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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army.

Pursuant to instructions contained in letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file AG 314.7/389 C-W, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitted herewith Operations in France, and Germany, March 1945 of this Battalion.

Richard A. Danzi
RICHARD A. DANZI
Major F.A.
Commanding

1 Incl:
Narrative of Operations for the month
of March 1945, with supporting documents.

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OPERATIONS IN FRANCE AND GERMANY, MARCH 1945

At the beginning of the month of March the battalion was employed with elements of the Thirty-sixth Infantry Division, along a line KALTENHOUSE, (074212), HAGUENAU (0424), SCHWEIGHAUSEN (000247) and NEUBOURG (958167).

At this time Reconnaissance Company was employed as infantry troops, maintaining positions southeast of HAGUENAU. After dusk on the evening of 1 March the company was relieved by troops of the 141st RCT.

The destroyers of Company "A" were employed in defensive positions in the 142d RCT's sector. Elements of the company gave the infantry direct fire support from positions in SCHWEIGHAUSEN and NEUBOURG. One platoon of destroyers was positioned indirectly in OHLUNGEN, from where it fired harassing and interdicting missions designated by Division Artillery.

In the meantime, Company "C" continued its close support of the 143d RCT in the KALTENHOUSE - HAGUENAU sector. Company "B" was assembled in WINGERSHEIM, undergoing a training schedule which would familiarize its personnel with the M-36 tank destroyer, which had recently been issued the company.

On 2 March the S-3 issued a warning order to Company "B", to the effect that it would relieve Company "C" after nightfall on 4 March. During the following two days the officers of Company "B" reconnoitered the KALTENHOUSE - HAGUENAU sector for prospective destroyer positions. Innumerable positions were found which were well concealed by vegetation, buildings or ruins. All positions had good avenues of approach, and were advantageous from the standpoint of affording the destroyers to place fire on the enemy's avenues of approach, as well as carry out its mutual supporting fires. Before a final decision was made as to where the destroyers would be employed, the positions were coordinated with those of the infantry.

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The Pioneer Platoon of Reconnaissance Company maintained a Battalion Warning Net by establishing liaison with the Division's Artillery Battalions that were supporting the Regimental Combat Teams. Through this net the platoon transmitted all information pertaining to enemy action within the Division sector. Upon receipt of the information at the Battalion Command Post, it was analyzed, interpreted and plotted on the map which showed all hostile movement and dispositions. The information was then conveyed to the company in whose sector the action was occurring.

Company "B" relieved all elements of Company "C" shortly before midnight on 4 March. Upon the completion of the relief, Company "C" moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of GINGSHEIM for a period of rehabilitation. After five days of rest the company started training in accordance with a schedule which would familiarize them with the M-36 and its 90mm gun.

During this period enemy tanks were inactive in the Division sector, except for one or two which were observed in the vicinity of HAGUENAU by the infantry. It was believed that the enemy had shifted most of his available armor to a more critical sector, and was possibly using only decoy tanks. The enemy continued to display a defensive attitude when friendly patrols attempted to cross the MODER River to learn his strength and dispositions.

Daily the troops in HAGUENAU, SCHWEIGHAUSEN and NEUBOURG were subjected to concentrations of heavy enemy mortar and artillery shellfire. The rear areas were harassed during the night by artillery shellfire of a heavy and medium caliber.

On the 5th of March an infantry forward-observer reported that one of the Company "A" destroyers, which was firing indirectly, had made two direct hits on an enemy SP Gun at a range of eleven thousand yards. The indirect pieces fired nightly harassing missions, as well as illuminating shells; the latter assisting the infantry on their patrols, and illuminating and exposing enemy movements north of the MODER River.

One platoon of Company "B" was put in indirect firing positions south-west of NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM. Upon completion of registration on a check point with its 90mm pieces the platoon started firing missions designated by the 131st FA Bn.

The Battalion Command Post remained in NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM, a focal from where the Battalion Commander was able to keep abreast with

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the front line situation, as well as maintain a close check on the training of the Battalion's elements that were in a rear area.

