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HEADQUARTERS
3D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

2 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy - Period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Destroyer Group, APO 230, U. S. Army.

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

1. During the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944 this battalion was attached to and operated under 3d Tank Destroyer Group in V Corps Reserve.

a. The battalion became operational 2 July 1944.

2. Indirect fire missions were performed in support of 1st US Infantry Division Artillery and 5th US Infantry Division Artillery from 8 July 1944 to 23 July 1944.

a. Guns in position during period:

No. of Guns	Hq Controlling	Inclusive Date
12	1st Div Arty	8-14 July 1944
12	5th Div Arty	15-23 July 1944

b. Number of concentrations fired - 128

c. Number of rounds expended - 1891

d. Types of Fire:

(1) Harrassing - 57%

(2) Interdiction - 18%

(3) Destruction - 25%

(a) No credit claimed for destruction of targets. Other units fired on same targets simultaneously.

3. Anti-Tank missions were performed from 6 July 1944 to 22 July 1944.

a. This battalion took up static positions covering routes vulnerable to armored attack.

b. No armor encountered.

c. No direct fires were delivered by this unit during July.

4. Miscellaneous.

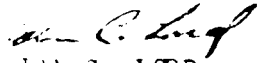
a. Battalion strafed by four (4) enemy aircraft.

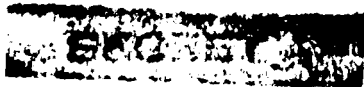
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- (1) Destruction claimed of one (1) FW 190 by cal .50 AA machine-gun fire.

For the Commanding Officer:


ALAN C. LORD
Capt, FA(TD)
Adjutant



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APO 230 U. S. ARMY

24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report After/After Action Against Enemy - Period: 1-31 August 1944.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 3rd Tank Destroyer Group.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. During period 1-31 August 1944, this battalion was assigned to First US Army and attached to Corps, Divisions and Groups as follows:

- a. 1 Aug - 7 Aug 1944 - attached to V Corps with further attachment to 3rd Tank Destroyer Group in V Corps reserve.
- b. 7 Aug - 25 Aug 1944 - attached to VII Corps with further attachment as follows:
 - (1) 7 Aug to 13 Aug 1944 attached to 30th Infantry Division.
 - (2) 13 Aug to 15 Aug 1944 attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group.
 - (3) 15 Aug to 25 Aug 1944 attached to 9th Infantry Division.
- c. 25 Aug to 31 Aug 1944 attached to V Corps with further attachment as follows:
 - (1) 25 Aug to 29 Aug 1944 attached to 3rd Tank Destroyer Group.
 - (2) 29 Aug to 31 Aug 1944 attached to 5th Armored Division, with further attachment to Combat Command ("A"), 5th Armored Division.

2. No indirect fire missions were performed during the period covered by this report.

3. Anti-tank missions performed 8-31 August 1944 as follows:

- a. 8-13 August 1944, this battalion operated in direct support of the infantry elements of the 30th Infantry Division, taking under direct fire, enemy armor, emplaced machine guns, emplaced mortars, and anti-tank artillery (88mm guns), and spearheading local attacks for 30th Infantry Division between St. Barthelemy and Romagny in the Mortain (France) sector.

(1) Destruction and/or damage claimed against enemy equipment and installations:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Mark VI tank, damaged - - - - - | 1 |
| (b) Mark V tank, destroyed - - - - - | 5 |
| (c) Mark V tank, destroyed - - - - - | 1 |
| (d) Mark IV, destroyed - - - - - | 1 |
| (e) Mark IV, damaged - - - - - | 1 |
| (f) Mark III, destroyed - - - - - | 1 |

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- (g) Personnel carrier (2 track), destroyed - - - - - 5
- (h) Enemy CP destroyed - - - - - 1
- (i) Enemy OP destroyed - - - - - 1
- (j) Machine guns destroyed - - - - - 7
- (k) Enemy strong point (manned by 10 men) destroyed - - 1
- (l) Rocket launcher destroyed - - - - - 1
- (m) Flame throwers destroyed - - - - - 2

(2) Effect of enemy action against this battalion.

- (a) M-10's destroyed (by mortar fire) - - - - - -1
- (b) M-10's damaged (repairable) - - - - - -6
- (c) M-8's destroyed (hit friendly, unguarded, unmarked, unreported mine field, and subsequently taken under enemy fire) - - - - - -1
- (d) M-8's damaged (repairable) - - - - - -1
- (e) Personnel casualties:
 - (1) Killed - - - - - -6
 - (2) Wounded - - - - -54
 - Total - - - - -60

b. 15 Aug to 25 Aug 1944, this battalion provided anti-mechanized defense for 9th Infantry Division flanks.

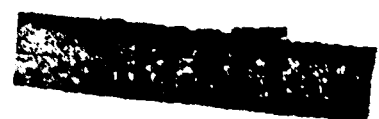
- (1) Patrol of Hq Co. and Recon Co. captured three (3) prisoners (2 officers, 1 private soldier) - vicinity Magny-le-Desert.
- (2) No enemy armored or anti-mechanized action encountered during this period.

c. 29 Aug to 31 Aug 1944, this battalion reinforced elements of Combat Command (A), 5th Armored Division on march NE from Paris to Crepy-eu-Velois, France.

- (1) Co. "A" attached to Task Force - "Bourton"
- (2) Co. "B" attached to Task Force - "Boxley"
 - (a) Co. "B" took five (5) prisoners in vicinity of Crepy-eu-Velois, 31 August 1944.
- (3) Co. "C" held in reserve and marched with Combat Command "A" trains.
 - (a) Attached to and joined Combat Command "B", 5th Armored Division at Baren, France.

For the Commanding Officer:

Alan C. Lord
 ALAN C. LORD
 Capt, FA (TD)
 Adjutant



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APO 230, U.S. ARMY

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6 November 1944

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

THRU : Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division, APO 2, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith is After Action Report for the period of October 1944.



GLENN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
Commanding

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

At the beginning of this period the battalion was attached to the 28th Infantry Division whose front line sector extended from Dasburg, Germany (P 8363), north to Brandscheid, Germany (P 9887). The firing companies each with a reconnaissance platoon, were supporting the respective Combat Commands, giving direct fire support to the infantry units and indirect fire support to the artillery, depending on the particular action against the Siegfried Line.

The companies of the battalion moved north with the Division on 3, 4 and 5 October to the vicinity of Elsenborn, Belgium where the Division front extended from coordinates 020700 to 020000. Companies B and C worked with their respective Combat Commands in planning all details for the attack on the enemy fortifications in that sector. All personnel knew all details of the operation. However, the attack was called off. All firing companies then supported the artillery units with indirect fire for the remainder of the time in that location.

On 26 October 1944 the battalion moved farther north with the Division to the vicinity of Lutzerath, Germany where the Division front extended from coordinates 015350 to 000280. The firing companies went into assembly positions. Detail reconnaissance was made by the companies for indirect fire positions to support the division artillery units. The reconnaissance platoons reconnoitered the area on the north or left sector for routes and gun positions for protection against any enemy armored thrust from the vicinity east of Aachen, Germany also for routes to the southeast.

The Battalion was relieved from attachment to V Corps and the 28th Infantry Division on 30 October 1944 and subsequently attached to VIII Corps and the 2d Infantry Division, the latter being in the vicinity of St. Vith, Belgium. The battalion completed the move on 30 October 1944 with the firing companies occupying indirect firing positions on the division front from coordinates 069038 to 910745.

During the period two pillboxes were badly damaged and 597 indirect fire missions were fired expending a total of 4827 rounds of ammunition.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

Period 1 October 1944 to 5 October 1944.

a. Units in Contact:

Enemy forces on our northern flank (left) consisted of the 78th Infantry Battalion, the 1030th Security Battalion, the 2nd Company F.A. Das Reich and an Infantry Fortress Battalion. On our immediate front were 3 companies of the 36th Marsch Battalion, the Panzer Rcn Battalion Das Reich and the 3rd Battalion of the Regiment Der Fuhrer. These units were part of the 2nd SS Panzer Grenadier Division.

The OCS Battalion of the Regiment K Wegelin, 273rd Antiaircraft unit, 1 company of the Combat Team Fleckenstein, 2nd Panzer Rcn Battalion and the 304th Panzer Grenadier Regiment of the 2nd Panzer Division occupied positions on our right or southern flank.

b. There were no enemy reserves located in a sector where they could be used to effect our mission or situation.

c. Enemy activity was confined to small scale patrol activity during the hours of darkness and harassing artillery fire on the roads used by our vehicles.

d. All companies and battalions were under strength, having about one half their authorized strength. A small number of replacements had been received. Morale from observance of PW's was fair. The enemy controlled the high ground to our front and had observation of our movements in clear weather. Most of our front line positions were known by the enemy.

e. Plans open to the enemy for attack were confined to patrols at night. Their high ground was defended from pillboxes and trenches, also, by dug-in antitank guns. All routes of approach to their positions were covered by direct fire, or by observed artillery fire.

Period 6 October 1944 to 26 October 1944.

a. Units in Contact:

Enemy forces on our northern (left) flank and immediate front consisted of the 77th Infantry Replacement Battalion and the 412th Infantry Training Battalion operating under the K.G. Von Rochow Regiment. On our southern flank was the 276th Infantry Battalion under the 276th Infantry Regiment.

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Both the Von Rochow Regiment and 276th Infantry Regiment operated as a part of the 526th Infantry Training Division.

b. The only reserve was the 1st company of the 412th Infantry Training Battalion which was later moved up to the line to replace the 1st company of the 276th Infantry Battalion. Thus, the boundary between the 412th Battalion and 276th Battalion was moved south approximately 2000 meters.

c. The enemy directed light artillery fire on roads used by our vehicles. Small scale patrols were sent out during darkness.

d. The estimated total strength of the units in contact was 1500 men including reserves. Their morale was just fair. The officers had to use reprisals to keep their men from deserting. The men were told that our negro troops would slit their throats if they surrendered.

e. The enemy was capable of launching a counterattack, strength not in excess of one battalion in the direction of F0209 and F0206. Small night patrols were used for limited objectives. The terrain to our front was favorable for the enemy to defend from pillboxes and prepared fortifications.

Period 27 October 1944 to 31 October 1944.

a. Units in Contact:

On our northern flank enemy forces consisted of the 275th F.A. Regiment, 20th G.A.F. Fortress Battalion, 3rd Battalion of 943rd Infantry Regiment and 496th Infantry Regiment forming the 275th Infantry Division. To our immediate front opposing forces included the 275th Fusilier Battalion, 16th Panzer Engineer Battalion, 5th G.A.F. Fortress Battalion, 1412th Fortress Battalion, 275th Engineer Battalion, K.G. Trier, 328th Infantry Battalion, 24th G.A.F. Fortress Battalion and 73rd Engineer Battalion. These units are under the 275th Infantry Division. On our southern (right) flank there was the 1st Battalion of the 1055th Infantry Regiment, 9th G.A.F. Fortress Battalion and 2nd Battalion of the 1055th Infantry Regiment, all a part of the 89th Infantry Division.

b. There were no enemy reserves that could effect our mission.

c. The enemy was defending his positions from both concrete forts and open fortifications all along the line. Our forward roads were subjected to harassing artillery and mortar fire. Small patrols were sent into our lines during the hours of darkness. No aggressive action was taken by the enemy and there was no indication of reinforcements.

d. The estimated combined strength of the regiments and battalions mentioned above is approximately 6300 men. The food and water shortage made morale poor. The enemy had no knowledge of our situation.

e. Enemy forces were not adequate enough for an attack, and there were no reserves to use for a counterattack. One plan open to the enemy was to use patrols at night and get information about our units as to strength and position. The enemy intended to defend his high ground from cover positions and had routes of approach covered by fire. Some routes were also mined.

For disposition of enemy units see attached overlays.

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2. OWN SITUATION:

a. On 1 October 1944 the 28th Infantry Division's front line covered the sector from Dasburg, Germany (P 855622) North to Branscheid, Germany (P 983813). The firing companies of this battalion were supporting the combat teams of the division on that front, Company A with the 110th Combat Team, Company B with the 112th Combat Team, and Company C with the 109th Combat Team. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th of October 1944 the battalion moved north to vicinity of Camp Elsenborn, Belgium (K 905085), where the firing companies again supported the regimental combat teams, Company B in support of the 112th Combat Team on the southern flank and Company C supporting the 109th on the northern flank. Company A initially supported one battalion of the 110th Combat Team in a diversionary attack to the north and east. The immediate division front extended from K 023032 north to K 035700. On the 26th October 1944 the battalion moved north with the 28th Infantry Division, occupying positions in vicinity of Lulartshutte, Germany (K 030342), the division front extending from F 000280 to F 015350. This unit was relieved from attachment to V Corps and 28th Infantry Division on 30 October and attached to the VII Corps and 2d Infantry Division with headquarters at St. Vith, Belgium (P 855380). The front lines of the 2d Infantry Division extended from P 910745 north to L 009038.

b. The battalion C.F. was located at the following places during the month: 1 October to 5 October 1944 in vicinity of Wilverdange, Luxembourg (P 785727); 5 October to 25 October 1944 at Camp Elsenborn, Belgium (K 900084); 25 October to 30 October 1944 at Lulartshutte, Germany (K 928341); 30 and 31 October 1944 at Andler, Belgium (P 906906).

c. During this period the firing companies worked in close coordination with the front line infantry units furnishing direct fire support and supporting and reinforcing the fires of Divisional Field Artillery units. Reconnaissance Company under battalion control performed reconnaissance missions for the firing companies, securing information on roads, bridges and possible direct and indirect fire positions.

d. During the period from 1 October 1944 to 5 October 1944, Company A with the 110th Infantry Combat Team furnished direct assault gun support and anti-mechanized protection in their operations in vicinity of Kesselt, Germany. Company B reinforced the fires of the 109th F. A., firing harassing missions on German positions in vicinity of Kesselt. Company C worked one platoon in a roving gun assignment and one platoon in indirect fire positions, supporting the 109th Infantry in vicinity of Severig, Germany.

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During the period 5 October 1944 to 25 October 1944, Companies B & C, supporting the 112th and 109th Combat Teams respectively, conducted extensive reconnaissance of Siegfried Line positions in the regimental combat teams' sectors and familiarized all necessary personnel with the pillbox targets they were to take under fire in support of the infantry in their contemplated attack. The plans of the Combat Command were to attack in column of battalions on an extremely narrow front to secure initial break-through. Routes to positions were carefully reconnoitered and prepared well in advance. Company C was to secure the range to various pillboxes, notifying a battery of 155mm SP's of the range and location, at which time the SP 155's would fire direct fire on these installations. Company A initially supported one battalion of the 110th Infantry in their diversionary attack through the cavalry screen on the division's north flank, afterwards reverting to the mission of reinforcing the fires of the 108th F. A. Company A was assigned a mission of reinforcing the fire of a medium F. A. battalion and to reconnoiter and familiarize personnel with direct fire positions on the right south-left north flank of the division to repel hostile counterattacks with armor. Training was conducted by B & C Companies with Infantry units, showing them capabilities and limitations of SP Tank Destroyer weapons. Reconnaissance Company made route reconnaissance of the area for use primarily by Company A. During the period 25 October to 30 October 1944 the firing companies reconnoitered indirect fire positions to reinforce the 28th Infantry Division's fires. Units were to operate under the control of the 108th F. A., which was to provide observation and target assignments for the three units. In addition, Companies A, B and C were to establish and maintain liaison with the 112th, 110th and 109th Combat Teams, respectively, in order to keep abreast of the situation and in order to advise the Company Commanders on possible employment of their units as the terrain and tactical situation required. Initial direct fire support of the infantry was not contemplated due to the nature of terrain. Reconnaissance Company reconnoitered area to east along the division front and north, charting possible routes to over which to move track-laying vehicles and direct fire gun positions to counterattack enemy armored thrusts. On 30 October and 31 October 1944 the battalion moved from an assembly position in vicinity of Mulartshutte, Germany (K 928341) to indirect fire positions in support of the 2d Division's light artillery battalions; Company A in support of the 15th F. A. with one platoon available to the 9th Infantry for any direct fire missions they may have in their sector; Company B in support of the 37th F. A. with one platoon available to the 23rd Infantry; and Company C in support of the 38th F. A. with one platoon available for direct fire missions in the 38th Infantry Regimental sector. Indirect fire positions were occupied and organized by the firing companies. Contact was made with the infantry regiments concerning use of the platoon made available to them on call.

e. All combat vehicle losses have been replaced. All key personnel losses replaced. Morale excellent. Combat efficiency excellent.

f. During the period 1 October to 5 October 1944 damages were inflicted upon the enemy positions in the Siegfried Line, two pillboxes being heavily damaged, one of which, according to reports received from friendly patrols,

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was filled with enemy dead upon their examination. Unknown number of dead caused by direct fire on enemy personnel was observed throughout this sector. Eighty-eight indirect fire harassing missions were fired with a total ammunition expenditure of 612 rounds. During this period roving gun tactics were employed against enemy positions, firing from positions on Sevenig Hill into German positions and installations on Kopp or Hill 515. German Barracks in this area were destroyed to the extent of making them untenable for troops. It was found that by indirect fire precision adjustment on pillbox installations at distances up to 5,000 to 6,000 yards considerable damage was effected by adjustment with HE and switching to T105 fuze when registration was completed and firing for effect commenced. 5 October to 25 October 1944 intense preparations resulted in all personnel being thoroughly familiarized with the parts they were to take in the attack of the Siegfried Line east of Elsenborn with gunners and gun commanders thoroughly familiar with precise targets to be fired on and well rehearsed in the signals indicating lifting fire. Training by infantry and tank destroyer units in forming assault teams resulted in complete understanding by each individual of his part in the operation. This thorough preparation for the attack resulted in complete confidence of the unit in their ability to perform the tasks assigned to them. Harassing fires reinforcing the 28th Division Artillery resulted in the expenditure of 4,215 rounds of ammunition in 509 harassing missions completed. It was found during this firing that the accuracy of the 3-inch gun aided forward observers and OP's in taking under fire pin-point targets, using a minimum of ammunition with excellent effect being secured. Artillery forward observers were very enthusiastic with the accuracy of the fire delivered by the units in indirect fire positions. From the 25th October to 30th October 1944, after moving to new positions in vicinity of Mulartshutte, Germany (K 928341), units conducted intense reconnaissance to locate indirect fire positions. Liaison was established with the Regimental Combat Teams by the firing companies in order to insure complete understanding between all forces and to make possible an effective move from indirect fire positions to direct fire support of infantry units requiring such support. Company C had completed movement into indirect fire positions and position survey was completed prior to relief of attachment to the 28th Infantry Division and V Corps of this unit. On the 30th of October 1944 the battalion moved from the assembly position in vicinity of Mulartshutte, Germany (K 928341) to indirect fire positions selected in coordination with the 2d Infantry Division's light F. A. battalion commanders in the St. Vith sector. Complete organization and occupation of positions resulted in units being prepared to fire missions given them on 31 October 1944. Companies B and C made arrangements with the 23rd and 38th Infantry Regimental Combat Team Commanders for the employment of one platoon in each regimental sector to be used as roving gun position. Reconnaissance of concealed routes of approach and complete familiarization of personnel with targets to be fired upon was made on the 31st October 1944. Arrangements for 50 rounds HE ammunition per gun had been made by light field artillery units to be delivered to units upon arrival at gun positions.

