Railroad Bridge at POMPEY, FRANCE. "A" Troop and "F" Co were guarding bridges in and near NANCY, FRANCE. On 4th November Troop "A" was attached to Division Res. Command, Troop "C" attached to CC"A" and the remainder of the Squadron was attached to CC"B". On 5th November detachment Headquarters Troop was relieved by the 777 AAA (AW) Bn sep, as bridge guard. Co "F" and Troop "A" were also relieved from duties as bridge guards by 25 Armored Eng. Bn.

November 9

The Squadron (less Troop "A" and "C") plus attachments received a mission to precede the other task forces of CC"B" and secure a bridgehead across the NIED, FRANCAISE River at ANCIRVILLE and REMILLY, and continue in general direction of CC"B"'s objective, high ground south of FALQUEMOUT, FRANCE.

Our force was to be known as Task Force Brindle. Composition of Brindle Task Force: Hq, Hq and Serv Troop, Troops "B", "D", "E", and Co "F", 86th Cav Rcn Sq Mecz, and detachments of 777 AAA, 603 TD Bn, and 25th Armd Eng. Bn. The 212th F.A. to be in direct support of Brindle Task Force.

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Orders were issued to begin the march at 0100, 9th November, but due to weather and highway conditions march did not begin until 0400, at which time the Squadron left Boeserville Monastery. The force pushed forward to a position 2 mile north of EPLY, FRANCE and secured the high ground, a bridge had to be built across a stream approaching to the high ground, this bridge was completed by the Force despite enemy artillery fire and the Squadron bivouaced at 1630. Distance marched 33 miles.

Vehicular losses: 2 Light Tanks
 Personnel losses: 3 EM wounded
 (from attachment units) 4 EM wounded
 Enemy losses: Personnel unknown
 Enemy Equipment losses: 2 M/G and 2-40 MM Guns.

November 10

At 0730 Task Force moved NE towards VIGNY and BUCHY, FRANCE. VIGNY, FRANCE was taken in conjunction with Task Force Lagrew at 1420. BUCHY, FRANCE was captured at 1600 in conjunction with Task Force Lagrew. Forces were meeting light enemy resistance. At 1615 in the vicinity of BUCHY, FRANCE the Task Force was refueled, during the refueling the Task Force was under harassing enemy artillery and AA fire. Task Force bivouaced at 1800, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile NW of BUCHY, FRANCE and outposted the area. Distance marched 12 miles.

Vehicular losses: 1 Light Tank from attached Units
 Personnel losses: 1 EM wounded
 (from attached units)
 3 EM killed
 8 EM wounded
 Enemy losses: Undetermined number of guns.
 Enemy casualties: Undetermined number.

November 11

"D" Co, and Hq platoon and 2 platoons of Troop "E" were attached to Task Force Lagrew (15th Tank Bn). "F" Co and 2 platoons Troop "E" attached to Task Force Wall (50 Inf. Bn), all other attachments of our force were relieved and assigned elsewhere. CC"B" launching an attack toward AUBE, FRANCE and the NEID FRANCAISE River, at 1730 Squadron CO went forward to establish an advance CP at DAIU-en-SAULNOIS, FRANCE. 1st Lt John D. Fay, Troop "B" was seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire, while his platoon was securing and holding a cross road .6 of a mile E of SILLY-en-SAULNOIS, FRANCE, he died of concussion shortly afterward. Remainder of Fwd echelon bivouaced at BUCHY, FRANCE.

Vehicular losses: None
 Personnel losses: 1 Officer wounded
 3 EM wounded
 Enemy losses: 30 prisoners captured. Killed and wounded unknown

November 12

At 0745 Squadron moved CP to a position 2 miles south of AUBE, FRANCE. Squadron (less Co "F", 2 platoons of Troop "E") received mission of rear guard of CC"B". At 1600 "D" Troop plus one platoon of Troop "E" cross NEID River at a bridge $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of AUBE, FRANCE, and one mile east of SOEBEY, FRANCE, under artillery and small arms fire to protect rear of Task Force Lagrew, to secure cross roads 1 mile NE of BAZONCOURT, FRANCE and 500 meters SW of BERLIZE, FRANCE, and establish liaison with 2d Regt. 5th Inf. Div., on the north.

"B" Troop blocking cross roads 1 mile north of AUBE, FRANCE and 1 mile East SOBREY, FRANCE, guarding bridge across NEID, river, blocking road junction .6 mile south of SANRY-sur-NIED and 1½ mile West of BAZONCOURT, FRANCE. During late evening and throughout the night "D" Troop plus attachment of Troop "E", and "B" Troop received heavy artillery fire. Our Squadron S-3, Capt. Steve C. Bohunicky went forward to check on outpost positions and was wounded by artillery fire, he died of the wounds received shortly afterwards.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 1 Officer wounded
2 EM missing in action
10 EM wounded

Enemy losses: 2 prisoner taken
1 enemy pers. carrier knocked out and 2 anti-tank weapons destroyed. Also unknown number killed and wounded.

13 November

At daylight forces East of NIED; FRANCAISE River (east of BAZONCOURT) received direct SP fire knocking out two (2) Assault Guns and one (1) Armored Car. Squadron CP and mission unchanged. At 1545 CP received heavy artillery fire, wounding 1 EM from Hq Troop and 2 men from nearby units. CP withdrew about ¼ of a mile further to the south of AUBE, FRANCE. CC"B" and Squadron begin withdrawal to vicinity of BECHY, FRANCE. At 1600 CP was established at 1800, 1½ mile south of BECHY, FRANCE. At 1900 6 tanks Co "F" rejoined the Squadron and at 2400 "B" Troop rejoined the Squadron. "D" Troop plus attachment were remaining in position vicinity of NEID, FRANCAISE River and AUBE, FRANCE, and reverted to control of Task Force Lagrew.

Vehicular losses: 7 Armd Cars
5 ½ ton truck
1 ton cargo trailer
2 Carriage 75 mm How M8
5 Armd trailer M10

Personnel losses: 1 Officer wounded
1 EM killed
1 EM missing in action
11 EM wounded

Enemy losses: Unknown

14 November

At 1015 Troop "D" was released to the Squadron. Our mission was unchanged. At 1630 we march from bivouac area 1½ mile south of BECHY to a bivouac at HERNY, FRANCE, arrived at 1930. Distanced 14 miles. "F" Co was attached to Task Force Wall. CP was under artillery fire throughout the night.

Enemy losses: Unknown

Our losses:

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 3 EM wounded

15 November

CP at HERNY, FRANCE. Mission unchanged. Artillery Fire received throughout the day.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 1 EM wounded
1 EM injured

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16 November

CP unchanged. "D" Troop and "E" Troop were given missions of roadblocks north and northwest of HERNY, FRANCE. "D" Troop CP was at RENILLY, FRANCE with three roadblocks. "D" Troop CP was at HERNY, FRANCE, taking care of four roadblocks.

Enemy losses: None reported

Our losses: None

17 November

Squadron CP unchanged, situation unchanged. Squadron is attached to Div. Res. Command at 2100. All Troops with Squadron except Co "F" which is attached to CC"R". CP was under artillery fire of a harassing nature.

18-19 November

At 1800 "D" and "B" Troops were relieved from road blocks, except one which was maintained by "D" Troop. At 1600 on the 19th November "D" Troop was relieved from last road block. Squadron trains moved Fwd to HERNY, FRANCE. "A" Troop's CP was at BECHY, FRANCE, "C" Troop at ARRAINCOURT, FRANCE. CP was under artillery fire.

Enemy losses: Unknown

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 5 EM wounded

20-21 November

Squadron mission and CP unchanged. 2300 on the 20th a message from Division Res. Command ordering patrols to be sent to ARRANCE, HEVILLY, GUINGLAUGE, CHANNILLE, VOIHAUT, ANCEVILLE, BOZONCOURT, BERLIZE, MAIZEROT and SERVIGNY, FRANCE, also to establish bridge guard at HAMS-SUR-NEID effective daylight 21 November, "D" Troop received this mission. Mine fields were located on 21 November. Troop "A" moved CP to HERNY, FRANCE. At 1700 on the 21st one platoon Troop "B" was attached to CC"A". On 22 November the remainder of Troop "B" was attached to CC"A".

Enemy losses: Unknown

Vehicular losses: 1 1/2 ton truck

Personnel losses: 1 EM killed

3 EM wounded

3 EM injured in action

25 November

Squadron moved out from HERNY, FRANCE at 1000, leaving "D" Troop to continue patrols. At 1800 Squadron CP was located in BERTRING, FRANCE. Distance marched 29 miles. "A", "C" and "E" Troops CP's at BERTRING, FRANCE. At 1805 "C" Troop was given mission of two patrols, one patrol was from BERTRING, NAIR MAX, and St. JEAN, other patrol from GROS TENUIN, BISCHWALD to St. JEAN. At 1900 "D" Troop was relieved of all missions at HERNY, FRANCE.

Enemy losses: Unknown

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: None

26-27 November

Squadron mission and CP unchanged. "E" Troop was given mission of guarding two bridges between HELLFIER and ST JEAN ROANBACK at 1415. At 1500 "D" Troop moved CP from HERNY, FRANCE to BERTRING, FRANCE. At 1530 "C" Troop moved CP to BISTROFF, FRANCE.

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Enemy losses: None
Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None

28-30 November

Squadron CP, mission, and situation unchanged. "A" Troop sent security patrol to RODABE, FRANCE to investigate hostile civilian activities, sent back negative report. On the 29 November CP of "C" Troop was moved to GROS-TENJIN, FRANCE. On 30 November bridge guard of Troop "E" was shelled, killing one man and wounding seriously one other.

Enemy losses: None
Vehicular losses: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck
Personnel losses: 1 EM killed
3 wounded

4. Summary of Losses:

Killed: 6 EM
Missing: 3 EM (1 later reported KIA)
Wounded: 3 Officers
61 EM

TOTAL: 3 Officers 70 Enlisted Men

NOTE

2 Officers reported wounded, died shortly afterward. 14 EM were evacuated for battle exhaustion and numerous men received slight wounds who immediately returned to duty. Enlisted casualties include men from attached units: 603 TD Bn had 1 killed, 2 SWA; "D" Co 15th Tank Bn had 2 killed, 6 SWA; 25th Eng Bn had 4 wounded; 777 AAA (AW) Bn had 1 wounded

Vehicular losses: 7 Armd Cars M8
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks
1 trailer one ton cargo
2 carriages motor 75 MM How M8
5 Armd trailers M10
2 Light Tanks (were repaired and in operation within 24 hours)
1 Light Tank (from attached unit)

5. Summary of Enemy losses:

Killed: Unknown
Wounded: Unknown
Captured: 32 known

Vehicular losses:

1 Personnel carrier
2 Anti-Tank weapons
2 M/G and 2 40 MM Guns

Other mobile weapons and vehicles are believed to have been destroyed.