During the following ten days the situation along the Division front remained stable.

The destroyers of Company "A" continued their close supporting role with the 142d RCT. Its indirect fire pieces fired long range harassing missions on MERTZWILLER, Q-9630 and GRIESBACH, Q9532. The destroyers that were well forward with the infantry placed direct fire on enemy occupied houses, active machine gun installations and mortar positions north and north-east of HAGUENAU.

After nightfall on the night of 11 March, Company "A" and the RCT which it was supporting was relieved of its forward dispositions by forces of the 14th Armored Division. Company "A" moved to SCHWIN-DRATZHEIM, where it conducted training based on the M-36 and its 90mm Gun.

The destroyers of Company "B" remained in the vicinity of HAGUENAU, supporting the 141st RCT in its attacks to broaden the MODER River bridgehead. The platoon that was positioned indirectly fired not only harassing, but time on target missions as well. Those destroyers giving close-in support to the infantry moved forward to selected positions and fired on enemy occupied houses and etc. Upon the completion of firing, the destroyers withdrew to their concealed positions.

Operation "Undertone" began on March 15 with H-hour at 0100. The 141st Infantry Regiment with Company "B" jumped off to cross the MODER River at HAGUENAU, and advance through the HAGUENAU Forest to SURBURG. Considerable difficulty was encountered in getting the bridge in and Company "B" maneuvered from position to position in an attempt to give direct fire support on enemy strong points and assist the infantry in advancing. Two or three SP Guns and tanks were encountered but our tank destroyers were unable to pick them up. On the left the 142d RCT, with Company "A" attached, attacked to seize MERTZWILLER. Company "A" fired in direct support of the infantry. It was necessary for the tank destroyers to cross at FRAFFENHOFFEN and move down the MODER to meet the infantry. The 3d Battalion of 142d with a liaison group from the 1st Platoon, Reconnaissance Company were ambushed and it was some time before communications could be established because all men were busy evacuating wounded. Initial gains by the 142d and Company "A" were good until the river at MERTZWILLER was reached and it was found the bridge had been blown.

The 143d RCT with Company "C" attached to the 3d Battalion made

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good gains. BITCHSHOFFEN AND MIETSHEIM were captured and our tank destroyers gave the infantry good support. In MIETSHEIM they knocked our a German OP and knocked down houses with enemy strong points in them. Minefields were numerous in this area and the roads were torn up from American artillery.

On March 16 the Command Post moved to DAUENDORF. Regiments continued to attack. The 141st broke through and cleared HAGUENAU and MARXENHAUSEN. Company "B" fired on strong points. One large enemy tank held up movement in MARXENHAUSEN for some time but was forced to withdraw. The 142d consolidated gains in their sector and continued to close in. A bridge was constructed in MERTZWILLER and Company "A" moved forward with the infantry.

The 143d began to move rapidly. A Task Force was formed with the 1st Battalion, 143d, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Company "C", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion and a company of tanks. The line of departure was GRIESBACH but due to some enemy tanks the column was unable to progress over 1000 yards initially. Finally it was decided to dismount and clear out resistance for the motorized column. The 1st Battalion captured FORSTHEIM during the night and Reconnaissance Company continued to look for possible crossings of the next river. Our infantry moved on foot to GUNSTETT and began cleaning up the town.

The 142d continued to advance towards MORRSBRONN. Company "A" fired in direct support at enemy strong points and routed about 40 of the enemy which the infantry captured. The 141st continued to clear the HAGUENAU Forest and advance towards SURBOURG.

On March 17 all elements of the Division continued to make gains within their respective sectors. The Battalion Commander, Lt Colonel Charles F. Wilber, was with Company "C" in the early morning hours when he was wounded by shell fragments and evacuated. Major Richard A. Danzi reported to Division and assumed command of the Battalion. Captain Elmer J. Metzner became S-3 and Major James D. Evans Executive Officer.

