



## 630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

OPERATIONS For Period 011200 to 071200 January 1945.

At beginning of period battalion (-Co "C") was attached to 28th Infantry Division, VIII Corps, Third United States Army. Company "A" supported 110th Infantry in defense of NEUFCHATEAU. Company "B" supported 109th Infantry in defense of LIBRAMONT - RECOGNE roadnet. Company "C", attached to 112th Infantry, was with XVIII A/B Corps vicinity MONMOTH, BELGIUM. All companies were short personnel and equipment due to continuous action since 16 December 1944.

At 011500 battalion (-Co "C") was attached to 17 Airborne Division, elements of which began arrival in NEUFCHATEAU during day.

Above positions held 2 January but prior to daylight 3 January, Company "A" moved to assembly area at 3643 and Company "B" moved to LAHERLE. Plans coordinated for action with 17 A/B Division - Company "A" to support 513 Parachute Regiment and Company "B" to support 194 Glider Regiment.

Operations for period 030900 - 040900 Jan 45.

At 1230 Co "A" moved from assembly area at VP3643 to gun positions with 513 Par Regt. CP moved to JOENVILLE (P478540). Co in position to support 513 Regt. in atk at 040815.

At 1130 Co "B" moved from assembly area at LAHERLE (P383430) to position with 194th Glider Regt. Six towed guns placed in position prior to 1700. Four M10's held in mobile reserve at P458535. Co CP at MARGOROTTE. Co in position to support atk at 040815.

Co "C" attached to 112th Regt. Operations unknown.

Bn CP moved to MORHET, VP458532 from NEUFCHATEAU at 1645.

Combat efficiency. Fair - largely unknown due to shortage of personnel and use of untrained personnel.

Results of Operations. Companies A & B supporting atk of 17 A/B Div.

Operations for period 040900 to 050900 Jan 45.

17 A/B Div (with 630 TD Bn attached) attacked North at 040815 and made gains in area.

Company "A" supporting 513 Parachute Regiment had one platoon supporting each battalion. 1A moved to vicinity 485592, 2A moved to vicinity 498592 MANDE-ST-ETIENNE; 3A moved to vicinity 497580. No engagement with tanks, though tanks and SP guns reported used by enemy in limited attacks. Five men injured by arty fire. At close of period 1A had moved 1 section to 478551.

Company "B" moved six towed guns to vicinity HUBERMONT. At 1440 enemy tanks made limited attack and 1B moved to that sector. No engagement. Around 2100 enemy tanks attacked 194 Glider Regiment; 3B destroyed 1 tank. At 050400 194 Regiment began to displace to vicinity HOUMONT. Guns of Company "B" moved to position at HOUMONT; in position at 0900.

Combat efficiency. Fair - Largely unknown due to shortage of personnel and use of untrained personnel.

Results of Operations. Company "A" & "B" supporting 17 A/B Division.

Operations for period 050900 - 060900 Jan 45.

17 A/B Div (with 630th TD Bn atchd) defended ground from vicinity RECH-RIVAL to MANDE-ST-ETIENNE, BELGIUM.

Company "A", supporting 513 Parachute Regiment had section 1A at VP476-578; section at P484589 of 2A; 3A at MANDE-ST-ETIENNE. CP at FLOHAMONT (P478551). Artillery fire received (1 FM injured). At 2120 2A moved to assembly area vicinity Company CP; reoccupied positions prior to daylight.

Company "B" supporting 194 Glider Regiment had 6 towed guns in positions in perimeter defense of HOUMONT. At 1315 1B moved to position vicinity P476577, guarding approaches from NW. At 060800 German patrol moving South from RETRI-VAL fired on with small arms. 2 rds APC and 15 rds HE fired direct at buildings in which enemy troops sought shelter. Believed six enemy killed .1 EM, Company "B" wounded. Company "B" CP at COPON (P454544).

Elements of 1st Reconnaissance Platoon supporting Company "B".

Elements of 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon supporting Company "A".

Combat efficiency. Fair - due to shortage of personnel and equipment.

Result of operations. Companies "A" & "B" supporting 17 A/B division.

Killed 6 enemy. Fired on buildings occupied by enemy.

Operations for period 060900 to 071200 Jan 45.

17 A/B Div (with 630th TD Bn atchd) defended ground from vicinity RUGH-RIVAL to MANDE-ST-ETIENNE, BELGIUM, 6 Jan 45, and began atk to North on 7 Jan 45.