6. Number of miles marched: 101

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7. Names of men killed, wounded, and missing:

KILLED			
Mills, Joseph S.	15045447	T/4	NPV 21
Smith, James W. Jr.	34723153	PFC	13
Lalonde, Aaron A	34233914	Sgt	30
WOUNDED			
Bolejjack, Duane T	37241276	Cpl	13
Oswald, John A.	35300701	Sgt	13
Whittle, William K	34710139	Pvt	12
Penetcost, Richard H	34723238	Pvt	13
Garlington J B	34236012	Tec 5	13
Steve C. Bohunicky	01010253	Capt	12
Nolan, Henry L	18107787	Pvt	13
Pittel, Leo	32312802	Tec 4	17
Kneffko, John	33167285	Pvt	17
Nenni, Tusello J	32312509	Tec 5	10
Kostrey, John	32262424	Tec 5	21
Kral, Stephen J	16069065	Sgt	24
Ahearn, Raymond F	32207313	Pvt	13
Seitz, Edward J	32280463	PFC	15
Carlson, Authur R.	36327449	PFC	11
Ingle, Leon	35235708	Tec 5	12
Hellinger, Harold A	36070584	PFC	12
White, Lloyd E	37135702	Pvt	12
Spence, Harry B	35300363	Sgt	12
Quirk, Joseph, R.	12134343	PFC	12
Bruesch, Paul F.	36710696	Cpl	12
Gazda, Joseph C	36714262	Tec 5	13
Nadolny, Frank M	32300959	Sgt	22
Nidbella, Walter	33260885	Cpl	22
Chopick, John J	33013801	Cpl	12
Vanderhoof, Sheldon A	12152499	Pvt	12
Sparklin, Norris	33179052	Pvt	12
Webber, Jack T	34721452	Pfc	12
Black, Everett R	33157368	Tec 5	13
Green, Cleo F		Pvt	12
Fay, John D	0435382	1st Lt	11
Bayless, William B	01030544	2d Lt	13
Giblin, Peter D	32652157	Tec 5	20
Hoke, Charles H	33178316	PFC	10
Martin, Troy V	34256148	Tec 5	11
De Carmen, Joseph J	33274150	Pvt	13
Bonvissuto, James R	12225876	Pvt	13
Swalby, Kenneth C	36221048	Tec 5	12
Mattis, Robert W		Pvt	27
Johnson, Mole	34264576	Pvt	27
Mathews, Edward C	34710132	Pvt	27
MISSING			
Volpe, Anthony S	33157976	Cpl	13
Honer, John P	32313177	Tec 5	12
Allen, Willie G.	34193318	Tec 5	12

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8. Names of men receiving awards:

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Capt. JIMMIE H BRIDGES	01010994	Tr "D"
1st Lt ROBERT C KING	01011684	Sq Hq.
S/Sgt. William M. Herrick	32290794	Hq Tr
T/4 John L. Taylor	32313219	Hq Tr
T/5 Hardie W. Church	35351734	Hq Tr
T/5 Francis B. Eastman	13072081	Med Det.

9. Name of Campaign: Unknown

10. Names of Commanding Officers:

Commanding Squadron Major Harry C Brindle.

Commanding Hq, Hq & Ser

Troop Capt. Robert Cuming

Commanding "A" Tr. From 1st to 18. Capt. Frederick H. Rickschhoff

From 18 to end of period:

1st. Lt. Alden A
Berg

Commanding "B" Tr. Capt. Donald L. Tillemans.

Commanding "C" Tr. 1st. Lt. Clarence L. Browning

Commanding "D" Tr. Capt. Jimmie H. Bridges

Commanding "E" Tr. Capt. James F. Delaney

Commanding "F" Co. Capt. Harold L. Hughes

Commanding Med. Det. Capt. Thomas E. Lee

11. Summary:

CCB's plan was to send a light, fast Task Force ahead of the other two (2) heavier Task Forces with the idea of by-passing the towns in route, avoid becoming seriously engaged with the enemy, and reach the NEID FRANCAISE River without delay. However, due to weather conditions, nature of terrain, which restricted movement of vehicles to the road net, this light Task Force was not completely successful in its mission. Heavier enemy resistance then expected plus poor vehicular standing necessitated medium tanks, and Infantry in the make-up of the Task Forces in order to reduce enemy resistance in towns as they were encountered.

Successive missions given the Squadron; such as, road-blocks, flank protection, rear-guard, liaison, and reconnaissance were successfully accomplished.

The flotation of the Armored Car over soft terrain is practically nil; therefore, the use of this vehicle was restricted to road nets during this period.

Enemy Artillery fire caused ninety percent of the casualties during this period. However, considering the amount of Artillery fire the Squadron was subjected to, losses were light.

Replacement received in officers and enlisted personnel were completely satisfactory.

Harry C. Brindle
HARRY C BRINDLE
Major Cav
Commanding

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HQ, 86TH CAV RGN SQ MECZ

AFC 256, US Army
6 February 1945

Subject: Unit History and After Action Report.

To : Commanding General, 6th Armd Div, AFC 256, US Army.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions and par 1, DE, No 151, Hq, 6th Armd Div, on and under the provisions of AR 345-105, the following history and after action report of this command for the period 1st January 1945 to 31 January 1945 is submitted.

2 a. Overall Strength of the command at the beginning of the period:

51 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
885 Enlisted Men

b. Strength at the end of the period:

53 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
847 Enlisted Men

c. Net increase for the period:

2 Officers

d. Net decrease for period:

18 Enlisted Men.

3. Temporary station of the Squadron at the beginning of the period: ANLIER, BELGIUM.

January 1-3

At beginning of this period Squadron was under direct control of Division. At 1015 the Squadron CP moved from ANLIER, BELGIUM to TRAIMONT, BELGIUM, arriving at 1315. Distance marched 14 miles.

"A" Tr was attached to CCB, "C" Tr attached to CCA, "E" Tr minus two platoons located at WINVILLE, BELGIUM, the two platoons were guarding bridges at P538614, P528610, P535617, and P437628. Tr "D" had one platoon attached to Tr "C", with CCA, "L" Tr was located at WITRY, BELGIUM, "F" Co at VOLVILLE, BELGIUM.

Vehicular losses: none

Personnel losses: None

Enemy losses: 1 prisoner captured

January 3-5

Remainder of Tr "D" attached to CCA with one platoon of Co "F" attached. At 0600 on the 5th Squadron CP moved from TRAIMONT, BELGIUM to a woods P531547 vicinity of ASSENOIS, BELGIUM and moved from woods to ASSENOIS, BELGIUM at 1430. Distance marched 12 miles.

"B" Tr plus one platoon Tr "E" and one platoon Co "F" assigned to CCA at 1400 on the 5th.

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Vehicular losses: 1 Armored Car.
3 1/2 ton truck
Personnel losses: 4 EM killed, 10 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 1 known killed, 2 captured

January 6-11

During this period the Service elements remained at TRAILMONT, BELGIUM. The remainder of the Squadron, that was not detached, prepared for future operations. At 1700 11th the Squadron was placed under the control of CCA.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 1 officer, 9 EM missing; 17 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 4 known killed, 9 wounded, 7 captured

January 12

At 1800, on the 12th, Co "F" sent one platoon of tanks north of BASFONGE, BELGIUM, if possible to observe enemy movement on the east-west road from MALOMFRE to COLOGNE. At 1015 CP moved from ASSENOIS to MARVIE, BELGIUM, arriving at 1145. Distance marched 5 miles. A command half-track was demolished by a group of land mines upon arrival at MARVIE, BELGIUM. "C" Tr, supported by Tank Destroyers and Engineers and followed by two platoons Tr "D", were to launch an attack from the woods at F605565. "C" Tr moved from the woods at 1435. At 1600 Tr "C" reached its objective; WARDIN, BELGIUM, capturing 68 prisoner without losing a man.

Vehicular losses: 1 half-track
Personnel losses: 2 wounded
Enemy losses : 75 captured, unknown number, killed and wounded, 4 known killed.

January 13-19

On the 13th disposition of the Squadron was as follows: Squadron CP, "D" minus one platoon, "F" Co minus two platoons, and "E" Tr minus two platoons were located in MARVIE, BELGIUM. "A" Tr attached to CCB, "B" Tr plus one platoon of Tr "E" and one platoon Co "F" attached to CCA, "C" Tr was in WARDIN, BELGIUM, Squadron Trains. was located at ASSENOIS, BELGIUM. At 1200 on the 14th the Squadron was released from CCA and attached to Division Reserve Command. At 1400 on the 14th "B" Tr plus one platoon Co "F" was released from CCA and attached to Task Force Byrnes. At 1500 "D" Troop was attached to CCA to furnish liaison between CCA and 90th Inf. Div. On the 15th "D" Tr moved from MARVIE, "B" Tr to WARDIN, relieving "C" Tr who moved to MARVIE, BELGIUM. At 1530 on the 18th Tr "A" returned to the Squadron. At 1600 Tr "C" was attached to CCA, at 1430 on the 18th one platoon Tr "E" was attached to Tr "D" (CCA), and one platoon Co "F" joined Tr "B" which was attached to combat team Miltonberger.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 8 wounded
Enemy losses : 64 captured, 3 known killed.

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January 20-25

On the 20 at 1500 Tr "A" was attached to combat team Miltonberger. At 1300 on the 21st Squadron-Trains moved from ASSENOIS, BELGIUM to BASTOGNE, BELGIUM. At 1700 on the 25th CP moved to BASTOGNE. Closing at 1725. Distance marched 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Vehicular losses: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck
1 trailer 1 ton
Personnel losses: 1 officer, 2 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 4 captured

January 26-29

On the 28th at 1130 the Squadron moved from BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to WEICHERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, arriving at 1700. Distance marched 27 miles. Troops which were detached were being returned to the Squadron. Outposts were established and troops prepared for future operations.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : None reported

January 30-31

At 1700 on the 30th verbal orders were issued giving the Squadron the mission of relieving elements of combat team Miltonberger and CCB. 128th Field Artillery Bn was to be in direct support, 696th Field Artillery in general support and one company 68th Tank Bn attached for command purposes. The Squadron was to contain and defend the sector on the line just north of FISCHBACK, LUXEMBOURG-HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG-KALEBORN, LUXEMBOURG. Both daylight and night patrol were to be sent out. The Squadron moved from WIECHERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG at 0845 and closed in HUPFERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG at 1030. Distance marched 8 miles. Relief of elements of the 134th Inf. Reg. were completed by 1700, 31 Jan 45. Disposition of troops as follows: Squadron CP in HUPFERDANGE, "D" Tr at GRINDHOUSER, "A" and "C" Tr at HEINERSCHIED, "E" Tr one kilometer south of DEINGE, "F" Co and "B" Tr in reserve at HUPFERDANGE, Squadron trains at MAULASLUELE, LUXEMBOURG.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 1 wounded
Enemy losses : 5 known killed

