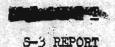
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From: 282400A February 1945.
To: 312400A March 1945
Unit: 702nd Tank Destroyer Bn.
Place: Vicinity St Vith, Germany
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MAPS: GSGS 4507, Scale 1/50,000; GSGS 4414, Scale 1/25,000; GSGS4416, 1/100,000.

I: OUR FRONT LINES: Does not apply.

II: LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bu under Division Control located in vicinity of St Vita, Germany (B372568).

III: LOCATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: Does not apply.

IV: OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: The Battalion CP moved from the vicinity of Otzenrath Germany (K107/75) to Steinhausen, Germany (F160800) on the 1 March 1945 to maintain contact with the forward elements of the battalion. The Bn less companies "A", "B", and "C" remained under control of the Division. On the 2 March 1945, the Bn CP moved to Osperath, Germany (F2239'/4) closing at 1000 and establishing contact with higher headquarters; remaining in that location until the 4 March 1945, when it moved to the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany (A198062). On the 5 March 1945, the battalion moved the vicinity of Gresenens, Germany (F2249'/3) with companies "A" and "C".

The Battalion forward CP moved with Company "B" to coordinates (4235104) to control direct and indirect like across the Baine at (4252083), remaining in that location available to the 2nd Tank Destroyer Group for missions, until the 7 March 1945 when released.

The Battalion lorward (P rejoined remainder of Battalion in the vicinity of Hardt, Germany (F2089)4) 071300 March 1942.

The Battalion remained at Hardt, Germany (F208954) training and reorgainizing until the 12 March 1945 when due to shift in Corps boundary, the Battalion moved to Horset-Schelsen, Germany (F140842), closing in new area 1215254 March 1945. Training, reorganizing and preparations for future operations continued throughout the period.

On 281320 March 1945, the 702nd TD Bn (- Companies "A" and "C") in Division control moved on the Division East route, to Horset-Schelsen, Germany (P130842) arriving in the new area \$143285 at 281320 March 1945. The Battation (-) crossed the Wesel Bridge at 291345 March 1945 and assembled at coordinates \$281401 prepared to move East on Division order to support either compat command. On the 30March the Battation (-) moved on the Division South route following CC"B" to assemble in the vicinity of Hullern, Germany (A093481) cibering in area at 301300 March 1945. On the 31 March the Battation (-) following CC"B" on the south route placed road blocks in the vicinity of Wessel, Germany (A953465) until 311600A March at which time the Battation was relieved of responsibility of the road blocks and moved to the vicinity of Kurrich, Germany (A019198) and ordered to place road blocks to the south of the area and north of the Lippe River to protect the CC"R" Assembly area. No armor contacted during this period.

Company "A" in support of CCMA" crossed the Nord Canal in the micinity of Schlef-cann, Germany (Floly44) and outposted front line area in the Vicinity of Willich, Germany (Floly48) on the 1 March 1945. On the 2 March 1945, Company "A" continued the drive north in support of CCMA". The lst Platoon was withdrawn from CCMA" control and moved to the Vicinity of Hemmerden, Germany (Fly9812) to block reported countermost of seven enemy tanks. No contact was made and the platoon related the Company "A" control on the same day. Verified reports substantiated claims that Company "A" had destroyed two 88mm towed guns and one cargo truck on the March 1945, during or rations

along the Nord Canal.

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On the 3 March 1945, Company "A" assisted in the cutting of the highway between Krerela, Germany (Al980o2) and Urdigne, Germany (A241073). During this operation, Company "A" destroyed three (3) trucks, one (1) passenger car and one (1) motorcycle. On the 4 March 1945, the three platoons of Company "A" assisted CC"A" in mopping up operations along the Rhine River. In this action, Company "A" destroyed one (1) half-ord track, one (1) segan, and one (1) truck, one (1) motorcycle, and captured two enemy officers and twenty-eight enlisted men.

On the > March 1940. Company "A" was released to control of Battalion and assembled in the vicinity of Hardt, Germay (F208954) for reorganization and training remaining in that location until the 1215254 March 1945 when it moved under pattalion control to the town of Horset-Scheisen, Germany (F150842). Training was continued in this area for remainder of period. Platoon tactical problems were held with tank and imiantry troops upon order from Division. General instructions in basic subjects and preparations for future operations continued.

