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1. Following is After Action Report of 346th Inf, covering period 1 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45, inclusive.

1 February 1945

Our regiment, plus 312th Engr Bn, 761st Tk Bn and 602d TD Bn took town of Andler at 0520. Entire town occupied by 1st Bn. Interviewed PW's reveal that enemy has planned retreat to Westwall. 2d Bn continued to hold and secure positions in vicinity of Schonberg. Received heavy enemy artillery and MG fire throughout day. Later in day, Regt passed into Div Reserve. Weather - rain and cold. Casualties light.

2 February 1945

Regt in Div Reserve. Received order to move forward. Rear elements closed into Schonberg. 3d Bn moved to town of Laudersfeld. Tiger patrol moved beyond Krewinkle to investigate Siegfried Line bunkers on Hill 628. Regt CP moved forward from St Vith to Schonberg.

3 February 1945

Completed move to forward positions. 2d Bn moved to vicinity of Auw. 1st Bn captured town of Krewinkle. 3d Bn moved to vicinity of Weckerath. Bns improving and consolidating positions. Patrolling to front continued. Weather - cloudy, cool and light rain. Casualties - rather heavy. Regt CP moved to Auw, Germany.

4 February 1945

Bns continued to improve and consolidate positions. Patrols were active throughout the period. Co "C", 607 TD, Co B, 735th Tk Bn atchd to defend with two Bns abreast - 2d Bn on right, 1st Bn on left. 3d Bn in reserve and prepared to counterattack in either of the other two sectors.

5 February 1945

Second Bn moved to town of Roth and set up defensive positions and continued much patrolling to front. One patrol sent out by Co "A" was met by strong enemy resistance and forced to withdraw. Weather - rain and fog - prevented close support air missions. 1st Bn in vicinity of Krewinkle. 3d Bn remained in vicinity of Weckerath. Cannon Co supported Regt with fire, priority of fire given to 2d Bn. Given mission to protect left flank of 345 Inf.

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6 February 1945

Patrols from 1st and 2d Bns sent out, to reconnoiter territory prior to jumping off at 0400. Artillery placed on objective by 336th FA. 2d Bn moved forward under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Took many prisoners along way. 1st Bn was successful in driving enemy from pillboxes in Siegfried Line. Tanks and TD's supported effectively. 3d Bn remained in vicinity of Weckerath. Strong patrols sent to Ormont to get idea of activity there. Casualties rather heavy.

7 February 1945

Co "C" seized main road beyond Roth. Received strong counterattack last night and withdrew to vicinity of Krewinkle. 2d Bn continued advance. 3d Bn in Div Reserve in vicinity of Krewinkle and Weckerath. 99th Div on our left - 4th Armored Div on our right. Weather - cloudy, rain and cold. Visibility - less than two miles. Casualties - light.

8 February 1945

1st and 2d Bns occupied new positions and contacted enemy. Our Co "G" relieved 3d Bn of 345th Inf. Our 3d Bn in Division Reserve in vicinity of Weckerath. Patrols were active throughout period. 106th Div now to our left. Casualties were light.

9 February 1945

1st and 2d Bns continued improving and consolidating positions. Active patrolling sent to front. One combat patrol sent into Ormont to determine enemy action there. 3d Bn still in Div Res.

10 February 1945

1st Bn maintained same positions. Co "C" relieved Co "A". Continued to improve and consolidate positions. 3d Bn relieved 2d Bn. 2d Bn went into reserve, taking former 3d Bns positions in Weckerath. Patrols were active throughout period. Patrols sent into "euenstein and Ormont.

11 February 1945

No change in positions except one platoon of Co "K" moved to cover gap between 2d Bn, 345th Inf and 3d Bn of our Regt. All positions improved and consolidated. Received order to relieve elements of 345th Inf after darkness tonight. Tec 5 Peter M Buyas, Co "I" and Sgt John H Conlin, Co "I", recieved Silver Star medal.

12 February 1945

Our Regt began movement to form new line of defense in 345th positions; however enemy counterattacked against 3d Bn 345th and delayed move. Fire fight was repulsed, but many casualties resulted. Relief completed at 0830. 4th Armored to our right. T/Sgt Wallace L Larson, Co "L", received battlefield appointment as 2d Lieutenant and reassigned to Co "L". Regt CP moved to Kobscheid, Germany at 1700.

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13 February 1945

First Bn improved and consolidated positions. 2d Bn moved from Regt 1 Res and relieved 3d Bn, 345th Inf in Neuendorf. 2d Bn received counter-attack during night but repulsed same. 3d Bn improved and consolidated positions. T/Sgt Wardlaw M Watson, Co "1" received battlefield appointment as 2d Lieutenant.