4. Summary of Losses:

Killed: 4 EM
Wounded: 1 officer, 40 EM
Missing: 1 officer, 9 EM

TOTAL: Officers 2 Enlisted Men 53

Vehicular Losses: 1 Armd Car, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks,
1 half-track, 1 1 ton trailer

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5. Summary of Enemy Losses:

Killed:(known) 13
Wounded: (known) 9
Captured: 153

6. Number of miles marched: 62½

7. Names of men killed, wounded, and missing:

KILLED

Arellano, Felipe, A	PFC	37354974	Troop	"A"
Elizondo, Lozaro	Pvt	38216247	"	"A"
Blanton, Thomas E.	S/Sgt	34264904	"	"D"
Fiedler, Gerard C.	Tec 5	33053939	"	"D"
GORDON, CLIFTON E	1st Lt	01015366	"	"B"
Ware, Walter, L.	Pvt.	34876185	"	"B"
Stevens, Robert G.	PFC	33157797	"	"B"
Cowan, Howard N.	Pvt	35681761	"	"B"
Pregosin, Arthur A.	PFC	32783741	"	"B"
Adams, Albert J.	Pvt.	36716493	"	"B"

MISSING

Crosier, Edward M	PFC	42025425	"	"B"
Fabricant, Irving	Cpl	20841167	"	"B"
Brigade, Harold R.	Sgt	33165789	"	"B"

WOUNDED

Hansen, Harold E.	Tec 4	37464637	"	"B"
Montgomery, James W.	PFC	35400673	"	"B"
Morris, Paul E.	Cpl	33178747	"	"B"
Markowski, Michael F	Tec 5	33168889	"	"B"
Horoszka, Daniel S	Pvt	36772948	"	"B"
Grossi, Costante	PFC	35300069	"	"B"
Wissell, John A	Pvt.	35923104	"	"B"
Fogleman, Charlie V	Pvt	34997202	"	"B"
Tremble, Henry J	Sgt	36212387	"	"B"
Corbett, Thomas A.	Cpl	12062859	"	"A"
Rhodes, Kenneth	Pvt	38467747	"	"A"
Koneffko, John	Cpl	33167247	"	"A"
Deemer, Milton F	Cpl	33790477	"	"A"
Strain, John C.	Pfc	35400682	"	"C"
Abbey, Philip J	Pvt	36160093	"	"C"
Bunch, Bernard E.	Sgt	35351719	"	"C"
Canilleri, Joseph V	Pfc	32008241	"	"D"
Duszynski, Alexander	Pfc	32290946	"	"D"
Golden, Mitchell P	Pfc	37529239	"	"F"
Smelser, Lawrence	Pfc	39678604	"	"D"
Ierna, Roe F	Pfc	38360555	"	"A"
Hughes, Robert F.	Pvt	35299752	"	"A"
Fill, John Jr	Pvt	38482120	"	"C"
Powell, Walter C	Pvt	35781016	"	"C"
Morford, Andrew A	Pvt	32100614	"	"C"
William E. Beal	Pvt	34266382	"	"C"

Howell, Henry R	Pvt	35351667	Troop	"A"
HILL, Vernon	2nd Lt	01012719	"	"A"
Olivo, Anthony S	S/Sgt	35270534	"	"B"
Barbour, Charles W.	T/Sgt	33157547	"	"B"
McLaughlin, Norman L.	Tec 5	33178801	"	"B"
Markel, Walter	Pfc	33178285	"	"B"
Hughes, James C	Pvt	35832074	"	"B"
Dogger, James R.	Pvt	33832552	"	"B"
Cyran, John W.	Pfc	32276354	"	"B"
Welsh, Daniel J	Tec 5	32314357	"	"B"

8. Names of men receiving awards:

SILVER STAR

Carroll, E Scott	Sgt	35325992
Leonard Atkins	Pfc	11079036
Thomas H. Flanigan	Pvt	36838071

BRONZE STAR

JAMES L CRUTCHFIELD	Capt	01010109
BENEDICT H. STERLING	Capt	0104173
EDWIN A FRIDUSS	1st Lt	01012168
DONALD HARRIS	1st Lt	01012750
Edward L. Graves	T/Sgt	36228209
Richard F. Skipper	S/Sgt	39302600
Ralph D. Rose	Sgt	32313992
Clarence L. Strickland	Sgt	34242706
Albert M. Hacker	Tec 4	16054488
William J. Sedlock	Tec 4	36327224
KENNETH J MOWER	1st Lt	01012908
Edward V. Jashon	Tec 5	33166993

BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

JIMMIE H BRIDGES	Capt	01010994
STEVE C BOHUNICKY	Capt	01010253 (Posthumous)

9. Name of Campaign: Unknown.

10. Names of Commanding Officers:

Commanding Squadron:	Major Harry C Brindle
Commanding Hq, Hq & Ser	
Tr	Captain Robert M Cuming
Commanding A Troop	1st Lt. Alden L. Berg
Commanding B Troop	Captain Donald L. Tillemans
Commanding C Troop	Captain Clarence L. Browning
Commanding D Troop	Captain Jimmie H. Bridges
Commanding E Troop	Captain James F. Delaney
Commanding F Company	Captain Harold L. Hughes
Commanding Medical	
Detachment	Captain Thomas E. Lee

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11. Summary:

This month brought forth new experiences in Cavalry Reconnaissance work. The Squadron was broken down to cover most all task forces of the division. The majority of our strength was absorbed by CCA.

The Division changing from offensive to defensive status necessitated further break-down of reconnaissance personnel. The troops were broken down into platoons and distributed over the entire division front to tie-in, fill gaps, outpost task force fronts, and continue aggressive patrolling to the front.

The above break-down of Cavalry organizations did not greatly curtail the efficiency of the Squadron. However, control by the Troop CO was difficult at the best.

This period covered winter conditions that has not been experienced before, such as: icy roads, failure of vehicular engines due to extreme low temperatures, constantly living out of doors and use of winter camouflage. The troops were able to adjust themselves to winter conditions rapidly.

In all operations during this period the high standard of proficiency in operations established by the Squadron in prior monthly periods was even improved.

Reinforcements were considered adequate both in officers and enlisted men.

Harry C. Brindle
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Maj Cav
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HQ, 86TH CAV RCN SQ MECZ

APO 256, US Army
5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History and After Action Report.

TO : Commanding General, 6th Armd Div, APO 256, US Army.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions and par 1, DB, No 151, Hq, 6th Armd Div, on and under the provisions of AR 345-195, the following history and after action report of this command for the period 1st February 1945 to 28 February is submitted.

2.a. Overall strength of the command at the beginning of the period:

53 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
845 Enlisted Men

b. Strength at the end of the period:

53 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
795 Enlisted Men

c. Net decrease for period:
50 Enlisted Men

3. Temporary station of the Squadron at the beginning of the period: HUPPERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG.

February 1-2

At the beginning of the period the Squadron was working under the control of Division Reserve Command. The Squadron was to contain and defend a sector on the line just North of FISHBACK, LUXEMBOURG-HEINERSCHIED-KALBORN, LUXEMBOURG. Both daylight and night patrols were to be sent out. The 128th Field Artillery was to be in direct support. and the 696th Field Artillery Bn in general support and one Company 68th Tank Bn attached for command purposes. The Squadron CP, B Tr and F Co were located in HUPPERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, A Tr and C Tr were located in HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG, D Tr located at GRINDHAUSEN, LUXEMBOURG, E Tr located one kilometer SE of HUPPERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, Squadron trains were located at 2 1/2 kilometers W of HUPPERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG. A platoon of Tr D reinforced by a platoon of the 25th Engineers prepared dugouts in vicinity of P835664 on the OPL. Tr A sent a patrol to vicinity of P850674 to make a bridge rcn but were unable to complete mission because of enemy activity. Tr C Sent a security patrol to vicinity P840687 after a friendly unit reported being driven from an observation post by enemy arms fire. Co C 68th Tank Bn relieved Co A 68th Tank Bn. 128th Field Artillery Bn delivered H and I fires. Result of operations: MLR maintained, OPL improved.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 3 prisoners captured

February 3-4

Night and daylight patrols were sent out. Supporting Engineers swept roads and cleared snow from HEINERSCHIED to FISCHBACK and KALBORN. At 031430 Tr C sent a rcn patrol to the vicinity of P848675. At 031830 Tr C sent a security patrol to the 9 AIB Observation Post at P839649, then E to the Our River, along the W bank of the river to vicinity of P840655, then NW to their starting point at P834665. Contact patrols were sent to contact the 9 AIB patrols at P834660 every four hours during the night. On the 4th Tr D moved from GRINDHOUSEN, LUXEMBOURG, to LEILER, LUXEMBOURG. On the 4th the Squadron was ordered to relieve the 90th Rcn Troop on our left flank. The 9th AIB was to relieve Tr C of their positions vicinity of GRINDHOUSEN, LUXEMBOURG. Tr D relieve 90th Rcn Tr and elements of 357 Inf. Bn in their zone. Relief was effected by 1900. Tr D was reinforced by one platoon medium tanks from 68th Tank Bn at 2000. The 128th Field Artillery Bn fired H and I fires.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : None

February 5

At 050830 Tr B plus one platoon Tr E relieved Tr A in position. At 051430 two platoons of Co F were attached to Tr D, Co B 68th Tank Bn relieved Co C, 68th Tank Bn at HEINERSCHIED. At 051430, Co C, 68th Tank Bn moved to BRIEDFELD and prepared to support the Squadron sector. AG Platoon of the 68th Tank Bn took positions vicinity of P820675 at 051500, to support the Squadron. Two tanks from Co M were attached to Tr C at 051430. Troops A, C, and D furnished guides for patrols of the 44th AIB and 25th Engineers Bn. Tr D contacted Tr C 41st Cav Rcn Sq Mecz vicinity 845726. Contact point was established P851714, meeting every three hours, however our patrols failed to find any elements there throughout the night. Troop M fired two roving guns on probable targets E of the Our River at 052000. 128th Field Artillery Bn fired supporting fires.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : None

February 6-8

Our lines were maintained throughout the 6th and prepared to support with fire the attack of withdrawal of the 44th AIB river crossing. Co C, B and AG platoon of the 68th Tank Bn were release from Squadron control. The 128th Field Artillery was nollonger in support of the Squadron. During this period training was resumed and new weapons fired. At 081900 Tr C (less attachments) was attached to the 44th AIB.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : None

February 9-10

At 091400 Tr B was alerted and joined the 44th AIB. Troops B and C returned to Squadron control on the 10th but remained in position securing the left flank of a bridgehead over the Our River. Squadron Forward Echelon and Co F moved to LEILER, LUXEMBOURG, left at 101245 and closing at 101400. Distance marched 4½ miles. Co F established defense of LEILER, Tr A prepared to relieve Tr C. Squadron was released from Reserve Command and attached to CCB at 101600.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 1 EM wounded

