

HEADQUARTERS

603D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

AFO 340, U S Army  
15 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : The Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Washington, D. C.  
(Thru: CG, 6th Armored Division, AFO 256, U. S. Army)

1. In accordance with AR 345-105, C-3, the following report is submitted.

1 APRIL. This Unit was assigned to Third US Army and 6th Armored Division. Component parts of the Battalion were detached as follows:

- a. Hq. and Hq. Co attached to Reserve Command
- b. Rcn Co attached to CC "B"  
1st Platoon attached to 50th AIB.  
2nd Platoon attached to 69th Tank Battalion.  
3rd Platoon attached to 44th AIB.  
pioneer Platoon attached to 25th Engr. Trains.  
Company Headquarters attached to 50th AIB.
- c. Company A attached to 86th Rcn Squadron.
- d. Company B attached to CC "A"  
1st platoon attached to 9th AIB.  
2nd Platoon, 1st Section to Co D, 15th Tank Bn.  
2nd Section to Troop A, 86th Cav.  
3rd Platoon, attached to 15th Tank Bn.
- d. Company C attached to CC "B"  
1st Platoon attached to 69th Tank Bn.  
2nd Platoon attached to 44th AIB.  
3rd Platoon, 1st Section to 69th Tank Bn.  
2nd Section to 44th AIB.

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Company A supported 86th Cav. Rcn Squadron in establishing a bridgehead over the Fulda River SE of Kassel. Battalion CP at Rensfeld (H219683). Casualties: 1 EM killed in action; 2 EM wounded in action.

2 APRIL. German aircraft very active throughout the entire day in the Division Zone. The 1st Platoon of Company C destroyed four SP guns and captured six more in vicinity of Bad Sooden. Battalion CP moved from Rensfeld to vicinity of Hetzerode (H454838). Casualties: None.

3 APRIL. Company C shot down one FW 190 (Cat. 1). The 3rd Platoon of Company C destroyed four SP guns. 1st Platoon of Rcn Co destroyed a railroad locomotive in the vicinity of Wanfried. This platoon located and secured the only bridgehead across the Werra River at Gross Burschla (H707847). The entire Division used this bridge in its advance from Eschwege to Mulhausen. Battalion CP moved from Hetzerode to vicinity of Eschwege (H608892). Company A detached from Battalion and Division and attached to 3rd Cavalry Group in vicinity of Gudensberg (H1488). Company B detached from Battalion and Division and attached to 80th Infantry Division in vicinity of Dissen (H1790). Casualties: None.

4 APRIL. Rcn Company and Company C supported CCB in numerous actions in vicinity of Mulhausen. Battalion CP moved from Eschwege to Struth (H792947). Casualties: None.

5 APRIL. Company C shot down one FW 190 (Cat. 1). Battalion Command Post moved from Struth to Mulhausen (H920930). Rcn Co assembled in Mulhausen. Casualties: 1 EM Injured in Action.

6 APRIL. Rcn Co attached to 86th Cav. Rcn Squadron. Lt Col. McCURRY (ITA since 30 March) returned to duty and assumed command. Casualties: None. OCT 11 1945

7 APRIL. Rcn Co moved to Eigenrode (H890025) and outposted the northern sector of the Division zone. Company C assembled at Schlotheim (H0498). Casualties: None.

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8 APRIL. Rcn Company outposting North Flank of division in vicinity of Eigenrode (H090025). Lt. FICK Killed in Action in vicinity of Sollstedt while on patrol mission. Company B released from attachment with 80th Infantry Division and 811th TD Battalion at Siebleben (E of Gotha). Company B reported one Mk V tank destroyed with an incendiary grenade. Company C destroyed three assault guns SE of Schlotheim with three rounds of ammunition. Battalion CP moved from Mulhausen to Langensalza (J041832). Casualties: 2 EM Killed in Action; 2 EM wounded in action; 1 Officer Killed in action.

9 APRIL. Company B returned to Mulhausen under Battalion Control. Later in the day it moved to Langensalza and was attached to CCB and 86th Cav Rcn Squadron. Rcn Co released from CCB and 86th Cav Rcn Squadron and assigned to patrol and Security duty at Mulhausen under Reserve Command. Casualties: 3 EM Wounded in action.

