Unit: 630th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 010001 March 1945 To: 312400 March 1945.

MAPS: Eastern France 1:50,000 Sheet SAAREBOURG 36/15
France 1:250,000 Sheet STRASSBOURG K49.

1. ENEMY:

a. Units in contact:

Not in contact with enemy at close of period. This unit is in assembly area for reorganization.

b. Enery reserves: No contact.

c. Remy activity during 'period:

At the beginning of the period March 1 to March 10 this unit was in contect with the enemy in the vicinity SCHLETTEN, WINTZEN, BROICH, OBERHAUSEN. The enemy activity was light, artillery being used in limited amounts. Their positions were of a defensive nature and made extensive use of the pill boxes of the SIEGFRIED LIME. Many anti-personnel mines and booby traps were encountered in positions taken by our troops. Towards the latter part of the period, the enemy withdrew and resistance was very light. On several days no contact was made with the enemy during our advance. The only enemy observed were in isolated groups and offered no resistance.

From March 11 to March 14, the unit was out of contact with the enemy due

to movement and being in assembly areas awaiting orders.

From March 15-to March 22 while this unit was attached to VI Corps and subattached to 13th F.A. Brigade, the enemy was generally in the HAGUENAU forest North
and to the RHINE River. The Corps advanced against scattered resistance until they
reached the SAUER River at CUNSTETT, being held up there by destroyed bridges and
fire from tanks, SPs, artillery and infantry. North of HAGUENAU, numerous obstacles
continued to delay our advances. The troops met many mines but little resistance.
Isolated M.G. positions and anipers were encountered by the infantry and armor as
they advanced to the SAUER.

The enemy withdraw into the SIEOFRIED LINE and fought fiencely all our attempts to penetrate his position. His artillery and Rocket weapons were very active. Apparently the enemy disregarded the threat to his rear by the Third Army for constant observation on the target gave no evidence that the enemy retreat had be-

gun

After withdrawing into the SIEGFRIED defenses, the artillery fire consisted mostly of heavy harassing fire in the WISSELBOURG - OBER - OTTERBACH - STEINFELD area. Fiolent harassing fire also fell in LAUTERBOURG.

From 23 March to 31 March, the battalion was out of contact with the enemy,

being in assembly area undergoing reorganisation.

d. Enemy Strength, Material Means, Morale, and his probable knowledge of Our Situation: - No contact with enemy.

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a. Does not apply.

b. See overlay attached as Inclosure No. 1

c. Attached to Seventh United States Army.

d. CENERAL OPERATIONS:

At the beginning of the period the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed) was attached to the 28th Infantry Division, V Corps, First United States Army, in general sector SCHEURN - HARFERSCHEID - BRONSFEID - HELLENTHAL, CERMANY. Division occupied static positions, with Company "A" in TD defense of 109th Infantry sector; Company "B" in depth (breakthrough) TD positions; and Company "C" in TD defense of 112th Infantry.

During night 2-3 March Company "B" relieved Company "C" (110th Infantry relieving 112th Infantry) and Company "C" occupied breakthrough positions vacated by

Company "B".

On 3 March one light tank platoon, 777th Tank Battalion, attached to 630th

Tank Destroyer Battalion and moved to HEILENTHAL, working with Company "B".

On 5 March Company "B" reverted to battalion control and moved to assembly area. First Recommaissance Platoon and light tank platoon, 777 Tank Battalion, attacked to 110th Infantry RCT.

On 7 March Company "A" assembled by plateons. Company "C" moved in support

of 112th Infantry.

On 8 March Company "A", attached to 109th Infantry RCT moved to assembly area vicinity HOLTZHEIM, going into V Corps reserve. Company "E" moved to assembly area vicinity F 242065. Company "C", attached to 112th Infantry, moved to vicinity FERTINGEN. First Reconnaissance Platoon and light tank platoon, 777th Tank Battalion reverted to control of 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company "A", 661 Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP), attached to 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion at 081600 March and moved to assembly area vicinity F240064.

Light tank plateon, 777 Tank Battalion, reverted to parent control at 100945.

On 11 March battalion assembled by companies as follows: Company "A" and "C" at TANDORF; Company "B" and First Reconnaissance Platoon vicinity F 241068;

Headquarters Company and Battalion Command Post at BLANKENHEIN, GERHANY.

On 12 March Company "A", 661 Tank Destroyer Battalion, reverted to control

of parent organization.

At 130800 March 630th Tenk Destroyer Battalion began move to Seventh Army area (vicinity MCHENHEIN, FRANCE), closing in assembly areas at 141830. On arrival battalion attached to Seventh Army, attached VI Corps, attached VI Corps Artillery. Battalion further attached to 13 F.A. Brigade; Company "A" attached to 938 F.A. En; Company "B" attached to 634 F.A.Bn; Company "C" attached to 155 F.A. Bn, 36th Infantry Division Artillery.

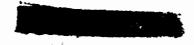
During period 12-22 Farch battalion supported attack of VI Corps North across German border into SAAR Baisin with indirect fire. During the eight day period the battalion fired 14 registration, 37 counter-battery, 160 harassing, 5 interdiction, 18 preparation, and 6 strong point missions. Total expenditures were 9220

rounds HB.

At 230900 battalion began move from HUNSPACH, FRANCE, to assembly area vicinity TROIS-FONTAINES, FRANCE. On arrival battalion detached from VI Corps and began conversion to M-36 (90mm) destroyers. During period 23-31 March battalion conducted training, organized reconnaissance company, test fired weapons and fired familiarisation on M-36's.

Battalion reorganized on 31 March 1945 as Tank Destroyer Battalion (SF) per Section II, General Order No. 122, Headquarters, Seventh United States Army, dated

26 March 1945.



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At close of period battalion preparing for combined rail and motor move on 1 April to V Corps, First United States Army, vicinity MENDIG, GERMANY (F-6897).

e. DAILY OPERATIONS:
See daily operations reports attached hereto.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Actual: Officers 35; Narrant Officers 1; Enlisted Men 618.
 Replacements Needed: Officers 4; Warrant Officers 1; EM None.
- b. Battle Casualties: LWA 2 EM; LTA 1 EM.
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- c. Trisoners Captured: 2.
- d. Evacuation: Hormal.
- e. Location of Battalion Supply Foints: wQ 550-089, TACIS-FONTAINES.
- f. Status of Supply: 2 days rations; 2 days gas; 15 days oil; basic load amunition.
 - g. Road net good. Circulation Good.

4. GENERAL:

The majority of orders given by this command for employment of guns are verbal over radio or through personal contact by Staff Officer with Company Commanders, therefore, orders as inclosures are few.

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