Enemy losses : 4 prisoners captured

February 11-13

Elements of the 21st AIB started moving into our area at LEILER, LUXEMBOURG at 121530 to relieve of our positions W of the Our River. Our elements W of the Our River were full relieved by the 21st AIB by 122330. Our lines E of the Our River was maintained. Tr D relieved Tr B in position by 130800. Tr D extended the MLR about another 200 yards S to the left flank of the 50 AIB. Tr B upon relief moved to billets in HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG. Squadron Forward Echelon moved from LEILER to HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG at 130745, closing at 130810. Distance marched 3 miles. Ten men and one officer Co F maintained a bridge guard vicinity of P853683. Tr E was in try firing position at P811673, fire to be controlled by the 128th Field Artillery Bn. A traffic control point for the skyline highway was established in HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG. Squadron Trains and Co F moved to ESELBORN, LUXEMBOURG.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 1 EM missing

2 EM wounded

Enemy losses : None reported

February 14-18

At 140700 the 284th Engineer Bn moved from our sector. Our lines E of the Our River was maintained. Tr C relieved Tr A in position at 150730. At 160700 Tr B relieved Tr D in position. Tr A and D prepared to take up skyline defenses if necessary. At 161730 Co F placed double sentrys on two Bailey Bridges vicinity of P779674. Patrols were sent out to reconnaissance of trails N from the Bailey Bridge to our area to see if any were suitable for tanks. Reconnaissance was made of the trail from the peep bridge at the Old Mill site to the vicinity at P860681. Tr B sent a patrol N along the E edge of their position to vicinity of P863680. Tr C sent a patrol E up the ravine in front of their position to vicinity of P866684. Our MLR was maintained and trails suitable for T/B's and Medium Tanks were found. At 180740 Tr A completed relief of Tr C in position. The ford at the Old Mill site P850684 was prepared for a medium tank crossing. At 181630 one platoon Co A 68th Tank Bn was attached to Tr D, forded the river and proceeded to the vicinity of P859680. A platoon of Co B 68th Tank Bn moved to the fording area.

Vehicular losses: 1 peep destroyed

Personnel losses: 3 EM wounded

Enemy losses : 1 prisoners captured

February 19-20

A Squad of Co A 25th Engineer Bn was attached to Tr D at 190800. Squadron Forward CP moved to the "Old Mill Site". Platoon of medium tanks from Co B 68th Tank Bn moved across the ford of Our River. Tr D started an attack to the S of their position, taking pillboxes 32, and 33. Tr A moved a platoon forward to take over pillboxes taken by Tr D. One platoon troop supported by platoon of medium tanks assaulted pillboxes 24 and 25, both were taken and the advance continued through pillboxes 21, 26, 27 and 29. The advance continued to the E to the vicinity of P869673 where the medium tanks were engaged by an enemy gun, at which time both tanks and rcn platoon withdrew and took up position vicinity P866674. The remaining platoon of Tr A moved forward and occupied pillboxes that had been cleared. Tr E fired in support of the 44th AIB. Co F and Squadron Trains moved to HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG. Tr D reinforced by platoon of medium tanks from Co A 68th Tank Bn formed a line along pillboxes 33, 32, and 29. Tr A reinforced by a platoon Co B 68th Tank Bn continued line from 29 along line P866676 to P869673 where contact was maintained with the 44th AIB throughout the night. Tr E moved across the Our River to vicinity P850679.

Vehicular losses: 1 medium tank from 68th Tank Bn.
Personnel losses: 1 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 45 prisoners captured

February 21

At 210730 Tr C reinforced by a platoon of Tanks Co F moved into an assembly area E of the Our River in vicinity of P850669. A patrol from Tr C made reconnaissance of the barracks area vicinity P873683 at 212000.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 2 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 30 prisoners captured

February 22

Our troops were located as follows: Troops D, A and C on the line. Tr B in assembly area at P855664, Tr E vicinity P860690, Co F minus platoons attached to troops and Squadron in HEINERSCHIED, (Trains) LUXEMBOURG. Tr D cleaned the N edge of CC"B" sector taking pillboxes 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55 and several more unnumbered ones, also established flank line P865680, P865685, P869691 and gained contact with Tr A on the left flank. Tr A continued Tr D's clean-up by clearing five pillboxes further N in the vicinity P868593 and established contact with elements of the 21st AIB. Tr C moved up and relieved Co A and B of the 44AIB and gained contact with Tr A right flank. By 221400, Tr B cleared the woods E of DEHNEN, GERMANY, taking a pill-box. Tr E registered their guns from area P860690 at 1400. Tr A made contact with elements of the 21st AIB at P873678 to P881663 during the night. Tr B moved to IRRHAUSEN, GERMANY, relieving elements of 44AIB by 222330. Tr D maintained the left flank of combat command sector during the night. Squadron CP moved from Old Mill Site at 221200 to DALEIDEN, GERMANY, closing 1345, distance 7 miles.

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Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 1 EM killed
Enemy losses : 67 prisoners captured
11 pill-boxes captured

February 23

Tr A was assembled in vicinity P888653, Tr E vicinity P889035, Tr B vicinity P910658, Tr C preparing to join Task Force BROWN. Tr D attached to Task Force DUNALL. Co F minus attachments and Squadron Trains remained in HEINERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG. Contact with the 11 AD was made at 230030 at P909663 and at 231300. The 90th Division was relieved of further contact at 232200. B Tr outposted IRRHAUSEN, GERMANY and maintained bridge guard. Tr E fired mission in support of Tr D.

Vehicular losses: 1 peep destroyed
Personnel losses: 2 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 208 prisoners captured

February 24-25

Tr D released from Task Force DUVALL at 241630. At 250630 one platoon from each Co A and B 68th Tank Bn and one platoon Co A 603 TD Bn were attached. Tr B and C prepared to relieve elements of the 3rd Bn 359th Inf. Reg. Squadron CP moved from DALELDEN, GERMANY to 1 1/4 mile S of HAPSCHIED, GERMANY at 251245. Closing at 251400. Distance marched 12 miles.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 58 prisoners captured

February 26-28

Our MIA was maintained. Tr B and D made reconnaissance of the area W of the PRUM River during the night of the 26th. Tr E and Co F moved to an assembly area prepared to relieve elements of 1st Bn 12 Inf. Reg. Relief of 1st Bn 12th Inf. Reg was completed by Tr E and Co F at 272335. Tr D sent a 7 man patrol to PRUMFELD, crossed the PRUM River at 280400 and secured their objective - high ground just N of LUNEBACH, GERMANY by 281000. Contact with the 50th AIB left flank was made vicinity L020727. Tr B sent a combat patrol to PRONSFELD, GERMANY and prepared to follow up any tactical advantage with two combat platoons. The trail from MASTHORN, GERMANY to ford vicinity L020726 was improved. 231st Field Artillery Fired supporting fire.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 1 Officer killed
5 EM killed
13 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 23 prisoners captured

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4. Summary of Losses:

Killed: 1 officer
6 Enlisted Men
Missing: 1 Enlisted Men
Wounded: 24 Enlisted Men

TOTAL: 1 Officer 31 Enlisted Men

Vehicular Losses: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks
1 medium tank (68th Tank Bn)

5. Summary of Enemy Losses:

Killed (known) 16
Wounded 4 (known)
Captured 438
 pillboxes taken or destroyed 21

6. Number of miles marched: 26 $\frac{1}{2}$

7. Names of men killed, wounded, and missing:

KILLED

KIEHNE, HERMAN H	1st Lt	01012614	D Troop
Garrigus, Aubrey T	Sgt	36397610	A "
Higgins, Frank S.	Cpl	32180614	A "
Coons, George D	Pfc	38589058	A "
Duhon, Ferdinand J	Pfc	34235755	D "
Klepeiss, Stephen A	Pfc	33177797	A "
Miller, Earl Jr.	Pvt	33872434	A "

MISSING

Etchison, Ronald L	Pvt	37722599	C Troop
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WOUNDED

Spencer, Clarence G	Sgt	36176524	D Troop
Criekenberger, R. G.	Tec 4	33090282	D B
Tracy, Robert A Jr.	Tec 4	32276745	A "
Dietz, George	Cpl	15011582	D "
McDermott, John T	Cpl	32309967	A "
Healy, Henry V	Tec 5	12062605	A "
Katz, Arthur S.	Tec 5	12185660	D "
Munroe, William L.	Tec 5	35476245	B "
Sattelberg, James R.	Tec 5	32280565	B "
Ashmore, Hoyt	Pfc	7080167	A "
Burdett, Malcolm H	Pfc	35877542	A "
Flanigan, Thomas H.	Pfc	36888071	Med.
Lawlor, Martin J.	Pfc	33395622	A "
Miller, James H.	Pfc	20342014	E "
Ozupko, Joseph J.	Pfc	32313014	F Co.
Pike, Archie E.	Pfc	37241220	F Co
Wickman, Vernem	Pfc	37552043	A "

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Baugarten, W. C.	Pvt	36559853	D Troop
Bishop, James F. Jr.	Pvt	35877661	A "
Caldwell, Richard J.	Pvt	33872542	A "
Hughes, Robert D.	Pvt	6955028	A "
Hgghes, Robert F.	Pvt	35299752	A "
Laytham, James H.	Pvt	37083346	A "
Marsch, Clyde L.	Pvt	13059499	A "

8. Names of men receiving awards:

BRONZE STAR

ALDEN, L BERG	Capt	01012356
Fritts, Price C.	S/Sgt	6912360
Lukasik, Jack J.	Sgt	33177297
Garrigus, Aubrey T.	Sgt	36397610
Deemer, Milton F.	Cpl	33790477
Johnson, Elwood H.	Cpl	13077489
Martiello, Anthony	Pfc	32299260

9. Name of Campaign: Unknown.

10. Names of Commanding Officers:

Commanding Squadron:

Major Harry C Brindle

Commanding Hq, Hq, & Ser Tr:

Captain Robert M Cuming

Commanding A Troop:

Captain Alden L Berg

Commanding B Troop:

Captain Donald L. Tillemans

Commanding C Troop:

Captain Clarence L. Browning

Commanding D Troop:

Captain Jimmie H. Bridges

Commanding E Troop:

Captain James F. Delaney

Commanding F Company

Captain Harold L. Hughes

Commanding Medical Detachment:

Captain Thomas E. Lee

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11. Summary:

This was a 28 day period of continuous operations. The period opened by relieving the 1st Battalion of the 134th Infantry Regiment 35th Infantry Division on a 1500 yards front. The mission was to contain the enemy East of the Our River. Our Sector was expanded to 3000 yards upon relief of the 90th Cav Troop and B Co 35th Infantry Battalion of the 90th Infantry Division. We established a bridgehead across the Our River, and on the 20th of February passed completely through the Siegfried Line in 24 hours.