March 18 found the Division making good progress. SOULTZ was captured and the Battalion Command Post moved forward to the town. Reconnaissance Company became attached to the 141st Infantry with mission of keeping contact with the 14th Armored Division and the 142d RCT. Division advanced through to RIEDSELTZ. Companys "A" and "B" moved forward with the 141st and 142d RCTs. Company "C" remained in reserve in the vicinity of KUTZENHAUSEN with the 143d RCT.

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March 19 the Regiments moved forward to WISSEMBOURG and the Division and Companies "A", "B" and Reconnaissance entered Germany, and advanced to the outskirts of the SIEGFRIED Line where stiff enemy resistance was encountered. The Battalion Command Post moved forward to WISSEMBOURG.

On March 20 Company "C" moved forward with the 143d to WISSEMBOURG. Companies "A" and "B" continued to work with the infantry in an attempt to find a soft spot in the SIEGFRIED Line and break through. Pillboxes were fired on, in some cases with good results. Captain Elmer J. Metzner was seriously wounded and his driver, Tec 5 Frank J. Novelli, killed near "A" Company Command Post. Lt Donald H. Raabe and Sgt Robert L. Brittain of Company "B" were wounded. Captain Metzner later died from his wounds and the Battalion mourned the loss of an excellent officer and faithful soldier. He will long be remembered by members of the Battalion for his excellent work and cheerful disposition.

The Companies continued pounding the SIEGFRIED Line all day March 21. Company "C" remained in reserve. Reconnaissance Company maintained contact with the 14th Armored Division, 142d RCT and the 103d Division. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Reconnaissance Company were attached to the 141st RCT and the 3rd Platoon was working for G-3, Thirty-sixth Infantry Division.

During the day of March 22, the tank destroyer Companies remained in support of their respective RCTs. Companies selected positions and placed fire on pillboxes in the SIEGFRIED Line. During the firing infantry elements of the 143d RCT began to work through the woods to come down from the south into BERGZABERN. Reconnaissance Company remained attached to the 141st RCT, keeping contact with elements of the 14th Armored on the right and 142d on the left. The 3d Platoon of Reconnaissance Company worked directly under control of G-3, reporting progress of the 103d Division on the 36th Division left flank. During the night of March 22, 143d RCT and elements of the 142d RCT fought through a gap in the SIEGFRIED Line and captured BERGZABERN. Early in the morning of March 23 Reconnaissance Company became attached to the 142d RCT and moved immediately to BERGZABERN to spearhead a Task Force of the 142d RCT. Aggressive reconnaissance was carried out and elements of the 142d RCT and 143d RCT fanned out and headed for the RHINE. One tank battalion from the 10th Armored Division, 3d Army was contacted and good progress and many prisoners were the results of the day's work. Battalion Command Post moved from WISSEMBOURG to BERGZABERN. During the night elements of 143d RCT reached the RHINE River. Early in the evening the G-3 called and informed the Battalion Commander that Reconnaissance Company would work for the 141st RCT, which would take up positions on the northern sector of the Corps front along the RHINE

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River. During the day of March 25 Reconnaissance Company ran out roads and contacted friendly elements to determine their dispositions to enable the 141st RCT to decide on the tactical employment of their troops. Company "B" moved with the 141st RCT to take up defensive positions along the RHINE. One Platoon, Company "B", one Platoon Company "C" and Company "A" complete went into position to fire indirect fire missions for Division artillery. Battalion Command Post moved to HERXHEIM. Reconnaissance Company ran contact patrols for 141st RCT.

On March 26, 27 and 28 the companies remained in position, doing some indirect fire missions and remaining in defensive positions along the RHINE.