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

Casualty, Replacement & Prisoner Annex
1-31 October 1944

	WIA			KIA			MIA			N-BC			REPLACEMENTS			PRISONERS		
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
1	None			None			None			1	0	0				None		
2	"			"			"			0	0	0				"		
3	"			"			"			2	0	1				"		
4	"			"			"			1	0	0				"		
5	"			"			"			0	0	0				"		
6	"			"			"			0	0	1				"		
7	"			"			"			0	0	0				"		
8	"			"			"			0	0	0				"		
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TOTAL	None			None			None		1	14	2	18				None		

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

At the beginning of period covered by report battalion was 17 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer understrength. During the month of October 1944 18 Enlisted Men and 2 Officer replacements were received. At the close of the period battalion was 7 Enlisted Men understrength due to evacuation of non-battle casualties. Requisitions for tank destroyer replacements were filled by 9 tank destroyer Enlisted Men assigned from replacement pool, 2 Tank destroyer Enlisted Men transferred from 28th Infantry Division, 7 casual tank destroyer Enlisted Men returning to duty. (Members of this unit previously evacuated through medical channels and subsequently dropped from rolls of battalion)

Commanding Officers during period covered by this report:
(no changes during period)

Bn. Cmdr.	Lt. Col. Glenn Cole
C.O. Hq. Co.	Capt. Francis H. Dobbins
C. O. Co. A	Capt. Charles M. Grimshaw
C. O. Co. B	Capt. Edwin H. Stewart
C. O. Co. C	Capt. Edward A. Ryan
C. O. Rcn Co.	Capt. Harry L. Harris
C. O. Med Det	Capt. Domenico A. Savoia

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

All supplies with the exception of ordnance supplies were drawn through the 28th Infantry Division Supply Officer. Major items of ordnance equipment were handled through V Corps Ordnance. Two M-8 vehicles were received on 27 October 1944 from the 526th Ordnance Company on allocation from V Corps. On 29 October 1944 eleven (11) motor cycles were turned in to the 257th Ordnance Company. Motorcycles are not used by this organization due to the tactical situation and the muddy condition of the roads. TD 18-25 and components dated 15 March 1944 authorize $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicles instead of motorcycles. These authorized $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicles have not yet been made available.

Three M-8 vehicles were received from the 526th Ordnance Company on 30 October 1944 on V Corps allocation. Two half-tracks (M-2) which were substitutes for M-8s formerly turned in on V Corps order, were turned in to ordnance on 30 October 1944.

Injectors for the diesel motors on the M-10 have not been available for some time. The lack of new injectors is becoming critical in the maintenance of our M-10's.

All directives issued by higher headquarters in regard to requisitions for anti-freeze solution have been complied with. To date no anti-freeze has been received.

The gas and oil supply and the basic load of ammunition is replenished daily as required by the situation.

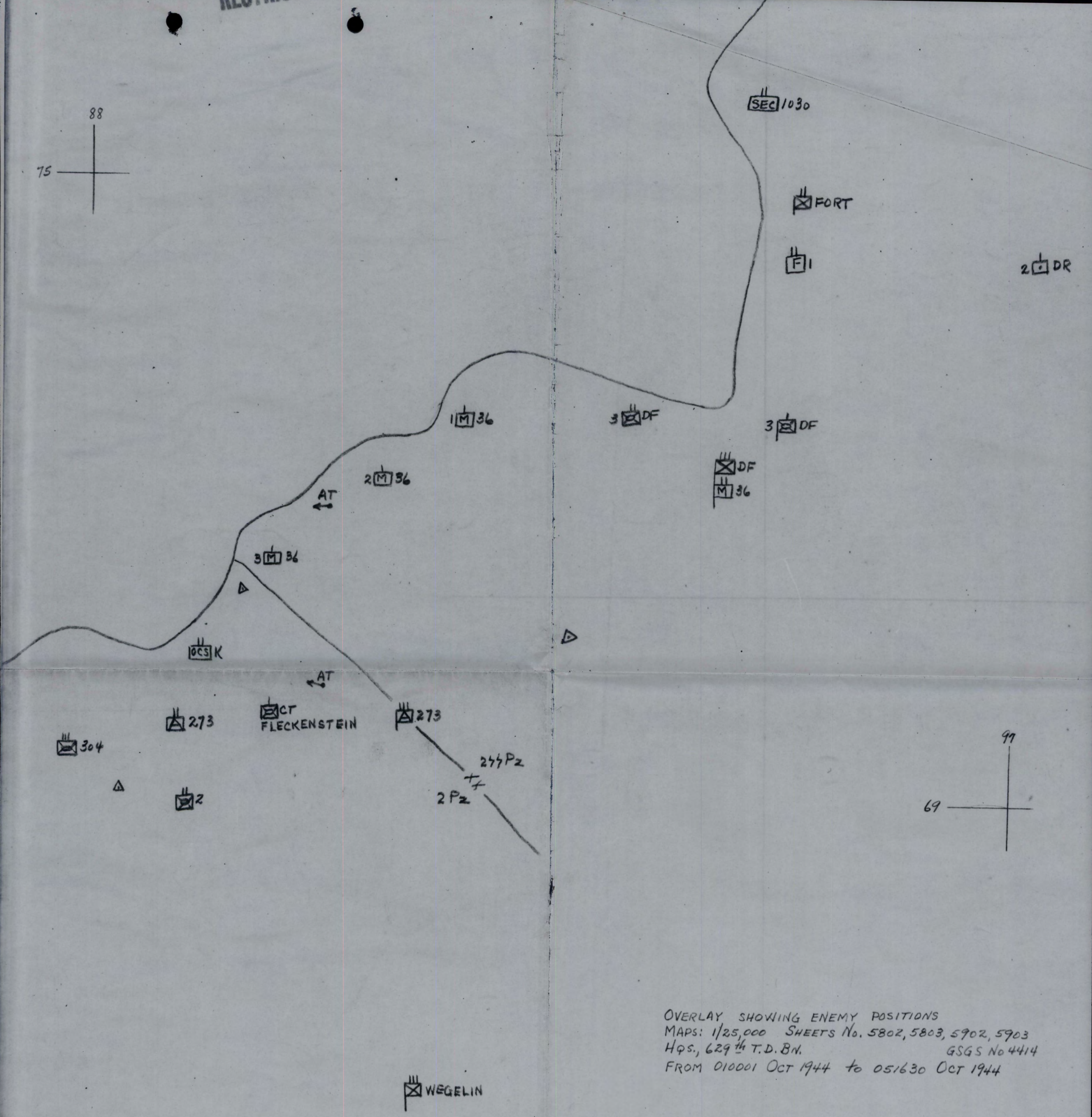
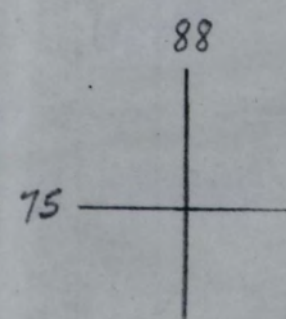
Roads used by the organization supply vehicles are generally good except in wet weather when they are somewhat slippery due to being covered with mud.



GLENN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
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OVERLAY SHOWING ENEMY POSITIONS
 MAPS: 1/25,000 SHEETS No. 5802, 5803, 5902, 5903
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 FROM 010001 OCT 1944 to 051630 OCT 1944

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OVERLAY SHOWING ENEMY POSITIONS
MAPS: 1/25,000 SHEETS No 5203, 5204, 5303, 5304
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20 October 1944

SUBJECT: Report After/After Action Against Enemy, Period 1-30 September 1944.

THRU : Commanding General, V Corps, APO 305, U. S. Army.
(Attention: Historical Officer)

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

1. During the period 1-30 September 1944 this battalion was assigned to First U. S. Army and attached to V Corps with further attachments (for operations only) as follows:

a. 1-13 September 1944 - 5th Armored Division and further attached as follows:

(1) 1-5 September 1944 - Company C attached to Combat Command "R".

b. 14-30 September 1944 - 28th Infantry Division.

2. Indirect fire missions as follows:

a. Company A fired 62 missions (445 rds) harassing fires.

3. Battalion performed direct fire missions constantly during period inflicting losses against the enemy as follows:

Mark V Tank	2
Mark IV Tank	1
AT Gun	3
Sherman M-4 Tank (placed in action by the enemy)	1
$\frac{1}{2}$ track, personnel carrier	1
Pill boxes	84
Houses containing enemy personnel	10
Barracks	3
Observation Posts	1
Machine guns	2

For the Commanding Officer:

Alan C. Lord
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Capt., FA (TD)
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

5 December 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of After Action Report

THRU : Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army

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

1. Transmitted herewith is the After Action Report of this Battalion for the month of November 1944.

Glenn Cole
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Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
Commanding

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Resume of Operations
Enemy situation
Own Situation
Supply
Administration with Annex
Overlay of Enemy Situation

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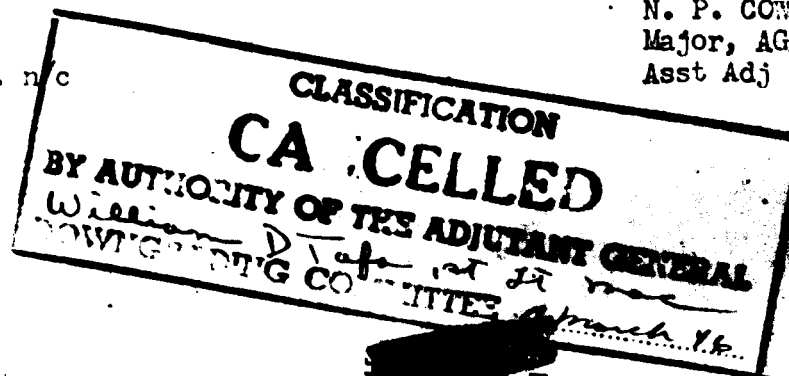
TO: Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U.S. Army.

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For the Commanding General:

N. P. Conden
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Major, AGD,
Asst Adj General.

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RESUME OF OPERATIONS

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Units in Contact:

Enemy forces on our northern flank (left) consisted of the 7th Fortress Battalion and the 454th Replacement and Training Battalion. These units are part of the 347th Infantry Division. On our immediate front are the 1st and 2nd battalions of the 295th VG Regt, the 1st and 2nd battalions of the 294th VG Regt, 3rd Fortress Battalion, 1st and 2nd battalions of the 293rd VG Regt and one battalion of Engineers with the 3rd battalion of the 293rd VG Regt in reserve. The above units are part of the 18th VG Division.

Enemy units located on our southern flank (right) were the 1st and 2nd battalions of the 1057th Infantry Regt, the 1st and 3rd battalions of the 1058th Infantry Regt. The 1818th Engineer Battalion and the 2nd battalion of the 1058th Infantry Regt. were stationed immediately behind these front line forces. All southern flank units were part of the 91st Infantry Division.

b. The majority of the enemy reserves consisted of small units of squad or platoon size. These units covered all good routes which would be utilized by our TD's in the event of a breakthrough on their front line forces.

c. Enemy activity was confined to patrolling during hours of poor visibility. Artillery fire of a harassing and interdictory nature was placed on routes being used by our vehicles. Observed 75mm and 105mm fire was placed on the route from Schonberg to Oberscheid, Company "C" of this organization being located at the latter town.

d. A small number of replacements were being received by the enemy forces on our front. Morale among most units was poor due to food and water shortages and improper treatment from their officers and NCO's. The enemy controlled some high ground to our front permitting observation on our front line movements during clear weather. A few of our front line positions were known to the enemy.

e. Plans open to the enemy for attack and counterattack were limited to night patrols. They defended their high ground positions from defiladed positions and dug-in entrenchments on the southern flank. On the immediate front and northern flank pillboxes and forts were in suitable condition to be manned for defense. The routes of approach to these positions were covered by direct fire or by prepared artillery concentrations.

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2. OWN SITUATION:

a. During the period 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 the unit was attached to the 2nd Infantry Division who were holding a line running from P955815 to P910745 to L030940 to L060900. Companies A, B, & C reinforced the fire of the 15th FA, 37th FA, and 38th FA respectively.

b. The battalion C.P. was located at Andler, Belgium, coordinates P96659067. Reconnaissance Company was located at P97149130 and Headquarters Company at F96209105, both in Belgium. Company A was located at L00359005, Company B at P90758025 and Company C at P98188574, all in Germany.

c. The 15th FA Battalion was located at P993885, the 38th FA Battalion at P973865 and the 37th FA Battalion at P904709. Other divisional troops and attached troops in vicinity.

d. The unit was generally employed in secondary mission reinforcing the fires of division artillery, harassing and interdiction fires being the primary employment of the weapons. Targets assigned the unit were for the most part well beyond the range of the divisional artillery. Direct fire was also placed on enemy pillboxes, OP's and machine guns. The employment of A and C Companies in this role was quite extensive, excellent results being obtained against the targets fired upon in their respective areas.

e. All combat vehicle losses have been replaced. All key personnel losses were replaced. Morale was excellent. Combat efficiency was considered excellent.

f. During this period 1,669 harassing and interdiction missions were fired, expending a total of 20,101 rounds of ammunition. Fifty-three Corps and Division TOT missions resulted in ammunition expenditure of 629 rounds of ammunition. Nineteen targets of opportunity were taken under fire with an ammunition expenditure of 327 rounds of ammunition. Fifty-three registrations were fired requiring 579 rounds of ammunition. 2368 rounds of HE and APC ammunition were fired on direct fire targets which comprised 2 machine Gun nests, 2 wooded areas, occupied by over 2 companies of infantry, 68 concrete pillboxes, and 79 houses. One town was fired upon by 8 guns of one unit with such affect that the enemy supposed a counterattack was being made and laid down mortar, artillery and machinegun fire, revealing his defensive FPL. Excellent results were obtained in almost all direct fire missions.

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3. SUPPLY.

All supplies with the exception of ordnance items were drawn through the 2d Infantry Division Supply Officer. Major items of ordnance equipment were handled through VIII Corps Ordnance Officer.

One car, half-track, M2 was turned in to the 526th Ordnance Company as excess. Five (5) cars, armored, utility M20 were drawn on 1st U.S. Army allocation due to change in T/O & E.

To date this battalion has received approximately half of the anti-freeze compound it will require to meet 1st U. S. Army specifications.

The gas, oil and ammunition supply was replenished daily as required by the situation.

Roads over which the battalion operated during the period were generally good. During the early part of the period approximately two inches of snow fell throughout the area in which the battalion operated, making transportation difficult for a three-day period.

Supply routes west of Company "C" (between battalion command post and company C command post) NW of Bleialf, Germany were covered by enemy harassing and interdictory fires. No other routes to Company "C" installations were available. However, supplies were transported without injury to personnel or materiel.

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4. ADMINISTRATION.

During the period covered by this report all administration was processed through 2d Infantry Division to which this battalion was attached on VIII Corps order.