The scope of operations included every phase of military tactics during this period.

We consider the Squadron a veteran, seasoned, and reliable operational unit, and capable of participating in any type of operational plan.

The reinforcements during this period proved to be good soldier material, but not up to par of previous reinforcements.

/s/ Harry C Brindle
/t/ HARRY C BRINDLE
Maj Cav
Commanding

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HQ, 86TH CAV RCN SQ MECZ

AF0 256, US Army
11 May 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History and After Action Report.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 6th Armd Div, APO 256, US Army.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions and parl, DB, No 151, Hq, 6th Armd Div, on and under the provisions of AR 345-105, the following history and after action report of this command for the period 1st March 1945 to 31 March 1945 is submitted.

2.a. Overall strength of the command at the beginning of the period:

52 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
776 Enlisted Men

b. Strength at the end of the period:

45 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
768 Enlisted Men

c. Net decrease for period:

7 Officers
8 Enlisted Men

3. Temporary station of the Squadron at the beginning of the period: 1½ mile S of HAPSCHIED, GERMANY.

March 1-2

Squadron was patrolling across the PRUM River in the vicinity of PRONSFELD, GERMANY. Troop "A" was assembled in vicinity P959752. On night of 28 February Co F sent a night patrol into PITTENBACH, crossing sites for track vehicles. Troop E and Co F maintained line N of CCB sector W of the PRUM River. Troop C and C attached at 010630 from their position E of the PRUM River to enlarge CCB bridgehead and after almost reaching their objective were forced to withdraw under heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire from the NE. Troop "E" and Co F relieved by 68th Tank Bn at 012330. Troop D reorganized and held the position they previously held. One platoon Troop C took a position and kept C/R L019744 under fire. One platoon Co A 603rd TD Bn attached to Troop B. One platoon Co A 69th Tk Bn attached and joined Troop D. On 2nd of March Troop B cleared the woods N of PRONSFELD, and continued to CR L032756. Troop C sent a patrol to ORLENBACH. Two platoons of Troop C mounted started for OBERLAUCH by going through THE KENNEDYS sectors and then NE to objective. Troop E relieved Troop D in position

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at 021600. Squadron Headquarters left position 1½ mile S of HAFSCHIED, GERMANY, closed in PRONSFELD, at 1015. Distance marched 6 miles.

Vehicular losses: None reported

Personnel losses: 4 EM killed
1 Officer wounded
9 EM wounded

Enemy losses : 61 prisoners captured
2 killed
1 mortar knocked out
1 AT gun knocked out

March 3-4

Troops continued to make rapid advances during the night of 2-3 March. Troop B occupied ELIWERATH early in the morning of 3 March and was relieved by 3rd Bn 357 Inf. Regt, at 1730. Troop C despite extensive AT and AF mines took GIESDORF and was relieved by the 357th Inf. Bn by 032130. Squadron CP moved from PRONSEL, to SCHATASCHICK, GERMANY at 1115, closed at 1200. Distance marched 3 miles. The Squadron moved from SCHATASCHICK, GERMANY at 1900 3 March to SEVENIG, GERMANY arriving at 0405, distance 15 miles. The night was extremely dark and the roads difficult. It is believed that relief by the 90th Inf. Div. was completed and the Squadron withdrawal was effected without the enemy's knowledge.

Vehicular losses: None reported

Personnel losses: 1 EM killed
6 EM wounded

Enemy losses : 18 prisoners captured
4 enemy killed

March 5-9

This period was spent in repairing and refitting for future operations. Replacements were trained and men were given the opportunity of attending religious services, shows and a rest. Mines were still encountered in the fields and on the roads.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: 2 EM wounded

Enemy losses : None

March 10

The Division was assigned to the 7th Army and left SEVENIG, GERMANY at 0915, 10 March and marched to LUCY, FRANCE, arriving at 2145, distance marched 140. F Co and E Troop were located at FREMERY, France, troops B and C were located at Chicourt, France, troops A and D located at MARTHILLE, FRANCE.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: None

Enemy losses : None

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March 11-12

The Squadron was resuppling and refitting, as much training as possible was accomplished. 5 percent of the men were permitted to go to NANCY, FRANCE on pass. On the 12 March Troop A was attached to CCA, and Troop B was attached to CCB. The Squadron was to be known as the 86th Combat Team. Attachments to the Squadron were as follows: Co D 68th Tk Bn, Co C 50th AIB, Co "A" 603rd TD Bn, 1 platoon Co C 25th Eng Bn, 1 PW Team, CIC team and a MG team, a air support party of the 146th Armd Sig Co and 1 Bn of Corp Artillery upon our commitment.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: None

Enemy losses : None

March 13-17

86th Combat Team spent this period in training, maintance and the team was briefed on the mission that was to come.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: None

Enemy losses : None

March 18-19

Combat team 86 left LUCY, FRANCE at 0900 arrived vicinity of HERBITZHEIM, FRANCE at 1300. Distance marched 40 miles. The team was alerted to move on a 1 hour notice.

Vehicular losses: None

Personnel losses: None

Enemy losses : None

March 20-21

Squadron moved from HERBITZHEIM, FRANCE to MIMBACH, GERMANY at 1330. Closed at 1630, distance marched 27 miles. The Combat Team left MIMBACH, GERMANY at 202100 with its personnel organized into two columns known as CT Browning and CT Bridges. CT Browning was composed of Troop C 86th Cav Rcn Sq Mecz, D Co 68 Tk Bn, 2 platoon Co C 50th AIB, 1 platoon Co A 603rd TD Bn, 1 Squad of Eng Bn, and Troop E 86th Cav Rcn Sq Mecz. CT Bridges was composed of Troop D 86th Cav Rcn Sq Mecz, Co F 86th Cav Rcn Sq Mecz, C Btry 342th Field Artillery Bn, 2 platoon Co C 50th AIB, 1 Squad Eng. Bn, Co C 25th Eng Bn, 86th Combat Team reserve consisted of Sq Headquarters, 86th Cav Rcn Sq Mecz, 1 squad Eng, 25th Eng Bn, Hq and 1 platoon Co A 603rd TD Bn, and 342th Field Artillery Bn, minus Btry D. Route followed by Combat Team Browning was MIMBACH, HOMBURG, WEILERBACH, ATTERBURG, DREISEN, GALLHEIM to BEVOREOE, 1 mile N BOCKENHEIM, GERMANY. Combat team Bridges followed route MIMBACH, HOMBURG, BECHOFEN, MUHLBACH, LANDSTAHL, KASIERSLAUTERN, LOHNFELD, BERRESTADT, CALLHEIM, BREDERHEIM to BOCKENHEIM. 86th reserve followed Combat Team Bridges. Combat Team closed at 211800, 1 mile N of BOCKENHEIM, GERMANY.

Vehicular losses: 1 armd car
1 truck, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 271 prisoners captured
10 enemy losses
3 horse-drawn wagons destroyed
1 sedan destroyed
6 trucks destroyed

March 22-24

86th Combat Team placed under control of CCA on the 23rd. On the 23rd at 1815 Combat Team left location near BOCKENHEIM, GERMANY, moved to a location on the outskirts of WORMS, GERMANY. Closed at 1920, distance marched 10 miles. Troop A reverted to control of Combat Team 86th, and the 342 was to be relieved. Combat Team Bridges and Browning and Troop A were to outpost and contain the Rhine.

Vehicular losses: 1 truck, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton
2 armd cars
Personnel losses: 2 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 200 prisoners captured
30 enemy killed

March 25

Combat Team moved from the vicinity of WORMS, GERMANY at 0539, marched 9 miles to assembly area 1 mile N of BUCKENHEIM, GERMANY, arriving at 250639. At 250900 left area at BOCKENHEIM, GERMANY and crossed the Rhine River, marched to GR GERAU, GERMANY, closed at 251715, distance marched 35 miles. During the night there was light enemy activity. Rhine River was crossed at OFFENHEIM, GERMANY.

Vehicular losses: 2 trucks, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : None

March 26

Combat Team left vicinity of GR GERAU, GERMANY at 260915 with mission of capturing bridge at OFFENBACH on the outskirts of FRANKFURT, one was to approach from the city the S and one from the E. Met enemy resistance upon approach to city, bivouaced at point 2 miles SW of NEW ISENBURG, GERMANY. The 58th Field Artillery Bn was attached during this march, time closed 2015. Distance marched 69 miles

Vehicular losses: 1 armd car
5 trucks, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 169 prisoners captured
4 enemy killed

March 27-28

The day and night of the 27th was spent 2 miles SW of NEW ISENBUR, GERMANY. The 58th Field Artillery was relieved from attached. The Combat Team was alerted to move over the MAINZ River near FRANKFURT but due to enemy resistance the move was cancelled. At 281400 the Combat Team moved out and crossed the MAINZ River at MULHEIM, at 1700 passed through the 90th Inf. Div, and drove N toward GIESEN, closed near FRIEDBERG, GERMANY at 2315. The enemy fired bazookas during the remainder of the night. Distance marched 22 miles.

Vehicular losses: None
 Personnel losses: 1 officer killed
 1 officer wounded
 12 EM missing
 2 EM wounded
 Enemy losses : 45 prisoners captured
 5 enemy killed

March 29-30

At 1615 the Combat Team by passed FRIEDBERG, GERMANY which CCB placed fire upon as we left. Task Force Browning cleared the towns of OB WALLSTODT, TANERBACK - a road block was reduced at the edge of DORHEIM, SCHWAHEIM, WISSELSHEIM, STENCURTH, OFFROSHOFEN, ROCKENBERG, OBR-HORGERN, EBERSTODT, and DORF GULL. At 1300 Task Force Browning which the Combat Team was following cut an enemy column of approximately 79 vehicles near WINNEROD. Was closed into bivouac at 1400, distance marched 39 miles. At 291800 the Combat Team moved to an area 10 miles N of REISKERCHEN, arriving at 292000, distance marched 12 miles. Troops "A" and "B" were returned to Squadron control. At 300700 the Combat Team moved N toward KASSEL and advanced to the outskirts of WABERN, GERMANY, arriving at 1500. Very heavy enemy resistance was met at the outskirts of WABERN, the Headquarters element of the Squadron engaged in fire fight and destroyed 4 enemy 47 MM AA guns and liberated approximately 3000 slave labors of the French Colonials. Distance marched 35 miles. Enemy air strafed our column twice during the march.

Vehicular losses: 4 trucks, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton
 Personnel losses: 2 EM killed
 1 officer wounded
 12 EM wounded
 Enemy losses : 1145 prisoners captured
 10 enemy wounded
 149 enemy killed
 1 sedan destroyed
 2 AT guns destroyed
 1 H/T destroyed
 1 enemy plane knocked down
 23 supply trucks destroyed
 3 pers. trucks destroyed.