On March 29 the Battalion Command Post moved to ARZHEIM and the companies moved to assembly areas in vicinity of their respective RCT's. At 2100 hours the Liaison Officer to Division called and stated he was checking out at 36th Infantry Division Command Post and would bring information concerning new attachments. The information he had was that effective 1000 hours 29 March 1945 the Battalion had been attached to XV Corps and attached to 14th Armored Division. The Battalion Commander and Executive Officer reported to the 14th Armored Division Command Post for instructions but no definite plans had been made. The Battalion was placed on a 4-hour alert to cross the RHINE River. The companies were moved to a more central location and fueled and prepared to move on order. The Battalion Commander called a meeting of all officers and oriented them on the situation.

At the close of the month the Battalion awaited movement orders to cross the RHINE River.

Map Reference: Eastern France, 1:50,000.

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

<u>HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>	<u>TYPE OF CASUALTY</u>	<u>PLACE ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
WILBER, CHARLES F., Lt Col, 0-280946	17 Mar 45	LWA	Hollywood, Cal
METZNER, ELMER J., Capt, 0-1168376	21 Mar 45	DOW	Erie, Pa.
<u>Enlisted Men</u>			
NOVELLI, FRANK J., Tec 5, 38050988	20 Mar 45	KIA	Galveston, Tex.
<u>RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY</u>			
<u>Officers</u>			
HALLIDAY, NORMAN R.JR., 2d Lt, 0-532013	4 Mar 45	LWA	Cairo, Ill.
<u>Enlisted Men</u>			
LANG, HARRY A., Pfc, 37146882	17 Mar 45	LWA	Alexandria, Nebr.
<u>COMPANY "A"</u>			
<u>Officers</u>			
KENT, DONALD W., 2d Lt, 0-1823743	23 Mar 45	LWA	Danvers, Mass.
<u>Enlisted Men</u>			
FREGONI, FRANK J., Pvt, 33621822	20 Mar 45	LWA	Girardville, Pa
HYATT, WALTER W., Pvt, 32825759	19 Mar 45	LWA	Bronx, N. Y.
TURNAGE, PERRY A., Pvt, 34385148	19 Mar 45	LWA	McCormick, S.C.
<u>COMPANY "B"</u>			
<u>Officers</u>			
RAABE, DONALD H., 2d Lt, 0-2000613	20 Mar 45	LWA	Montrose, S.D.
<u>Enlisted Men</u>			
BRITTAIN, ROBERT L., Sgt, 38051413	20 Mar 45	LWA	Palestine, Tex.
DURAND, ARCHIE W., Cpl, 38173366	21 Mar 45	DOW	Pitkin, La.
BIEDERMAN, WALTER E., Pfc, 35677349	20 Mar 45	LWA	Cincinnati, O.

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COMPANY "C"

Officers

KISCADDEN, LEE S., 2d Lt, O-1824198 16 Mar 45 LWA Lebanon, Pa.

Enlisted Men

CHILDERS, ALBERT R., Sgt, 38037526 17 Mar 45 LWA Emory, Texas

HALE, HARVEY M., Sgt, 35387234 23 Mar 45 LWA Fairmont, W.Va.

SNYDER, JOSEPH A. JR., Tec 4, 35160762 23 Mar 45 LWA Cambridge City, Ind.

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CONSOLIDATED CASUALTY REPORT

<u>TYPE OF CASUALTY</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KIA	0	1	1
DOW	1	1	2
LLA	0	0	0
SIA	0	0	0
DIA	0	0	0
LWA	5	9	14
SWA	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0
POW	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	11	17

No reinforcements were received for the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. One enlisted man of Company "A" received a battlefield appointment to 2d Lieutenant during this period.

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the silver star Medal for gallantry in action:

LAVERN W. MAXWELL, 0497312, Captain, 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 5 December 1944. Entered the service from Galesburg, Illinois. Authority: GO #67, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 7 March 1945.

BARNEY KOZLOWSKI, 01822586, Second Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 30 November 1944. Entered the service from Detroit, Michigan. Authority: GO #62, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 4 March 1945.

MILTON CAGAN, 31143595, Corporal, Company "C", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 5 December 1944. Entered the service from New Haven, Connecticut. Authority: GO #67, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 7 March 1945.