On the 26 March 1945, Company "A" was alerted to move with CC"A" north to the

Ninth Army bridgenead.

Company "A", in support of CC"A", moved from Horset - Schelsen, Germany (F150843) tojjoin the command at 2/1800A March 1940. The first platoon was in support or the First Battalion, 2nd platoon with the 2nd Battalion, and the 3rd platoon with the third battalion. ooth Armored Regiment. Company "A" less three platoons unger CC"A" control.

Company "A" moving on Division east and west routes to the Ninth Army bridges "G" and "H" cleared the bridges and assembled on the east bank of the Rhine Hiver by

281200 March 1945, with Compat Command "A" troops.

On the night of the 28th March 1945, Company "A" remained in assembly area preparing to support the attack of CC"A" toward the east. On the 29 March 1945, Company "A" moved with the respective task forces of the CC"A" toward the line of departure to arrive there by 200600A March 1949. After crossing the line of departure, Company "A" moved east with CC"A" in the attack along the Dulmen-Haltern line, protecting the north ilank of the movement.

Company "A" moved across the Lappe Canal at 311600A March 1945 with CC"A"and proceeded with the rapid advance along the north route of the Division meeting with

very light resistance. No contact made with enemy during this period.

Company "B" in support of CC"R" assisted in the drive of the Division North toward Schelloann, Germany (Flo1944) reaching that objective on March 1, 1945. The town was outposted by Company "B" on the left rlank. On the 2 March 1945, Co. "B" continued to drive with CC"R" moving toward the vicinity of Willich, Germany (F173917) and moving north toward Kreield, Germany (A183043) protecting the left flank of the Division. On the 4 March 1945, Company "B" moved toward the railroad yards south of Uraingen, Germany and assisted CC"R" in ireeing the west side of the Rhine in that sector of German Armored resistance.

On the) March 1940, when the remainder of the Battalion was relieved, Company "B", reverting to Battalion control and was made available to the 2nd Tank Destroyer Group for indirect fire missions. Company "B" moved to the vicinity of (F230105)

prepared to do indirect lire on order.

On the o March 1940, the 2nd plateon of Company "B" moved to direct firing pos-Itlons at coordinate A252005 to lire at installations on the east side of the Rnine and to prevent any enemy river trailic. During the night o - 7 March, 1945, two platoons of Company "B" lired 200 rounds 90mm HE on the town of Hichtenbroicn, Germany (F338992). The third platoon moved into direct firing positions at the west approach of the Adolf Hitler Bridge.

Due to the limited visibility for direct lire, Company "B" was relieved of this mission on the / March 1940 and returned to the Battalion assembly area in the vicin-

ity of Harqt, Germany (F208704).

Company "B" under Battalion control, remained in Hardt, Germany (F208954) accomplishing maintenance and preparing for luture operations in that area until 121525A March 1945 at which time the Battalion moved to Horset-Schelsen, Germay (Flo0842) intensive training of replacements was carried on quring this period. Maintenance of venicles was stressed. Company "B" also took part in demonstrations or Tank-Infantry TD problems conducted by CC"B" on Division order.





On the 25 March 1945, Company "B" was alerted for and relieved Company "C" on indirect fire mission at location F289806, being attached to the 92nd FA Battalion for missions of tactical operations.

On the 26 March, Company "B" was alerted for movement to the Ninth Army Bridge Area.

Company "B" under Battalion control, moved from Horset-Schelsen, Germany (Flo0842) at 270850 March 1945, north toward the Wessel Bridgenead on the Division East route closing in new area at 281000 March 1945 on the West bank of the Rhine at coordinate Al45285, prepared to cross the Rhine River on order.

On the 29130A March 1945, Company "B", under Battalion control, moved across the southern bridge at Wessel, Germany (A265285) outposting and protecting the Division south flank. Road blocks established in the vicinity of Hullern, Germany (A025481) to the North of the Lippe River.

On the 11 March 1945, Company "B" placed road blocks in the vicinity of Wessel, Germany (A958465) to protect the Division operations along the south route. During this operation, two enemy differs and forty-three enlisted men were captured. At 311000A March, Company "B" was relieved of outpost duty and placed on road blocks with tanks and infantry from CC"R" in the vicinity of Kurrich, Germany (A019498) to protect the assembly area and routes of CC"R". No contact made with the enemy during this period.

