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APPENDIX

4TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AAR 339, V. - ATN

2 April 1945

APPENDIX I

1. Action against enemy reports. After-Action Action Reports.


3. In compliance with the provisions of LTR 846-106, the following information on activities of this unit for the days in action against the enemy during March 1945, is submitted:

4. Original Unit: 4th Tank Destroyer Battalion. No change.


7. 31 March 1945 34 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers 762 enlisted men.

8. Stations: See Appendix I, No permanent station.

9. Purposes: See Appendix I.


11. Duration not announced by War Department.

12. Pursuits: Destroy German Army.


14. Battles: See Appendix I.

15. Commanding Officer for entire period: Lt Colonel Murphie.

16. Losses: See Appendix II.

17. No casualties received.

18. Photographs: None.

19. Copies of Unit Journals for days in action attached as Appendix III.

APPENDIX II

BATTLE JOURNAL

Lt Colonel, Cavalry

Commanding.

APPENDIX III

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Lt Colonel, Cavalry

Commanding.

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The period covered with units engaged with the enemy supporting the drive of the 32nd Infantry Division toward Nossau, Germany. Zone of action along left bank of Rhine River. Company A was attached to 32nd Infantry, Company B the 330th Infantry and Company C, the 331st Infantry. Each company had one platoon of self-propelled and two towed. Company C engaged in battle 1 March 1945 in Vossau, Germany, knocking out one Mark IV tank and aiding in the repulse of an enemy counterattack.

The second of March at 0300, the third platoon (3P) of Company C reached the Rhine River at Oberwesel, Germany. They were the first TD unit to reach the Rhine in the Ninth and First Army fronts. The second platoon of Company C was ambushed near Nossau, Germany on 2 March 1945 losing most of their equipment and 33 men killed, wounded or missing. Company A was in Lougling, Germany, Company B was in Grossau, Germany and Company C was in Holzheim, Germany during the final assault of Nossau, Germany. The self-propelled platoons entered Nossau, Germany with the leading infantry elements and assisted in clearing the city. The unit moved into Nossau, Germany the 3 – 4 March 1945 after all enemy opposition had been overcome.

During the period 6 – 20 March 1945 the unit completed its conversion to self-propelled concurrently with the firing of long range interdictory and harassing fire into Dusseldorf, Germany from positions in Nossau, Germany. Conversion to self-propelled was completed 13 March 1945. During the period targets of opportunity were also engaged firing across the Rhine River into Dusseldorf, Germany from positions on the west bank of the Rhine River.

The unit left Nossau, Germany, 21 March 1945 under artillery fire and moved to Campt, Germany for training and maintenance. Five men were wounded by the fire. The period 21 – 25 March 1945 was spent on necessary repairs to material, refresher training, and firing in Campt, Germany.

Alerted on the 26th and moved on the 27th to Amrath, Germany. Moved from Amrath, Germany the evening of the 29th, crossed the Rhine River south of Nossau, Germany and billeted in Friedrichsfoeld, Germany. Left for Wartern, Germany early the morning of the 30th. Departed Wartern, Germany the same evening and billeted in the vicinity of Luidinghausen, Germany.

The period closed without any contact with the enemy east of the Rhine River, although the pursuit was carried as far as orders permitted.

REVIEW OF BATTALION IMPACT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

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Losses inflicted on the enemy during this period:

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APPENDIX I

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HEADQUARTERS

93rd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APR 255, U. S. ARMY

Ranks Recalled as of 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, inclusive.

FIELD IN ACTION

Hutner, Paul J. 32835296 Sgt 28 Feb 45 (Not previously rp’d).
Jantzen, John J. 310626710 Sgt 2 Mar 45
Young, Lawrence L. 32040820 Sgt 2 Mar 45
Doll, Eugene W. 31062198 Tec 5 2 Mar 45
Delk, Ernest 31062809 Tec 5 2 Mar 45
Auricchio, Anthony 32831411 Tc 2 Mar 45
Cox, Theodore 32040848 Tc 2 Mar 45
Reynolds, Roy W. 32040871 Tc 3 Mar 45
Chiodano, Joseph 32040245 Sgt 24 Dec 44 (Previously rp’d VIA)

MEDICAL IN ACTION

Falkowitz, Murray M. 32834074 Tc 2 Mar 45
Jacobson, Marvin L. 32834086 Tc 2 Mar 45
Tarama, Angelo J. 32834017 Tc 2 Mar 45
Vino, Eddie E. 32062704 Tc 2 Mar 45
Spencer, Floyd E. 32062874 Tc 2 Mar 45
Rossillo, Samuel J. 32838322 8-Sgt 2 Mar 45
Hulrick, George 32838322 Sgt 2 Mar 45
Staik, Andrew J. 60687223 Sgt 2 Mar 45
Tzanella, Harry 32838725 Tec 4 2 Mar 45
Karey, Alvin 32838725 Tc 2 Mar 45
Benderson, Reymond B. 20140831 Tc 2 Mar 45
Hood, James E. 20140300 Tc 2 Mar 45
Harrison, Craig H. 31063468 Tec 5 2 Mar 45
Olivo, Timothy F. 60681118 Tec 5 2 Mar 45
Cox, Harrison B. 31063723 Tc 2 Mar 45
Goldman, William F. 32040002 Tc 2 Mar 45
Guth, William F. 32040121 Tc 2 Mar 45
Taffeur, Ted M. 32840319 Tc 2 Mar 45
Harley, George A. 31063996 Tc 2 Mar 45
Toone, Angelo 32841378 Tc 2 Mar 45

END OF TROOPS

Stowers, William G. 01329222 1st Lt 12 Mar 45

TROOPS IN ACTION (PRESUMED)

Rone, Bernard J. 32837585 Tec 5 28 Feb 45 (Not previously rp’d)
Brown, Benjamin 42077203 Tec 5 1 Mar 45
Cwiokulak, Tadeus 31063757 Tc 2 Mar 45
Wenderson, Albert F. 20140301 Tc 2 Mar 45

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