JOHN O. SLOAN, 34124861, Corporal, Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 30 November 1944. Entered the service from Woodruff, South Carolina. Authority: GO #62, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 4 March 1945.

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For the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, the following named member of this organization has been awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third bronze star Medal for heroic achievement in combat:

ASA L. HAYS, 20816596, Sergeant, Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 30 November 1944. Entered the service from Houston, Texas. Authority: GO #81, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 12 March 1945.

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For the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, the following named members of this organization have been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second bronze star Medal for heroic achievement in combat:

RICHARD A. DANZI, 01822375, Major, 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 26 August 1944. Entered the service from Chevy Chase, Maryland. Authority: GO #92, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 19 March 1945.

REYNOLDS D. RODGERS, 01288125, First Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 26 August 1944. Entered the service from Erie, Pennsylvania. Authority: GO #92, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 19 March 1945.

HUGO SCOPPA, 32394837, Sergeant, Reconnaissance company, 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 25 November 1944. Entered the service from Brooklyn, New York. Authority: GO #77, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 9 March 1945.

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ASA L. HAYS, 20816596, sergeant (then corporal), Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 19 October 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas. Authority: GO #81, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 12 March 1945.

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For the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, for heroic achievement in combat:

OWEN F. ZIMMERMAN, 37163656, sergeant, Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 19 October 1944. Next to kin: Mr. Frank L. Zimmerman (Father), 1617 Princeton Street, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Authority: GO #81, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 12 March 1945.

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For the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat:

CLEMENT W. HEUMILLER, 37147100, corporal, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 29 November 1944. Entered the service from Montrose, South Dakota. Authority: GO #83, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 14 March 1945.

ORVIS BERNARD, 35691533, private, Company "B", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Jamestown, Kentucky. Authority: GO #79, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 11 March 1945.

LEROY J. ZIMMER, 37147109, private first class, company "B", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 2 January 1945. Entered the service from Montrose, South Dakota. Authority: GO #90, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 17 March 1945.

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<u>Hq and Hq Company</u>	<u>PLACE ENTERED SERVICE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>FROM</u>	
WILBER, CHARLES F., Lt Col 0-280946	Hollywood, Cal.	(CO) LWA 17 Mar 1945. Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 17 Mar 45.
DANZI, RICHARD A., Major 0-1822375	Chevy Chase, Md.	(EX O to 16 Mar 1945; reasgd dy as CO 17 Mar 45.)
EVANS, JAMES D., Major 0-1294639	Sand Point, Idaho	(S-3 to 16 Mar 45. reasgd dy as EX O 17 Mar 1945.)
BRUECKNER, MORITZ F., Capt 0-1168190	Chelsea, Mich.	(Bn Adj)
CAMERON, OLIN W., Capt 0-407591	Stephenville, Texas	(Motor O)
DOWNS, GEORGE W., Capt 0-1288024	Philadelphia, Pa.	TDY in U.S. since 8 Dec 44 to dy 30 Mar 45. (CO, Hq Co)
FERGUSON, JAMES R., Capt 0-418363	Ft Collins, Colo.	(S-4)
GRAHAM, ROBERT E., Capt 0-1168254	Sumter, S. C.	(CO Hq Co to 19 Mar 45; reasgd dy as S-3 20 Mar 45.)
METZNER, ELMER J., Capt 0-1168376	Erie, Pa.	Asgd & jd fr 2d Reinf Bn 8 Mar 45. (S-3) DOW 21 Mar 45.
WHITE, ROY D., Capt 0-403563	Poteet, Texas	(S-2)
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J., 1st Lt 0-1301601	Brooklyn, N. Y.	TDY in U.S. since 25 Feb 45.
HAUCK, HENRY G., 1st Lt 0-1822567	Cincinnati, Ohio	(Ln O)
HESS, GEORGE M., JR., 1st Lt 0-1824314	Hughesville, Pa.	Asgd & jd fr 3d Reinf Bn 10 Mar 45. (Ass't S-2). Reasgd to Co "C" this Bn 17 Mar 45.
LEA, RAY E., 1st Lt 0-2055061	Wills Point, Texas	(Com O)

