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HEADQUARTERS FIRST TANK DESTROYER GROUP AFO #230 U.S. ARMY

1 April 1945

#### COMBAT REPORT

Month of March

- 1. ORIGINAL UNIT:
  - a. Completed 1944 (No Change)
- 2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC:
  - a. On 28 February 1945 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:
    Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
    6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies)
- b. Effective 1 March 1945, 4th and 5th Compenies of 6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion reverted to battalion control. Authority: Troop Assignment #15, VII Corps, dated 11 March 1945.
- c. Effective 23 March 1945, Company "B" 738th Tank Battalion was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #179, VII Corps, dated 22 March 1945.
- d. On 24 Merch 1945, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group reorganization under T/O & E 18-10-1, 31 October 1944. Authority: Organization Order #20, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 17 March 1945.
- e. Effective 29 March 1945, Company "B" 738th Tank Battalion was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memo #183, VII Corps, dated 29 March 1945.
- 3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

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- 4. STATION (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY):
  - a. 1 March 1945 to 5 March 1945 DUREN, GERMANY (F131455)
  - b. 6 March 1945 to 10 March 1945 KOL FORTUNA, GERMANY (F255628)
  - c. 11 March 1945 to 15 March 1945 WEIDEN, GERMANY (F363608)
  - d. 16 March 1945 to 22 March 1945 Vic of BONN, GERMANY (F523357)
  - e. 23 March 1945 to 28 March 1945 KUNIGSWINTER, GERMANY (F612316)
  - f. 29 Merch 1945 to 30 Merch 1945 ALTENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (F934315)
  - g. 31 March 1945 MARBURG, GERMANY (6729460)

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#### 5. MARCHES:

- a. Motor march, 5 March 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from DUREN, GERMANY (F131455) to KOL FORTUNA, GERMANY (F255628). Authority: VCCG, VII Corps, 5 March 1945.
  - (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac.
  - (2) Length of march: 17.8 miles.
  - (3) Condition of roads: Slippery.
  - (4) Weather: Rainy and overcast.
- b. Motor merch, 10 March 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tenk Destroyer Group, from KOL FORTUNA, GERMANY (F255628) to WEIDEN, GERMANY (F363608). Authority: VCC, VII Gorps, 10 March 1945.
  - (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivousc.
  - (2) Length of merch: 11.6 miles.
  - (3) Condition of roads: Slippery.
  - (4) Weather: Rainy.
- c. Motor march, 15 March 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from WEIDEN, GERMANY (F363608) to vicinity of BCHH, GERMANY (F523357). Authority: VCCG, VII Corps, 14 March 1945.
  - (1) Furpose: Movement to new bivouac.
  - (2) Length of march: 26.5 miles.
  - (3) Condition of roads: Good.
  - (A) Weather: Fair.
- d. Motor march, 22 March 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from vicinity of BONN, GERMANY (F523357) to KONIGSWINTER, GERMANY (F612316). Authority: VCCG, VII Corps, 21 March 1945.
  - (1) Furpose: Movement to new bivouac.
  - (2) Length of Merch: 10.1 miles.
  - (3) Condition of roads: Good.
  - (4) Weather: Fair.
- e. Motor march, 28 March 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from KONIGSWINTER, CERMANY (F612316) to ALTENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (F934315). Authority: VCCO, VII Corps, 27 March 1945.
  - (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouec.
  - (2) Length of merch: 29.2 miles.
  - (3) Conditon of roads: Fair.
  - (4) Westher: Fair.
- f. Motor march, 30 Merch 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from ALTENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (F934315) to MANBURG, GERMANY (G729460). Authority: VOCG, VII Corps, 29 March 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouec.
- (2) Length of march: 67.2 miles.
- (3) Conditon of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Good.

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### 6. CAMPAIGNS:

a. 1st Tank Destroyer Group continued in role of VII Corps Security Commandwith LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALIEN H. FOREMAN, 019913, INFANTRY, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Destroyer Group designated as Acting Security Commander, VII Corps, per General Order No. 7, Hq. VII Corps, 5 March 1945.

- 7. BATTLES:
  - a. None.
- 8. COMMANDING OFFICER IN IMPORTANT ENGACEMENTS:
  - a. (1) Engagement: Continental Operation.
    (2) Name: 1st Tank Destroyer Group LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLEN H. FOREMAN.
- 9. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND MEN: a. None.
- 10. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBER WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:
  - a. None.
- 11. PICTURES:
  - a. None.



ALLEN H. FORESAN, Lt Col, Inf, 1st TD Gp, Commanding.