

HEADQUARTERS
601st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 US Army

2 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Operations for the
Period 1 -- 31 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division,
APO 3, US Army.

a. SUMMARY OF OUR OPERATIONS:

At the beginning of the period the Battalion was attached to the 3rd Infantry Division providing anti-tank defense for the infantry who held a line on the edge of the WOSSENS CURTAINS overlooking the COLMAR Plain with each company in general support of its respective Regiment: "A" Company in support of the 7th Infantry Regiment, "B" Company in support of the 15th Infantry Regiment, "C" Company in support of the 30th Infantry Regiment, and Reconnaissance Company in support of the 30th Infantry Regiment.

During the first half of the period the Battalion's main mission was to provide the Division with adequate anti-tank protection. The majority of the guns were kept well forward in dug-in or hidden positions covering the entire Division front with protective fire. Several platoons in the Battalion were kept in the rear area as mobile reserve and from where they fired indirect night harassing missions. These guns were also used as roving guns moving to forward positions and firing harassing direct fire at enemy infantry positions. During this entire defensive period no enemy tanks attempted to penetrate the perimeter defense of the Division.

During the latter half of the period the Division went on the offensive with the objective of clearing out all enemy resistance in the COLMAR Pocket. While the infantry forced river crossings over the RECHT River and I'LLI River, the Battalion took up both direct and indirect fire positions, firing on known targets and targets of opportunity. Upon completion of the bridges each gun company moved across with its respective Regiment and supported the Infantry on its attacks on HOUSSEN and RIEDWIHR. During the entire attack the guns of the Battalion gave the Infantry assault fire on enemy strong points, pill boxes, and houses which helped materially in the advance. A number of German counter attacks developed during the offensive which consisted of infantry supported by tanks and tank destroyers. These counter attacks proved costly to the enemy for from well chosen positions the Battalion was able to knock out many enemy tanks and kill or wound innumerable enemy infantry.

When all resistance North of the COLMAR Canal had been wiped out the guns of the Battalion again moved to direct and indirect fire positions from which to support the Infantry as it crossed the COLMAR Canal and upon completion of bridges over the Canal the companies supported their regiments in establishing a sizeable bridge-head across the Canal

b. ENEMY OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

During the first half of the period while the Division was on the defensive, enemy operations consisted only of artillery fire placed on forward areas and small patrols sent to harass our forward troops.

When the Division went on the offensive, the enemy reacted violently in attempts to prevent friendly armor from supporting the Infantry. The enemy utilized natural obstacles to the utmost by blowing all bridges and mining roads and trails. Because of the frozen condition of the ground, friendly armor was able to move across country, consequently the mined roads did not hold up the advance of armor. The enemy used anti-tank guns in comparatively large numbers in an attempt to halt the armor. On one front of less than 1000 yards the enemy had emplaced 6 large anti-tank guns. The enemy for the first time used tank destroyers in large numbers in an attempt to halt our advance. From well chosen positions supporting the enemy infantry these destroyers were able to KO many pieces of our armor. However, when these enemy destroyers were used to counter attack our positions many of them were KO'd and burned. On three occasions the enemy counterattacked using tanks and tank destroyers to drive us away from our newly-won positions. From well hidden positions the Battalion was able to KO 14 tanks or tank destroyers and thus help drive back enemy attacks.

The personnel loss in the Battalion in comparison to the tank destroyers hit was comparatively light. This can probably be accounted for by the fact that the Germans either do not have or do not use an APC shell. All reports from our gun crews that were hit were that the shell that hit them was a solid AP shell; undoubtedly if the Germans had used an APC shell much higher casualties would have been sustained by this Battalion.

c. SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

At the end of the period the Battalion occupied direct fire positions in support of the Division which held a bridge-head over the COLMAR Canal. "A" Company was in direct fire positions in support of 7th Infantry Regiment, "B" Company in direct fire positions in support of 15th Infantry Regiment, "C" Company in direct fire positions in support of 254th Infantry Regiment, and Reconnaissance Company patrolling the left flank of the 254th Infantry Regiment.

d. STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIEL:

During a 24-hour period from January 24 to January 25 the Battalion suffered a number of casualties both in personnel and in tank destroyers. Personnel casualties were for the most part replaced by RTU's that came in during and after this period. Therefore, at the end of the period, the Battalion was only 19 men under strength. During the entire period 14 tank destroyers were disabled by enemy fire but only 6 were lost beyond repair. The remainder were put back into action anywhere from 24 hours to 72 hours after recovery by the superior work carried on by Battalion maintenance. At the end of the period the Battalion had 29 tank destroyers operationally fit and employed on the front lines.

e. COMMENTS AND LESSONS LEARNED:

1. The splitting of armor into small groups and attaching them to infantry units while operating in open "tank country" proves costly and expensive to friendly armor. When country such as this prevails all armor should be massed and instead of the armor conforming to the infantry plan, the infantry should be made to conform with the armored plan. Only by massing armor can suitable protection be provided for all concerned.

2. Because of the open turret which allows snow to fall inside upon the breech mechanism, care must be taken to prevent firing mechanism from freezing. During combat operations, when the turret could not be covered, this condition was overcome by keeping breech and firing mechanism covered as much as possible and cleaning all parts at every available opportunity.

3. While operating in winter weather the tanks of this Battalion were painted white in a camouflage design. This design was found to be better than all white for it blended with wooded back ground or houses which the tank destroyers used for concealment

4. White smoke shell for initial adjustment on a background of snow was found to be useless. HE shell against snow background served the purpose perfectly.

5. With the shortage of acetylene it was impossible, according to the standard method, to remove old type counterbalances from the turret in order to replace them with the new type. This was handled by drilling a hole in the center of the top surface of the block and inserting 2 pounds of dynamite. The resulting blast neatly broke the counterbalance away from the turret.

6. During a night attack one platoon commander in this Battalion borrowed two B.A.R. men for each of his tank destroyers and placed them on the rear of his tanks. These men with their rapid firing weapons killed an enemy bazooka team and drove off another enemy attempting to destroy the tank destroyers. By placing these men on the backs of the tank destroyers, all around security was provided, allowing the destroyer crews to concentrate on firing their principal weapon, the 3" gun.

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ANNEX No. 1

SUMMARY OF DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

PERIOD: 1 Jan - 31 Jan 1945

	: A Co	: B Co	: C Co	: Bn Co	: Total
Tanks and SP's	6	7	3	0	16
Probables					
Armed Cars & Half tracks	0	0	3	0	3
Machine Guns	0	0	0	0	0
Artillery and AT Guns	4	1	2	0	7
Prisoners of War	162	0	30	0	192
Infantry Killed	45	0	15	0	60
Pill Boxes (RB)	0	1	1	0	2
Trucks and cars	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	Machine guns, mortars, reduced and neutralized enemy held strong points and enemy occupied houses. Killed and wounded innumerable enemy and assisted in capture of many others.				

CASUALTIES INCURRED BY 601st TD BN

PERIOD: 1 - 31 January 1945

	: A Co	: B Co	: C Co	: Bn Co	: Hq Co	: TOTAL
Officers----- KIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIA	2	2	2	0	0	6
Enlisted Men--- KIA	0	1	3	0	0	4
WIA	11	7	9	1	0	28
M-10's KO'd--burnt or: not repairable	1	2	3	0	0	6

For the BATTALION COMMANDER:

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS
1-31 January 1946

ANNEX # 2

JANUARY 1

Recon Co in sup 30th Inf occupied outpost positions and OP's N and S of ALSFACH (V-629505); "A" Company in general Division support, 1st platoon in support of 7th Infantry occupied defensive positions vicinity BOULBAU (V-582456), 2nd platoon in support 1st Bn 15th Infantry occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM (V-748617) and ORSCHWILLEN (V-736303), 3rd platoon remained in REBAUVILLE (V-648547) in Division Reserve; "B" Company in support of 15th Infantry, 1st and 2nd platoons occupied defensive fire positions in OSTHEIM (V-625512), MITTELHEIM (V-630502) and WELLENBURG (V-691523), 3rd platoon in indirect fire positions fired 200 rds HE and 10 rds A.P.C. harassing fire vicinity HIES N (V-735475); "C" Company in support of 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM (V-667485), AMERSCHWILLEN (V-665472) and REBAUVILLE (V-678486).