At the beginning of the period the battalion was seven (7) enlisted men understrength due to evacuation of battle and non-battle casualties. During the period one (1) enlisted man was injured in battle; one (1) officer and seven (7) enlisted non-battle casualties were evacuated. Of these, one (1) officer and two (2) enlisted men returned to duty through medical channels.

One (1) officer and ten (10) enlisted replacements were received during the period from sources as follows:

2d Infantry Division - 5 enlisted men
3rd Replacement Depot - 5 enlisted men, 1 officer

Pursuant to letter, Headquarters, First U. S. Army, subject: Advance Issue of Officer Replacement Personnel, file 200.3/Replacement (AGCL) dated 15 November 1944 this organization was authorized to acquire four (4) officers above Table of Organization strength. On verbal authorization of 2d Infantry Division and in accordance with the policy recommended by letter, Headquarters, Twelfth Army Group, subject: Battlefield Appointments, file 210.1 (AG-P) dated 9 October 1944, three (3) direct appointments to grade of second lieutenant from among the enlisted personnel were recommended in lieu of requisitioning additional officers.

Commanding Officers during period covered by report;
(no changes during period)

Bn. Cmdr.	- Lt. Col. Glenn Cole
CO Bq. Co.	- Capt. Francis H. Dobbins
CO Ren Co.	- Capt. Harry L. Harris
CO Co. A	- Capt. Charles M. Grimshaw
CO Co. B	- Capt. Edwin H. Stewart
CO Co. C	- Capt. Edward A. Ryan

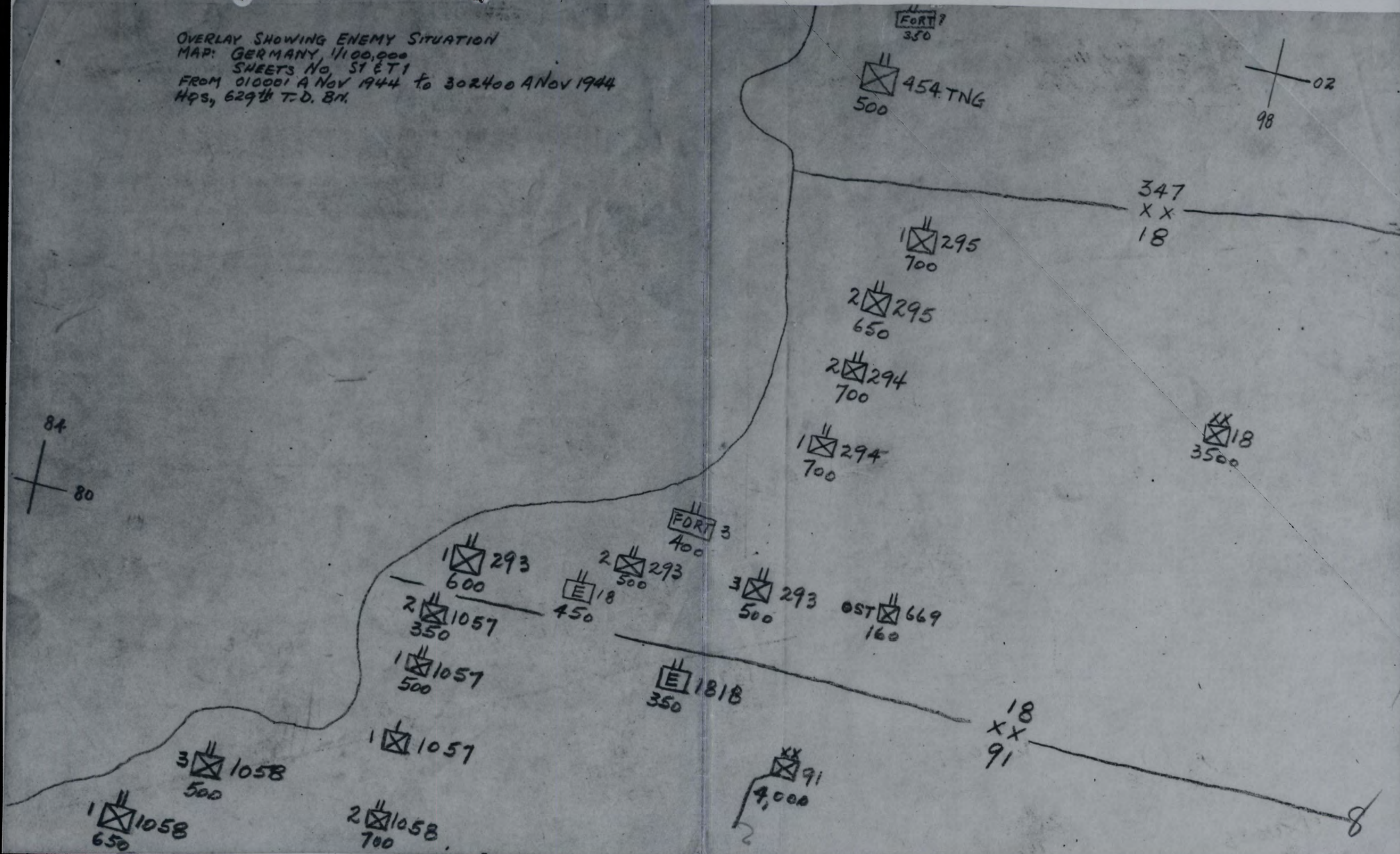
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4. ADMINISTRATIVE: (cont.)

Casualty, Replacement and Prisoner Annex, 1-30 November 1944

Day of Month	WIA	KIA	MIA	N-B	PWs Captured	Replacements
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	0	0	0	1 Off	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	2 RM, 1 Off
15	0	0	0	0	0	2
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	5
18	1	0	0	1	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	1 Off
21	0	0	0	0	0	0
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25	0	0	0	1	0	0
26	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	3	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0
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TO: Commanding General, Hq VII Corps, U. S. Army, APO 307.

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For the Commanding General:

N. P. Cowden
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Major, AGD,
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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, December 1944

RESUME OF OPERATIONS

For the period 1 and 2 December 1944 the battalion was attached to the 2nd Infantry Division. The destroyer companies were supporting the infantry regiments and light artillery battalions of the Division in the area of Kobescheid, Bliealf and Winterspelt, Germany. 1259 rounds of 3" HE ammunition were fired on 36 missions. On 3rd and 4th of December 1944 the battalion was in assembly position in vicinity of Hauset, Belgium, all units except Company B getting an Ordnance check.

From 5 to 24 December 1944 the battalion was attached to the 83rd Infantry Division. Each destroyer company with the attached Reconnaissance Platoon was attached to the respective Infantry Regiments. These unit aided materially in the successful attacks by the Infantry Regiments on the towns of Grasschau, Strass, Gey, Lendersdorf, Gurzenich, Rolsdorf and Birgel, Germany. By 19 December 1944 all units had reached the Roer River from Gurzenich to a point just north of Winden, Germany

The battalion was relieved of attachment to the 83rd Infantry Division on 23 December 1944 and was immediately attached to the 75th Infantry Division. On 24 December the battalion moved into the 75th Infantry Division area in vicinity of Ocquier, Belgium. The destroyer companies with the attached Reconnaissance Platoon were attached to the Infantry Regiments as on previous occasions.

Damage inflicted on the enemy consisted of the destruction of 12 LG nests, 1 mortar, 14 OPs, 22 strongpoints, 8 Lk VI Tiger Tanks, 1 motorcycle, 1 Lk V Tank, 1 half-track vehicle, 1 scout car and 1 SP gun, of the capture of 124 prisoners and the killing and wounding of an unknown number of enemy personnel.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Units in Contact; December 4 to December 24.

North to South, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th companies of 1st battalion of 942nd Infantry Regiment. 1st company of 8th Paratroop Regiment, 2nd battalion of combat team ABEL. 1st and 3rd Fusilier companies of 353rd Fusilier battalion, 5th company of 942nd Regiment, 2nd, 6th, and 7th companies of 943rd Regiment and 13th, 14th companies of 1st battalion of 981st Regiment. 1st and 2nd battalions of 941st Infantry Regiment. These units are in the 353rd Infantry Division except for the 1st company of 8th Paratroop Regiment. Remnants of the 1st battalion, 1057th Regiment and 2nd battalion of the 1058th Regiment, 3rd company 191st Field Replacement battalion, 217th battalion of assault guns, 5th, 6th, and 7th companies of 2nd battalion of the 6th Paratroop Regiment and the 3rd Paratroop Division were also present on the front.

New identifications during period; 56th and 14th companies, 942nd Infantry Regiment. Headquarters, 3rd, 4th and 5th companies of 943rd Regiment, 12th company of 6th Paratroop Regiment. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th companies of 115th Volks Grenadier Regiment and 47th Infantry Division. 1st and alarm company of 943rd Infantry Regiment, 47th Fusilier battalion, 3rd and 4th companies of 8th Regiment, 3rd Paratroop Division. 3rd company, 682nd A.T. battalion, 2nd company of 501st Fortress A.T. battalion of 104th Infantry Regiment of 47th Infantry Division.

b. Reserves: Most any division of the 6th Panzer Army could be committed as an attacking force in our sector east of the Roer River. The 1st SS in the Zulpich area (F2333) and the 12th SS Hitler Jugend area of Euskirchen (F3229) are both likely counterattacking forces.

c. Enemy Activity: Numerous night patrols, many of platoon size, infiltrated through our lines especially in the vicinity of Gey. A counterattack of company size launched at Strass was successful in over-running our positions and cutting off our forces. The attack was composed of infantry supported by 3 tanks and succeeded in the destruction of three tank destroyers and inflicted casualties on all personnel except for the platoon leader and two enlisted men. The enemy continually placed harassing and interdictory fire on roads used by us for hauling supplies and laid down concentrated fire in Gey, Strass, Garzenich, and Schafberg. Enemy opposition resisting our advances consisted of small arms, SP guns and mortar fire. He fought from previously dug-in positions, bunkers and houses until we over-ran his defensive positions.

d. Estimate of Enemy Strength and Morale: Three different divisions were in front of our sector and all line units strength was depleted. Some units composition being exhausted to such an extent that merely remnants remained. New units being committed to continue the strong defensive action often absorbed these remnants.

e. Conclusions: The enemy is capable of continuing the defense of his present frontline positions and any plan of attack is open to the enemy. In our sector he can counterattack with air, infantry, and armor at any selected spot and at a time of his own choosing. Our frontline positions were known to the enemy throughout the period and as soon as we had taken and mopped up an area, enemy artillery concentrations were laid upon our positions.

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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, December 1944.

1. ENEMY SITUATION (Cont'd)

a. Units in Contact; December 24 to December 31st.

Enemy front lines - P4586, P4886, P5087, P5288, P5458895. Units, 5th and 6th companies of 2nd SS Pz Division, 25th and 26th Pz Grenadier Regiments and 3rd SS Regiment of 2nd SS Panzer Division. Elements of the 560th Volks Grenadier Division, 60th and 156th Panzer Grenadier Regiments and the 16th Panzer Division.

b. Reserves; The known reserves available for immediate commitment in our sector are the remaining elements of the 25th Panzer Grenadier Regt and the 9th and 12th Tank Regiments of the 2nd SS Panzer Division. Any of the elements of the Panzer Divisions (not committed) located in the present area of the breakthrough could be committed on our front.

c. Enemy Activity; Attacks by infantry and tanks of battalion strength in the vicinity of Grandmenil and Manhay have been exercised by the enemy. In the vicinity of Sadzot, the enemy took advantage of a 1000 yard gap left in our lines and infiltrated 300 to 400 troops. These troops launched an attack against "A" company C.P. and utilized small arms, machine gun and mortar fire in pressing their attack. The amount of artillery fire encountered in this sector has been slight.

d. Enemy Capabilities and Morale; Enemy morale is good and very little knowledge of our situation is known. Their plan of attack will probably materialize along the road net of Manhay and Grandmenil. Infantry, armor, air or any combination can be employed in any force and at any time the enemy may choose with his ultimate goal being the Meuse River.

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2. OWN SITUATION:

a. Period 1 December 1944 to 2 December 1944; front lines generally Kobescheid (L029899), Bliealf (P967832), Winterspelt (P915903) Germany. Period 3 December 1944 to 4 December 1944; unit in assembly position vicinity Hauset, Belgium (K825356). Period 5 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, Gurzenich (F086440) to Bogheim (F085377) along Roer River, Germany. Period 24 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, Hotton (P3788), Soy (P416898), Grandmenil (P5290), Manhay (P533902), Tri-le-Cheslaing (P546915), Belgium. During period 4 December 1944 to 24 December unit moved forward with the 83rd Infantry Division units from the Hurtgen Forest to the Roer River.

b. During period 1 December 1944 to 2 December 1944 this unit was attached to 2nd Infantry Division by VIII Corps with Company A supporting 9th Infantry Regiment and 15th FA Battalion. Company B was supporting 23rd Infantry Regiment and 37th FA Bn. Company C was supporting 38th Infantry Regiment and 38th FA Battalion. During the period 3 December 1944 to 4 December 1944 units under battalion control awaiting arrival of 83rd Infantry Division in that area. Period 5 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 unit was attached to VII Corps and further attached to the 83rd Infantry Division with companies attached to infantry units as follows: Company A with the 1st Rcn Platoon attached to the 329th Infantry Regiment, Company B with the 2d Rcn Platoon attached to the 330th Infantry Regiment, Company C with the 3rd Rcn Platoon attached to the 331st Infantry Regiment. Period 25 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 unit was attached to the 75th Infantry Division. Company A and 1st Rcn Platoon attached to the 289th Infantry Regiment, Company B with 2nd Rcn Platoon attached to the 290th Infantry Regiment, Company C with 3rd Rcn Platoon attached to the 291st Infantry Regiment. On 28 December 1944 1st Platoon of Company A was attached to the 509th Paratroop Battalion.

c. Not applicable.

d. During the period 1 December 1944 to 2 December 1944 Companies A, B and C supported the 2d Infantry Division, reinforcing the fires of the light artillery battalions. Period 3 December 1944 to 4 December 1944 unit was in assembly position getting an ordnance check. Period 5 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 unit began operation with 83rd Infantry Division with Company B attached to the 330th Infantry Regiment moving on the 5th to firing positions vicinity F025384. Company moved in close coordination through Grasshau to line East of Strass. A vigorous German counterattack on Strass was repulsed. On the 9th December, Companies A and C moved to assembly positions at K986412 and K989392 respectively. Company B fired on SP guns with no visible damage. Companies A and C attached to the 329th and 331st Infantry Regiments respectively. Company C supported 331st attack on Gey with direct fire, following along with infantry through Gey to Kufferath (K104399), Berzbuir (K102410) and Lendersdorf (K113415). On 12 December 1944, Company A moved with 329th Infantry Regiment towards Gursenich (K090446) and

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2. OWN SITUATION: (Cont'd)

Rolsdorf (K105442) and Birgel (K090425). By 19 December 1944 all units were along Roer River with all enemy forces on the East bank of the river from Gurzenich (K090441) to just North of Winden (K113388). Unit relieved by units of 772nd T. D. Bn. (T) on 241200 and prepared to move to VII Corps sector vicinity Marche (P296836). Unit moved 250230 from vicinity Gressenich (K990427) to vicinity Ocquier (P345035) and was attached to the 75th Inf Div. Company A was attached to 289th Infantry Regiment, Company B to the 290th Infantry Regiment and Company C to the 291st Infantry Regiment; the 289th and 290th Infantry Regiments being attached to CCB of the 3rd Armored Division. 1st Platoon, Company A was attached to the 509th Paratroop Battalion to support mop up action around Sadzot (P475895) on 28 December 1944.

e. During period 1 December 1944 to 2 December 1944 a total of 1259 rounds of 3" HE ammunition were expended on harassing fire in support of the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, totaling 34 harassing missions and 2 counterbattery missions. No missions observed so damage inflicted on enemy was not known. During 3rd and 4th December 1944 unit was not in contact with enemy. During period 5 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 the following damage and casualties were inflicted on the enemy: On 11 December 1944 Company C destroyed one (1) Machine Gun nest, and one (1) mortar, one (1) OP, and two (2) strongpoints, wounding 12 Germans and killing unknown number; on 12 December 1944 3rd platoon, Company B, assisted in stopping strong enemy counterattack on Strauss, knocking out two (2) Mk VI Tiger Tanks and killing and wounding an unknown number of enemy. The 3rd Rcn Platoon fired into a house, wounding and killing an unknown number of Germans and taking 12 prisoners. The 2nd platoon, Company A, on 14 December 1944 fired on pillboxes and hedgerows, killing three (3) and taking prisoner 40 Germans. Company A and C fired on MG nests and strongpoints, destroying two (2) MG's and neutralized 20 strongpoints. One PW taken in this action on 15 December 1944. During 16th December 1944, Company A destroyed one (1) OP in steeple and one (1) MG, killed fifteen (15) enemy and captured twenty-eight (28) prisoners. Companies A and C on 17 December 1944 destroyed six (6) MG nests and ten (10) suspected OP's and captured twenty-eight (28) prisoners and one (1) 88mm AT Gun. On 18 December 1944 Companies A and C destroyed two (2) OP's, one (1) motorcylce, and two (2) buildings, burned a haystack with snipers in it, captured fourteen (14) prisoners and killed or wounded an estimated two hundred (200) Germans. Two hundred and ninety (290) rounds of 3" HE, reduced charge were fired by 3rd Platoon of Company B on harassing fire missions for the 322nd FA Bn. During period 25 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 the following actions occurred: On 27 December 1944, 1st Platoon of Company A destroyed one (1) Mk V Tank and one (1) half-track with enemy personnel. In addition, eleven (11) enemy infantry were killed. On 28 December 1944, 3rd platoon, Company B, destroyed one (1) enemy scout car and personnel. Company A CP group and 1st platoon engaged in fire fight with enemy who had moved through a gap of 1000 yards in the infantry lines from 0230 to 1100, killing a known twenty-five (25) enemy, destroyed two (2) MG's, and preventing a further penetration until 509th Paratroop Battalion were sent in as foot troops. Six (6) Mk VI King Tiger tanks and one (1) SP gun and many

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2. OWN SITUATION: (Cont'd)

small arms were abandoned in Grandmenil by enemy and were destroyed by 2nd and 3rd platoons, Company A. On 29 December 1944 one (1) prisoner was taken by 3rd platoon, Company B.