Company "C" in support of CC"B" attacked north of the right flank of the 2nd Armored Division, across the Nord Canal in the vicinity of Stackersie (F215925) on the 1 March 1945 and continued the attack toward Kliensiep, Germany (F213925) destroying two 75mm AT guns during this operation. On the 2nd March 1945, Company "C" attacked from the town of Osterath, Germany with CC"B", driving north toward the Adolf Hitler Bridge at Uridingen, Germany (A241073) destroying one towed 88mm gun, one (1) cargo truck, and one (1) armored half-track.

On 3 March 1945, Company "C"; with CC"B", cut the road from Krefeld to Uridingen, and assisted in the mopping up operations in the town of Urdingen, Germany (A241073), destroying one (1) 88mm gun, one (1) passenger car, one (1) mortorcycle and neutralized two pill boxes by direct fire. The remainder of defenses and consolidation of positions was completed on the 4 March 1945.

Company "C" was released to Battalion control on the 5 March and assembled in the vicinity of Hardt, Germany (F208754) for reorganization and maintenance. An extensive training program was instituted and personnel and vehicles prepared for future operations.

On the 12 March 1945, Company "C" moved with the Battalion to the new assembly area at Horset Schelsen, Germany (Flouriz). Continued training, vigorous athletics and maintenance of vehicles. On the loth March 1945, Company "C" moved to the vicinity of Weeknoven, Germany (F2/1849) occupying indirect firing positions in the area. Counter pattery fire, marrassing and interdiction fires on the super highway running NW from Hildes, Germany. On the 25 March 1945, Company "C" was relieved of the secondary mission and returned to Battalion assembly area.

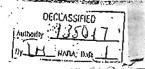
On the 20 March 1945 Company "C" was afferted for movement with GC"E" for the division march north to the 9th Army pringeheads.

Company "C", in support of CC"B" joined the task forces on the 2/1030 March 1945, prepared to move on the Mast route of Division to the 9th Army bridgehead. The 1st platoon remained under company control; 2nd platoon in Task Force "C" and 3rd platoon with Task Force "A". On the 280230A March 1945, Company "C", with CC"B" moved to the vicinity of Ossenberg, Germay (A6/4480) prepared to cross the Rhine River on orders. Company "C" crossed the Rhine bridges 290330A March 1945 and assembled, prepared to cross the line of departure by 290000 March and continue the attack Mast. During the 30 March, Company "C" assisted in the drive along the Lippe River crossing the Lippe Canal early on the 31 March 1945. Company "C" protected the Hanks of the advance. No enemy armor contacted during this period.

The Recommalssance Company, 702nd T.D. Bn, less three platoons remained under

The Reconnaissance Company, /U2nd T.D. Bn, less three platoons remained under Battalion control throughout the tactical operations. Each line company had one Reconnaissance platoon attached for operations.

From the 5th to the 11th of March the Company remained with the Battalion in Hard, Germany (F208754) training and accomplishing maintenance. On the 11 March the company moved with the Battalion to Horset Schelsen, Germany (F150842), training was intensified and continued until the Battalion was aferted for movement on the 20th March 1945. The Reconnaissance platoons prepared to join the companies



WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Does not apply.

VI. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

VII.RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

a. By Date and Company

Date	Go HA 11	Go uBu	Co "C"
28 Feb 45	2 towed Guns 88mm		l AT Gun 75mm
1 March 45	2 Towed Guns Somm 1 Truck, Cargo		
2 March 45			1 Towed Gun 75mm 1 Truck, Cargo
3 March 45	3 Trucks, Cargo		l Hali⊎Track 2 Towed Guns 88mm
	1 Segan		1 Sedan 1 M/C
	1 M/C	,	3 Pillboxes
4 March 45	l Halı-Track 1 Segan		•
	1 M/C		
	1 Truck, cargo		

Total by types:

- 6 Guns, Towed 85mm 1 Gun, Towed 75mm
- 1 AT Guns '/5mm
- 2 Hali-Tracks
- 6 Trucks, Cargo
- 3 Sedana
- J M/C
- 3 Pilicoxes.

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