March 31

Bivouaced on the outskirts of WABERN, GERMANY. Squadron had a change in mission and assignment. Troop "C" was attached to CC"A" and Troop "B" to CC"B". Co C 50th AID and Co D 68th Tk Bn were relieved from attached. At 2130 hours the Squadron moved from WABERN and advanced to MELGERSHAUSEN, GERMANY, closing at 040130, distance marched 10 miles.

Vehicular losses: None
 Personnel losses: 2 EM killed
 1 officer wounded
 4 EM wounded
 Enemy losses : 5 prisoners captured
 5 enemy killed
 4 Anti-Tank guns destroyed

4. Summary of Losses:

Killed: 9 Enlisted Men
 Missing: 1 Officer
 12 Enlisted Men
 Wounded: 4 officers
 37 enlisted men

TOTAL: 5 Officers 58 Enlisted Men

Vehicular losses: 4 armored cars
 13 trucks, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton
 TOTAL: 17

5. Summary of Enemy Losses:

Killed: 209 (estimated, it is believed this figure to be larger).

Wounded: 10
 Captured: 3265

Equipment (known)

Mortars 3
 AT Guns 6
 Sedans 3
 Horse-drawn vehicles 3
 Trucks 29
 Half-track 4
 Light Tank 2
 Planes 1

NOTE: This is known enemy vehicles and equipment that have been destroyed more is believed to have been destroyed.

6. Number of miles marched: 421.

7. Names of men killed, wounded, and missing:

KILLED

Paugh, Virgil E.	Pfc	35375774
Virga, Anthony F.	Pfc	31105281
Herman, Arthur J.	Pvt	32697950
Sillato, Alfred	Sgt	32138594
Nottingham, Ray J.	S/Sgt	6666547
Mann, George C. Jr.	Pfc	32310486
Dalton, Francis J.	Sgt	13077610
Martiello, Anthony	Pfc	32299260
hougeux, Francis J.	Sgt	32280208

MISSING

RODGERS, CASEY J	2nd Lt	01017756
Hall, Eygene C.	Sgt	16063518
Cart, Harry R.	Tec 4	33178949
Bryan, Raymond G.	Tec 5	20232525
Hagaman, Andrew M.	Tec 5	32176002
Chandler, Addison C.	Tec 5	34702908
Lunceford, Robert C.	Tec 5	33159743
Ross, Samuel W.	Tec 5	32280343
Anderson, Carl E.	Pfc	39462331
Afoa, David	Pvt	39578358
Dluzniewski, Edward J.	Pvt	42144365
Benoit, Charles N.	Pfc	31462868
Candit, John D.	Tec 5	36680220

WOUNDED

EBERT, VINCENT J.	2nd Lt.	01032316
SMITH, ROBERT W.	2nd Lt.	01018151
SHIPLEY, MALCOLM A.	2nd Lt.	01032825
LUTZ, ROGER B.	2nd Lt.	01032986
Brownlee, Robert H.	Pvt.	14032297
Gray, Curtis R.	Sgt	34235343
Hebron, Robert H.	Pvt	34235653
Boever, Marvin J.	Pvt.	37547980
May, John A.	Pvt	36071518
Kaminski, Frank J.	Tec 5	32833367
Wratchford, C. W.	Tec 4	35200053
Dogger, James A.	Pvt	36832552
Kobilnyk, Harry G.	Pfc	33594762
Gaskins, Leo T.	Pvt	34996878
Rogers, Romeo G.	Cpl	34256964
Guillot, Eno J Jr.	Tec 5	38494085
Castognali, Bruno	Pfc	32753775
Donnelly, Vincent P.	Pvt	36888990
Raley, Tom A.	Pvt	39865178
Lastohkein, Nickolas	Pvt	35011135
Henderson, Charles E.	Pvt	33821993

Hornberger, John S.	Tec 5	33178239
Guitreau, Edmond B.	Tec 5	34233993
Higgins, Kenneth	Cpl	39015138
Jennings, William B.	Pfc	35476300
Steuerlein, C. E.	Pfc	33179013
Allsep, Carland B.	Pvt	34214452
Beaver, David T.	Pvt	36575030
Hamilton, Albert A.	Pfc	32263251
Scott, Carroll E.	Sgt	35325992
Flynn, Thomas A.	Cpl	33157923
Chee, Steve	Pvt	38348374
Fratt, Phillip B.	Tec 4	35326441
Repta, John Jr.	Tec 5	36326122
Fless, Virgle	Pvt	34492885
Savoca, Charles A.	Pvt	42026177
Sechrist, Curtis W.	Sgt	33178365
Sanders, William H.	Pvt	7008457
Corrigan, Raymond R.	Sgt	32262129
Bates, Virgil H.	Tec 4	35476419
Olejack, Frank C.	Pfc	33831829

8. Names of men receiving awards:

SILVER STARS

BERG, ALDEN L	CAPT	01012353
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BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Zliken, Frank J.	Tec 4	37552438
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BRONZE STARS

BRINDLE, HARRY C	Lt Col	0321107
KENNON, WILLIAM U	Major	0352483
KIEHN, HERMAN H.	1st Lt	01012614
GARDINER, DOUGLAS L.	2nd Lt	01030771
RYSE, ROY L.	2nd Lt	02009761
Bellingham, Knox C	1st Sgt	6557920
Nottingham, Ray L.	S/Sgt	6666547
Dickhut, Oliver L.	S/Sgt	36220962
Sillato, Alfred	Sgt	32138594
haudman, Harry H.	Sgt	16063657
Spencer, Clarence G.	Sgt	36176524
Sharpe, Thomas R.	Sgt	13056535
Smith, William A.	Sgt	32290876
Geiger, Anton	Sgt	37554584
Morford, Andrew A.	Sgt	32100614
Nardello, Daniel	Cpl	32280292
Bishop, James W.	Tec 5	34264690
Hoffman, Jr., Frank D.	Tec 5	14100562
Katz, Arthur D.	Tec 5	12185660

9. Name of Campaign: Unknown

10. Names of Commanding Officers:

Commanding Squadron: Lt Col Harry C Brindle
Commanding Hq Hq &
 Ser Troop : Capt. Robert M. Cuming.
Commanding A Troop : Capt. Alden L. Berg.
Commanding B Troop : Capt. Donald L. Tillemans.
Commanding C Troop : Capt. Clarence S. Browning.
Commanding D Troop : Capt. Jimmie H. Bridges.
Commanding E Troop : Capt. James F. Delaney
Commanding F Co : Capt. Harold L. Hughes
Commanding Medical
 Det.. : Capt. Thomas E. Lee

11. Summary:

During this period the Squadron showed the effects of continuous and arduous combat. The Squadron's efficiency has decreased slightly due to the large number of reinforcements which, only naturally, can not take the place of the Key NCO properly training that were lost during the long period of continuous combat (221) days.

Material, as well as, personnel shows the stress and strain of war conditions. Engine operational hours have been exceeded in 70% of the Squadron Vehicles.

Reinforcements were inadequate at the middle of period, but at the end of period were much improved.

/s/ Harry C Brindle
/t/ HARRY C BRINDLE
Lt Col Cav
Commanding

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HQ, 86TH CAV RCN SQ MECZ

APC 256, US Army
10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History and After Action Report.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 6th Armored Division, APC 256, US Army.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions and par 1, DB, No 151, Hq, 6th Arm Div, on and under the provisions of AR 345-105, the following history and after action report of this command for the period 1st April 1945 to 30 April, 1945 is submitted.

2. a. Overall strength of the command at the beginning of the period:

44 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
765 Enlisted Men

b. Strength at the end of the period:

40 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
836 Enlisted Men

c. Net decrease for period:
4 Officers

d. Net increase for period:
71 Enlisted Men

3. Temporary station of the Squadron at the beginning of the period: MELGERSHAUSEN, GERMANY.

April 1

Squadron moved from MELGERSHAUSEN, GERMANY at 1400, and marched to a position $\frac{1}{2}$ mile NW of SCHNELLRODEN, GERMANY. The mission of the Squadron was to screen the left of the advance of CC"B". Enemy tanks were sighted in the vicinity of SCHNELLRODEN, and during the night enemy patrols were encountered in the vicinity of the bivouac area. Squadron closed in bivouac at 1915. Distance marched, 6 miles.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 1 EM killed
Enemy losses : None

April 2

Squadron mission remained unchanged. Moved from vicinity of SCHNELLRODEN, GERMANY at 0900 to FRANKENHIEM, GERMANY. Due to enemy resistance the Squadron was forced to by-pass strong points and take alternate routes. Enemy air activity was heavy during the late afternoon. Distance marched 12 miles. Squadron closed at 1735.

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Vehicular losses: 1 truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton
 Personnel losses: None
 Enemy losses : None

April 3

Squadron moved from FRANKENHIEM to KAMMERBACH, GERMANY, left at 0915, arrived 1030. Distance marched, 3 miles. The Squadron outposted the town with Troop "D", moving to OBERRECKENS, sending out a patrol to find a bridge over the WERRA River. The bridge was found to be defended and was blown at 1700 by the enemy.

Vehicular losses: None
 Personnel losses: None
 Enemy losses : None

April 4

Squadron moved from KAMMERBACH, GERMANY to STRUTH, GERMANY, following in the wake of CC"A". Arrived at 1900, distance marched 33 miles. The column was attacked by enemy aircraft on numerous occasions. No casualties were sustained, however, from the air attack.

Vehicular losses: 1 armored car
 Personnel losses: 2 EM wounded
 Enemy losses : None

April 5

Squadron moved from STRUTH, GERMANY at 0700. Screened the left flank of the Division. Closed in URBACH at 1415. Squadron was to secure and outpost the towns of TOBA, GROSSBRUCHTER and HOLTZTHALEBEN. Mission was accomplished by 1400 and patrols were sent out to KUELA and UNEDERMUTH.

Vehicular losses: 1 truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton
 1 half-track, M3A1
 1 trailer, 1 ton cargo
 Personnel losses: None
 Enemy losses : 48 prisoners captured

April 6

Squadron remained in URBACH. Troops "C" and "B" were returned to the Squadron control. Squadron continued to patrol and contain the sector. An all out maintenance and refitting program was started.

Vehicular losses: 1 truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton
 Personnel losses: None
 Enemy losses : 33 prisoners captured

April 7

Squadron moved from URBACH to GROSSEMELHRA, left at 1245, arrived at 1315, distance marched 3 miles. Enemy activity increased greatly in our area. "B" Troop was forced to withdraw a short distance. All counter-attacks by the enemy was contained. Capt. Frederick H. Bickhoff, Squadron S-3, and driver were ambushed and seriously wounded while going to Troop "A" to check on the situation. Squadron Trains were bivouaced at STRUTH, GERMANY. At 0200 a German patrol attacked the trains bivouac, followed by a heavy counter-attack at 0515.