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3. SUPPLY:

All supplies with the exception of Ordnance items were drawn through the 83rd Infantry Division through the 24th of December at which time this unit was attached to the 75th Infantry Division and drew supplies through that organization. Ordnance items were drawn through the VII Corps and the 599th Ordnance Company.

This organization was given a 100% Ordnance overhaul with the exception of Company B which was committed and therefore **unable** to take advantage of this service.

Two (2) Cars, Armored, Utility, M20 and three (3) Trailers, Ammunition, M10 were drawn on army allocation due to change in T/E.

Seven (7) Carriage, Motor, 3" gun, M10 were drawn on Corps allocation to replace combat losses.

The gas, oil and ammunition supply was replenished daily as the situation required.

Roads were generally good.

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4. ADMINISTRATION.

During the period covered by this report administration was processed through the following higher headquarters to which this battalion has been attached:

2d Infantry Division - 1 to 2 December 1944
83d Infantry Division - 3 to 22 December 1944
75th Infantry Division - 23 to 31 December 1944

Authorized strength and status at beginning and end of period are as follows:

	Authorized Strength	Strength as of 1 Dec 1944	Strength as of 31 Dec 1944
Officers	39	36	34
Warrant Officers	2	1	1
Enlisted Men	607	607	584
Total	648	644	619

(Gains and losses of personnel during period are noted in Casualty, Replacement and Prisoner Annex.)

Requisitions dated 12 December 1944 for seven (7) enlisted men, 13 December 1944 for one (1) officer (2d Lt. Lester R. Smith(only)), 17 December 1944 for twenty-one (21) enlisted men, 20 December 1944 for one (1) officer, and 21 December 1944 for four (4) enlisted men were submitted to 1st U. S. Army. The following replacements were received through Third Replacement Depot:

Officers - 1 (Requisition No. 21, 20 December 1944)
Enlisted Men - 10 casuals, former members of this battalion, one (1) of whom was applied against Battalion Requisition No. 18, 12 December 1944; 9 returned VOGG, GFRS.
Enlisted Men - 5 new replacements applied against Battalion Requisition No. 18, 12 December 1944.

The following Battalion Requisitions have not yet been filled:

No. 19 (13 Dec 1944) for one (1) officer
No. 20 (17 Dec 1944) for twenty-one (21) enlisted men
No. 22 (21 Dec 1944) for four (4) enlisted men

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4. ADMINISTRATION. (cont'd)

Three recommendations for battlefield appointment of enlisted men to 2d Lieutenant submitted during the previous period were returned without action from 2d Infantry Division upon relief from attachment to that organization, and subsequently resubmitted through 83d Infantry Division.

Master Sergeant Carl J. DePanicis	33041502
Staff Sergeant Chester T. Yachna	33023476
Staff Sergeant John J. Barsic	20321554

Commanding Officers during period covered by report:

Bn. Cmdr	- Lt. Col. Glenn Cole
OO Hq. Co.	- Capt. Francis H. Dobbins
OO Rcn Co.	- Capt. Harry L. Harris
OO Co. A	- Capt. Charles L. Grimshaw
OO Co. B	- Capt. Edwin H. Stewart
OO Co. C	- Capt. Edward A. Ryan (1 Dec 1944 - 311200 Dec 1944)
OO Co. C	- 1st Lt. Anthony G. Covatta (311200 Dec 1944 - 312400 Dec 1944)

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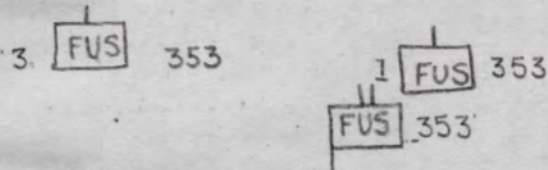
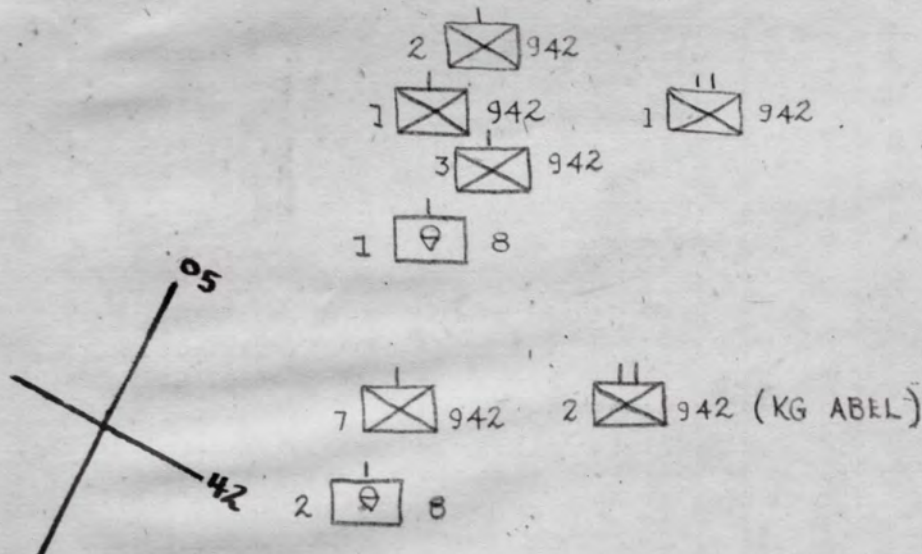
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12	0	0	0	2 EM	0	0
13	5 EM	7 EM	0	0	0	0
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26	3 EM	2 EM	0	1 EM	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	1 EM	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0
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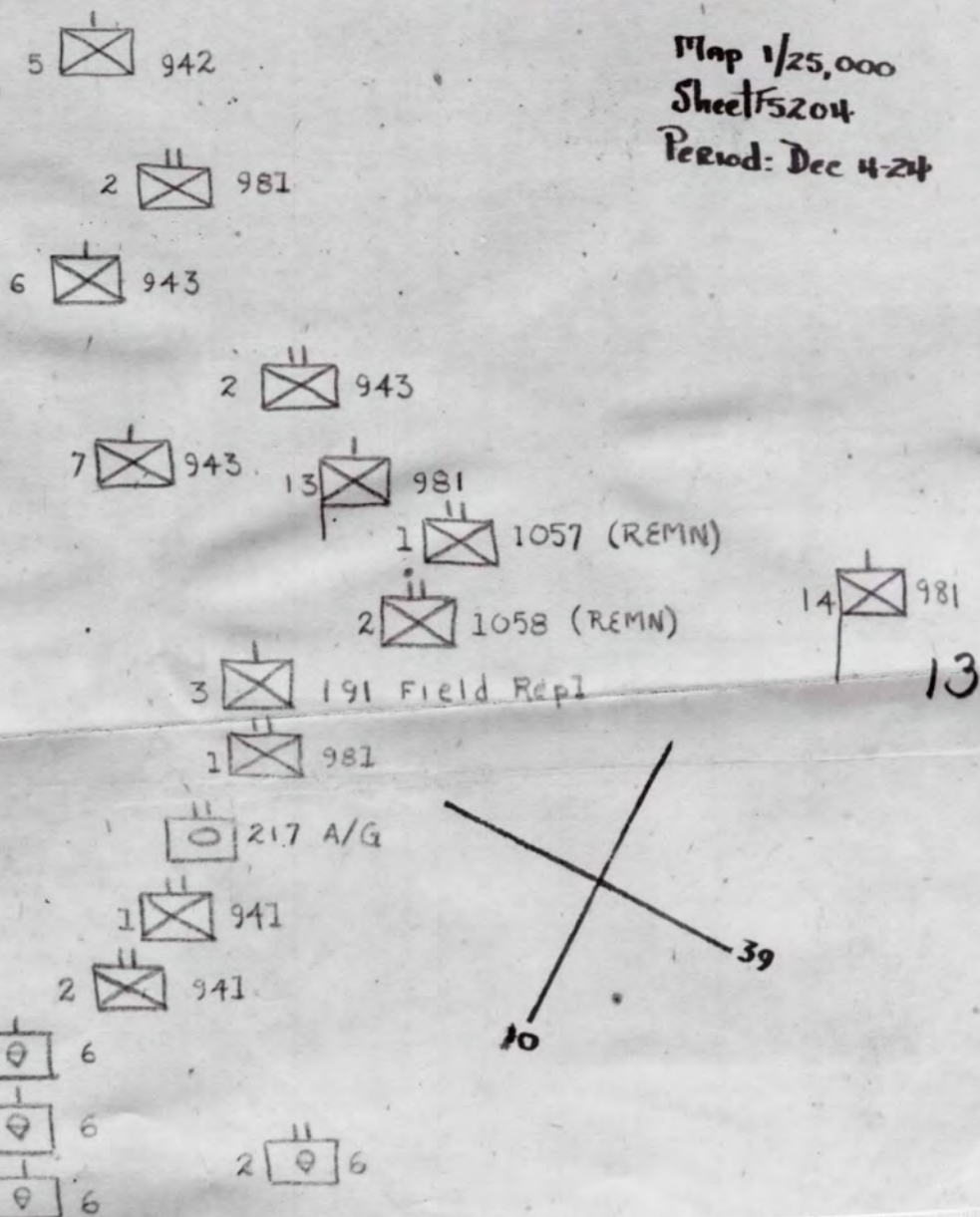
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


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



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

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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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HEADQUARTERS
629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

3 February 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
(Thru: Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith is After Action Report for this organization for the month of January 1945.


GLENN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
Commanding

Incls:

- 1 - After Action Report for month of January 1945
- 1 - Battalion Journal for month of January 1945
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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of January 1945

1. Enemy:

a. Units in Contact:

On January 1st the front lines were approximately 5688 to 6093. Elements of four divisions were present along the front, from north to south: 9th SS Panzer Division, 560th Volksgrenadier Division, 89th Volksgrenadier Regiment of the 12th Volksgrenadier Division. On January 4th two new units, the 27th and 48th Volksgrenadier Regiments of the 12th Volksgrenadier Division made their appearance on the front. On January 5th, 6th and 7th no contact was made with the enemy. Units in contact on January 8th were the 19th and 20th Panzer Grenadier Regiments of the 9th Panzer Division, the 9th SS Panzer Recon Battalion and the 89th Volksgrenadier Regiment of 12th Volksgrenadier Division. New identifications revealed the presence of the 751st Regiment of the 326th Volksgrenadier Division. Front lines on the 10th of January - South of Regne and Bihain (640843) (657838) (664850) (690848). On January 11th a new unit, the 1st Battalion of the 27th Volksgrenadier Regiment, was identified and on January 12th the 53rd Nebelwerfer Regiment of the 4th Nebelwerfer Brigade was identified in our sector. On January 15th the 409th Volksgrenadier Artillery Battalion was identified. Front lines were East of Honyelez and west of Bovigny (7082), West of Courtil (7081). On January 20th there was no change of units in contact and the front lines were East of Cierriux, East of Bovigny and East of Courtil. From January 21st to February 1st there was no contact with the enemy.

b. Reserves:

During the first part of the period the 10th SS Panzer Division, 11th SS Panzer Division and 15th Panzer Grenadier Division were available for employment on our sector of the front. On January 10th uncommitted elements of the 9th SS Panzer Division were used by the enemy to reinforce his lines in the Petite Langlir (6583) area. No contact since January 7th was made with the 1st and 12th SS Panzer Divisions. They remained unlocated in the buldge and could be employed as reserves. On January 12th the 1st SS Panzer Division was identified in front of our area in readiness for committment. Elements of the 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division were identified on our left flank on January 16th and the remaining elements of this unit could be used for immediate reserves in our area. On January 18th the presence of the 11th Panzer Division on the 3rd Army front was definitely confirmed, eliminating the possibility of this Division being employed as reserve in our sector

c. Enemy Activity:

From the 1st to the 5th of January opposition to our advances consisted mainly of small arms, mortar and artillery fire. On January 8th the enemy employed tanks and SP guns and defended from buildings which he used as strong points. Artillery fire was placed on villages and road junctions which our troops were compelled to use. In the Bihain and Petite Langlir sector the enemy resorted to offensive tactics counterattacking frequently with tanks and infantry.

The enemy maintained strong resistance on January 11th in the Petite Langlir and Bihain area using tanks, artillery and SP and AT guns. Roads leading to our advance elements were subjected to heavy artillery shelling. There was

c. Enemy Activity: (cont'd)

continued use of mines along our roads of advance and on road blocks. On January 15th the enemy kept up his defensive action by counterattacking with tank and infantry teams. On January 16th our Tank Destroyers encountered anti-tank and mortar fire in Honyelez and could not travel on the road leading into this town except at night as enemy direct fire weapons had it covered. Enemy also placed heavy mortar and artillery interdiction fire on this road. Eleven of our tank destroyers were damaged by enemy action during this period.

d. Strength and Morale:

Throughout the operation elements of the Divisions opposing us were equal to approximately one to two regiments of Volksgrenadier troops and Engineer and Panzer Grenadier forces. From the 8th of January until the close of the operation the enemy had one to two companies of tanks spread along the front.

Enemy morale was good at the beginning of the period but declined towards the close of the period.

e. Capabilities:

(a) To defend high ground using dug-in positions and houses as strong points thereby delaying our advance.

(b) To counterattack with approximately 1 company of infantry and a platoon of tanks. However, due to the well placed artillery fire of the 83rd Division Artillery the counter attacks were almost always broken up before even getting under way. On January 11th the enemy assembled in woods southeast of Bihain and launched an attack at 0830 against our lines in Bihain. Slight penetrations were made but the attack was contained by 0930A.

(c) To attack with some of his reserve divisions through our sector to gain possession of the Manhay - Grandmenil road net. The terrain was quite favorable to an operation of this type but the lack of supplies, mainly gasoline for his armor and vehicles, plus the constant threat of our units breaking through near the beginning of the bulge prevented the enemy from taking the initiative in this direction.

(d) Establish road blocks, lay mines and employ artillery and mortar fire to hinder our forward movement. Very little enemy patrol activity was prevalent during the period.