10 APRIL. Company B, 1st and 2nd Platoons, attached to 9th AIB, 3rd Platoon attached to Troop B, 86th Cav Rcn Sq. screening the division North Flank. 1st Platoon, Company C, attached to 69th Tank Bn., the remainder of the Company attached to 44th AIB. Casualties: 7 EM Wounded in Action.

11 APRIL. The 3rd Platoon of Company B released from 86th Cav Rcn Sq. and attached to 15th Tank Bn. All elements of the Battalion supported the rapid advance of the Division to the East from the Mulhausen-Langensalza area. Battalion CP left Langensalza at 1600 hours for Auerstedt. Casualties: None.

12 APRIL. Battalion CP arrived at new bivouac area 1 mile East of Auerstedt (J700845) at 0500 hours. Company C supported the advance of CCB to Audigust and outposted the town. This Company received heavy artillery and direct AAA fire in its advance from the Saale to Weisse River Bridgehead. Battalion CP moved to Haardorf (J927823). Rcn Co assisted in cleaning up Zeitz and the area to the SE. Casualties: None.

13 APRIL. Rcn, B and C Companies supported the advance of the Division East of the Weisse-Elster River against stubborn resistance in the form of heavy AAA, small arms and mortar fire. Casualties: 1 EM Killed in action, 4 EM Wounded in action.

14 APRIL. Rcn, B and C Companies supported the advance of the Division to the Wick Mulde River against stiff resistance. Battalion CP moved to new bivouac at Rasburg (K082801) arriving at 2100 hours. Casualties: 1 EM Wounded in action.

15 APRIL. Rcn, B and C Companies supported the advance of the Division East of the Bridgehead across the Mulde River. Battalion CP moved to Rochlitz (K542846). Casualties: 1 EM Wounded in action.

16 APRIL. Company C with CCB assisted in outposting the Northern Sector of the Division Zone, Company CP at Rochlitz. Company B with CCA assisted in outposting the Southern Sector of the Division Zone, Company CP moved from Frankenau to Zollnitz. Company A released from attachment to 3rd Cav Group and returned to Bn Control at Seelitz (K563824) at 2000 hours. Rcn Company released from outpost and Security mission and moved to Seelitz at 1500 hours. Casualties: None.

17 APRIL. Battalion CP moved to Seelitz at 0915 hours. The entire Battalion (less Company C attached to CCB) reverted to Battalion Control and attached to reserve Command. Company C continued to screen and outpost part of CCB Sector. 1st Platoon at Arros (K627853) to 69th Tank Battalion, 2nd Platoon at Sachsend (K592850) to 44th AIB, 3rd Platoon at Altgeringswald (K638843) to 44th AIB. Casualties: None.

18 APRIL. Division and Battalion passed from control of XX Corps to VIII Corps. The 3rd Platoon and pioneer platoon of Rcn Company placed under Division control and assigned mission of patrolling town of Rochlitz under control of Division MP's. Casualties: None.

19 APRIL. Entire Battalion (less 2 platoons of Rcn Company) attached to CCB. Battalion moved to Zeitz (K092808) closing in at 1130 hours. Battalion assigned mission of maintaining law and order and control of town of Zeitz and surrounding territory. Numerous enemy stragglers and deserters apprehended and a large number of allied PW's evacuated. Casualties: None

20 APRIL. Continued with Military Government mission. Casualties: None.

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22 April. Division and Battalion passed with VIII Corps to control of 1st Army at 1200 B. Battalion continued with its assigned MG mission. 3rd Platoon and Pioneer Platoon of Rcn Company continued on mission under Division MP's. Casualties: None.

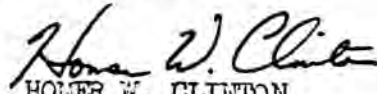
23 APRIL. Battalion continued on assigned mission. The Battalion (less two Platoons of Rcn Co) moved into the "Infanterie Kaserne" in Zeitz. The Pioneer Platoon released from MP duty and returned to Battalion area at 1600. Casualties: None.

24 APRIL. No Change. Casualties: None.

25 APRIL. Battalion relieved of responsibility of enforcing law and order in Zeitz area. 3rd Platoon of Rcn Co released from MP duty and returned to Battalion area 1500. Battalion embarked on concentrated refitting and maintenance program. Casualties: None.

26-30 APRIL, Incl. No Change. Casualties: None.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
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Adjutant