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The enemy had heavy mortar, tanks, half-tracks, SP guns, and approximately 800 Infantry. Trains with the remnants of one company of friendly infantry held off the counter-attacks and slowly withdrew to MULHAUSEN. Squadron attached to CC"B" at 1800. A request for air on enemy AG was sent in at 1550. At 0900 rcn troop of 603rd TD was attached.

Vehicular losses: 6 trucks, 2½ ton
2 armored cars
1 wrecker 10 ton
5 trailers, 1 ton cargo
2 carriage motor, 75 How. M8
1 half-track, M3A1
Personnel losses: 3 EM killed
2 Officers wounded
14 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 28 prisoners captured
1 enemy wounded

April 8-9

176th Field Artillery sent FO's and were to be in direct support of our Squadron. Co "C", 603rd TD Bn was attached to the Squadron. On the 9th Troop "B" was detached from Squadron and gave up their position at SHOLTHEIM and moved under Division control to the Division assembly area. 5 tanks from Co "F" was attached to Troop "B". At 091800, Co "B", 603rd TD Bn was attached to Squadron. Rcn Troop, 603rd TD Bn was relieved from attached at 091800.

Vehicular losses: None reported
Personnel losses: 1 EM killed
8 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 44 enemy wounded
1 ammunition truck destroyed

April 10

Squadron left GROSSMELHRA at 1715. Marched 12 miles to GROSSENGOTERN. Arriving at 1845. At 102315 we were placed under the control of Division.

Vehicular losses: 1 truck, 2½ ton
Personnel losses: none
Enemy losses : 16 enemy wounded
7 enemy killed
1 motorcycle knocked out
1 truck destroyed

April 11

Squadron left GROSSENGOTERN at 0715, drove 60 miles to HASSENHAUSEN. Closed at 1915. Squadron order of march was as follows Troop "C", Forward Echelon, "F" Company, minus detachments, Troop "A", Trains.

Vehicular losses: None reported
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 114 prisoners captured

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April 12

Squadron left HASSENHAUSEN at 1000 and drove 24 miles to a point 2½ miles W of PEGAN, in position off the road at 1800. During the early part of the morning an enemy plane was shot down a short distance from our bivouac. As the column started to move another enemy aircraft was shot down by a friendly plane. The highways and by-roads were flooded with displaced person of all nationalities including a few Americans. At 2300 Squadron moved 2½ miles into PEGAN. Arriving at 2400 hours.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 69 prisoners captured

April 13

"A" Troop was guarding the bridge over the ELSTER, River, and "C" and "D" Troops were outposting the town of PEGAN. The Squadron mission was to screen, and assist, if necessary CT 44. Squadron Headquarters moved to a field on the outskirts of PEGAN. CT 44 was held up by enemy flak and artillery. Squadron Headquarters was under an intense artillery barrage during the afternoon. At 1705 Squadron moved back to PEGAN.

Vehicular losses: 1 armored car destroyed
Personnel losses: 1 EM killed
3 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 9 prisoners captured

April 14-15

Left PEGAN at 0615 followed in wake of CT 44. Drove 20 miles, stopped on the outskirts of GETHAIN at 1645. "A" and "C" Troop were working with CT 44. At 141930 marched 6 miles to ROCKLITZ, arriving at 141045. "D" Troop was working with CC"A" on the 15th.

Vehicular losses: 1 trailer ammunition M10 destroyed
Personnel losses: 2 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 399 prisoners captured

April 16-18

Squadron left ROCKLITZ at 1000, arriving 1 mile S of GR MILKAN at 1215. Distance 6 miles. The Squadron went into an assembly area. Squadron immediately put into effect an extensive maintenance, cleaning, and refitting program.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: 3 EM wounded
Enemy losses : 98 prisoners captured

April 19-24

At 0800 on the 19th the Squadron was placed under control of CC"B". At 190745 Squadron marched 50 miles to OSTERFELD, GERMANY. Disoing at 1355. Squadron had the mission of policing, patrolling and keeping main supply routes open. The area was as follows: bounded on the W by the SAALE River, from Kosen to DARNDORF, on the E by the N and S line from SHELKAN to KOINGSHOFEN. On the N on the

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EW line from KOSEN, to SCHELLKAN and on the S by the EW line DORNSDORF to KOINGSHAFEN. On the 20th Troop "A" was attached to the 69th Tank Bn.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : 52 prisoners captured

April 25-30

Squadron was relieved by the 11th Armored Group. Moved from OSTERFELD at 1845, arrived at NOBITZ at 1200, distance marched 29 miles. Squadron organized its area for police and security. "A" Troop returned to the Squadron. On the 30th the Squadron held a memorial services for its honored dead. Chaplains Milford and Falcao conducted the services. A very fitting and appropriate address was delivered by the Squadron Commander.

Vehicular losses: None
Personnel losses: None
Enemy losses : None

4. Summary of Losses:

Killed: 6 Enlisted Men
Missing: None
Wounded: 2 Officers
32 Enlisted Men

TOTAL : 2 Officer 38 Enlisted Men

Vehicular Losses:

3 trucks, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton
4 armored cars
2 half-tracks, M3A1
6 trailers, 1 ton cargo
1 trailer, ammunition, M10
7 trucks, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton
1 wrecker, 10 ton
2 carriage motor, 75 How. M8A

5. Summary of Enemy Losses:

Killed (known) 7
Wounded (known) 45
Captured 850
Ammunition truck 1
Motorcycle 1
Truck 1

6. Number of miles marched: 260 $\frac{1}{2}$

7. Names of men killed, wounded, and missing:

Holbert, Paul M.	<u>KILLED</u> 35072633	PFC
Westvold, Alfred E.	37681373	Tec 5

Betancourt, Christian, M.	Tec 4	32180953
Zeitz, Erwin H.	Tec 4	36221057
Otting, Ernest W.	Pvt	44036014
Fanz, Edward	Tec 5	32068240

WOUNDED

CUMING, ROBERT M.	Capt	01010786
EICKHOFF, FREDERICK H.	Capt	01010498
Wacht, Stephen	Tec 5	32280515
Keeves, John F.	PFC	32381682
Lamont, Robert M.	Tec 4	33164901
Ward, Alfred T.	Tec 5	36624139
Sablotni, Robert C.	Pvt	36946793
Griffin, Louis C.	Tec 5	32312478
Gutierrez, Michael S.	S/Sgt	39015132
Linebach, William L.	Pvt	33913645
King, Wendell C.	Tec 5	32136222
Vlva, Charles J.	Tec 5	35300050
McCuray, Leonard G.	Tec 4	33166720
Shuler, Earl W.	Pvt	14100638
Welch, William F.	Pfc	34264666
Lawlor, Martin J.	Pfc	33395622
Lundgren, Francis	Pvt	12204093
Robinson, John M.	Pvt	37107675
Johnson, Clyde L.	Sgt	32167376
Waller, Joseph J.	S/Sgt	32201721
Buske, Hilmer L.	Tec 5	38408065
Glaza, Adam E.	Pfc	36145163
Durham, James F.	Tec 4	13062301
Thrift, William B.	Tec 5	33157511
Sherman, Herschel E.	T/Sgt	34264920
Robinette, Victor H.	Tec 4	33159711
Aparo, Joseph M.	Tec 4	32296479
Seigmund, Edward J.	Pvt	33159756
Henderson, George G.	Tec 5	34255819
Schnurr, Martin J.	Tec 4	35476521
MacIntyre, Charles A.	Tec 4	31013876
Morris, Albert J.	Pfc	31372305
Leonard, Clyde L.	Tec 5	34256345
Dulskey, John A.	Pfc	32338222

8. Names of men receiving awards:

BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR.

EICKHOFF, FREDERICK H.	Capt.	01010498
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SILVER STAR

Klepeiss, Stephen A. (posthumously)	Pfc	33177797
Yirga, Anthony F. (")	Pfc	31105281
Miller, Earl. (")	Pvt	33872434
Sillato, Alfred (")	Sgt	32138594

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Higgins, Frank S.	Sgt.	32180614. (posthumously)
BRINDLE, HARRY C.	Lt Col	0321107
BROWNING, CLARENCE S.	Capt	01010831
SWEENEY, DE FOREST.	1st Lt.	01014241
LESHER, EIROY W.	2nd Lt	02010395
Horace, Harter O.	Pvt	14073224
Snider, Paul L.	Pvt	33167086
Paugh, Virgil E.	Cpl	35375774
Herman, Arthur J.	Pfc	32697950
Daniel Michael H.	Sgt	32652108
Marsch, Clyde, L.	Cpl	13059499
Gazda, Joseph C.	Tec 5	36710696

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR.

TILLEMANS, DONALD L.	Capt	01010530
KING, ROBERT C.	Capt	01011684
Dodge, Charles E.	1st Lt	01013981
FRIDUSS, EDWIN A.	1st Lt	01012168
POLICASTRO, JOSEPH J.	2nd Lt	02009754
Thoms, Robert W.	Tec 4	32167128
Henderson, Charles E.	Pvt	33821993
Dickhut, Oliver L.	S/Sgt	36220962
Geiger, Anton	Sgt	37554584

BRONZE STAR

BARR, WILLIAM E.	1st Lt	01012541
CROUSE, VANNIE C.	1st Lt	01017205
Daniel, Michael H.	Sgt	32652108
Esno, George	Cpl	33398029
Rogers, Romeo G.	Cpl	34256964
Craven, John L.	Tec 5	33178787
Hahn, William J.	Tec 5	32698726
Kontos, George N.	Pfc	35913888
Kuhn, William C.	Pfc	35917092
Orsomando, Frank P.	Pfc	42050705
Walters, William D.	Pfc	34256994
Noble, Clifford L.	Pvt	35400578
Hanson, John P.	1st Lt	01012007
Burdick, Glenn D.	M/Sgt	6819034
Beyer, Wilmer C.	Sgt	36271384
Hall, Eugene C.	Sgt	16063518
Aparo, Joseph M.	Tec 4	32296479
Bathon, Albert J.	Tec 4	12062884
Crickenberger, Richard G.	Tec 4	33090282
Martin, Amos H.	Tec 4	33013721
Thoms, Robert W.	Tec 4	32167128
Behrakis, Carl J.	Cpl	31434293
Blanchard, Norman H.	Cpl	31401636

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Flynn, Thomas A.	Cpl	33157923
Golden, Clyde W.	Cpl	34526554
Donaldson, Henry B.	Tec 5	33179529
Foisy, Louis C.	Tec 5	35301002
Meador, William K.	Tec 5	34710589
Paul, Robert L.	Tec 5	35326406
Burns, George T.	Pfc	31432873
Fiske, Leonard A.	Pfc	31078622
Henderson, Charles E.	Pvt	33821993
Cole, Charlie J.	Tec 4	34256687
Quesenberry, Eygene	Tec 4	33157886
Tracy, Robert A.	Tec 4	32276745
Beaver, David T.	Cpl	36575030
Snyder, Clare E.	Tec 5	33178370
Wegrzyniak, Edward J.	T/Sgt	33066506
Guido, Frazzoni	Sgt	32309640

9. Name of Campaign: Unknown

10. Names of Commanding Officers:

Hq Troop----- 1-7 Capt. Robert M Cuming.
 7-27 1st Lt. Jack R. Eyman
 27-end of period:
 Lt. Willie S. Norton

A Troop ----- 1-14 Capt. Alden L. Berg
 14-to end of period:
 Lt. Harold Lenahan

B Troop----- 1-15 Capt Donald L. Tillemans
 15 to end of period:
 Lt. Kenneth Mower

C Troop ----- Capt. Clarence S. Browning

D Troop ----- Capt. Jimmie H. Bridges

E Troop ----- 1-25 Lt. Willie S. Norton
 25 to end of period:
 Capt. James F. Delaney

F Company-- Capt Harold L Hughes

Medical Det. Capt Thomas E. Lee.