Company "A", supporting 513 Parachute Regiment, had section 1A at vP476578; section at P484589 of 2A; 3A at MANDE-ST-ETIENNE, C.P. at FLOHAMONT (P478551). Artillery fire received (2 EM injured). At 0900 Company in position to support atk.

Company "B" supporting 194 Glider Regiment, had 6 towed guns in perimeter defense of HOUMONT during day. During darkness 3B moved to vic P474587. Company supported atk of 194 Regiment at 070800. C.P. at COPON (P454544).

Elements of 1st Reconnaissance Platoon supporting Company "B".

Elements of 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon supporting Company "A".

Combat efficiency. Fair - due to shortage of personnel and equipment.

Results of operations. Company "A" and "B" supporting atk of 17 A/B Div.

Remarks. Two guns Company "A" and 1 gun Company "B" are to be attached to 193 Glider Regiment under command of Lt GALLAGHER with men furnished from Division Artillery unit.



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070900 to 081200 January 1945

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) atked N at 070800 to secure HUBERMONT, RENAMONT, FLAMANIERGE and FLAMIZOULLE.

Co "A" supporting 513 Par Regt, had sec 1A at P474575; sec 2A at 482590; 3A at 493590. C.P. at FLOHAMONT (P487551). During night 3A attempted to reach FLAMIERGE but due to direct fire could not reach obj. 1 gun out of action (broken lunette)

Co "B" supporting 194 Glider Regt, had 3B in pos vic 480590 to support atk; 2 guns at 455574. 1B held in mobile reserve initially but moved to RECHRIVAL with inf. 1B fired 15 rds APC and 21 rds HE destroying houses containing Germans and 4 machine gun nests. One gun and halftrack destroyed by enemy arty. Co C.P. at COPON (P454544).

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B".

Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

080900 to 090900 January 1945

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended line RECHRIVAL, COCHIEVAL to NE.

Co "A" supported 513 Par Regt during morning and 507 Par Regt when it relieved the 513 Regt. 1A (Sec) in pos at 474577; 2A (Sec) at 485586; 3A (Sec) at 482591. C.P. at FLOHAMONT (P478551). During morning 8 Jan Co "A" knocked out 1 Mk V tk and 4 Mk IV tks.

Co "B" supported 194 Glider Regt, had sec 3B at 454574 and sec at 478591. 1B had 1 MLO at 455581 and 1 in res at 464565. Co C.P. at COPON. During morning 8 Jan Co knocked out 1 Mk V tk and 1 Mk IV tk.

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B".

Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

090900 to 100900 January 1945

17 A/B (w/630th TD Bn. atchd) defended and consolidated line RECHRIVAL - COCHIEVAL - CHAMPS -, BELGIUM.

Co "A" continued support of 507 Par Regt with pos as follows: 1A (Sec) at P474577; 2A (Sec) at P485586; 3A (Sec) at P482591. C.P. at FLOHAMONT, (P478552).

Co "B" continued support of 194 Glider Regt. Third Plat had sec at 454574 and sec at P478591. 1B had 1 MLO at P455581 and 1 in res at P464565. Latter moved at 1600 to gen area of first to support Co "F", 194 Glider Regt. Co C.P. at COPON.

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B".

Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

17 A/B Div (w/630th TD Bn atchd) defended and improved line RECHRIVAL - COCHIEVAL - CHAMPS -, BELGIUM.

Co "A" continued support of 507 Par Regt with pos as follows: 1A (Sec) at P474577; 2A (Sec) at P485586; 3A (Sec) at P482591. Co "A" C.P. at FLOHAMONT (P478554). 1A being rel'd by pers of 155 AA-AT Bn at 0900.

Co "B" continued support of 194 Glider Regt. 3B had sec at P454574 and sec at P478591. 1B had 2 MLO's at P455581, supporting Co "F", 194 Glider Regt. Co GP at COPON. At 0900 1 Sec 3B being rel'd by elms of 155 AA-AT Bn.

Elms of 1st Rcn Plat supporting Co "B".

Elms of 2nd Rcn Plat supporting Co "A".

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120900 to 130900 January 1945.

17 A/B Div defended line RECHRIVAL - COCHIEVAL - CHAMPS, BELGIUM; began atk N at 130800.

Bn (-Co C) began reorganization in assembly area at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM. G.P. moved to PETITVOIR at 121100.

130900 to 140900 January 1945.

17 A/B Div continued atk N to CURETTE RIVER w/slight resistance. Bn (-Co C) continued reorganization in assembly area at PETITVOIR, BELGIUM.

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