14 February 1945

Positions improved and consolidated during day. Active patrolling toward front. One patrol sent into Reuth to observed enemy activity there. Casualties were light.

15 February 1945

Bns continued to improve and consolidate positions. Active patrolling to front and flanks. One patrol sent into Reuth and found activity there. Weather--cold and clear. Visibility--good. Pvt Warren J Horton, Co "K" received Silver Star. 1st Sgt John E Conley, Co "A", received battlefield commission as 2d Lieutenant. Casualties were light.

16 February 1945

Regt still in defensive positions. Weather--clear and cool. The following received awards today. Pfc Burleigh A Smith, Co "I", Silver Star (Posthumously), Capt Julian Dixon, Co B, Bronze Star, 1st Lt James G Cougill, Hq 3d Bn, Silver Star, T/Sgt Carl L Carmack, Co "1", Bronze Star; T/Sgt Gregory M Tzitzicas, Co "M", Bronze Star; Sgt Wallace E King, Co "E" Bronze Star; Sgt Frank Pitezal, Hq Co 1st Bn, Bronze Star; and Tec 5 Joe M Kinard, Co G, Bronze Star.

17 February 1945

Regt still in defensive positions-- which were improved and consolidated. Weather--clear and warm. Patrol led by Sgt Parker, Hq Co 2d Bn left Neuendorf at 1930 and concentrated enemy lines to a depth of 3 miles and gathered much valuable information. Patrol went into Reuth and Schonfeld.

18 February 1945

Still in defense. Continued patrolling to front and flanks and maintained contact with organizations on right and left. Tec 5 Clarence A Yates, Med Det, was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously).

19 February 1945

Still in defensive positions. Active patrolling continued. Co B repulsed counterattack at 0700. Received order that 345th would relieve us during night tonight and tomorrow. S/Sgt Wm E Rilery, Co "I" and Pfc Roat W Spencer, Co "C", received Bronze Star today.

20 February 1945

Our Regt relieved by elements of 345th today. Relief of 2d and 3d Bns completed. Active patrolling continued. 3d Bn closed in at Auw; 2d Bn closed in at Laudesfeld. Regt 1 CP moved from Kobscheid to Aus, Germany.

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21 February 1945

Our relief by 345th was completed today. Spent day in cleaning billets. S/Sgt Stanley A Noramezyk, Co "L" received Bronze Star.

22 February 1945

In Div Res at Auw and Laudesfeld. 50% of line companies had opportunity to see movies. 1st Sgt Joseph A Swartz, Co "K" received Bronze Star. T/Sgt Alexander V Messier, Co "I" received battlefield appointment as 2d Lt. Training schedule for line companies began today.

23 February 1945

Still in Div Res. Training schedule still in progress. Had formal ceremony in afternoon at which time awards and decorations were presented by Col Curtis D Renfro, our CO, to nine members of the Regt. T/Sgt George C Blankenbaker, Co "K", received battlefield appointment to 2d Lt.

24 February 1945

Still in Div Res in Auw and Laudesfeld. Training still in progress. The following awards were made today. S/Sgt Andrew J Landis, Co "G", Silver Star, Pfc Richard L Lynch, Co "C", Bronze Star, Pfc Lawrence B Perry, Hq Co 3d Bn, Bronze Star.

25 February 1945

Still in Div Res. All training schedules for today were postponed. Today was used for religious services, cleaning up and relaxation.

26 February 1945

Got order to attack at 1500 today. 2d and 3d Bns jumped off in column of Bns--3d Bn leading, followed by 2d and 1st Bns. 3d Bn jumped off at 1457 in vicinity west of Ormont, Germany. Encountered small arms, mortar and MG fire. Part of 3d Bn held up by enemy road block. Regtl CP moved from Auw to Roth, Germany. S/Sgt Andrew J Landis, Co "G", received Bronze Star.

27 February 1945

2d and 3d Bns jumped off at 0635 in vicinity west of Ormont, Germany. Movement was slow and hard. Encountered two road blocks, which took much time to knock out. 2d Bn continued to advance. Many casualties were sustained today from enemy mines and booby traps.

28 February 1945

Regt given mission to mop up ill boxes and enemy installations. H hour for attack-- 0600. 3d Bn continued to drive to NE toward high ground north of Ormont, Germany. 1st Bn started move to NE and passed through 3d Bn and continued to move. Many casualties resulted from booby traps. Casualties were heavy.

For the Regimental Commander:

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