(a) and (d) were only capabilities that the enemy employed to any extent.

a. Period 1 January 1945 to 7 January 1945: Hey (P402900)-Grandmenil (P525900)-Manhay (P530900)-Tri-le-Chealaing (P550930). Period 8 January 1945 to 22 January 1945: front lines run Grandmenil-Manhay-Tri-le-Chealaing, thence south and southeast progressively to a line Honyelez (P705860)-Bovigny (P705840)-Courtill (P699830) and point 3 kilometers southwest of Courtill, Belgium. Period 23 January 1945 to 31 January 1945 the battalion was not in contact with enemy.

b. Period 1 January 1945 to 7 January 1945: Bn CP--P396003. Co A - Co CP 451910; 1A 449910; 2A 395870; 3A 520900; attached Recon Plat 451910. Co B--Co CP 396922; 1B 423882; 2B 406883; attached Recon Plat 396922. Co C--Co CP 538949; 1C 533915; 2C 548914; 3C 535932; attached Recon Plat 538949. Recon Plat 538949. Recon Co--399006. Period 7 January 1945 to 22 January 1945: Bn CP--P613920. Co A--Co CP 618890; 1A 615889; 2A 623895; 3A 631877; attached Recon Plat 618890. Co B--CP 550911; 1B 545917; 2B 605903; 3B 546916; attached Recon Plat 550911. Co C--CP 603903; 1C 614891; 2C 595905; 3C 603903; attached Recon Plat 603903. Then south and southeast as attack progressed. Period 23 January 1945 to 30 January 1945 entire battalion in assembly position vicinity Deux Rys, Belgium (P488958). 31 January 1945 unit moved to assembly position vicinity Ligneuville, Belgium; Bn CP at P799945; Co A- 806984; Co B- 805993; Co C 779006; Recon Co 807985; Hq Co 777007.

c. Not applicable.

d. During period 1 January 1945 to 7 January 1945 battalion was relieved of attachment to the 75th Inf Div and XVIII AB Corps and attached to the VII Corps and subsequently to the 83rd Inf Div. Unit moved to regimental assembly areas for subsequent attack to south. Co A was attached to 329th Inf Regt, Co C to the 331st Inf Regt and Co B temporarily in division reserve. Period 8 January 1945 to 22 January 1945-- In the early part of the period severe fighting occurred vicinity Bihain (635850), Petite Langlir (650850), and woods to east of last point. Enemy armor and infantry attacked our lines. At Bihain Co C aided materially in stopping the attack in this vicinity by destroying enemy tanks and dispersing balance. At Petite Langlir Co A put direct fire on a building behind which an enemy tank was in position, holding up our advance. Tank withdrew, but no visible damage inflicted. During this time losses by enemy action and mechanical failure resulted in platoons of Co B being attached to 329th Inf Regt and 331st Inf Regt. 1st Platoon of Co B supporting the 331st Inf attack south through Langlir fired on suspected tank and infantry concentration along edge of woods, resulting in great loss to enemy. Attacking to the southeast through the woods little resistance was met until reaching the towns of Honyelez (705860), Bovigny (705840), Courtill (699830). The enemy, holding high ground to the front and flank, placed direct fire on these positions, resulting in some loss to us. Advance continued on to Rogery (735855) and Beho (754825) when units on flank caught up to our advance. Co C located south of Courtill shot up enemy infantry strongpoints and broke up several tank-infantry counterattacks. On 22-23 January 1945 unit was relieved by elements of 638th TD Bn as infantry elements were being relieved by 84th Inf Div. During the period 23 January 1945 to 30 January 1945 all units were engaged primarily in maintenance of equipment and training of drivers and gunners for TD's. On

2. Own Situation:

d. (cont'd)

30 January 1945 unit moved to assembly position vicinity of Ligneuville and became a part of the XVIII Corps, and was alerted for movement to 82d Airborne Division area to become operational with them.

e. Combat efficiency is considered very satisfactory due to loss of personnel and run down condition of combat vehicles.

f. During period 1 January 1945 to 7 January 1945 units were relieved and made several night marches until closed in regimental and battalion assembly areas. During period 8 January 1945 to 22 January 1945 the following enemy materiel were destroyed or captured: Six (6) Mark V tanks, four (4) Mark IV tanks, two (2) half-tracks, three (3) general purpose vehicles, one (1) 20mm flak gun, two (2) 88mm antitank guns, six (6) strongpoints, six (6) houses used as defended positions, five (5) machine gun nests, and took five (5) prisoners of war; also killed an undetermined number of enemy. During period 23 January 1945 to 30 January 1945 unit trained sufficient drivers and gunners to complete the crews for all thirty-six (36) TD's. However, ordnance could not repair or replace all vehicles prior to recommitment. All vehicles in unit were completely checked by mechanics for 2nd and 3rd echelon maintenance. Those found deficient were repaired or sent to ordnance. Period 30 January 1945 to 31 January 1945 unit prepared to reenter combat.

3. Administration:

During period covered by report administration was processed through the following higher headquarters to which this battalion has been attached.

75th Infantry Division -- 1 to 2 January 1945
83rd Infantry Division -- 2 to 31 January 1945

Authorized strength and status at beginning and end of period:

	Auth. Strength	Strength as of 1 Jan 45	Strength as of 31 Jan 45	Net Increase	Net Decrease
	C NO E	C NO E	C NO E	C NO E	C NO E
Hq & Hq Co	13	2 110	13 1 111	13 1 109	- - -
Recon Co	7	- 110	5 - 111	6 - 108	1 - -
Co "A"	6	- 124	4 - 117	4 - 112	- - -
Co "B"	6	- 124	4 - 106	5 - 115	1 - 9
Co "C"	6	- 124	6 - 123	7 - 118	1 - -
Med Det	1	- 15	1 - 15	1 - 15	- - -
Bn TOTAL	39	2 657	35 1 535	36 1 577	2 - -

(For breakdown of gains and losses of personnel see Casualty, Replacement and Prisoner Account) (attached)

Personnel requisitions dated 13 January 1945 for one (1) officer (2d Lt. Lester R. Smith - only - formerly assigned this unit, wounded and evacuated) and thirty-three (33) enlisted men; and 17 January 1945 for fifteen (15) enlisted men submitted through 1st U.S. Army.

Following reinforcements received through 3d Replacement Depot:

Enlisted men - 13 (applied against (or not applied against) unit requisitions)

Enlisted reinforcements 27 (applied against unit requisitions)

Following unit requisitions have not been filled:

Unit Req No. 2, 13 January 1945 for 2d Lt. Lester R. Smith (only)

Unit Req No. 3, 17 January 1945 for 15 enlisted men.

Following named enlisted men received battlefield appointments as 2d Lt:

L/Sgt Carl J. DePancis ASN 33041502
S/Sgt Chester T. Yachna ASN 33023476
S/Sgt John J. Barsic ASN 20321554

S/Sgt Thomas R. Donovan recommended for battlefield appointment as 2d Lt.
1st Lt. Anthony G. Covatta recommended for battlefield promotion to Captain.

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3. Administration: (cont'd)

Awards and Decorations made through period:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDER</u>
1st Lt	Anthony G. Belak	0-1175639	Bronze Star	Sec I, GO 3, 83d Inf Div dated 13 January 1945
1st Lt	Horace W. Lamb	0-1824330	Bronze Star	" " "
S/Sgt	Chester T. Yachna	33023476	Bronze Star	" " "
Cpl	James H. Kohls	35582249	Silver Star	Sec I, GO 5, 83d Inf Div dated 18 January 1945
T/5	James D. McDevitt, Jr.	35720640	Silver Star	" " "
T/4	George Makinson	32306262	Bronze Star	Sec III, GO 5, 83d Inf Div dated 18 January 1945
Cpl	John R. Aprilante	32633083	Silver Star (Posthumously)	Sec I, GO 9, 83d Inf Div dated 23 January 1945
Sgt	Joseph A. Blatnik	33036419	"	" " "
T/5	James H. Leitzler	33117505	"	" " "
Cpl	Homer D. Renager	34580598	"	" " "
Sgt	Edward F. Tomas	33415769	"	" " "
Pfc	Laul C. Barber	11085693	"	" " "
Pfc	George C. Laringer	35683706	"	" " "
T/5	Victor Mahoney	33036222	Silver Star	Sec II, GO 9, 83d Inf Div dated 23 January 1945
T/4	Henry E. Johns	33036258	"	" " "
Pfc	Vincent DeFalco, Sr.	31148360	"	" " "
Pvt.	Walter F. Saumondig	33008995	"	" " "
Pfc	Thomas K. McCreery	37422184	"	" " "
Sgt	Lawrence Loeffler	33036008	Bronze Star	Sec III, GO 9, 83d Inf Div dated 23 January 1945
Sgt	James W. Richardson, Jr	34154276	"	" " "
Sgt	James P. Jordan	12036247	Bronze Star	Sec III, GO 16, 83d Inf Div dated 30 January 1945
S/Sgt	Jethro H. Piland	33041696	"	" " "
Sgt	Alfred J. Lipin	33201739	Bronze Star	Sec II, GO 16, 83d Inf Div dated 30 January 1945
Lt Col	Glenn Cole	0-19917	Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	General Order, 83d Inf Div dated 30 January 1945

Commanding Officers During Period Covered by Report:

Bn Cmdr	Lt. Col. Glenn Cole, Inf.
CO Hq CO	Capt. Francis H. Dobbins, FA
CO Ren Co	Capt Harry L. Harris, FA
CO Co A	Capt Charles M. Grimshaw, Inf.
CO Co B	Capt Edwin H. Stewart, FA
CO Co C	1st Lt. Anthony G. Covatta, AUS
CO Med Det	Capt Domenico A. Savola, M.C.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of January 1945 (cont'd)

3. Administration: (cont'd)

CASUALTY, REPLACEMENT AND PRISONER OF WAR ANNEX

DAY	MIA	KIA	LIA	N.B.	P.W.	REPLACEMENTS
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
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4	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	3	0	10
8	0	0	0	2	0	0
9	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	3	0	0	1	0	3
11	3	2	0	1	0	0
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13	0	0	0	2	0	0
14	1	0	0	1	0	1
15	0	0	0	1	0	0
16	4	0	0	5	0	1
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20	0	0	0	1	0	1
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24	0	0	0	3	0	8
25	1	0	0	1	0	2
26	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	1	0	1
31	0	0	0	3	0	0
TOTAL	14	2	0	31	0	42

During the month of January this organization drew all supplies through the 83rd Infantry Division with the exception of Ordnance items. All controlled and major items were drawn on VII Corps allocations as follows: Six (6) Carriages, Motor, 3" Gun, M10 were drawn on VII Corps Allocations as replacements for combat losses; one (1) Truck, 4ton, 4X4 which was drawn on VII Corps Allocation as replacement for one (1) Truck, 4ton, 4X4 which was evacuated by 559th Ordnance Company. All other Ordnance items were drawn from the 559th Ordnance Company. One (1) Car, armored, Utility, M20 was drawn on First Army allocation. This vehicle was allocated due to changes in T/E. Basic loads of Class I, III and V supplies were kept on hand at all times. Road were generally good although covered with snow and ice.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of January 1945 (cont'd)

4. GENERAL:

During this period the battalion experienced an exceedingly large number of mechanical failures with the M-10 Destroyer. Throughout the entire period there were always from five to eight destroyers in **ordnance** for repairs due to mechanical failures. In many cases the repairs accomplished by ordnance were unsatisfactory as the destroyers were unable to make the trip from ordnance back to the battalion without breaking down. It is believed that most of the difficulty is due to the fact that the destroyers have seen approximately seven months of continuous combat service and to the fact that Army has no working schedule whereby Tank Destroyer Battalions are brought back and given a thorough periodic ordnance refit. There are also indications that there is a lack of parts which hampers repair by ordnance units.



GLENN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

3 March 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
(Thru: Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith is After Action Report for this organization for the month of February 1945.



GLENN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
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- 1 - Resume of Operations for month of February 1945
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- 1 - Battalion Journal for month of February 1945

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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of February 1945

RESULT OF OPERATIONS:

For the period 1 to 19 February 1945 the battalion was attached to the 82d Airborne Division. The three destroyer companies were supporting the 504th, 505th and 508th Paratroop Regiments and the 325th Glider Regiment., furnishing direct fire support and anti-tank protection. During this period nineteen (19) strongpoints were neutralized, six (6) pillboxes, one mortar with crew and one (1) Pzkw V with crew were destroyed.

The battalion was in III Corps Reserve from 20 to 24th February 1945 reinforcing the fires of the 408th FA Group. This firing included fourteen (14) registrations and sixty-two (62) harrassing and interdiction and three (3) TOT missions. A total of 3291 rounds of ammunition were expended.

From 25 to 28 February 1945 the battalion was attached to 99th Infantry Division of the VII Corps. The unit was not in contact with the enemy during this period.

One enlisted man, S/Sgt Thomas R. Donovan, Company A, received battlefield appointment as Second Lieutenant. Four enlisted men and one officer received the Bronze Star Medal.

The strength of the battalion at the end of the period was two enlisted men, one Warrant Officer and one Officer below authorized strength.



After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of February 1945

1. Enemy: Period 1 to 5 February 1945.

a. Units in Contact:

9th Panzer Division, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th companies of the 11th Panzer Grenadier Regiment, Elements of the 33rd Panzer Regiment and 3rd company of the 9th Anti-tank battalion. Also 89th Volksgrenadier Division, 1st and 3rd companies of the 991st Volksgrenadier Regiment and 1st and 3rd companies of the 189th Anti-tank battalion. The 3rd Parachute Division and the 3rd and 4th companies of the 8th Parachute Regiment. The following are non-divisional units: 1st and 4th companies of Sich battalion, 106th Fest Stamm company, 88th Stamm company, and 1075th Sich company. (For disposition of units, see overlay)

b. Reserves:

Immediate reserves which could affect our mission were approximately one battalion of infantry and 1 company of tanks available for use in our sector.

c. Enemy activity:

The enemy laid mines in road beds and along shoulders of roads used by our troops to reach enemy strongpoints. He used high velocity anti-tank fire from dug-in and well concealed positions. Launched small counterattacks in the vicinity of Udenbreth and Neuhoef.

d. Enemy Strength and Morale:

3 Volksgrenadier Divisions, 2 Panzer type Divisions and one Parachute Division were not up to T/O and operating at approximately half strength. Enemy morale was fair and they had practically no knowledge of our situation. Frequently enemy troops were given the mission of occupying a certain strongpoint or sector of high ground only to discover upon arrival that our troops were already in possession of the places which bears out the fact that the enemy had very poor information concerning our front lines.

e. Plans open to enemy:

To defend and utilize commanding ground as strong points. Continue fighting a delaying action using pillboxes and dug-in anti-tank guns. To counterattack with a force of approximately a battalion of infantry supported by a company of tanks northwest in direction to Neuhoef and Udenbreth. Terrain was favorable for patrols of squad or platoon size who could attempt to take PWs and attain our units strength and various positions through reconnaissance.

NOTE: From the 6th to the 28th February 1945 there was no contact with the enemy.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of February 1945

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. During the period 1 February 1945 to 5 February 1945 the front lines extended from Manderfeld (L008933) to Lanzerath (L002964) to Neuhof (F044024) to Udenbreth (F046034) Germany. During period 6 February 1945 to 25 February 1945 front lines ran along the Roer River from (F112090) to (F096370). During period 25 February to 28 February 1945 front lines were not applicable as unit was not in contact with enemy directly or indirectly.

b. During period 1 February to 5 February 1945 Battalion CP was located in vicinity Hosfeld (P981986). During period 6 February 1945 to 7 February 1945 Battalion CP located P609855 vicinity Regne, Belgium. During period 8 February to 16 February 1945 Battalion CP was located at K870323, vicinity of Raeren, Belgium. During period 17 February to 19 February 1945 Battalion CP located at Vossenack, Germany (F034328). During period 20 February 1945 to 24 February 1945 Battalion CP was at Paustenbach, Germany (K970258). During period 25 February to 26 February 1945 Battalion CP located at Thimister, Belgium (K678301). During period 27 February to 28 February 1945 Battalion CP at Weisweiler, Germany (K994484).

c. Unit was attached to the 82d Airborne Division from 1 February to 19 February 1945, supporting the 504th, 505th, and 508th Para Regts and the 325th Glider Regt. During period 20 February 1945 to 24 February 1945 Battalion was in III Corps Reserve, reinforcing the fires of the 408th FA Gp. During the period 25 February to 28 February 1945 unit was attached to VII Corps and to the 99th Inf Div.

d. During the period 1 February 1945 to 19 February 1945 the units of this battalion furnished direct fire support and anti-tank protection to the units of the 82d Airborne Division in their operations against the enemy. During the period 20 February 1945 to 24 February 1945 the battalion in III Corps reserve furnished reinforcing artillery fire to the 408th FA Gp. During the period 25 February to 28 February 1945 battalion was attached to the 99th Inf Div. The 99th Inf Div was in VII Corps reserve and no contact was made with the enemy.

e. Combat efficiency at the end of period was approaching excellent with the arrival of M36 destroyers and sufficient replacements to bring unit up to normal fighting strength.

f. During the period 1 February 1945 to 19 February 1945 a total of nineteen (19) strongpoints were neutralized, six (6) pillboxes were destroyed or neutralized, one (1) mortar with crew and one (1) Pzkw V with crew were destroyed and ten (10) PW's were taken and turned over to the infantry. During the period 20 February to 24 February 1945 the battalion reinforced the fires of the 408th FA Gp, firing a total of fourteen (14) registrations, sixty-two (62) harassing and interdiction and three (3) TOT missions expending a total of 3291 rounds of ammunition. During period 25 February to 28 February 1945 unit prepared for future operations with the 99th Inf Div training drivers and gunners in available time. Maintenance and care of equipment was also stressed.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of February 1945

3. Administration:

a. During period covered by report administration was processed through the following higher headquarters to which this battalion was attached:

82d Airborne Division	—	1	to 18 February 1945
III Corps	—	18	to 22 February 1945
99th Infantry Division	—	22	to 28 February 1945

b. Authorized strength and status at beginning and end of period:

	Auth. Strength			Strength as of 1 Feb 45			Strength as of 28 Feb 45			Net Increase			Net Decrease		
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
Hq & Hq Co	13	2	110	13	1	109	14	1	109	1	-	-	-	-	-
Recon Co	7	-	110	6	-	108	6	-	107	-	-	-	-	-	1
Co "A"	6	-	124	4	-	112	5	-	127	1	-	15	-	-	-
Co "B"	6	-	124	5	-	115	6	-	123	1	-	8	-	-	-
Co "C"	6	-	124	7	-	118	6	-	124	-	-	6	1	-	-
Med Det	1	-	15	1	-	15	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
BN TOTAL	39	2	607	36	1	577	38	1	605	3	-	29	1	-	1

(For breakdown of gains and losses of personnel see Casualty, Reinforcement and Prisoner Annex, attached)

All requisitions for previous period filled except for 1 Officer requisitioned by name

Personnel requisitions submitted during period:

No. 4 (4 Feb 1945) - for 1 officer (2nd Lt John C. Haldane, wounded, casual returning to duty.)

No. 5 (17 Feb 1945)- for 2 officers (1st Lt. William J. Vann and 2nd Lt. Lester R. Smith, wounded casuals returning to duty. 13 Enlisted Reinforcements.

