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HEADQUARTERS
643D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 654, U. S. ARMY

31 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy Reports, After/After Action Reports.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C. (Thru channels).

1. In compliance with the provisions of AR 345-105, the following information on activities of this unit for the month of January 1945 is submitted.

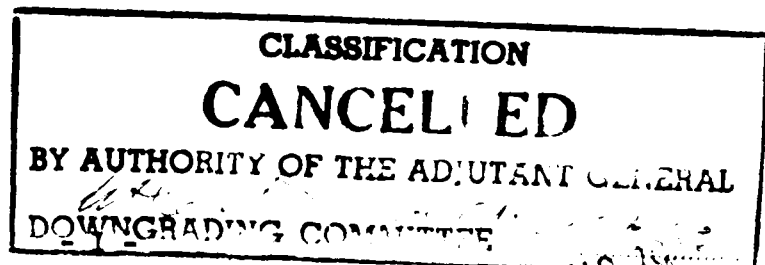
- a. Original unit: 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion. No change.
- b. No change in organization. Attached to XVIII Corps, Airborne, on 1 January 1945 and remained attached for entire period.
- c. Strength as of 31 December 1944: 33 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 692 Enlisted Men, of which 28 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 534 Enlisted Men were present for duty. Company A (- 2 Platoons) and 2 Reconnaissance Platoons of Headquarters Company, were at Jullouville, France. The period closed with all units present and 31 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 636 Enlisted men present.
- d. No permanent station. See Appendix I for bivouacs and camps.
- e. Marches: See Appendix I.
- f. Campaign: No official name received by this headquarters, believed to be part of the Battle of Germany.
- g. Battles: Repel German attack in the bulge. See Appendix I.
- h. Commanding Officer: Lt. Colonel Burtle R. Farr, O 291 786.
- i. Losses: See Appendix II.
- j. None
- k. None
- l. Copies of Unit Journal for the period attached as Appendix

III.

Burtle R. Farr
BURLE R. FARR
Lt. Colonel, Cavalry
Commanding.

3 Incls:

- Incl #1-Appendix I
- Incl #2-Appendix II
- Incl #3-Appendix III



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Narrative 1 - 31 January 1945

The period opened with the Battalion CP at Les Avins, Belgium. Two platoons of Company A were guarding a bridge at Huy, Belgium, Company B was guarding VII Corps Rear and Company C was guarding installations in the vicinity of Marche, Belgium.

On 1 January 1945 the unit was relieved of all assignments, and attached to XVIII Corps and ordered to vicinity of Spa, Belgium. The unit moved 2 January 1945 to Spa where a representative of Corps directed the Commanding Officer to another destination at Havelange, Belgium. From there, the unit proceeded to Paradis, Belgium, arriving there at 021650.

Company B and C were employed in protection of Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division near Haute-Bodeux, Belgium on 3 January 1945. These two units were then employed in assisting the advance of the 82nd Airborne Division for the period 3 - 11 January 1945. On 11 January 1945, they reverted to Corps Reserve. Two men were killed and 19 men were wounded.

Company A (2 platoons) and 2 Reconnaissance platoons of Headquarters Company arrived in Paradis, Belgium 9 January 1945 from Jullouville, France after being relieved of their assignment and ordered returned to the unit by orders of Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army. Four men injured and hospitalized enroute. The company stayed in Paradis, Belgium in Corps Reserve until 11 January 1945 when they were committed to action with the 106th Infantry Division in the vicinity of Derriere Spai, Belgium.

The battalion, less Company A moved to Sart, Belgium 14 January 1945 remaining in Corps Reserve and moved to Andrimont, Belgium on 17 January 1945. Company B billeted in vicinity of Moulen-Ruy, Belgium and Company C in the vicinity of Bergimont, Belgium.

Company A was relieved from attached to 106th Infantry Division and returned to billets in vicinity of Cour, Belgium on 19 January 1945. Losses were one man died and 7 men wounded in action. One gun platoon remained attached to 30th Infantry Division and were relieved 20 January 1945, arriving in billeting area, 21 January 1945.

Entire unit remained in Corps Reserve 20-23 January 1945. On 24 January 1945, company B was attached to a unit of the 30th Infantry Division and took up positions vicinity of Diedenbergh, Belgium.

Unit, less Company B attached to 82nd Airborne Division on 25 January 1945 and moved 27 January 1945 to vicinity Nieder-Emmeis, Belgium.

