

661st T. D. Bn.
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**AFTER ACTION REPORT
(Operations)**

1. TRAINING AND ORIENTATION PHASE:

- a. This unit stationed at Camp Lucky Strike 1st to 5th Feb. 45 trained in following subjects: Marches, bayonet, mine and booby traps, intelligence, indirect fire procedure. Received orders 5 Feb. 45 from Fifteenth Army, move to BULLINGEN, BELGIUM control V Corps not later than 102400. Received approximately 70% equipment. Moved to and closed GODERVILLE, FRANCE 062000. Received additional equipment and prepared for combat. unit cleared I.P. (GODERVILLE) 092010 and by forced march closed BULLINGEN, BELGIUM 111830. Bn. attached to 69th Inf. Div. 11 Feb. 45. Prepared for combat 12th to 16th Feb. 45.
- b. Weather: Snow and rain, very cold. Roads muddy and slick from rain and ice.
- c. Attached and Detached Units
Assigned Units

None

Co. "A" attached to 106th Inf. Div. for operational purposes only effective 16 Feb. 45.

- d. Unit trained and received approximately 70% equipment while stationed vic. ST. VALERY and GODERVILLE, FRANCE. Forced march to BULLINGEN, BELGIUM. Attached to 69th Inf. Div. Co. "A" attached 106th Inf. Div. for operational purposes only.

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2. HOLDING AND DEFENSIVE PHASE: 16th to 26th Feb. 45 incl.

- a. 661st T. D. Bn. effected relief of 814th T. D. Bn. 161400 and occupied defensive positions generally on line between HELLENTHAL (F055073) and UDENBRETH (F046033) GERMANY.
- b. Unit fired 17 indirect fire missions and expended 310 rds. HE, 15 rds. smoke, and 3 rds. illuminating. Supported Inf. Assault Squad 21 Feb. 45 by firing 22 rds. APC at metal dome of pillbox #17 near MIESCHIED, GERMANY. Snow, rain, and freezing weather. Roads very bad. Some impassable.
- c. Attached and DETACHED UNITS
Assigned Units

None

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- d. 661st T. D. Bn. relieved 814th T. D. Bn., 161400 in defensive positions, generally on line between HELLENTHAL and UDENBRETH, GERMANY. Fired 17 indirect and 1 direct fire missions. One officer and one enlisted man wounded in action.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT (continued)

3. ATTACK PHASE:

- a. 661st T. D. Bn. (-) in support of attack of 69th Inf. Div. by direct fire on call of assault elements and protected reorganization on objective, which is high ground generally on line between the following towns - HONNINGEN, BUSCHEM, OBERREIFFERSCHIED, HONNENBERG, GIESCHIED, and RESCHIED.
- b. Rcn. Co. Plts. attached to Cos. A, B, and C for rcn. purposes and to act as liaison parties with Inf. Bns. and Pioneer Plt., Rcn. Co. cleared approximately 6 miles roadway of mines and prepared 4 dug-in gun positions. Co. "B" fired 10 rds. APC on metal dome of pillbox #17 in order that Plt. of Inf. could escape. Co. "C" fired 10 direct fire missions on targets in DICKERSCHIED and silenced 2 machine guns and captured 34 P.W. Weather - fog early in morning, clear and cold. Roads very muddy.

c. Attached and
Assigned Units

Detached Units

None

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- d. Bn. in direct support of 271st and 273d Inf. Regt. by direct fire during attack and protected reorganization on objective. Fired 11 direct missions. Silenced 2 machine guns and captured 34 P. W. Weather, clear, and cold. Roads very muddy. Co. "A" attached 106th Inf. Div. for operational purposes only. One enlisted man wounded.

4. This unit stationed at Camp Lucky Strike near St. VALERY, FRANCE for preparation for combat from 1st to 5th Feb. 45 incl. Moved to and remained vic. GODERVILLE, FRANCE, 6th to 9th Feb. 45 incl. Assigned First Army 8 Feb. 45. Arrived BULLINGEN, BELGIUM 111830 to control V Corps, attached to 69th Inf. Div. 10 Feb. 45. Relieved 814th T. D. Bn. 16 Feb. 45. In direct support of 69th Inf. Div. during attack starting 270600 ending 1st Mar. 45. Fired 17 indirect fire missions and 12 direct missions. Silenced 2 machine guns and captured 34 P. W. One Officer and two enlisted men wounded in action.

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