JANUARY 2

Recon Co in sup 30th Infantry occupied outpost positions and OP S of ALSFACH and ran contact patrols between the 7th and 30th Infs; "A" Co in general Division support, 1st platoon in sup 7th Inf occupied defensive positions via BOULBAU, 2nd plat in sup 1st Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM and ORSCHWILLEN, 3rd plat in Div reserve in REBAUVILLE; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st and 2nd platoons occupied direct fire positions in OSTHEIM, MITTELHEIM and WELLENBURG, 3rd plat in indirect fire position fired 200 rds HE on ey inf dug in on Hill 216 (Vic V-703487); "C" Co in sup 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM, AMERSCHWILLEN, and REBAUVILLE fired 25 rds HE harassing fire at ey assembly area.

JANUARY 3

Recon Co in support of 30th Inf, 1st and 3rd platoons via ALSFACH in mobile reserve, 2nd plat running contact patrols between 30th and 7th Inf; "A" Co in general Div sup, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf occupied defensive fire positions in BOULBAU, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM and ORSCHWILLEN, 3rd plat in Div reserve in indirect fire positions via REBAUVILLE; "B" Co (-) in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 5th Inf in OSTHEIM, 2nd plat in sup of 15th Inf moved to direct fire positions and fired 150 rds HE and 28 rds APC at ey strong points, 20'd 1 ey pill box, 3rd plat in indirect fire positions fired 237 rds HE and 14 rds APC on ey Inf positions and strong points; "C" Co in sup of 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM, AMERSCHWILLEN, and REBAUVILLE.

JANUARY 4

Recon Co in sup of 30th Inf, 1st and 3rd platoons via ALSFACH in mobile reserve, 2nd plat running contact foot patrols between 30th and 7th Inf; "A" Co in general Div sup, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions in BOULBAU, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KINTZHEIM and ORSCHWILLEN; 3rd plat in Div reserve in indirect fire positions fired 17 rds HE and 10 rds smoke via HIES N (V-777542); "B" Co (-) in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 3rd Bn 254th Inf in direct fire positions via BOULBAU (V-747515), 2nd plat in sup of 15th Inf occupied direct fire

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positions vicinity BENNWIHR (V-688495), 3rd platoon support of 15th Inf from indirect fire positions fired 486 rds HE, 148 rds APC, and 6 Star Shells via Hill 216 (V-704485) as harassing fire; "C" Co in sup of 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KIENZHEIM and SIGOLSHEIM.

& AMMERSCHWIHR

JANUARY 5

Rcn Co in sup of 30th Inf, 1st and 3rd plats via KAYSERSBERG (V-650489) in mobile reserve, 2nd plat running contact foot patrols between 30th and 7th Inf; "A" Co in general Div support, 1st plat in support of 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions in BOULEAU, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in KIENZHEIM and ORSCHILLER, 3rd plat relieved 1 plat, B Co, in sup of 1st Bn 30th Inf in vic BENNWIHR (V-688495); "B" Co (-) in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 3rd Bn 254th Inf, in direct fire positions via GUMMAR, 2nd and 3rd plat relieved of support 15th Inf moved to ORBEY (V-573476) and LE BONHOMME (V-538524) respectively and placed in sup of FR troops who will be relieved by 15th Inf on 6-7 Jan; "C" in sup of 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions via AMMERSCHWIHR, SIGOLSHEIM and BENNWIHR.

