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SUBJECT: Report of Operations.

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

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10, C 3, AR 345-105, and Daily Information Sheet 102, 35th Infantry Division, dtd 24 June 1945, submitted below is the Report of Operations for the 735th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 35th Infantry Division, covering the period 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945:

1 June 1945

The 735th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company moved from Werne, Germany, to Mayen, Germany, and was billeted in the town overnight.

2 June 1945 to 30 June 1945

The area occupied in Mayen, Germany proved to be unsatisfactory for the operation of an ordnance light maintenance company due to the absence of shop space and the condition of the buildings occupied. A canvass of the surrounding territory revealed a highly satisfactory location near the town of Krutz, Germany. The establishment was formerly a Wehrmacht Flying School for training glider pilots. The company moved into this area at 1800 2 June 1945. There are two large shop buildings which greatly facilitate the repair of automotive vehicles and the storing and dissemination of supply parts and units. The personnel of this unit are billeted in quarters which constituted part of the school, four men to a room.

Morale and discipline are being maintained at a high level. A large latrine with showers and wash basins and hot water is being utilized. Two washing machines are available for the cleaning of clothing and equipment. The mess hall is large enough to seat the entire company at one time. Pass quotas have been markedly increased and personnel are enjoying passes to France, Belgium, and Luxembourg. An average of two motion pictures weekly are being shown, through arrangements with the division Information and Education Officer.

An extensive athletic program is being carried out in conjunction with directives from higher headquarters. There is a scarcity of athletic equipment but what equipment is received covers a wide range of athletics. Softball, horse shoe pitching, and volleyball are the most participated in sports and an inter-company softball and volleyball league has been organized as well as a horse shoe pitching tournament. The company has a team representing it in the Special Troops Softball League as well as a team in the volleyball league.

A Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal and two Bronze Star Medals were awarded to personell of the unit for meritorious service.

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Twenty-two men, who had an Adjusted Service Rating score of 85 points or greater, were transferred to a non-divisional unit of Category IV. To date, six replacements have been received. These men are from a Tank Destroyer battalion and, of the six, four have had previous experience with the Ordnance Department.

The organic function of the unit remains consistent with the needs of the 35th Infantry Division and the summary of the operations of the sections within the unit follows:

A. Automotive Section. Two hundred and thirty-eight vehicles were received for repair and 201 vehicles were repaired. These figures represent major repair jobs received into the third echelon shop from the second echelon shops on job order requests. These figures do not include minor jobs which are listed under "Miscellaneous Repairs". The Automotive shop processed thirty Ford $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks received from the Fifteenth Army Pool. These trucks were built at the Ford plant at Cologne. They were very poorly assembled and required a lot of work to put them in suitable condition for issue to the divisional units. Within the period of two weeks, six of these trucks were returned to the shop on job order requests to replace engines and rear axles. They have the common trouble of oil leaking back into the clutch from the rear main bearing. The rear axles have also been going out but the cause of this trouble has not yet been determined. Forty-nine 3 ton Dodge trucks were also processed for issue to the divisional units. These trucks had been used and were in very poor condition. Parts were not available but the trucks were made as serviceable as possible by tightening, adjusting, and welding. Due to increased pass quotas and the ~~unavailability~~ organized athletic program, the platoon operated under strength for most of the period. One hundred and twelve batteries, 50 radiators, and 194 welding jobs were done. Thirty-two trucks and 14 one ton trailers were painted. The machine shop relined brake shoes, ground valves, turned out bellcrank bushings, drilled out studs, etc. Thirty-two vehicles were evacuated for repair or replacement and seven vehicles were evacuated to the collection point. The above evacuations were made by the Evacuation and Recovery section which, in addition, made fifteen roadside recoveries. At the end of the month, ten vehicles were on the deadline, none were on requisition, and four were at fourth echelon.

B. Artillery Section. The following repairs of artillery pieces were made during the month: One recoil mechanism replaced on one 105 mm Howitzer, M-3; one lever axle lock repaired, one lever axle lock replaced two shield hinge pins replaced, and two latch assemblies for shield replaced on one 105 mm Howitzer, M2A1. Sixteen 105 mm Howitzers M3 and 18 57 mm guns M1 were inspected. One 81 mm and one 60 mm mount were repaired. The following repairs of instruments were made: One M18 mount telescope, nine M3 binoculars, and one compass M2. Six 105 mm Howitzer lanyards were issued, two gun hooks were issued, one firing pin holder was replaced, one firing lock M13 for 105 mm How M3 replaced, three apron hooks replaced, one rammer and staff for 105 mm how replaced, and two trail pins replaced.

C. Small Arms Repair Section. Fifty one rifles, Cal. 30, M-1, 49 carbines Cal. 30 M1, 13 Pistols, Automatic, Cal. 45 M1911A1, 19 BAR

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Cal. 30, M1918A2, one BMG Cal. 30 M1917A1, six BMG Cal. 50 HB M-2, six SMG Cal. 45 M-3, fifteen Launchers, rocket, M1A1, six Launchers rocket, M-9, three mount tripod Cal. 50, HB M-3, seven elevating and traversing mechanisms Cal. 30, three elevating and traversing mechanisms Cal. 50, two TSMG Cal. 45 M1A1 and seven Cal. 50 heavy barrels were repaired and one carbine was modified as per FSMWO B-28-W-3.

D. Supply Section. Eighty trucks, 1½ ton, 4 x 2, four trucks, ¼ ton, 4 x 4, two trucks, 2½ ton, 6 x 6, one hundred carbines, Cal. 30 M-1, five rifles BAR, M1918A2, three hundred bayonets M-1, and one hundred rifles Cal. 30 M-1, were issued. Approximately 3000 tires were issued and sixty motor vehicle engines of all types were issued. Eight front axles for ¼ ton trucks, one front axle (Banjo) for 2½ ton truck, 6 x 6, and eighteen combat wheel assemblies for ¼ ton trucks were issued. For the first 12 days of the month, no 15th Army Depot was available. Depots were changed subsequently three times during the month. Each time depots were changed new requisitions had to be submitted. At present it is a 200 mile round trip to the depot and a 100 mile round trip to the collection point. Trips are made daily. Oxygen and acetylene gas remain very scarce. Hot patches, GMC transfer cases, and front springs for ¼ ton trucks are "critical" items.

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HEADQUARTERS 35TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 35, U S Army, 31 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339.

It is with greatest pleasure that I forward this commendation for this fine accomplishment and recommend that the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque be awarded.

/s/ Paul W. Baade
/t/ PAUL W. BAADE
Major General, U S A
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 339, U. S. Army.

TO: Commanding General, Delta Base Section, APO 772, U. S. Army.

The Commanding General is pleased to note and forward this letter of commendation.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ John A. Klein
/t/ JOHN A. KLEIN
Colonel, AGD
Adg General.

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HEADQUARTERS DELTA BASE SECTION, APO 772, 25 June 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 3464th Ordnance MM Company, APO 772, U S Army.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RATTAY:

/s/ Clyde F. Yungbluth
/t/ CLYDE F. YUNGBLUTH
1st Lt, A.G.D.,
Asst Adj Gen.

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Capt, Ord Dept, Commanding.

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