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Appendix I, (Narrative 1 Jan - 31 Jan 45) to Ltr, Hq 643d TD Bn, sub: "Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports dtd 31 Jan 45 (Cont'd)

Battalion CP moved to Malmedy, Belgium 29 January 1945. Company B released from 30th Infantry Division, attached to 82nd Airborne Division and moved to Medell, Belgium. Company A moved to Wallerode, Belgium on 30 January 1945. On 31 January 1945 Company A moved to Wereth, Belgium and Company C moved to Medell, Belgium. The period closed with the units in these locations. No action with the enemy actually occurred, although combat units were in offensive positions when the period closed.

RIVOUACS OF BATTALION HEADQUARTERS PLUS UNITS NOT ENGAGED IN MISSIONS

1 - 2 January 1945	Les Amins, Belgium
3 -13 January 1945	Paradis, Belgium
14 -16 January 1945	Sart, Belgium
17 -28 January 1945	Andrimont, Belgium
29 -31 January 1945	Malmedy, Belgium

The losses inflicted on the enemy up to 31 January 1945 were:

1 Mark VI, 1 Mark V, 3 Mark IV, 3 self propelled guns and four motor vehicles. Three prisoners of war were taken.

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BATTLE CASUALTIES FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1945 to 31 JANUARY 1945, INCL.

KILLED IN ACTION

Duncan, Gerald K.	Tec 5	20 152 748	9 January 1945
Mini, Charles M.	Ted 5	34 150 263	14 January 1945
Schafer, Carlton E.	Pvt	35 537 416	9 January 1945

MISSING IN ACTION

None

WOUNDED IN ACTION (HOSPITALIZED)

Alba, Michael Jr	Pfc	20 154 307	13 January 1945
Perry, Joseph	Pfc	31 086 507	13 January 1945
Cooper, Fletcher D.	Pvt	14 047 697	13 January 1945
Lewis, Albert H.	Tec 5	34 118 877	14 January 1945
Wetznik, John	Pvt	20 133 270	14 January 1945
Misch, Matthew J.	Cpl	31 073 535	14 January 1945
Watkins, Edwin	1st Lt	01 168 970	29 January 1945
Tittle, Earl B.	Pvt	14 007 117	2 January 1945
LeBlanc, Ovilla E.	Pvt	11 063 465	2 January 1945
Strout, Kenneth M.	Tec 5	20 147 248	2 January 1945
Rossitto, Salvatore E.	Pfc	31 042 740	3 January 1945
Parker, Maurice A.	S/Sgt	32 069 025	4 January 1945
Inwood, James H.	Cpl	20 133 000	4 January 1945
Mancuso, Salvatore F.	Tec 4	31 086 466	4 January 1945
Tierney, Michael V.	Pfc	35 537 343	4 January 1945
Turney, Lamont E.	Pvt	33 163 246	4 January 1945
Manley, Clyde W.	Pvt	35 750 622	4 January 1945
Davidson, John E.	Pvt	32 037 061	4 January 1945
Kowalski, Joseph S.	Sgt	31 042 716	5 January 1945
Vandal, Robert J.	Sgt	20 132 193	7 January 1945
Brastouskas, Peter M.	Tec 5	31 102 387	4 January 1945
Novak, Joseph F.	Pvt	31 063 260	11 January 1945
Boulanger, Lorenzo J.	Pfc	31 073 519	4 January 1945
Julock, John	Pfc	33 163 809	4 January 1945
Caron, Eli L.	Pvt	31 023 399	4 January 1945
Lowrimore, Lonnie J.	Pvt	14 007 084	4 January 1945

RETURNED TO DUTY FROM:

Missing in Action:

Carpenter, Wilson W.	Pvt	37 073 465	*28 December 1944
Emerick, Virgil V.	Pvt	35 764 232	*28 December 1944
Como, Michael J.	Pvt	32 641 443	*28 December 1944

*Returned to organization in January, but were reported under Military control as of 28 December 1944

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Appendix II, (Battle Casualties for Period 1 Jan 45 to 31 Jan 45, Incl) to
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RETURNED TO DUTY FROM:

Hospital

Caldwell, George H.	S/Sgt	20 132 369	23 January 1945
McClurg, Victor M.	Pvt	35 557 925	7 January 1945