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

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1. In compliance with letter headquarters First United States Army, dated 13 July 1944, subject, same as above, this organization submits the following report of its activities during the month of March 1945.

2. The 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion was in active operations from 1 March to 31 March 1945. During this period the battalion continued to be attached to 3rd TD Group, V Corps and further attached to 22nd Infantry Division.

3. (1) One (1) gun of Company "A" was tied in with 37th HAA Battalion from 1 - 4 March and with the 187th HAA Battalion from 13 - 21 March for illuminating missions. Sixty-four (64) rounds of illuminating shell were expended in 22 missions during these periods. From 13 - 21 March the 3rd platoon of Company "B" was tied in with the 15th HAA Battalion for indirect fire.
   (2) One hundred and twenty-three (123) missions were fired during this period.
   (3) Eleven hundred and fifty-three (1153) rounds were expended while in indirect fire position.
   (4) All missions were of a harassing nature.

4. During this period this battalion furnished direct fire support and anti-mechanized protection to the 22nd Infantry Division. From 1 - 4 March Company "A" was in direct support of the 9th Infantry Regiment and Company "B" in direct support of the 23rd Infantry Regiment. Companies were in anti-tank positions on the ridge overlooking KANDIL and GELNAD, GERMANY. Company "C" was attached to the 30th Infantry Regiment and was in Division Reserve. At 1200 hours 4 March Company "B" was attached to the 22nd Infantry Division but remained in position. On 5 March Company "C" minus 1st platoon was attached to the 102nd Cavalry Squadron (Mech) and supported the attacks on KANDIL (2375256) and GELNAD (23292277), GERMANY. Company "D" minus 3rd platoon was attached to 30th Infantry Regiment and supported their attack on KANDIL MAFKAD and GELNAD, GERMANY. First platoon of Company "D" and 3rd platoon of Company "C" were attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment. On 8 March Company "A" attached to 9th
Infantry Regiment supported the attacks on ASCH, HAUER, SCHOAU and LANDGROSS, GERMANY with direct fire. Second platoon of Company "A" destroyed 3 AA guns, 6 general purpose vehicles, 5 horse drawn vehicles, and killed an estimated 150 enemy. Third platoon of Company "A" fired a Mark V tank and forced its surrender, and captured a three gun battery of 105 field guns, captured 30 prisoners, destroyed one machine gun and 4 general purpose vehicles. Company "B"Null caught a long column of enemy horse drawn and general purpose vehicles in a defile and destroyed entire column, killing an estimated 200 enemy and destroying 12 horse drawn and 15 general purpose vehicles. On 9 March Company "B" was relieved from attachment to 102nd Cavalry Squadron and attached to 23rd Infantry Regiment. Third platoon of Company "C" reverted to company control. From 9 - 11 March companies continued in the pursuit along the AIR Valley to the RHEIN RIVER. On 11 March 3rd platoon of Company "A" fired on WALDORF, GERMANY (F6005) destroying 3 machine gun nests in fortified houses, killing 15 enemy and capturing 17 prisoners. On 12 March Company "B" put two platoons into direct fire positions on the west bank of the RHEIN RIVER, and sank a river barge filled with enemy troops, killing 25 and capturing 65 prisoners. A 20mm AA gun was destroyed on the east bank of the RHEIN. From 13 - 23 March two platoons of Company "B" and 1 section of the 2nd platoon of Company "A" were in position on the west bank of the RHEIN, fitted to deliver direct fire on the river and prevent enemy attempts to destroy the }</p>
Horse drawn vehicles 17
Prisoners of war 198
Estimated killed 269

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