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35TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED
APO 35   -   U S ARMY

1 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against The Enemy.

TO   :   The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
              (Thru Channels)

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 Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized covering the period of 1-30 June 1945.

June 1 to 30, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, less one platoon, remained in Division Reserve in the vicinity of Neider Mendig, Germany from 1 June to 30 June 1945. One platoon was attached to the 15th Army Headquarters for the purpose of maintaining security patrols in that area. These were continuous 24 hour patrols, consisting of one armored car and one quarter ton truck. Constant contact was maintained between patrols and platoon CP by means of radio communication. A prearranged code was used to give locations and by having a radio operator at the platoon CP keep a log, the location and progress of each reconnaissance team could easily be determined. All radio operators within the troop were used on this patrol and by having a well trained operator on the base set, much valuable instruction was received by the less familiar and inexperienced operators. Platoons were rotated each week on the security mission enabling them to come back to the troop area and perform first and second echelon maintenance.

At 0400 14 June 1945 the two remaining platoons and two Infantry companies of the 134th Infantry made a surprise search of all the civilian homes in Neider Mendig, Germany. The troops were given a typed piece of paper which they presented to the owner of the house, saying, that the occupants were to form in the street within five minuted and one member of each household would accompany the searching party. This entire search was completed by 0700, revealing quantities of hoarded foods, clothing, and improper or no identification of many civilians.

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