JANUARY 6

Rcn Co in sup 30th Inf, 1st plat ran contact foot patrols from 30th Inf to 7th Inf, 2nd plat remained in mobile reserve via KAYSERSBERG (V-639505), 3rd plat ran contact foot patrols from 30th Inf to 254th Inf; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions via LA PLACE (V-596453), 2nd and 3rd plats in reserve via HACHINTE (V-596502); "B" Co in sup 15th Inf occupied defensive positions, 1st plat in ORBEY, 2nd plat in LA FOUTROIE (V-578508) and 3rd plat in LE BONHOMME; "C" Co in sup 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions via AMMERSCHWIHR, SIGOLSHEIM and BENNWIHR.

JANUARY 7

Rcn Co in sup 30th Inf, 1st plat ran contact foot patrols from 30th Inf to 7th Inf, 2nd plat in mobile reserve via KAYSERSBERG, 3rd plat ran contact foot patrols from 30th Inf to 254th Inf; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 2nd and 3rd plats in reserve via HACHINTE; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn in defensive fire positions via LOUCHBACH (V-498488), 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in ORBEY, 3rd plat in sup 3rd Bn 15th Inf via L. NOIT (V-526460); "C" Co in sup of 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 1st Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions via SIGOLSHEIM, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf in reserve in KAYSERSBERG, 3rd plat in sup of 3rd Bn 30th Inf at AMMERSCHWIHR in direct fire positions.

JANUARY 8

Rcn Co relieved of sup 30th Inf placed in sup of 3rd Div Rear Area Defensive command to patrol rear areas; "A" Co (4) in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 3rd plat moved to OBERNAI and atchd to 1st DMI, 2nd plat moved to RIBOUVILLE and placed in sup of 254th Inf; "B" Co in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup FR Para Bn via HABEAURUPT (V-464497), 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in ORBEY, 3rd plat in sup 3rd Bn 15th Inf via L. NOIT (V-526460), C Co in sup 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup 1st Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions in SIGOLSHEIM, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions in KAYSERSBERG, 3rd plat in sup of 1st Bn 254th Inf via AMMERSCHWIHR.

JANU 10

Regt Co in sup of R.L.D.C. patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (-) in sup 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup 7th Inf in direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf in direct fire positions in via ZELLENBERG (V-603523), 3rd plat attached to 8th R.C. in reserve in STATZHEIM (V-220753); "B" Co in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn in direct fire positions via RUDLIN (V-485470), 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions via GUEY, 3rd plat in sup of 1st and 3rd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions L. WEIR (V-526461); "C" Co in sup 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf at SIGELSHIM, 2nd plat in sup 30th Inf (1st Bn) via BERNWIHR, 3rd plat in sup 3rd Bn 30th Inf via AMERSONSWIHR, fired 74 rds in sup of Inf attack on hill 616—assisted Inf in killing 20 cy and capturing 15 cy.

JANUARY 10

Regt Co in sup of Rear Area Defense Command patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (+) in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf via LA PLACE in direct fire positions, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions via GUEY, 3rd plat attached to 8th R.C. in reserve at STATZHEIM; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup FR Para Bn in defensive positions at RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in GUEY, 3rd plat placed in Regt Reserve at V-512519; "C" Co in sup 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in SIGELSHIM, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions via BERNWIHR, 3rd plat in sup of 3rd Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in AMERSONSWIHR.

JANUARY 11

Regt Co in sup of R.L.D.C. patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (-) in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup 7th Inf via LA PLACE in direct fire positions 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions via GUEY, 3rd plat attached to 8th R.C. in reserve in STATZHEIM; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn via of RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in GUEY, 3rd plat remained in Regt reserve at V-513518; "C" Co in sup of 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in SIGELSHIM, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions via of BERNWIHR, 3rd plat in sup of 3rd Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in AMERSONSWIHR.