No. 6 (26 Feb 1945)- for 1 enlisted reinforcements requisitioned by name.

All personnel requisitions for period filled except for two (2) officers requisitioned by name and one enlisted man.

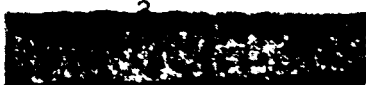
Following named enlisted man received battlefield appointment as 2nd Lt.:

S Sgt Thomas R. Donovan

Company A.

Battlefield promotion recommended during previous period still pending:

1st Lt. Anthony G. Covatta to Captain.



After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of February 1945

3. Administration: (Cont'd)

Awards and Decorations made through period:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDER</u>
T/4	John W. Mull	33036154	Bronze Star	Sec IV, GO 18, 83d Inf Div dated 1 February 1945
Pfc	Joseph J. Savoir	12035005	Bronze Star	" " "
Major	James A. Deer	-0411791	Bronze Star	Sec VI, GO 13, 28th Inf Div dated 13 February 1945
T/4	Charles J. Lynch	20322185	Bronze Star	" " "
T/5	Albert E. Yasechko	33415697	Bronze Star	" " "

The statement in the January After Action Report to the effect that Sgt. Alfred J. Lipin, ASN 33201739, reported in January After Action Report received the Bronze Star per Sec II, General Order No. 16, Hq 83d Inf Div, dated 30 January 1945, is in error. Corrected to read: Sgt. Alfred J. Lipin received the Silver Star per same General Order.

Commanding Officers during Period Covered by Report:

Bn Cmdr	Lt. Col. Glenn Cole, Inf.
OO Hq Co	Capt. Francis H. Dobbins, FA
OO Rcn Co	Capt. Harry L. Harris, FA
OO Co A	Capt. Charles M. Grimshaw, Inf.
OO Co B	Capt. Edwin H. Stewart, FA
OO Co C	1st Lt. Anthony G. Covatta, AUS
OO Med Det	Capt. Domenico A. Savoia, M.C.



After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of February 1945

3. Administration: (Cont'd)

CASUALTY, REPLACEMENT AND PRISONER OF WAR ANNEX

DAY	WIA	KIA	MIA	N.B.	P.W.	REPLACEMENTS
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	6
4	0	0	0	0	0	1 Off
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	16
7	0	0	0	3	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	3	0	0
10	0	0	0	1	0	1
11	0	0	0	0	0	1
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24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	0	8
26	0	0	0	0	0	1
27	0	0	0	1	0	0
28	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	16	0	1 Off. 45 PW

During the month of February this organization drew Class I Supplies from the 82d Airborne Division through the 15th of February at which time it became detached from the 82d Airborne Division and reverted to III Corps control and drew all Class I supplies from Railhead #30. On the 21st of February this organization was detached from III Corps and attached to VII Corps, 99th Division at which time it started drawing Class I supplies from the 99th Infantry Division.

Class II, III & IV supplies were drawn from Army depots during the entire period. All controlled and major items of Ordnance equipment were drawn through XVIII & VII Corps on allocations.

Six (6) Car, armored, utility, M20 and 6 Carriage, motor 90mm, M36 were drawn on First Army allocations.

This organization turned in 3 1/2 ton, 6X6, cargo trucks and 1 Car, armored utility, M20 to the 26th Ordnance Co.

Basic loads of Class I, III & V supplies were maintained at all times.

Roads were very bad due to weather conditions.

HEADQUARTERS
629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AUG 20, U.S. ARMY

3 April 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
(Thru Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith is After Action Report for this
organization for the month of March 1945.

Glen Cole
GLEN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
Commanding

Includes:

- 1 - Resume of Operations for Month of March 1945
- 1 - After Action Report for month of March 1945
- 1 - Battalion Journal for month of March 1945

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After Action Report, 62nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of March 1945

PHASE OF OPERATIONS:

The battalion was attached to the 97th Infantry Division for the entire period.

Each firing company with a reconnaissance platoon was attached to each of the three regiments for operations. These units crossed the Rhine River with the respective regiments on 11 March 1945. They provided active support to the regiments in securing and broadening the beachhead. In the rapid advance from the Rhine River towards Siegen, Germany infantry troops were mounted on the destroyers for movement to the respective objectives.

During the period the conversion to the 8-16, 75mm gun, was completed. One M6 fell through the Remagen railroad bridge on the Rhine as it was crossing.

After Action Report, 62nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of March 1945

1. Summary Period 1 to 6 March 1945.

a. Units in Contact

Elements of the 9th Panzer Division, 36th and 36th Volk Grenadier Divisions and 5th, 7th and 10th Infantry Divisions were on our front. The enemy front lines on March 1st extended from F 135726 south east to Neurath, Germany, F 137118 south to Amsdorf, Germany F 136590 southwest to F 126000 south east of F 126000 and northeast to F 126000. On March 1st the remnants of 13th Panzer Lehr Division were contacted and also various miscellaneous units such as 1st Porters of 1st Battalion, 45th Training Battalion, 19th Tank Destroyer Battalion and 107th General Headquarters Tank Destroyer Battalion. At the end of our day advance, the enemy front lines were along the east bank of the Rhine River extending from the left river junction, F 127779 south to F 126030.

There was no contact with the enemy from 7 to 11 March 1945.

Enemy forces opposing us for the period 11 to 12 March 1945 consisted of elements of 36th and 9th Panzer Divisions, 10th AT Battalion, 36th Volk Grenadier Division and 36th Volk Grenadier Division, 27th Volk Grenadier Division, 4th company of 10th AT Battalion and 10th AT Battalion of 36th Volk Grenadier Division plus numerous miscellaneous units and combat groups. On the 11th of March the front lines were north to south at F 703196, southwest to F 711107, southwest to F 715160, to F 749216. On the 12th of March the enemy front lines ran north to south F 749216, south along the Rhine River to F 761130, southwest to F 761008 to F 736074.

From 13 to 14 March 1945 no major units were in contact.

b. Reserves

From 1 to 6 March 1945 local commitments of General Headquarters Companies or Assault units were at the enemy's disposal, although some uncommitted elements of 13th Panzer Lehr Division were available for employment on our front. The enemy showed definite lack of fresh and rested combat troops. The aforementioned reserves were capable of affecting our mission only to the extent of slowing our advances towards the Rhine.

From 11 to 12 March 1945 very few reserves were available to the enemy. Of these the 3d Battalion of the 106th Panzer Brigade was in immediate reserve on the 11th and 12th of March. From the 17th to the 23d of March the 17th and 27th Volk Grenadier Divisions were regrouping on the east side of the Rhine River.

No reserves whatsoever were known to exist in our sector for period 23 to 31 March 1945.

c. Enemy Activities

For the period 1 to 6 March the enemy took advantage of towns and high terrain features by using them as strong points. The mortar and artillery fire during our advance was generally light and sporadic. If fire from tanks or AT weapons was negligible. Small arms and MG fire was the enemy's most effective means of defense. During the period 11 to 12 March the enemy harassed with mortar and artillery fire on our front line troops and laid down infantry fire on the roads leading to our positions. Small arms, if not automatic weapons fire was employed from points of vantage. Laying of mines increased and the road leading to Hunsingen was heavily heavily mined. The enemy engaged in

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of March 1945

1. Summary (continued)

a. Enemy Activity (cont'd)

digging in and improving his positions on the east bank of the Rhine River. Hardly any resistance was met by our troops during the period from 23 to 31 March 1945. The enemy continued to withdraw hastily and in a disorderly fashion along the entire front.

b. Enemy strength and morale

From 1 to 6 March 1945 the combined estimated strength of all units opposing us was approximately the equivalent of two divisions. The enemy knew very little of our situation. The morale of his regular combat units was fair whereas the rear echelon troops that were employed as front line infantry bore an indifferent and reluctant attitude towards their new role. Their morale was extremely poor.

From the period 11 to 31 March there was no estimate on enemy strength. The enemy's morale was fair to poor.

c. Plans made to defeat period 1 to 6 March 1945:

(1) To defend his positions using towns and prominent terrain features as strongpoints. This he attempted to the best of his ability.

(2) To launch minor limited objective counterattacks with tanks and infantry before we had fully consolidated our newly won positions. This failed due to his lack of knowledge concerning our front line elements and placements. Most of the enemy's counterattacks were broken up by our well placed artillery fire and some even disorganized before they had gotten under way.

(3) To withdraw to the east bank of the Rhine leaving a holding force of inferior troops to delay our advance to the river until the armor moved across to the river's eastern bank. This plan the enemy overruled successfully.

(4) To employ in as great a force as he could muster, his such equipped resistance in an attempt to disrupt our supply and communication routes, hence slowing us down, relieving the pressure on his crumbling flanks and giving him time to form movement of a defense line before the river. This was not successful due to the excellent air support afforded our ground forces by our bomber and fighter planes.

March 11 to 31 March 1945

(1) To defend five towns and communication routes using them as strongpoints. This he attempted but our forces were successful in capturing all his defenses.

(2) To withdraw to the Rhine River and form a defense line which was accomplished.

(3) To counterattack in battalion or company strength using armor and infantry and artillery units could be concentrated.

(4) To knock out the bridge over the Rhine by bombing, a column of artillery fired and cutting off our supplies and isolating our troops in the bridgehead area. No success was attained in any of these operations.

March 31 to 31 March 1945

Enemy's state of confusion and disorder left him with no alternative but to retreat. No plans were left open to him.

After Action Report, 627th Tank Destroyer Battalion for March of March 1945

2. GENERAL SITUATION

a. During the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 front lines moved along the southern bank of the Rft River to the Rhine River from F286115 to F385115. During the period 11 to 31 March 1945 the front lines north and south along the Rhine River in vicinity of Remagen (F645177), then along the Nied River, then to vicinity of Gleesen (0660210) and north to vicinity Gannan (0665045).

b. Location of Battalion CP's as follows: 1 March 1945—Münster (F974221), 2 to 4 March 1945—Geisenhof (F187996), 5 March 1945—Neurath (F218730), 6 to 9 March 1945—Tublarath (F276002), 10 to 11 March 1945—Arndorf (F543234), 12 March to 23 March 1945—Linn (F678184), 24 to 25 March 1945—Wdr. Brailbach (776110), 26 March 1945—Stressenhaus (F644157), 27 March 1945—Niedardorf (0089105), 28 March 1945—Beranhausen (0357183), 29 to 31 March 1945—Kroden-Gleiberg (0635245).

c. The Battalion was attached to the 99th Infantry Division for the entire period.

d. During this period the unit received the M-36 tank destroyers to replace the M-10 tank destroyers. This equipment was received during the period the unit was in action from west of the Rft River to east of the Rhine River. The firing companies supported the Infantry regiments of the 99th Inf Div with direct fire support in an assault gun role as well as furnishing antitank protection for the division. Co A was attached to the 39th Inf Regt, Co B to the 394th Inf Regt, Co C to the 395th Inf Regt. Reconnaissance Company was operative for the most part with one platoon attached to each firing company. Very little armor was contacted during the period.

e. Companies A, B and C with their attached Recon platoons, moved across the Rhine River, in Remagen, with the regiments to which they were attached on 11 March 1945. These units were active with elements of the 99th Inf Div in securing the Breitenburg and Remagen beach head. In the advance to the Nied River each platoon provided active support to the respective battalions in the attacks on all objectives.

f. After the Nied River was crossed the advance was rapid. In order to speed the clearing of all towns and suspected strong points, Infantry troops were loaded on the destroyers and the tanks for rapid movement to those places. This method of advance aided the Infantry with their transportation problems under this particular situation.

g. Combat efficiency—excellent.

h. During the month of March 1945 the following known damage was inflicted on the enemy: 111 personnel killed, 4 AF guns destroyed, 4 machine gun nests destroyed, 12 strong points neutralized, 5 M IV tanks, 2 M V tanks and 1 M VI tank destroyed, 4 AF guns knocked out, 2 barges sunk, 5 aircraft shot down, 1 barracks destroyed, and 2 AF guns and 2 AF vehicles destroyed. Because of the fast moving situation it was often impossible to check all areas taken under fire for damage inflicted.

1st Lt. Col. 1st, 50th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of March 1945

1. ~~Classification~~

2. ~~Classification~~ processed through 77th Infantry Division during period.

3. ~~Classification~~ strength and status at beginning and end of periods

Date		Strength		Net Increase		Net Decrease	
1st Lt. Col. 1st, 50th Tank Destroyer Battalion		1st Lt. Col. 1st, 50th Tank Destroyer Battalion		1st Lt. Col. 1st, 50th Tank Destroyer Battalion		1st Lt. Col. 1st, 50th Tank Destroyer Battalion	
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(1. ~~Classification~~ and loss of personnel see Casualty, ~~Classification~~ and ~~Classification~~ attached.)

2. ~~Classification~~ from previous period filled.

3. ~~Classification~~ for 1 officer, 2 enlisted men (Unit Reg No. 7, ~~Classification~~ and ~~Classification~~ - not filled.)

4. ~~Classification~~ promotion to grade of Captain made (Reg No. 1, 50 45, First ~~Classification~~, dated 21 February 1945).

1st Lt. Anthony G. Covatta Commanding Officer Co. "A"

Other than ~~Classification~~ promotions recommended to grade of 1st Lt.:

1st Lt. Foster M. With Co. "A"

AWARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DURING PERIOD:

Rank	Name	Date	Award	Remarks
1st Lt.	Alvin Cole	Only 1/17	Croix de Guerre, Order of the Army	Detachment No. 112, Free Division of the Republic of France 29 January 1945 Detachment No. 112
1st Lt.	Carl E. Berardis	Only 1/17	Croix de Guerre, Order of the Regiment	" " " " " "
1st Lt.	Clarence E. Gaultery	353584/0	" " " "	" " " " " "
1st Lt.	Harry B. Inturi	3674465	Bronze Star	see II, 50 45, 1st Lt. dated 2 Feb 45
1st Lt.	Thomas A. Donovan	0-266554	Bronze Star	" " " " " "
1st Lt.	Arthur E. McCallum	31148369	Bronze Star	" " " " " "
1st Lt.	William E. Petr	36561882	Det. (Post)	see II, 50 45, 1st Lt. dated 2 Feb 45
1st Lt.	Oscar E. Mullins	33067090	Det. (Post)	" " " " " "

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3. Administrations (Cont'd)

Decorating Officers during Period Covered by Report

Bn Chf	1st Col. Glenn Cole, Inf.
Co Hq Co	Capt. Francis M. Dabbs, FA
Co Bn Co	Capt. Henry L. Harris, FA
Co Co A	Capt. Charles M. Grimshaw, Inf.
Co Co B	Capt. Edwin H. Stewart, FA
Co, Co C	Capt. Anthony G. Cavolin, AIG
Co Med Det	Capt. Dominick A. Savino, M.D.

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27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

After Action Report, 69th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of March 1945

3. Administration (continued)

During the month of March this organization drew all Class I supplies from the 99th Infantry Division.

Class II and IV supplies were drawn from Army depots through the 1st of March. During the remainder of the period these supplies were drawn from the 99th Infantry Division. Class III and V supplies were drawn from Army depots.

All controlled items of Ordnance equipment were drawn on III Corps allocations.

Thirty (30) - Carriage, motor 90mm gun, M36 were drawn on First Army Allocations to replace 30 Carriage, Motor, M36 and seven (7) - Truck, 1 ton, 4 x 4, were drawn on First Army allocations to partly fill shortage due to change in T/E. One - Carriage motor, 90mm gun, M36 was also drawn to replace a battle loss. (One M36 fell through floor of Suez Canal bridge as it was crossing.)

Basic loads of Class I, III and V supplies were maintained at all times. Road conditions were fair, many roads being narrow and suitable as one-way roads.

HEADQUARTERS
629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
(Thru: Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith is After Action Report for this organization for the month of April 1945.

Glenn Cole
GLENN COLE
Lt. Col., Inf (TD)
Commanding

Incls:

- 1 - Resume of Operations for Month of April 1945
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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of April 1945

RESUME OF OPERATIONS:

The battalion was attached to the 99th Infantry Division for the entire period. It was assigned to the First U.S. Army to 17 April 1945 at which time it was assigned to the Third U.S. Army for the remainder of the period.

In the period 1 to 3 April elements of the battalion supported the respective infantry units of the division in the mopping-up operations following the 7th Armored Division in its advance east of the Weid River. From 4 to 17 April elements of the battalion supported the respective infantry units in operations against the enemy in the Ruhr pocket. One platoon supported elements of the 7th Armored Division in its sector on the right or northeast flank of the 99th Infantry Division.

On 18 and 19 April the battalion made the 300 mile march with the Division from vicinity of Ruhr Pocket in First Army Sector to the Third Army Sector in Bavaria. The destroyers had some mechanical, boggie wheel and track trouble but all vehicles were repaired and joined their respective companies within two days after the main elements completed the move.

For the remainder of the period, the infantry units were supported in the rapid advance in southeastern direction to the Altmuhl, Danube and Isar Rivers respectively.

Reconnaissance Company was usually attached to one of the infantry regiments for screening the regimental sector for stragglers and to keep the liberated Allied PWs in their respective places.

