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35TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP, MECHANIZED
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SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy.

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

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10 G3, AR 345-105, submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized covering the period of 1-31 March 1945.

March 1, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized performed zone reconnaissance missions in the 134th Infantry Zone, two platoons moving northwest from Birgelen, Germany. After picking a way through eight miles of road, mined by the enemy, the 1st platoon engaged in a fire fight at Herkenbosch, Germany, and proceeded north and west 15 kilometers to the Dutch town of Swalmen, which the enemy had just evacuated. The 3rd platoon followed their route north for 6 kilometers, clearing the road of mines. After clearing the town of Herkonbosch, the 2nd platoon proceeded west through dense mine fields to the Roer River, then north to enter and pass through Roermond, Holland, removing anti-tank obstacles, building one bridge and calling on Dutch civilians to help fill one major anti-tank ditch. Platoons reached their objective at 1500, and were relieved by the 15th Cavalry Group at 2000.

March 2, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized assembled at Herkenbosch, Germany, 35 miles northeast, closing at 1500, and were immediately engaged on reconnaissance and screening missions for Task Force Byrne, which had cleared Straelen and was attacking Nieuwerk. The 1st and 3rd platoons took up positions north and west of Straelen and were subjected to heavy SP fire in the north edge of the town. At 1900 the 2nd platoon, originally in reserve, moved to Nieuwerk and pushed two miles north to secure left flank of forward task force movement.

March 3, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized left Straelen at 0700 hours and arrived Nieuwerk 0830 to continue screening operations for Task Force Byrne on the north flank. The 1st platoon entered Sevelen and moved a short distance to the north, being pinned down by heavy mortar and SP fire. Fire became so heavy it was impractical to supply the platoon with rations or supplies during the remainder of the day. The 2nd platoon pushed north through Hoog to Hertefeld, where by the ruse of setting up all available weapons and threatening the village priest with total destruction of the town unless all enemy soldiers were turned over immediately, took 15 prisoners without firing a shot. The 3rd platoon engaged in a fire fight six kilometers northwest of Nieuwerk. Arrival of the 15th Cavalry Group at 1700 relieved the Troop.

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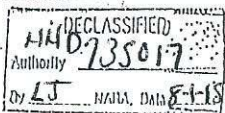
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March 4, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized assembled at Nieukerk, at 0700 and left for Rheurdt, six miles east, to perform a contact mission on the Division right flank. The 1st platoon remained in reserve. The 2nd platoon operated cross country northeast of Aldekerk, contacting elements of the 88th Reconnaissance Squadron at Schaephuyson. Vigorous patrolling to the east established contact with CCB 5th Armored Division in Vluyt and established previously unknown positions of CCA 5th Armored Division. The 3rd platoon established positions in the vicinity of Rayen and maintained contact with the 2nd platoon through patrols to the south.

March 5, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized was relieved at 0200 and reverted to Division reserve, the 2nd and 3rd platoons assembling at Rheurdt at 0700.

March 6, 1945

the 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized remained in Division Reserve and departed from Rheurdt at 1500, arriving at Lintfort, 5 miles northeast, at 1520.

March 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized remained in Division Reserve.

March 12, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized departed from Lintfort, Germany at 0530, arriving at Offenbeek, Holland, 35 miles southwest, at 0900, remaining in reserve.

March 13, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized entered a period of rehabilitation, conditioning, and care and cleaning of equipment while the 35th Infantry Division became Corps Reserve.

March 14, 15, 16, 17 18, 19, 20, 1945

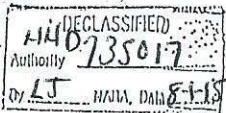
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March 21, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized departed Offenbeek 1300, moving 30 kilometers northeast to Wachtendonk, Germany, to provide internal security for installations of XVI Corp Rear Echelon, relieving a Dutch infantry Battalion. a 72-man guard, consisting of 13 posts, was set up.

March 22, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized continued guard mission in XVI Corp Rear Echelon, dispatching 20 men to Schaephuyson for security of a Corps Signal Unit, six men to Kempen and six to Haag, Germany, to provide guards for Misplaced Persons Centers.



March 23, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized continued mission of security for XVI Corps Rear Echelon.

March 24, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized continued security mission and secured billets in an area designated by 35th Infantry Division, prepared to assemble there on Division order.

March 25, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized continued security mission for XVI Corps Rear Echelon.

March 26, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized was relieved of all security duties for XVI Corps Rear Echelon, Displaced Persons Centers and Corp Signal Intercept Unit, by B Troop of 15th Cavalry Squadron at 0800, and alerted to move at 1200 to an assembly area near Dinslaken, Germany, 20 miles to the northeast. The Troop cleared Wachtendonk on order at 1455 and arrived Dinslaken 2115. The 2nd platoon was ordered on 30 minute alert to provide security for 35th Infantry Division CP. Troop was in Division Reserve.

March 27, 28, 1945

35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized remained in Division reserve.

March 29, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized remained in Division Reserve.

March 30, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized moved from Dinslaken, Germany to an area 4 kilometers west of Gladbeck, leaving at 0900 and arriving at 1030. Troop remained in Division reserve.

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March 31, 1945

The 35th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized remained in Division reserve.

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1 - 31, 1945

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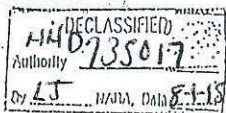
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NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED DURING THE PERIOD March 1 to 31, 1945


KIA - 0	LWA - 5	EM.
SWA - 0	MIA - 0	

NUMBER OF PRISONERS CAPTURED DURING PERIOD MARCH 1-31, 1945

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Report after action against enemy. (Continued)


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