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RODGERS, REYNOLDS D., 1st Lt
O-1288125

TEMPLE, JOHN M., 1st Lt
O-1316468

VEEVERS, FREDERICK C., 1st Lt
O-1171809

WALTER, WILLIAM F., 1st Lt
O-1824256

WITTEN, GEORGE R., 1st Lt
O-1824263

TUCKER, JESSE F., CWO
W-2131525

HOWARD, CHAPMAN, WOJG,
W-2130732

Medical Detachment

BURKHART, JEAN W., Capt, 0380858

Reconnaissance Company

GERRINGER, LINLEY W., Capt
O-1168246

RODGERS, REYNOLDS D., 1st Lt
O-1288125

SILL, GOLDEN C., 1st Lt
O-1011188

DRAKER, JOE A., 2d Lt
O-2000814

HALLIDAY, NORMAN H., JR., 2d Lt
O-532013

MC NUTT, JAMES N., 2d Lt
O-2055238

WILSON, CHARLES D., 2d Lt
O-2055241

Erie, Pa. TDY in U.S. since 16
Oct 44 to dy 10 Mar 45.
Reasgd to Rcn Co 11 Mar 45.

Columbus, Ohio (Ln O)

Glen Ridge, N. J. (DY unasgd) Trfd to
Co "B" this Bn 12 Mar 45.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Asgd & jd fr Co "B"
12 Mar 45. (DY unasgd). TDY
with Sixth Corps Rest Center
24 Mar 45.

Las Vegas, N. Mex. (Trans O to 19 Mar
45; reasgd dy as CO, Hq Co
20 Mar 45; reasgd dy as EX
O, Hq Co 30 Mar 45)

Seymour, Texas (Pers O)

Ft Worth, Texas (Ass't Motor O)

Benton, Ill. (Detachment Surgeon)

Greensboro, N. C. (CO)

Erie, Pa. Asgd & jd fr Hq Co this
Bn 11 Mar 45. (EX O)

Layton, Utah (EX O to 10 Mar 45;
reasgd dy as Plat Comdr
11 Mar 45; reasgd dy as EX O
31 Mar 45.)

San Antonio, Texas. (Plat Comdr)

Cairo, Ill. (Plat Comdr)

Rosenberg, Texas (Plat Comdr)

San Antonio, Texas (Plat Comdr)

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Company "A"

GROOM, KENNETH G., Capt 0-1824174	S. Ozone Park, (CO) L. I., New York
LACKEY, DALTON E., 1st Lt 0-1824200	Tupelo, Miss (Plat Comdr)
QUINN, FRANCIS S., 1st Lt 0-1175549	Pelham, N. Y. (EX O)
BROOKS, CHARLES E., 2d Lt 0-1824123	Chicago, Ill. (Plat Comdr)
BROUSSARD, ERNIE J., 2d Lt 0-1692562	Kerrville, Texas (Plat Comdr)
KENT, DONALD W., 2d Lt 0-1824743	Danvers, Mass. (Plat Comdr)
MATTSON, RUDOLPH H., 2d Lt 0-2011709	Nelson, Minn. Temp aptd 2d Lt, AUS, fr Stf Sgt 27 Mar 45. (Plat Comdr)

Company "B"

MAXWELL, LAVERN W., Capt 0-497312	Galesburg, Ill. (CO)
BROWN, DEWAYNE G., 1st Lt 0-1823978	Raleigh, N. C. (Plat Comdr)
HAINES, FRANK M., 1st Lt 0-1823150	Yeadon, Pa. Temp aptd 1st Lt fr 2d Lt 16 Mar 45. (Plat Comdr)
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C., 1st Lt 0-1171809	Glen Ridge, N. J. Asgd & jd fr Hq Co this Bn 12 Mar 45. (EX O)
WALTER, WILLIAM F., 1st Lt 0-1824256	Pittsburgh, Pa. (EX O) Reasgd to Hq Co this Bn 12 Mar 45.
BLANCHARD, LA MAR W., 2d Lt 0-1823697	Collins, Miss. (Plat Comdr)
RAABE, DONALD H., 2d Lt 0-2000813	Montrose, S. D. (Plat Comdr) LWA 20 Mar 45. Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 20 Mar 45.

