

AFTER-ACTION REPORT      01 MARCH-31 MARCH 45

At beginning of period, Company A, 705 TD Bn., attached to CCA, 11th Armored Division. Companies B and C, 705 TD Bn., attached to CCB, 11th Armored Division.

01 March - Company B and C moved out of Hoffelt (708903) at 0730, closed vicinity Sellerich (04919) at 1500. 705 TD Fwd CP moved out of Hoffelt at 1000, closed vicinity Sellerich at 1400. Company "A" remained at Manderfeld (008938). At 1800 one round 75mm enemy artillery struck Bn. CP, killing C.O., wounding Bn.S-3 & S-4.

02 March - At 1300 Bn. Fwd CP moved to Buchet (989835). Recon.Co. moved from Alferste, (910056) to vic. Buchet (998329) closing at 1530.

03 March - At 1400 Recon.Co. moved to Tafel (052308), at 1600 moved to Fleringen (119798). At 1935 Bn. Fwd CP moved to vic. Sellerich (022818). During the day Companies B and C crossed the Prum River in support of CCB.

04 March - Recon.Co. moved out of Fleringen at 0930 to hold line along 18 grid line (785 to 800). Relieved at 1430 by elements of the 90th Infantry Div. Bn. Fwd CP moved to vic. Fleringen. Company B supporting CCB moved to coord. L190790, expending 17 rds. HE, 14 boxes .50 Cal. on targets of opportunity. Company C supporting CCB moved to coord. L150790.

05 March - During the day, Companies B and C provided close support to CCB in their drive north east toward Hdr. Mettingen, with Recon.Co. protecting the left flank as they advanced. At 1800 Recon.Co. crossed Kyle River to secure bridgehead at Dohn (235853), relieving elements of CCB, suffering several casualties due to enemy mortar fire.

06 March - Recon.Co. withdrew from bridgehead. Recon.Co., Companies B and C moved south with CCB, crossing Kyle river at Lissengen bridge.

During the subsequent drive by the 11th Armored Division to the Rhine river on the following two days, Companies B and C continued in support of CCB. Reconnaissance Company was employed as reconnaissance and leading elements for CCB from the Kyle river to the Rhine.

At the completion of the drive, companies assembled in the following positions: Co. B at Niederöberweilär F660009, Co. C at Wehr F628008, Recon.Co. at Hdr. Lutzingen F694085.

10 March - At 2000 one platoon and one section of Reconnaissance Co. assisted in the taking of Bruhl.

11 March - Companies B and C with one section of Ren.Co. cleared assigned sector vicinity Ndr. Durenbach, occupying ten towns and capturing 49 prisoners in designated area.

During the period 06 March to 11 March 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion captured 2145 German EM, 1 Warrant Officer, 17 Officers, killed an unknown number of the enemy, destroyed 1 pillbox, 3 wheeled vehicles, 10 150mm howitzers. Total 70mm ammunition expended during the same period: 259 rds. HE, 13 rds. APC. Battalion suffered 17 casualties.

12 March - Companies B and C completed clearing assigned sector vic. Ndr.Durenbach, occupying towns in cleared area until relieved by elements of V Corps, thence moving to Bell, Germany, closing at 1530. Bn. CP, Hq.Co. and Ren.Co. moved to Bell during the morning.

13 March - No change.

14 March - Company A released from attachment to CCA, closed in Bell at 1430.

15 March - Company A re-attached to CCA, Company B attached to CCB, 705 TD Bn (-) attached to 11th Armored Division.

16 March - Battalion alerted for movement, companies A and B moving out of Bell at 1700 with CCA & CCB.

17 March - 705th TD Bn(-) moved out of Bell at 0430, closed in assembly area vicinity Wagenhausen (L4672) at 1100. At approximately 1600, Bn. (-) attached to CCB, with mission of protecting Division's right flank along route of advance. 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Wagenhausen at 2000, crossed Moselle River behind CCB, closed Altlay.

18 March - Bn (-) Arrived Altlay (L6754) at 0430, moved out of Altlay at 0700, advanced to Hahn, closed at 1115. Ren.Co. given mission of reconnoitering route B as far as Kirn at 1215. Mission completed during afternoon.

19 March - At 0830 moved out of Hahn, advanced to CCB assembly area L691451, closed at 0925. Moved out of assembly area at 0955, advanced to Wickenrodt, closing at 1230. Moved out of Wickenrodt at 1730, closed in Hundsbach (L8725) at 2330. 212 Prisoners taken at Hundsbach.

20 March - Moved out of Hundsbach at 1330, closed in Dormoschel at 1730, reconnoitering routes on southern flank of Division enroute.

21 March - Co.C given mission of clearing Huttenkronen (L9912). Ren. Co. given mission of clearing Rudolphskronen (L9313). Missions completed 1000. Bn (-) at CCB moved out of Dormoschel at 1230, orders changed enroute, returned to Dormoschel, closing at 1930. Bn. (-) assigned an area vicinity Dormoschel to be cleared. By 1900 one-half area cleared, 18 prisoners taken.

22 March - Remainder of assigned area cleared. Rest of day spent in active patrolling of towns in cleared area.

23 March - At 1000, 705 TD Bn (-) atand to OCA, 11 Armd Div. and alerted for movement. At 1130 moved out of Dorn Doochel. At 1245 closed in Guntersblum M4433, atand to 41st Cav., 11 Armd Div. At 1930 elements of Co.C and Hon.Co. completed occupation of assigned front line sector along Rhine river.

24 March - Company C and Hon. Co. continued to maintain positions along assigned front-line coord. 473345 to 404391. At four hour intervals beginning at 2200, section of 1st Plat. Hon.Co. contacted elements on north flank.

25 March - Six prisoners taken. No change in position.

26 March - No change in position. No enemy contact.

27 March - Bn (-) relieved of their responsibility for front line sector along Rhine river. At 0900 Hon.Co. and Co.C withdrew their elements from W bank of the Rhine, closing in Guntersblum at 1045.

28 March - At 1030 Bn (-) moved out of Guntersblum behind 41st Cav. at 1030. Cnd. Grp. closed in Hechtshelm at 1255. Co. C and Hon. Co. closed in Marienborn at 1305.

29 March - At 0500 Bn. (-) alerted for movement. At 0730 moved out of Hechtshelm and Marienborn, marched with 41st Cav. along 11 Armd Div. route, closed in Kl Anheim at 1930.

30 March - Moved out of Kl Anheim M654674 at 0630. Closed in assembly area Langensalbold at M9377. Closed in Fiedergrundau M9880 at 1245. At Fiedergrundau given mission of clearing routes to Wittgenborn in conjunction with C Troop 41st Cav. Moved out of Fiedergrundau at 0600, encountering no enemy resistance enroute. Having taken town of Wittgenborn, Bn. (-) moved north to Spielberg closing at 0900.

31 March - Moved out of Spielberg (M0991), mission to take town of Schlierbach (M112905). Unmanned road block encountered on direct route east. Road block bypassed on northern route. 50 rounds BS fired into town of Hellstein (M1192). Closed in Schlierbach at 0930. Moved out of Schlierbach at 1500, mission to take town of Bad Soden. Closed in Bad Soden at 1715. Two hospitals containing 50 American and British PWs and 300 French PWs liberated. Hon.Co. reconnoitering route to NE, encountered moderate enemy resistance at town of Am (M11896) Town taken at 2000. Elements of Hon.Co. & Co.C withdrew to Bad Soden.

At end of period Co.A remained atand to OCA, Co.B atand to OCB, 705 TD Bn (-) atand to 41st Cav.