During the period the following enemy materiel was destroyed: Three (3) Jadgpanther tanks, one (1) Mk VI tank, two (2) Mk IV tanks, sixteen (16) GP vehicles, two (2) FA pieces, one (1) 40mm AA gun, eight (8) 20mm AA guns, two (2) H/T vehicles, three (3) motorcycles, two (2) MGs, two (2) ammo trailers and forty-four (44) strongpoints destroyed. Forty (40) wagons, eighty (80) horses, three (3) H/T vehicles, three (3) GP vehicles and 5380 enemy troops were captured. An unknown number of enemy were killed and wounded.

A total of 42 replacements were received. One EM was recommended for battlefield promotion to Second Lieutenant. Three officers and one EM received the Bronze Star and one EM received the Silver Star.

One M-32, tank recovery vehicle, was received from First US Army to replace a T-2 which was evacuated as unserviceable. Three $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton vehicles were received from Third US Army as replacements.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of April 1945

1. ENEMY Period 1 to 16 April 1945.

a. Units in Contact:

Artillery, antiaircraft, signal and anti-tank units plus a wide assortment of other such units usually company or battalion strength existed on our front. Elements of major units contacted were the 176th Infantry Division, 130th Panzer Lehr Division, 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division, 338th Volks Grenadier Division, 22nd Antiaircraft Division, 116 Panzer Division, and 3rd Paratroop Division. At no time were the front lines static. However, at the close of the period at which time all resistance in the eastern half of the Ruhr pocket ceased, the farthest line of advance our troops had reached was: A-963112 to Gerlingsen, (A-9509) to Ackenbrock and (A-9508) to A-930073.

No contact was made with enemy from 17 April to 23 April as this organization was moving to another sector and after arrival was getting ready for future operations.

Enemy opposition encountered during period 24 April to 30 April again consisted largely of miscellaneous replacement units, elements of 17th and 38th Panzer Grenadier Divisions and the 352nd Infantry Division. On April 24th the front lines were T742640 - T723630 - T740590 - T749581 - T710575 - T690555 - T665547, and at the close of the period the enemy front lines extended along the southern bank of the Isar River.

b. Reserves:

From 1 to 16 April the enemy had no reserves whatsoever at his disposal and possessed a definite lack of armor. He was compelled to employ troops of every branch and category available to him in defense of the Ruhr pocket.

From 24 to 30 April the enemy had available reserves in the form of hastily refitted SS Panzer Grenadier and Volks Grenadier troops. However, the majority of these troops were battle-weary due to constant frontline duty for months without rest.

c. Enemy Activity:

For the period 1 to 16 April, small arms, machine gun and mortar fire were mainly employed by the enemy to repel our efforts in diminishing the Ruhr pocket. Scarcity of armor and SP guns prevented much heavy caliber shelling. At frequent intervals artillery fire on a large scale harassed our troops as the encircled enemy attempted to use up his supply of ammunition on hand, rather than have it captured. Counterattacks to gain limited objectives were undertaken on a small scale, usually consisting of a company of infantry supported by 4 or 5 tanks. All such attacks proved unsuccessful and our well placed artillery fire quite often halted these counterattacks before they got underway. Enemy air activity was negligible, and patrolling and mine laying were of a sporadic nature and ineffective.

From 24 to 30 April strong resistance was encountered from dug-in infantry who insisted on bitterly defending each town with good support from tanks spotted in well defiladed positions. An increase in artillery fire was noticeable in support of Battalion size counterattacks and small groups of infantry holding out in well prepared positions. Batteries of roving guns engaged in placing fire on our supply and communication terminals and on important road junctions; also in harassing our troops at night and early morning. Due to our incessant pressure and employment of armor and mechanized infantry the enemy was unable to establish or maintain a specific line of defense, and at the close of the period our troops continued to advance.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of April 1945

1. ENEMY (continued)

d. Enemy strength and morale:

From 1 to 16 April the enemy, encircled in a pocket, had only those troops who existed in the pocket at his disposal. Of these troops none were up to full strength nor were they adequately equipped, with possible the exception of 130th Panzer Lehr Division. The morale of the enemy troops was fair.

From 24 April to 30 April, the allied linkup in Central Germany left the majority of remaining enemy armor, SS troops and good infantry divisions in the southern portion of Germany. These troops displayed extreme fanatical resistance in relinquishing any territory whatsoever, and their morale appeared to be good.

e. Plans Open to the Enemy Period 1 to 16 April 1945:

(1) To break out of the Ruhr pocket and linkup with his forces to the east, thus permitting a means of supply and reinforcement. This he attempted without success.

(2) To employ a strict defensive action with intentions of delaying our advance in hopes his troops from the east might eventually break through to him. This policy he applied until he realized his efforts were useless. Then he surrendered the remainder of the forces in the Ruhr pocket.

Period 24 to 30 April 1945:

(1) To hold the bulk of his armor in reserve and defend from strong-points and towns with infantry and self propelled guns employing small arms and mortar fire on a large scale and artillery on a small scale. This he did to some extent.

(2) To infiltrate trained agents into our lines for espionage and sabotage purposes in order to hamper our communication and supply. This he practiced on an increasing degree.

(3) To fall back and form his lines along a natural defense barrier. This he attempted to do at the Danube River but failed to stem our advance, and at the close of the period the enemy was attempting to maintain a stable line of defense along the Isar River.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of April 1945.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. During period 1 April to 3 April no definite front lines existed. The division to which the unit was attached was mopping up behind an armored division. 4 April to 17 April front lines were on the Southern part of the Ruhr pocket in vicinity of Arzfeld (G495684) northwest along the Lenne River on the south to its junction with the Ruhr River. 18 April to 19 April the unit was engaged in the road movement from the Ruhr pocket area of the First Army sector to the Southern flank of the Third Army in Bavaria. 20 April 1945 to 23 April 1945 the unit was not in contact with the enemy. 24 April to 30 April the front moved very rapidly over the Altmuhl, Danab, and Isar Rivers in a southeasterly direction on a line running from Schwabach (T386867) to Landshut (U255025).

b. During period the Battalion C.P. was located as follows: 1 April to 3 April at Grusen (G852677). From 4 April to 6 April at Arfeld (G495684). 7 April to 9 April 1945 at Wingshausen (G382749). 10 April to 11 April at Hundesossen (G328818), 12 April at Serkenrode (G234900), 13 April and 14 April at Allendorf (G152985), 15 April to 17 April at Sundwig (B027083). Part of 17th, 18th and 19th April enroute to Third Army area. 19 April to 22 April at Obr Schleichach (O-051540). 23 April at Schwabach (T386867). 24 April at Hilpoltstein (T518711). 25 April at Greding (T643561). 26 April to 28 April at Altmannstein (T870409). 29 April at Pfaffendorf (U084144) and 30 April at Altdorf (U220046).

c. The Battalion was attached to the 99th Infantry Division with Companies A, B and C being attached to the 393rd, 394th and 395th Infantry Regiments respectively. Reconnaissance Co operated for the most part under Battalion control. In several instances it was attached to one of the Infantry Regiments to screen rear areas.

d. From 1 April to 3 April the companies were engaged in supporting mopping-up operations of the Division in Vicinity of Grusen (G852677). From 4 April to 17 April the unit was engaged in supporting 99th Infantry Division operations in liquidation of the Ruhr Pocket. During the period 17 April to 23 April unit moved from Ruhr pocket area to assembly area on the Seventh U. S. Army--Third U.S. Army boundary in the vicinity of Obr-Schleichach (O-051540). During period 24 April to 30 April 1945 the unit supported Division's attack to the southeast from Schwabach (T386867) to Landshut (U255025).

e. Combat efficiency for the month was excellent with the exception of the period 17 April to 19 April when many combat vehicles were not operational due to minor mechanical difficulties, bad track, or suspension trouble, caused by forced march of over 300 miles in less than two days.

f. The period proved very lucrative in enemy personnel captured or killed and materiel captured or destroyed. A summary of the results follows, most of which occurred prior to the assignment of this unit to Third U. S. Army. Since the change in assignment to Third Army sector, the resistance has been practically negligible. Enemy materiel destroyed: Three (3) Jadgpanther tanks, one (1) Mk VI tank, two (2) Mk IV tanks, sixteen (16) GP vehicles, two (2) FA pieces, one (1) 40mm AA gun, eight (8) 20mm AA guns, two (2) H/T vehicles, three (3) motorcycles, two (2) MGs, two (2) ammo trailers, and the reduction of forty-four (44) strongpoints, most of which were defended houses. In addition forty (40) wagons, eighty (80) horses, three (3) H/T vehicles, three (3) GP vehicles, and 5380 PW's were captured. An undetermined number of enemy were killed.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of April 1945

3. Administration:

Assignments, attachments, personnel, promotions, Awards and decorations:

a. List of assignments and attachments:

99th Infantry Division (III Corps)(1st US Army) 1 April to 17 April 1945.
99th Infantry Division (III Corps)(3rd US Army) 17 April to 30 April 1945.
(Auth: Troop Assignment Letter No. 101, 12th Army Group, 19 April 1945, confirmery VCCG of 17 April 1945)

b. Strength status at beginning and end of period:

	Auth. Strength			Strength as of 1 Apr 1945			Strength as of 30 Apr 1945			Net Increase			Net Decreased		
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
Hq & Hq Co	13	2	110	13	1	108	13	1	109	0	0	1	0	0	0
Recon Co	7	0	110	6	0	107	4	0	110	0	0	3	2	0	0
Co A	6	0	124	6	0	121	5	0	126	0	0	5	1	0	0
Co B	6	0	124	6	0	114	5	0	126	0	0	12	1	0	0
Co C	6	0	124	6	0	122	6	0	123	0	0	1	0	0	0
Med Det	1	0	15	1	0	14	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	1
BN TOTAL	39	2	607	38	1	586	34	1	607	0	0	22	4	0	1

(See casualty, reinforcement and prisoner annex for breakdown) (attached)

No personnel requisitions were submitted, but nineteen (19) enlisted reinforcements who were received by the 99th Inf Div were transferred to this unit without requisition, 20 received from 3d Reinf Depot on previous months' requisitions.

No unfilled personnel requisitions were outstanding.

S/Sgt Adam I. Taracko recommended for battlefield appointment to 2d Lt.

Awards and Decorations made during period:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDER</u>
1st Lt.	Floyd H. Dikeman	0-1822864	Bronze Star	Sec II, GO 60, 83rd Inf Div dated 23 March 1945
Capt	Francis H. Dobbins	0-1166046	Bronze Star	Sec I, GO 23, 99th Inf Div dated 1 April 1945
Cpl	Clarence E. Austin	33008982	Silver Star	Sec I, GO 46, 82d A/B Div dated 3 April 1945
S/Sgt	Charles L. Lohr	33050650	Bronze Star	Sec I, GO 51, 82d A/B Div dated 5 April 1945
Capt	Edwin H. Stewart	0-1166425	Bronze Star	Sec II, GO 28, 99th Inf Div dated 15 April 1945

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion for month of April 1945

3. Administration: (Cont'd)

Commanding Officers during period covered by report:

Bn Cmdr	Lt. Col. Glenn Cole, Inf.
CO Hq Co	Capt. Francis H. Dobbins, FA
CO Rcn Co	From 1 April to 15 April 1945: Capt Harry L. Harris, FA
	From 15 April to 30 April 1945: 1st Lt. Floyd H. Dikeman, AUS
CO Co A	Capt. Charles M. Grimshaw, Inf.
Co Co B	Capt. Edwin H. Stewart, FA
CO Co C	Capt. Anthony G. Covatta, AUS
CO Med Det	Capt Domenico A. Savoia, M.C.

CASUALTY, REPLACEMENT AND PRISONER OF WAR ANNEX

DAY	WIA	KIA	MIA	NB	PW	REPLACEMENTS
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	1 Off	0	0
4	0	0	0	1	0	20
5	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	2	0	0	1	0	0
8	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	1 Off, 3 EM	0	0	1	0	0
11	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	1	0	0	1	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	1	0	0
16	0	0	0	1	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	1 Off	0	0
22	0	0	0	0	0	3
23	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	1	0	18
26	1	0	0	1	0	0
27	0	0	0	1	0	0
28	0	0	0	2	0	1
29	0	0	0	2	0	0
30	0	0	0	1	0	0

3. Administration (continued)

During the month of April all Class I supplies were drawn from the 99th Infantry Division.

Classes II & IV supplies were also drawn through the 99th Infantry Division. Until this unit was transferred from First U. S. Army to Third U. S. Army on April 17, 1945, all major and controlled items of ordnance equipment were drawn on either Corps or Army allocation. After that date all major items of ordnance equipment were secured by requisition through normal ordnance attachment. Classes III & V supplies were drawn from Army dumps.

One - vehicle, tank recovery, M32 was drawn from First U. S. Army as replacement for a T2, evacuated as unserviceable. Three - truck, 1/4 ton, 4 x 4, were drawn as replacement for unserviceable vehicles.

Basic loads of Classes I, III and V supplies were maintained at all times.

Roads were generally good, although there were not many major roads available during the latter part of the month. The flow of traffic was slowed down at many points because of the number of one-way bridges in use.

HEADQUARTERS
629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
~~APO 230, U.S. ARMY~~

3 June 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
(Thru: Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith is After Action Report for this organization for the month of May 1945.

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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of May 1945

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

The battalion was attached to the 99th Infantry Division for the entire period. No contact was made with enemy forces. However, some prisoners were captured in the areas occupied and screened by the respective companies.

On 3 May 1945, the battalion occupied a part of the city of Landshut, Germany to maintain law and order. Check points and patrols were established to perform that mission.

On 10 May 1945 the battalion arrived in the vicinity of Gemunden am Main, Germany to occupy a sector of the 393rd Infantry Regiment's sector. Each company was assigned a sector of the Kreis of Gemunden for the purpose of maintaining law and order. Check points and patrols were organized for screening the displaced persons and evacuees and for guarding bridges and German ammunition. On 17 May, Reconnaissance Company was detailed as the guard company for a proposed 600 man POW camp. The POWs began the construction of the camp, working under civilian foremen.

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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of May 1945

1. ENEMY: Period 1 to 31 May 1945.

a. Units in Contact:

During the entire period there was no contact whatsoever between the enemy forces and combat units of this battalion.

b. Reserves:

The enemy had no known reserves at his disposal.

c. Enemy Activity: Period 1 to 9 May 1945.

Groups of fanatic enemy forces were holding out in various and widespread localities, defending bitterly from towns and engaging in guerilla type warfare from densely wooded areas. The bulk of his forces were in retreat and there was no determined defense offered by the enemy anywhere along the front. SF guns and artillery fire was practically nil but small arms and mortars were employed on a large scale.

d. Enemy Strength and Morale:

Due to an extremely fluid front there was no means of determining the enemy's strength. Many of his troops were ignorant of the situation and progress of the war. The majority of the troops knew or surmised the situation since they had been in retreat for weeks and their morale ranged from fair to poor. SS troops maintained the highest degree of morale and constituted the stiffest line of resistance encountered by our forces.

c. Plans Open to the Enemy:

The enemy was in a complete state of disorder and couldn't assemble a fighting force large enough to hold for long in any one area. Desertion of his troops on an increasing scale tended to deplete his ranks and he had little knowledge as to the location of our forces and also to the location of many of his own units. His final and total defeat was inevitable and he was powerless to prevent it.

After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for Month of May 1945

2. C.M. SITUATION:

a. On 1st and 2d May 1945 the front lines were very fluid with elements of the battalion on the North Bank of the Inn River (Z550725) Germany.

During period 3 May to 7 May 1945, battalion was maintaining law and order in Landshut, Germany (U256015). On 8 May 1945 unit began move to occupational area in vicinity of Gemunden am Main, Germany (N397640) arriving there on 10 May 1945. From 10 May to 31 May 1945 units were located in vicinity of Gemunden am Main, Germany.

b. On 1st and 2d May 1945 battalion CP was located at Gieserhausen (Z336955), from 3 May to 7 May 1945 at Landshut (U256015), on 8 May 1945 at Eichstatt (T520395), on 9 May 1945 at Ansbach (T045835) and from 10 May 1945 to 31 May 1945 at Gemunden am Main (N397640), Germany.

c. Not applicable. All unit were operating with elements of the 99th Infantry Division.

d. On 1st and 2d May 1945 units supported infantry in their attack to the southeast from Landshut, Germany (U256015). From 3 May to 8 May 1945 units maintained law and order in Landshut, Germany. From 9 May to 10 May 1945 units moved from Landshut to Gemunden. 10 May to 31 May 1945 units occupied area in vicinity of Gemunden am Main as occupational troops establishing checkpoints, guard posts and patrols. Also screened party leaders, arresting those who were suspected of security threats.

e. Combat efficiency of the Battalion at close of period - Superior.

f. Operations for the period resulted in 827 P.H.s being taken during period. All vehicles were thoroughly checked by maintenance. An ordnance inspection of small arms, optical equipment, and all ordnance equipment except vehicles was completed.