Company "C"

LATHAM, WILLIAM E., Capt, 0-422756	Stephenville, Tex. (CO)
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KEHOE, JOHN P., 2d Lt, 0-1824037	New York, N. Y. Asgd & jd fr 3d Reinf Bn 2 Mar 45. (Plat Comdr)
KISCADDEN, LEE S., 2d Lt, 0-1824198	Lebanon, Pa. (Plat Comdr) Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 16 Mar 45.



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Larson, Rex A. 36213877
Meyer, Roy A. 38026783
Mitchell, Charles J. 37142967
Modzelewski, Chester C. 35314016
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Groskopf, Reinhold	37145867	
Gusciora, Walter R.	32605538	
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Hicks, Elton O.	36289965	(Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt 1 Mar 45)
Hoff, Vernon D.	37146498	
Jacoby, William R.	32311546	(Trfd fr Co "C" 12 Mar 45. TDY with Seventh Army since 16 Mar 45)
Jeffords, Lester C.	37145817	
Johnson, Carrol L.	38173540	(Trfd to Co "B" 28 Mar 45)
Lang, Charles E.	13170754	
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Obst, Herbert O.	37146938	
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Pruett, David T.	38027371	
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Rodgers, Frank J.	33071388	
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Twedt, Henry W.	37146487	
Woodcock, Charles A.	32373510	
Zahlis, Paul	37146429	(Trfd fr Co "B" 28 Mar 45)

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Corrigan, Joseph J.	33348357	(Trfd to Co "C" 31 Mar 45)
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Headquarters 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 758, U S Army, 25 May 45.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army. Attn: Historian.

Forwarded in compliance with Par 2, basic communication.

For the Battalion Commander:

James N. McNutt
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AG 314.7-H

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report

TO : Commanding Officer
636th Tank Destroyer Battalion
APO 758, US Army

1. An examination of your After Action Report for the month of March, 1945, reveals that the following supporting documents were not submitted:

a. Original copies of plans, messages, orders. All records not required for current operations and for which other disposition is not directed by regulation should be submitted. This is interpreted to be the spirit of pars 10 and 11, AR 345-105, and Sect IV, Cir No 34 cited below.

b. Roster of key personnel should show capacity of each officer. Roster of EM not required, but may be submitted if desired. (Attention is invited to AR 345-105 with change 4 thereto, and to Sec. IV, Circular 34, this Hq., 28 November, 1944)

2. In order to complete the files of After Action Reports at this Headquarters, it is desired that the above documents be forwarded, Attn: Historian, as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATCH:

John E. Pederson
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AG 370.5 - C

31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment Order.

TO : See Distribution.

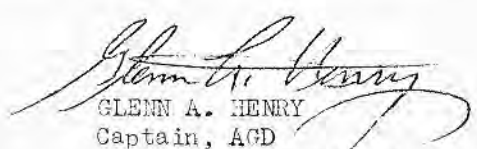
1. Effective 1200A hours, 29 March 1945 the units listed below are relieved from attachment to 36th Infantry Division for administration and supply. Present attachments for operations as indicated remain unchanged; adm and supply revert to Seventh Army.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Atchd for Opns to</u>
636th TD Bn (SP)	XV Corps
753rd Tk Bn	VI Corps

2. Effective 0001A, 1 April 1945 the units listed below are relieved from present attachment to XXI Corps and are attached to VI Corps for operations:

63rd Infantry Division
436th AAA AW Bn (M)
822nd TD Bn (T)

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATCH:


GLENN A. HENRY
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