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11. Summary:

The cessation of combat in the ETO for the Squadron took place on April 16.

The operations in which the Squadron participated during this period were highly successful. The flank protective mission on the Division's north, was a tactical example for reconnaissance Squadrons. The Division's left, (north) flank was protected for a period of 5 days through counter-attacks, aggressive enemy patrols, and enemy mechanized thrusts. The Troops held their 15 mile protective screen, and maintained the maximum pressure on the enemy at all times.

On April 19th the Squadron moved out on their first Law and Order Mission. Our reaction to this type of work is highly satisfactory. Our vehicles lend themselves to fast movement, and consequently, wide coverage.

An intensive serviceability check is being made at the end of this period for unserviceable arms and vehicles and indications are that 70% of vehicles are serviceable.

Our M-24 Light Tanks, however, are 100% serviceable.

Harry C. Brindle
HARRY C BRINDLE
Lt Col Cav
Commanding

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APO 256, US Army
10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History and After Action Report.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 6th Armored Division, APO 256, US Army.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions and par 1, DB, No 151, Hq, 6th Armd Div, on and under the provisions of AR 345-105, the following history and after action report of this command for the period 1st May 1945 to 31 May 1945, is submitted.

2.a. Overall strength of the command at the beginning of the period:

39 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
834 Enlisted Men

b. Strength at the end of the period:

40 Officers
2 Warrant Officers
873 Enlisted Men

c. Net increase for period:

1 Officer
39 Enlisted Men

3. Temporary station of the Squadron at the beginning of the period: NOBITZ, GERMANY.

May 1-13

During this period the Squadron engaged in policing and securing the area in the vicinity of NOBITZ, GERMANY. A repairing and refitting program was put into effect as well as a training and a recreation program.

May 14

The Squadron moved from NOBITZ, to KAHLA, GERMANY, left at 0800, arrived KAHLA at 1400, distance marched 64 miles.

May 15-31

The Squadron guarded the following installations near and in KAHLA: Zeiss Factory (J717562), Power Plant (J715552), Hospital (J710515), Railroad Station (J718521), Underground Airplane Factory (J690510), D.P. Camps #1 (J690051), #2 (J677502), #3 (J678494), #4, 5, 6, and 7 (J713500), Freienoria. Troop "B" occupied Niederkrossen, and Freienoria, from 231600 to 241600 to maintain law and order. Troop "C" occupied Hodias and Milda from 231600 to 241600 to maintain law and order. Troop "A" occupied Klementersdorf and Freienoria from 241800 - 251800. Troop "C" occupied Grossentersdorf, Zwabitz and Bibura from 241800 to 251800, and Troop "D"

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occupied Orelmunda, Fichenberg and Dienstadt from 241800 to 251800 for the purpose of enforcing curfew, maintaining law and order and check the activities of all displaced persons. During this period, training and recreation was stressed.

4. Summary of Losses:

NONE

Vehicular Losses:

NONE

5. Summary of Enemy Losses:

NONE

6. Number of miles marched: 64

7. Names of men killed, wounded, and missing:

NONE

8. Names of men receiving awards:

BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR.
DEFORREST SWEENEY, 1st Lt. 01014241.

SILVER STAR

MALCOLM A SHIPLEY,	2nd Lt.	01032825
WAHLERS H. GASTAUER,	1st Lt.	01032434
CASEY J RODGERS, (Posthumously)	2nd Lt.	01017756
JAMES F DELANEY,	Capt	01010285
Arvil E. Sheetz,	Tec 5	13067848
Raymond O. Burlingame,	Sgt	12022632
Joseph J. Waller,	S/Sgt	32201721
Harold J. Cullum,	Pvt.	32312723
Samuel M. Foreman	Pfc	33178311
Wendell C. King	Tec 5	37170199
Anthony J. Olisnik,	Cpl	32312876
Mose Hy Temple,	Pvt	14080317
Byron J. Heller,	Sgt	20746003
George F. Hensley,	Tec 4	35351620
James M. Cross,	Cpl	35375612
Edward J. Ziolkowski,	Cpl	32280548
Knox C. Bellingham,	1st Sgt.	65579220
Thomas N. Ferrall, Jr.	S/Sgt	33094454
John Sheremeta,	S/Sgt	32027845
Curtis V. Sechrist,	Sgt	33178365
William J. Kinnenly,	Cpl	39137996
Norman R. Tharp,	Tec 5	36237441

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Harold J. Hudson,	Pfc	35073077
Harold E. Hansen,	Tec 4	37464647
Frank J. Kaminski,	Cpl	32833367
Roosevelt, DeCamilla,	Pfc	32234616
Walter J. Drovillard,	Pvt	36167706

BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR.

WILLIS S. NORTON	1st Lt	01011369
HAROLD FLECK,	1st Lt	01011737
DWIGHT E PEARCE,	WOJG	W2125931
John L. Craven,	Tec 5	33178787
Henry B. Donaldson,	Tec 5	33179529
Louis C. Foisy,	Tec 5	35301002
Robert L. Paul,	Tec 5	35326406
William J. Hahn,	Tec 5	32698726
Henry N. Vaughn,	Tec 5	34256829
Frank P. Orsomando,	Pfc	42050705
Anton Geiger,	Sgt	37554584
Charlie J. Cole,	Sgt	34256687
George Esno,	Cpl	33398029
Beryl D. Moody,	Tec 5	34721323
Robert W. Thoms,	Tec 4	32167128

BRONZE STAR

JACK R. EYMAN	1st Lt	01013923
WAHLERS H. GASTAUER	1st Lt	01032434
HAROLD R. LANAHAN	1st Lt	01013025
DE FOREST SWEENEY	1st Lt	01014241
VINCENT EBERT	1st Lt	01032316
ELMER D. HUFFER	2nd Lt	01017416
ELROY W. LESHER	2nd Lt	02010395
DWIGHT W. PEARCE	WOJG	W2125931
WILLIAM J. SPECKERMAN	2nd Lt	02000005
GEORGE C. ERDMAN	1st Lt	01014394
Edward Fanz	Tec 5	32068240
Cyril F. Olberding	T/Sgt	37002656
Edward M. Childree	1st/Sgt	6396392
William M. Johnson	1st/Sgt	32171211
Ferdinand J. Duhon	Tec 5	34235755
Peter A. Santisi	Pvt.	23311691
Stepehn C. Plecenik	Pvt.	33168450
Adam E. Glaza	Pvt.	36145163
William B. Thrift	Tec 5	33157511
Roland B. Autry	Tec 5	34255124
Herchel E. Sherman	Tec 4	34264920
James T. Durham	Tec 4	13062381
Brodie B. Webster	Sgt	34174159
Harry I. Riggs	1st/Sgt	320998227

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Fred C. Schwinn	S/Sgt	32100060
Frederick A. Goepper	Sgt	35476602
Robert W. Cook	Tec 4	35167648
Harold V. Lorenze	Tec 4	35351454
Elroy Pinkert	Tec 4	36220084
Phillip B. Pratt	Tec 4	35326441
Robert W. Seiler,	Tec 4	35270621
George R. Zola	Tec 4	33056221
William E. Settles	Cpl	36070643
Jasper D. Ulmer	Cpl	34027554
Constantine Anognoztakis	Tec 5	32309725
John Betka	Tec 5	33168974
Lester A. Bowers	Tec 5	33156432
Henry C. Forbes	Tec 5	35326133
Joseph Senchur	Tec 5	33166692
Norris Sparkin	Tec 5	33179052
Henry N. Vaughn	Tec 5	34256829
George H.E. Wagner	Tec 5	36238916
Oscar Whaley	Tec 5	34256714
Wilferd H. Ziegler	Tec 5	36176923
Clyde L. Smith	Pfc	34722588
Robert B. Ryerson,	Pvt	32299019
John Uhrin	Pvt	32265122
John J. Cvarowski	T/Sgt	35300798
William Eling	Pfc	36988899
Woodrow Simpson	M/Sgt	6659977
Michael S. Gutierrez	S/Sgt	39015132
Henry J. Tremble,	S/Sgt	36212387
Harold J. Haas	Sgt	32262414
George C. Schultes	Sgt	37114063
John S. Ruble	Tec 4	32483280
Robert Gallagher	Cpl	33950808
Charles Huha	Cpl	32698263
George Schild	Cpl	35325940
Rene J. Blanchette	Tec 5	31341174
James E. Giles	Tec 5	35476660
Louis C. Griffin	Tec 5	32312478
William J. Croke,	Pfc	14123636
Justice Eddy	Pfc	35375611
Kenneth E. Mizenhimer	Cpl	18130214

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Mark H. Doren	Tec 5	36988887
Ralph W. Wheeler	Tec 5	37730458

9. Name of Campaign: Unknown

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10. Names of Commanding Officers:

Hq Troop -----	1st Lt Willis S. Norton
A Troop -----	1st Lt. Harold Lenahan
B Troop -----	1st Lt. Kenneth Mower
C Troop -----	Capt. Clarence S. Browning
D Troop -----	Capt. Jimmie H. Bridges
E Troop -----	Capt. James F. Delaney
F Company ---	Capt. Harold L. Hughes
Med. Det.-----	Capt. Thomas E. Lee

11. Summary:

This period was spent maintaining Law and Order. No serious breaches of discipline was committed by the civilians or soldiers.

During our occupation of the Kahla area, we moved all Russians, Czechoslovakians, French, British, Belgians, and Luxembourgangs homeward.

The following races of DP exist in the area--- Jugoslovians, Lethuanians and Poles.

Relations between Military Government and the tactical troops-- Excellent.

The Rheimag Underground Airplane Factory, and installations guarded by this command, has proven to be of great interest of all branches of the Allied Air Forces.

General Carl A. Spaatz, Commander of the United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe visited the area on a personal inspection.

The appearance of personnel vehicles, and weapons has been greatly improved. All vehicles have been repainted and restencilled.

Morale --- Excellent.

Harry C. Brindle
HARRY C. BRINDLE
Lt Col Cav
Commanding