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35TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY
APO 35 U S ARMY

4 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy.

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

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10 C3, AR 345-105, submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 35th Quartermaster Company covering the period 1-31 January 1945.

January 1, 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company maintained its position at Guirsch, Belgium, having moved to that position on December 27, 1944 when the 35th Infantry Division was assigned that sector in an effort to check the enemy breakthrough in the Bastogne area.

January 19, 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company moved South to Metz to a Division assembly area for a period of rest and reequipment. During the period 19 January to 22 January an effort was made by the Quartermaster Company to replace worn out clothing and equipment and issue new items of organizational equipment as far as possible. During this period shoe packs were issued to the Rifle Companies, Litter Company (Engineer), Signal Construction Crew, and Recon Troop.

January 23, 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company moved South from Metz to Moyenvic in the Seventh Army Sector.

January 24, 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company continued moving East to the Seventh Army front. The location determined for the Company was the town of Bettwiller, France. However this location was occupied by other U. S. Forces and the organization bivouaced in the town of Gungewiller, approximately four (4) kilometers west of Bettwiller.

January 26, 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company moved East to its original determined position in Bettwiller, France.

January 29, 1945

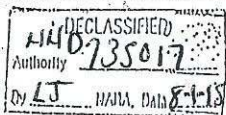
The 35th Quartermaster Company issued a three day ration to all units of the Division and attached troops in preparation for a move North to the Ninth Army Sector.

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January 30, 1945

The 35th Quartermaster Company moved to Verdun via organizational vehicles for an over-night stop enroute to Ninth Army Sector.

January 31, 1945

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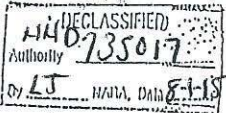
The 35th Quartermaster Company completed the move by traveling North to Rijckholt, Holland, approximately four (4) kilometers North of Liege which is in the Ninth Army Sector.

2. The primary mission of the organization was the receiving, breaking down and issuing of Class I, II and III supplies to the units of the Division plus attached troops. Class I supplies are issued daily with units submitting strengths 72 hours prior to issue. During January a total of 444,925 rations were issued; an average of 14,353 rations daily. 70% of the rations issued during January were B's, 10% 10 in 1's, 12% K's, and 8% C's. These rations were picked up by the organization and hauled to the breakdown area adjoining the Company bivouac area. At the breakdown area they were broken down and issued to the various units of the Division and attached troops. Unit distribution was made to the Infantry Regiments during a large part of the month. In addition to the regular issue of Class I Rations, the drawing, breaking down, and issuing of free PX rations, including cigarettes, candy, tobacco, razor blades, chewing gum, etc. were handled by men of this organization.

3. All Class II Supplies for the Division and attached troops were issued near the Class I Breakdown Area. Requisitions were submitted by organizations, consolidated by this organization and then taken to Army Class II Depots where supplies were drawn by our organic trucks and brought back to the area the same day. These supplies were issued to the units the following day.

4. Four two and one-half ton trucks and trailers carry the Division Reserve Gasoline consisting of 4000 gallons. A Class III DP was set up near each Class I breakdown area for the purpose of refueling vehicles drawing Class I supplies and emergency needs. During this period, when G-4 deemed it necessary gasoline was hauled to the Infantry Regiments. The 4000 gallons was also used at various times to supply gasoline to units of the Division upon change of location until such time when new Class III Dumps could be set up.

5. Another function of the organization during this period was to keep the field ranges, gasoline lanterns and outfit, cooking, one and two burner and typewriters repaired. Due to the lack of parts this organization carried eight to ten field ranges on hand. The units brought their ranges needing repair in and received direct exchange of another one. This organization then took the ones needing repair back to a field range repair unit near the Army Class II dump and had them repaired. All minor repairs up to and including 2nd Echelon repair on typewriters, gasoline lanterns, and outfit, cooking, one and two burner were done by men of this organization in order to speed up delivery of the items back to the using units. When 3rd echelon repairs were needed on typewriters, lanterns, and outfits, cooking they were taken to a QM Repair Unit located near the Army Class II Dump.



6. The Division Quartermaster, in addition to his other duties, is the Graves Registration Officer for the Division. During this period there was a Graves Registration Section attached to this organization. It was the responsibility of the Division Quartermaster to set up collecting points and handle the evacuation of the dead to the cemetery as well as handle the personal effects of casualties. 15

7. Bathing and Laundry facilities were also established by the Division Quartermaster and were under his supervision.

8. All salvage, including enemy captured materials were turned in to the salvage dump at the Class I breakdown area. The salvage was then sorted according to the various branches of supply by men of this organization. Quartermaster salvage was then taken to Army Class II Dumps and other branches of salvage were turned over to their respective supply officers. Shoe repair, tentage and tarpaulin repair were also handled by men of this organization. This was done by each unit tagging the items and bringing them in when they came to draw supplies. This organization then took the items for repair to salvage repair located near the Army Class II Depot. Under use of this system of salvage repair the issue of like new items has been cut down considerably. Blankets which have been turned in for bedrolls have been used to keep the Infantry Regiments supplied with clean blankets. Each load of blankets brought to the Quartermaster are replaced by clean blankets kept on hand for this purpose. The dirty blankets are then taken to a Quartermaster Laundry where they are cleaned and ready for issue when the next load of dirty blankets is turned in. In this way the Quartermaster has endeavored to keep a steady supply of clean blankets to the front line troops, as far as possible.

9. During the period 1-31 January bronze star medals were awarded to the following Officers and Enlisted Men of the Quartermaster Company on dates noted:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Walter L. Buenger, Capt., QMC	10 January
Marlyn R. Pederson, Capt., QMC	10 January
Gerald A. Stoltenberg, 1st Sgt., 35th QM Co	17 January
Lester Imel, Techn Gr IV, 35th QM Co	29 January

No casualties were suffered by this organization during this period.

Walter L. Buenger
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 Capt., QMC
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