JANUARY 12

Regt Co in sup R.L.D.C. patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (-) in sup 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf in direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf in direct fire positions via GUEY, 3rd plat in sup of 8th R.C. in reserve at STATZHEIM; "B" Co in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn via RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in GUEY, 3rd plat remained in Regt Reserve at V-513518; "C" Co in sup of 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in SIGELSHIM, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions via BERNWIHR, 3rd plat in sup of 3rd Bn 30th Inf occupied direct fire positions in AMERSONSWIHR.

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JANUARY 13

Regt Co in sup of R.A.D.C. in patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (-) in sup 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions via GUEMAR, 3rd plat atchd to 8th RCA in reser vicinity ERSTEIM (927805); "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn in direct fire positions vicinity RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions in ORBEY, 3rd plat remained in Regt Res vic V-513519; "C" Co in sup of 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions in SIGOLSHEIM, 2nd plat in sup 1st Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions via BENNWIHR, 3rd plat in sup 3rd Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions in AMMER SCHWIHR.

JANUARY 14

Regt Co in sup of R.A.D.C. in patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (-) in sup 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions via GUEMAR, 3rd plat atchd to 8th RCA in reserve vic ERSTEIM; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn in direct fire positions via RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions in ORBEY, 3rd plat remained in Regt Reserve vic V-513519; "C" Co in sup 30th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2nd Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions via SIGOLSHEIM, 3rd plat in sup of 3rd Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions in AMMER SCHWIHR, 2nd plat in sup 1st Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions via BENNWIHR.

JANUARY 15

Regt Co in sup of R.A.D.C. in patrolling rear areas; "A" Co (-) in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 7th Inf occupied direct fire positions via LA PLACE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions via GUEMAR, 3rd plat atchd to 8th RCA in reserve in ERSTEIM; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn in RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions in ORBEY, 3rd plat in Regt reserve at V-513518; C Co in sup 30th Inf 1st plat in sup 2nd Bn 30th Inf at SIGOLSHEIM, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions via BENNWIHR, 3rd plat in sup 3rd Bn 30th Inf in direct fire positions in AMMERSCHWIHR.

JANUARY 16

Regt Co in sup of R.A.D.C. in patrolling rear areas; "A" Co in general Div sup, 1st plat released of sup 7th Inf placed in reserve in RIEBAUVILLE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf in direct fire positions in GUEMAR, 3rd plat atchd to 8th RCA in reserve at SCHENWILLER (V-765655); B Co in sup 7th Inf, 1st plat in sup of FR Para Bn in direct fire positions in RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions in ORBEY, 3rd plat in Regt Reserve vic LE BOMMOMME (-555557); C Co in reserve, 1st plat in sup 254th Inf in direct fire positions in BENNWIHR, SIGOLSHEIM, and AMMERSCHWIHR, 2nd and 3rd plats in reserve in RIEBAUVILLE (V-695655) carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance.

JANUARY 17

Men Co in sup of R.A.D.C. in patrolling rear areas; "A" Co in general Div sup, 1st plat in reserve in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance, 2nd plat in sup 254th Inf in direct fire positions in GUEMAR, 3rd plat atchd to 8th RCA in res in SCHENWILLER (V-785653); "B" Co (-) in sup 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup 2d Para Bn in direct fire positions in RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in direct fire positions in ORSEY, 3rd plat in sup 254th Inf in direct fire positions in SIGOLSHEIM and AMERSCHWILH; "C" Co in Div reserve in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance.

JANUARY 18

Men Co relieved sup of R.A.D.C. placed in reserve at RIBAUVILLE (V-678693) carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance; "A" Co in general Div sup, 1st plat in reserve in RIBAUVILLE, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf in direct fire positions in GUEMAR, 3rd plat atchd to 8th RCA in res in SCHENWILLER; "B" Co (-) in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2d Para Bn in RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf in ORSEY, 3rd plat in sup 254th Inf in direct fire positions in SIGOLSHEIM and AMERSCHWILH; "C" Co in res, entire Co carrying on gun and tank maintenance.