After Action Report, 307th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of May 1945

3. ADMINISTRATION:

Assignments, attachments, personnel, promotion, awards and decorations.

a. Assignments and attachments:

This organization was attached to the 99th Infantry Division, (III Corps, 3rd U. S. Army) throughout the month of May 1945.

b. Strength status at beginning and end of period:

	Auth Strength			Strength as of 1 May 1945			Strength as of 31 May 1945			Net Increase			Net Decrease		
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Co A	6	0	124	5	0	126	5	0	127	0	0	1	0	0	0
Co B	6	0	124	5	0	126	5	0	130	0	0	4	0	0	0
Co C	6	0	124	6	0	123	6	0	124	0	0	1	0	0	0
Med Det	1	0	15	1	0	13	1	0	15	0	0	2	0	0	0
BN TOTAL	39	2	607	34	1	607	35	1	619	1	0	12	0	0	0

(See Casualty, reinforcement and Prisoner Annex for Breakdown) (attached)

One personnel requisition for one officer (communications officer) and one Warrant officer (Maintenance and Repair Auto Ass't), Unit requisition No. 18, dated 25 May 1945, submitted - not filled.

The following named officers recommended for promotion to 1st Lieutenants:

2d Lt. Carl J. DePaniciis	O-1999868
2d Lt. Chester T. Yachna	O-1999869
2d Lt. John J. Barsic	O-1999861

The following named enlisted man received battlefield appointment as 2d Lt.:

Staff Sergeant Adam I. Taracko ASN 20320797

The following named enlisted men recommended for battlefield appointments to 2d Lieutenant:

Staff Sergeant Alfred J. Lipin	ASN 33201739	Co A
Staff Sergeant Walter E. Masters	ASN 35027407	Rcn Co

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After Action Report, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for month of May 1945.

3. ADMINISTRATION: (continued)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS MADE DURING PERIOD

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>
Major	Garland D. Kite	0-281456	Bronze Star	Sec IV, GO 33, 99th Inf Div, dated 3 May 1945
1st Lt.	Thurston Cowgill	0-516857	Silver Star	Sec III, GO 89, 83d Inf Div, dated 5 May 1945
Sgt	John R. Bullock	35722964	Silver Star	Sec II, GO 46, 99th Inf Div, Dated 23 May 1945
Cpl	Thomas E. McQuire	31136150	Bronze Star	Sec IV, GO 46, 99th Inf Div, dated 23 May 1945
Pfc	Mitchell J. Tluczek	36562257	Bronze Star	" " " "
T/4	Robert E. Burgess	35596993	Bronze Star	" " " "
Pfc	Louis K. Kaziol	36764076	Bronze Star	" " " "
Pvt	Royal G. Cox	39169043	Bronze Star	" " " "
Sgt	John E. Brock	35722939	Silver Star	Sec I, GO 47, 99th Inf Div, dated 25 May 1945
Cpl	John Collucci	32632829	Bronze Star	Sec IV, GO 47, 99th Inf Div, dated 25 May 1945
Pvt	Roger K. Zimmerman	36990192	Bronze Star	" " " "
T/5	Billy H. Towns	35583623	Bronze Star	Sec I, GO 48, 99th Inf Div, dated 26 May 1945
Pfc	Joseph Barkoski	32191309	Bronze Star	" " " "
Sgt.	Allen D. Fields	33047439	Bronze Star	Sec III, GO 82, 82d Airborne Div, dated 23 May 1945

COLLATERAL OFFICERS DURING PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT:

Bn Cmdr	Lt Col Glenn Cole, Inf.
CC Hq Co	Capt. Francis H. Dobbins, FA
CC Ren Co	1st Lt. Floyd H. Dikeman, AUS
CC Co A	Capt Charles L. Grimshaw, Inf
CC Co B	Capt Edwin H. Stewart, FA
CC Co C	Capt Anthony G. Covatta, AUS
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3. ADMINISTRATION: (continued)

CASUALTY, REPLACEMENT AND PRISONER OF WAR ANNEX

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6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	1	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	1	0	0
19	0	0	0	1	0	0
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21	0	0	0	0	0	0
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23	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	2	0	0
29	0	0	0	6	0	0
30	0	0	0	3	0	1
31	0	0	0	0	0	0

During the month of May all Class I supplies were drawn from the 99th Inf Div.

Classes II and IV supplies were drawn from the 99th Inf Div, with the exception of ordnance equipment which was drawn from the 3463rd Ordnance company. Classes III and V supplies were drawn from Army dumps.

Basic loads of Classes I, III and V supplies were maintained at all times.

Practically all roads used were major roads and these in good condition.

During the month 6 4-ton trucks were drawn as initial issue and 1 carriage, motor, T41 was drawn as a command vehicle, replacing car, Armored, utility, L20.

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629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AFO 403, U.S. ARMY

1 July 1945

RESUME OF OPERATIONS FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1945

The battalion remained attached to the 99th Infantry Division for this period. However, on the 29th of June 1945, the battalion was relieved of attachment to XII Corps and attached to XV Corps, remaining in the Third Army.

Companies of the battalion occupied towns in the Kreis of Gemunden and maintained guard posts on certain railroad and highway bridges and checkpoints on the main roads at the edge of the Kreis. Civilians and discharged soldiers were checked at the check points for passes, etc.

Reconnaissance Company performed guard for the German POW Camp at Gemunden and for POW details working on clean up jobs in towns of Wernfeld and Gemunden and on railroad in Gemunden. POW, under civilian supervision, accomplished most of the work on the construction of the POW Camp, which has a capacity of 600 personnel. Food is supplied the POW Camp by the Kreis of Gemunden.

Each company conducted training throughout the period. Sufficient time was allotted for recreational activities.

Third Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, was attached to the 395th Infantry Regiment for period 1 June to 8 June 1945 with mission of guarding the Russian P. and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany.

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Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 1 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 1 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		in	Out	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken

Companies A, B and C maintained checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 34 displaced personnel and 7 PWs. Co B picked up 19 PWs. Co C picked up 2 PWs. Recon Co guarding 400 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden. 3rd Recon platoon attached to 395th Inf Regt guarding Russian PWs and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany.

All companies were cleaning their respective areas and performing motor maintenance.

The following officers promoted to grade of 1st Lt. per par 8, SO 149, Headquarters 3rd U. S. Army, dated 31 May 1945:

2nd Lt. Carl J. DePanicis	O-1999868	FA (TD)
2nd Lt. Chester T. Yachna	O-1999869	FA (TD)

weather: Clear and Sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 2 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 2 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out		

Companies A, B and C were manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 2 Pws, 3 displaced personnel and 11 German Civilians. Co B picked up 1 SS soldier. Co C picked up 1 PW. Recon Co was guarding 400 Pws and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. 3rd Recon platoon attached to 395th Inf Regt guarding Russian PW and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany. All companies were cleaning their respective areas and performing motor maintenance.

1st Lt. Carl J. DePaniciis, O-1999868 relieved of duty with Co C and placed on temporary duty with Hq Co with duties as Battalion I & E Officer, Special Service Officer, Athletic Officer and Recreation Officer.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 3 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 3 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany.

Time		Serial No.	Time Noted	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C were manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 3 PWs and 13 displaced personnel. Co B picked up 9 PWs. Recon Co was guarding 400 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. 3rd Recon platoon attached to 395th Inf Regt guarding Russian PWs and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany.

Personnel of all companies attended showing of film, "Two Down, One to GO". Remainder of day was spent on cleaning of areas and performing motor maintenance.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 4 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 4 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW and 1 displaced person. Co B picked up 25 PWs. Co C picked up 2 PWs. Hq Co picked up 1 SS PW (Frenchman). Recon Co guarding 375 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. 3rd Recon platoon attached to 395th Inf Regt guarding Russian PW and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany.

All companies improved condition of areas and performed motor maintenance.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 6 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 6 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 2 PWs, 3 displaced personnel and 25 German civilians. Co B picked up 8 PWs. Recon Co guarding 345 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. 3rd Recon Platoon attached to 395th Inf Regt guarding Russian PW and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany.

All companies were cleaning their respective areas, performing motor maintenance and engaged in organized athletics.

Weather: Partly cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 7 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 7 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 23 German civilians, 1 displaced person and 3 soldiers. Co B picked up 18 PWs. Co C picked up 1 PW. Recon Co guarding 345 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. 3rd Recon platoon attached to 395th Inf Regt guarding Russian and displaced personnel camp at Wildflecken, Germany.

All companies improved appearance of areas, performed motor stables and usual camp duties.

Weather: Cloudy and raining.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 8 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 8 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany.

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 4 PWs and 15 German civilians. Co B picked up 4 PWs. Recon Co guarding 345 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. 3rd Recon Platoon relieved of attachment from 395th Inf Regt and returned to company area at Hollrich, Germany.

All companies were cleaning respective areas, performing motor maintenance, heard I & E lecture on America's place in the Pacific also they engaged in athletics.

Weather: Partly cloudy with little sunshine.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 9 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 9 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW, 4 displaced personnel, and 15 German civilians. Co B picked up 10 PWs. Recon Company guarding 338 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies continued on motor maintenance and cleaning of areas. Afternoon was spent as off time for recreational purposes.

0900 Lt. Col Cole (Bn Cmdr) departed for 99th Inf Div for meeting with Division Commander. Returned at 1230.

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 10 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 10 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Time in in	Time Out	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken

Companies A, B and C manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW, 1 displaced personnel and 8 German civilians. Co B picked up 1 PW. Co C picked up one PW. Recon Co guarding 338 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

The following named enlisted men appointed to the grade of 2d Lt. and asgd to companies as indicated:

Alfred J. Lipin	O-2028855	Co A
Walter E. Masters	O-2028857	Recon Co

The following named EM awarded the Silver Star per Sec I, G.O. No. 58, Hq 99th Inf Div, dated 10 June 1945:

Sgt. James P. Jordan	12036247	Co C
Pfc Jack R. Emery	13044476	Co C

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 11 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 11 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany.

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW, 10 displaced personnel and 3 former Italian soldiers. Co B picked up 11 PWs. Recon Co guarding 338 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

The following named EM were relieved from assignment to this Battalion per par 1, SO 152, Hq 99th Inf Div and were assigned in grade to Separation Stations in the United States.

Pvt. Melvin M. Hynson	20344909
Pfc. Joseph J. Savoir	12035005
S/Sgt. Jethro E. Piland	33041696
Sgt. Ronald H. Robertson	36216640
T/4 Hugh T. Scanlon	18082272
Sgt. Homer C. Maudlin	6264415

All companies conducted classes on close order drill, interior guard duty and motor stables. A, B and C companies held gun crew drill for M-36.

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 12 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 12 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
In	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW and 12 German civilians. Co B picked up 2 PWs. Recon Co guarding 338 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies conducted classes in close order drill, interior guard duty, discussion and explanation of all military government Rules, regulations and laws. Firing companies also conducted gun crew drill for M-36.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 13 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 13 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time	Serial No.	Time Lapsed	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
In	Out			

Companies A, B and C manned checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 4 soldiers, 8 civilians and 5 displaced personnel. Co B picked up 4 PWs. Recon Co guarding 350 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

The following named enlisted men presented the Silver Star by Lt. Col. Cole, Battalion Commander:

Sgt. James P. Jordan	12036247	Co C
Sgt. John R. Bullock	35722964	Co C
Sgt. John E. Brock	35722939	Co C
Pfc Jack R. Emery	13044476.	Co C

The following named enlisted men presented the Bronze Star by Lt. Col. Cole, Battalion Commander:

Pvt Robert E. Burgess	35596993	Co C
Cpl Thomas E. McGuire	31136150	Co C
Pfc Louis Kozial	36764076	Co C
T/5 Billy H. Towns	35583623	Co C
Pfc Joseph Barkowski	32191309	Co C
Sgt Allen D. Fields	33047489	Co C
Pfc Mitchell J. Fluczek	36562257	Co C
Pvt Royal G. Cox	39169043	Co C
Cpl John Collucci	32632829	Co C
Pvt Roger K. Zimmerman	36990192	Co C

629th T. D. Bn. is relieved of assignment to III Corps and attached to XII Corps effective 13 June 1945. Unit still remained attached to 99th Inf Div and 3rd Army.

All Companies conducting classes in close order drill, interior guard duty. Discussion and explanation of all military government rules and regulations. A, B and C companies conducting classes on gun crew drill for M-36.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 14 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 14 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out		

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 14 German civilians and 3 soldiers. Co B picked up 1 P.W. Co C picked 3 P.Ws. Recon Co. guarding 332 P.Ws and constructing P.W. enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies conducted classes on close order drill, manual of arms, discussion of rules and regulations of military government and interior guard duty. A, B and C companies also conducting classes on indirect fire and use of instrument at gun position.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 15 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 15 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and c continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co C picked up 3 PWs. Recon Co guarding 332 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies conducting classes on close order drill, manual of arms, interior guard duty and performed motor stables.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 16 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 16 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 7 PWs and 31 displaced personnel. Co B picked up 1 PW. Recon Co guarding 332 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

0900 - Lt. Col. Cole (Bn Cmdr) departed for 99th Inf Div for meeting with Division Commander.
Returned at 1230.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 17 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 17 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 3 PWs and 8 German civilians. Co B picked up 5 PWs. Recon Co guarding 332 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 18 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 18 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Lapsed	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning of checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 5 German civilians. Co B picked up 3 PWs. Recon Co guarding 332 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

Companies conducting exercises on close order drill and manual of arms.

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 19 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 19 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 25 German civilians. Co A picked up 25 German civilians. Recon Co guarding PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany. One Recon Plat guarded displaced personnel loaded on train at Gemunden, Germany.

Companies conducting exercises in close order drill, manual of arms, motor stables and radio operation of voice sets.

Weather: Cloudy with Sporadic sunshine.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 20 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 20 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW and 5 German civilians. Co B picked up 5 PWs. Recon Co guarding PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

Companies conducting exercises on close order drill and manual of arms. Organized athletics were carried out.

Weather: Clear and sunny.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 21 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 21 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 5 German civilians and 2 Austrian civilians. Co C picked up 5 PWs. Recon Co guarding 403 PWs and constructing PW enclosure at Gemunden, Germany.

All Companies trained in close order drill and manual of arms. Motor stables and organized athletics being carried out.

The 99th Inf Div Inspector General visited the Battalion for inspection of supply records, company records and areas occupied by companies of the battalion.

Weather: Cloudy with light rain.

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Organization--629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 22 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 22 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 7 German civilians and 2 Austrian Civilians. Co B picked up 2 PWs. Recon Company guarding 403 PWs.

All companies conducting training in manual of arms and close order drill.

Weather: Cloudy with light rains.

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Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 23 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 23 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 8 German civilians and 2 Bulgarians. Recon Co guarding 403 PWs. at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies training in close order drill and manual of arms. Regular camp duties and organized athletics being carried out.

0900 - Lt. Col. Cole (Bn Cmdr) departed for 99th Inf Div for meeting with Division Commander.
Returned at 1230.

Weather: Cloudy with light rains.

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Organization- **629th Tank Destroyer Battalion**

From: (Date and hour) 0001 24 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 24 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 1 PW and 2 German civilians. Co B picked up 5 PWs. Co C picked up 2 PWs. Recon Co guarding PWs in Gemunden, Germany.

All companies conducted training in manual of arms and close order drill and performed in organized athletics and motor maintenance.

Weather: Cloudy with light rains.

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Organization- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 25 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 25 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. No prisoners taken during period. Recon Co guarding 403 PWs at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies maintaining training program and regular camp duties.

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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Organization-- 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 26 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 26 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 3 German civilians. Co B picked up 2 PWs and 3 displaced persons. Recon Co continued to guard POW camp and POW work details.

All companies performed drill on manual of arms for similar weapons and close order drill. Motor maintenance was performed as usual. Organized athletics were actively engaged.

Station List No. 93, Hq XII Corps, US Army dated 24 June 1945 shows the 629th T. D. Bn in category II.

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.

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Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 27 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 27 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co B picked up 2 PWs. Co C Picked up 3 PWs. Recon Co guarding PWs at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies continued the drill on manual of arms and close order drill. Motor stables were performed and organized athletics were conducted.

Weather: Clear and sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 28 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 28 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 5 German civilians, 3 soldiers and 1 suspected SS. Co B picked up 2 PWs. Co C picked up 2 PW's.

All companies conducting training program and organized athletics.

Weather: Clear and Sunny.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 29 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 29 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Lated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 5 German civilians and 1 PW. Recon Co guarding 419 PWs at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies practiced for battalion parade. Motor stables and organized athletics were conducted.

Telegram Message received from 3rd U. S. Army:
The 629th T. D. Bn was relieved of attachment to XII Corps and attached to XV Corps effective as of 0900 29 June 1945..

Weather: Clear and sunny.

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Organization-----629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 30 June 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 30 June 1945

Place Gemunden, Germany

Time		Serial No.	Time Entered	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	action taken
in	Out				

Companies A, B and C continued manning checkpoints and road patrols. Co A picked up 6 **divilians** and 1 P.. Recon guarding 419 Pws at Gemunden, Germany.

All companies conducted training and performed in organized athletics.

Weather: Clear and sunny.

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629TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403, U. S. ARMY

12 July 1945

SUBJECT: Resume of Operations June 1945.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
(Thru: Channels)

1. Forwarded herewith is Resume of Operations for the month of June 1945.



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