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HEADQUARTERS
25th CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON MECHANIZED
APO No 255, U S Army

24 October 1944.

REPORT AFTER ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY

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SEPTEMBER 1944

This squadron during the period was on missions involving little contact with the enemy. At all times during the period one or more troops were attached to the combat commands for operations. The month can be divided into following periods:

- I. Trains Security - 1 September to 6 September.
- II. Attached to 28th Infantry Division - 8 September to 9 September.
- III. Attached to Division Troops - 9 September to 10 September.
- IV. Security for city of Luxembourg - 11 September to 19 September.
- V. Outposting of Oura River - 20 September to 30 September.

I. Trains Security.

Squadron (minus) outposted Trains bivouac area vicinity Baron from 1 September 1944 to 6 September 1944 and had no contact with the enemy.

II. Attachment to 28th Infantry Division.

Squadron in its entirety was attached to 28th Infantry Division for a 24 hour period with the mission of moving East from vicinity of Douzy to the Luxembourg - German border vicinity of Meternach by darkness, 8 September 1944. The squadron was unable to accomplish its assigned mission being stopped by enemy anti-tank and artillery fire vicinity Suxy and Chiny which our elements were attempting to bypass when relieved from attachment to the 28th Infantry Division.

III. Attachment to Division Troops.

On the 9th and 10th September, Squadron (minus) moved with division troops to vicinity of Mersch, Luxembourg and had no contact with the enemy.

IV. Security For City of Luxembourg.

11th to 19th September 1944 Squadron (minus) was given the mission of protecting the City of Luxembourg from the South and East. This was accomplished by establishing road blocks and OP's at all main arteries and by sending out small mounted patrols during daylight hours. Enemy remained on the defensive and maintained only small garrisons in the towns immediately East of Luxembourg. Occasionally our patrols engaged the enemy in brief fire fights. Squadron was attached to CC A 16 September 1944 but mission and disposition remained unchanged.

V. Outposting Oura River Line.

1. 20th to 22nd September 1944 Squadron remained attached to CC A was relieved of mission to protect City of Luxembourg and moved 20 September to vicinity Graulinster with mission of screening main North - South route and protecting right flank of V Corps. Squadron established outposts along line from 3rd Army north boundary to V Corps south boundary and actively patrolled the sector. During period no contact was had with the enemy and he remained on the defensive.

2. 23rd to 30th September 1944 Squadron attached to 102nd Cavalry Group and assigned mission of screening main North - South highway. Mission was accomplished by occupying the high ground immediately West of line Puteheid to Vianden (inclusive). Enemy continued to occupy Vianden during period but did not pierce our line. During period enemy sporadically shelled our sector with single artillery piece and some mortars. Our patrols were active but made little contact with the enemy. 27th September 1944 Squadron was relieved from attachment to 102nd Cavalry Group and attached to CC A with same mission.

GEORGE C. BENJAMIN,
Major, Cavalry
Commanding.

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - Annex "A".
Incl 2 - Annex "B".

Annex "A"

SUMMARY OF STRENGTH AND CASUALTIES

SEPTEMBER 1944

	Asgd Strength 1 Sept 44			Asgd Strength 30 Sept 44		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
Headquarters	8	1	46	9	1	45
Hq. & Sv. Troop	4	2	78	3	2	76
Troop A	5	0	138	4	0	123
Troop B	4	0	131	5	0	127
Troop C	5	0	132	5	0	125
Troop D	5	0	135	5	0	127
Troop E	5	0	98	4	0	93
Company F	5	0	91	5	0	85
MEDICAL DETACHMENT	2	0	12	2	0	12
TOTAL	<u>45</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>813</u>

CASUALTIES (88th -)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
Killed	0	0	2
Wounded	0	0	11
Missing	0	0	0
Known Captured	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>

ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED BY OUR FORCES: 1.

Annex "B"

COMMANDING OFFICERS

SEPTEMBER 1944

SQUADRON COMMANDER:

**1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - Major JOHN P. GERALD,
023009, Cavalry.**

TROOPS OF THE SQUADRON:

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE TROOP:

**1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - Capt. PAUL O. PETERSON,
01010111, Cavalry.**

**TROOP A: 1 September 1944 to 2400, 12 September 1944 - Capt. CHARLES
W. BENNINGTON, 0452900, Cavalry.**

**0001, 13 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - 1st Lt. FRED
A. FORSGREN, 01010173, Cavalry.**

**TROOP B: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - Capt. KENNETH M.
HAYES, 01010128, Cavalry.**

**TROOP C: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - Capt. JOHN R. VANE,
01010690, Cavalry.**

**TROOP D: 1 September 1944 to 1200, 12 September 1944 - Capt. LEONARD
S. CARLSON, 01011717, Cavalry.**

**1200, 12 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - 1st Lt.
EDWARD J. MC GANN, 01012641, Cavalry.**

**TROOP E: 1 September 1944 to 2100, 2 September 1944 - Capt. PATRICK
J. BURNS, JR., 01010461, Cavalry.**

**2100, 2 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - 1st Lt.
PETER C. MUNZELL, 01012058, Cavalry.**

**COMPANY F: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - Capt. JOHN T.
SCHWARZ, 01010396, Cavalry.**

**MEDICAL DETACHMENT: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 - Capt.
MEYER FRIEDENTHAL, 0425804, Medical Corps.**