JANUARY 19

Men Co assembled at RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and vehicular maintenance; "A" Co in reserve, 1st and 3rd plat assembled in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions in GUEMAR; "B" Co (-) in sup of 15th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 2d Para Bn in RUDLIN, 2nd plat in sup of 2nd Bn 15th Inf in ORSEY, 3rd plat in sup 254th Inf in direct fire positions in SIGOLSHEIM and AMERSCHWILH; "C" Co in reserve assembled in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance.

JANUARY 20

Men Co assembled at RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance; "A" Co in reserve, 1st and 3rd plat assembled in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance, 2nd plat in sup of 254th Inf in direct fire positions in GUEMAR; "B" Co (-) in sup 15th Inf, 1st and 2nd plats placed in reserve in AMERSCHWILH (V-692525), 3rd plat in sup 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions in AMERSCHWILH and SIGOLSHEIM; "C" Co assembled in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance.

JANUARY 21

Men Co assembled at RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and vehicular maintenance; "A" Co and "C" Co in reserve in RIBAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance; "B" Co (-) in sup 254th Inf, 1st plat in sup of 254th Inf in direct fire positions vic GUEMAR, 2nd and 3rd plats in reserve at AMERSCHWILH and RUDLIN respectively.

JANUARY 22

Regt Co assembled at THANNENKIRCH carrying on program of gun and vehicular maintenance; "A" Co and "C" Co in reserve in RIBEAUVILLE carrying on program of gun and tank maintenance and painting all tanks white; "B" Co in sup of 254th Inf, 1st plat in direct fire positions 2nd plat in reserve, and 3rd plat in direct firepositions via BENNWIHR.

JANUARY 23

Regt Co in sup of 30th Inf assembled in RIBEAUVILLE awaiting completion of bridge over ILL River; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf all platoons moved into indirect fire positions via MITTELWIHR and fired 1680 rds HE on Hausen (V-735475) and ROSENKRANTZ (V-724473); "B" Co in sup of 15th Inf all plats assembled via GUEMAR awaiting completion of bridge to move and sup attacking inf; "C" Co in sup 30th Inf all plats in sup of respective Bn crossed FECHT River and supported inf on attack through COLMAR Forest.

JANUARY 24

Regt Co placed in sup 15th Inf, 1st and 3rd plats ran contact patrols in Regt Area, 2nd plat patrolled on Regt Left flank; "A" Co in sup 7th Inf, all plats in sup of respective Bn on attack of CH au de SCHOPPENWIHR (V-723488) and HOUSSEN (V-735475), 3rd plat repelled C/A against 3rd Bn 7th Inf--, KO'd 6 ey tanks and killed unknown number of ey; "B" Co placed in sup of 15th Inf, all platoons in sup of res Bn supported crossing of I'LLL River; "C" Co in sup of 15th Inf on crossing of I'LLL River, 1st plat fired 23 rds AP, 43 rds HE, KO'd ey armored car, 1 AT gun and 1 ey armored gun carrier.

JANUARY 25

Regt Co placed in sup 254th Inf with mission of screening left flank of regt; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf, all plats in sup of res Bn on attack of HOUSSEN, 2nd plat KO'd 2 ey AT Guns, 1st plat KO'd 1 ey AT gun; "B" Co in sup 15th Inf, all plats in sup of Regt on attack of RIEDWIHR, 1st plat KO'd 4 ey Mk V tanks and 2 probable MK V tanks, 2nd plat KO'd 1 horse drawn AT Gun; "C" Co in sup of 15th Inf, all plats in sup of attacking Inf driving WEST from I'LLL River, 2nd plat KO'd 1 ey Mk V tank and 3rd plat KO'd 1 ey Mk IV tank.

JANUARY 26

Regt Co in sup of 254th Inf maintained contact with FR on Regt left flank; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf, 1st plat in support 2nd Bn 7th Inf supported attacking Inf in HOUSSEN, fired 75 rds HE KO'd 2 ey AT guns and captured 80 PWs, 2nd plat in sup of 1st Bn 7th Inf on ROSENKRANTZ, fired 18 rds HE and 14 rds AP at ey strong points and ey inf, 3rd plat in sup 3rd Bn 7th Inf fired 30 rds HE at ey personnel and strong points; "B" Co in support of 15th Inf, 1st plat remained in Regt res, 2nd plat in sup 1st Bn 15th Inf, supported inf on attack through woods W of RIEDWIHR, 3rd plat in sup 2nd Bn 15th Inf occupied defensive positions in sup of inf; "C" Co in sup of 254th Inf, all plats in sup of attacking inf on Min de JEBSHEIM.

JANUARY 27

Rcn Co in sup of 254th Inf, all p[er]s running contact patrols on regt left flank to contact FR forces; "A" Co in sup 7th Inf, 1st plat A Co placed in Div Res, 2nd and 3rd plats supported attack of 3rd Bn 7th Inf E of HOUSSER fired 44 rds HE and 16 rds APC, killed unknown number of ey and captured 17 PWs; "B" Co in sup 30th Inf, 2nd and 3rd plats in defensive positions engaged counter attacking ey out of HOLTZWIER FIRING 51 rds HE, 26 rds APC, 3500 rds .30 cal, and 800 rds .50 cal, destroyed 1 ey TD and killed or wounded unknown number of ey; "C" Co in sup of 254th Inf, entire Co in sup of Inf on attack of JEBSHEIM fired 76 rds HE, 49 rds APC, 500 rds .50 cal, destroyed 1 ey AT gun and killed or wounded unknown ey Inf.

JANUARY 28

Rcn Co in sup of 254th Inf running patrols between FR forces on left flank of 254th Inf and the 254th Inf; "A" Co in sup 7th Inf, all plats in reserve reorganizing in preparation for new attack; "B" Co in sup 30th Inf, all plats in close sup of Inf on attack to capture towns of HOLTZWIER and WICKERSCHWIER; "C" Co in sup 254th Inf, 2nd plat in sup of attack of Inf on pocket of ey W of JEBSHEIM firing 118 rds HE, 500 rds .30 cal, and 200 rds .50 cal--KO'd 1 ey pill box killed 5 ey and captured 15 PWs.

JANUARY 29

Rcn Co in sup 254th Inf, all plats running patrols between left flank of 254th Inf and FR Forces; "A" Co in sup 7th Inf, all plats in reserve prepared for new operation; "B" Co in sup 30th Inf, plats occupied defensive firing positions in HOLTZWIER and WICKERSCHWIER; "C" Co in sup 254th Inf set up AT defense in sup of Inf around JEBSHEIM.

JANUARY 30

Rcn Co in sup 254th Inf, all plats running patrols between left flank of 254th Inf and Fr forces; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf, all plats in indirect fire positions fired 1600 rds HE in sup of Inf crossing COLMAR Canal. Upon completion of bridge plat moved to BISCHWIER (V-778440) and WIER (V-759430) in sup of respective Bn; "B" Co in sup of 15th Inf, 3rd plat in indirect fire positions fired 396 rds HE preparatory fire, 1st and 2nd plat crossed COLMAR Canal with respective Bn and supported Inf on attack on FORTSCHWIER (-788434) and MUNTZENHEIM (V-805448) "C" Co in sup of 254th Inf sup a tacking Inf and F armor on drive E from JEBSHEIM.

JANUARY 31

Rcn Co in sup of 254th Inf ran patrols between Inf left flank and FR forces; "A" Co in sup of 7th Inf, plats occupied direct fire positions in WIER and BISCHWIER in sup of Inf; "B" Co in sup of 15th Inf occupied direct fire positions in FORTSCHWIER and MUNTZENHEIM in sup of Inf; C Co in sup of 254th Inf occupied direct fire positions in JEBSHEIM in sup of Inf.