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**HEADQUARTERS
703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, US ARMY**

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4 April 1945

Mar 45

- A. UNIT: 703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION.
- B. CHANGES IN ORGANISATION:
 - 1. None - Battalion remained attached to Third Armored Division.
- C. STRENGTH: 28 Feb 45: 35 Officers - 1 W.O. - 589 EM
31 Mar 45: 34 Officers - 1 W.O. - 523 EM
INCREASE: 4 EM
DECREASE: 1 Officers
- D. STATIONS: Does not apply (see narrative for locations).
- E. MARCHES: Does not apply (see narrative).
- F. CAMPAIGNS:
 - 1. WESTERN GERMANY
1 March to 31 March 1945.
- G. BATTLES: (see narrative).
- H. COMMANDING OFFICERS:
 - Battalion Commander : Lt Col Wilbur E. SHOWALTER
 - "A" Company Commander : Captain John W. COLE
 - "B" Company Commander : Captain Henry P. GOSCH
 - "C" Company Commander : Captain Donald W. SHIBERT
 - Recon Company Commander : Captain Jack V. MURRAY
 - Hq. Company Commander : Captain Sydney S. SMITH

I. LOSSES IN ACTION: Battle Casualties

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

None

"A" COMPANY

Katana, George W., 36831557	Pfc	25 Mar 45	EWA
Osborn, Russel W., 37010613	Pfc	27 Mar 45	EWA
Zawski, Joseph, 42102439	Pfc	27 Mar 45	LIA

"B" COMPANY

Sutliff, Earl R., 32233924	Teo 4	4 Mar 45	KIA
Janowicz, Peter J., 11064846	Cpl	4 Mar 45	KIA
Hall, Ralph A., 38151898	Pfc	4 Mar 45	KIA
Shields, Douglas L., 14023775	Pvt	4 Mar 45	KIA
Witteveen, Louis P., 36036277	Teo 5	25 Mar 45	KIA

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I. Losses in Action: Battle Casualties (cont'd)

"C" COMPANY

Hampton, Norman B., 33143869	Sgt	2 Mar 45	IWA
Harville, Edward A., 33148869	Pfc	5 Mar 45	IWA
Gilbert, William T., 36095131	Sgt	6 Mar 45	IWA
Knuchak, Frank, 36042241	S/Sgt	27 Mar 45	MIA
Boyer, Raymond R 36213155	Too 5	27 Mar 45	MIA
Bornstein, Charles 12003502	Pfc	27 Mar 45	MIA
Solly, James P, 33147646	Pvt	27 Mar 45	MIA

ENGINEER COMPANY

Mydenka, Michael, 33111883	Too 4	2 Mar 45	IWA
Loggert, Virgil L., 6668402	S/Sgt	25 Mar 45	IWA
EDWARDS, JOHN H, 01824155	Sd Lt	29 Mar 45	MIA
Polachek, Nicholas, 33143895	Too 5	29 Mar 45	MIA

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Wain, James E., 31064498	Too 4	26 Mar 45	IWA
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Non-Battle Casualties

ENGINEER COMPANY

None

"A" COMPANY

Wells, Kyle B., 17086477	Sgt	9 Mar 45	Dis. slight
Cook, Forrest W., 36184138	Sgt	24 Mar 45	Dis. slight

"F" COMPANY

Graves, Robert J., 35542377	Pfc	6 Mar 45	Dis. slight
Stoll, Arthur H., 32330094	Too 5	9 Mar 45	Dis. slight
Goodman, Ira H., 33909877	Pvt	22 Mar 45	Slightly Inj.
Grasso, Anthony, 42008185	Pfc	28 Mar 45	Slightly Inj.

"G" COMPANY

Shale, Mitchell P., 31064254	Pfc	7 Mar 45	Dis. slight
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ENGINEER COMPANY

None.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Clark, Bruce B., 34652546	Pfc	19 Mar 45	Slightly Inj.
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ENGINEER COMPANY

<u>NAME & A.S.N.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASSGN TO</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Michalowski, Theodore W., 31062921	Sgt	Co "A"	9 Mar 45
Hammerman, Albert, 11063214	Sgt	Co "C"	9 Mar 45
Johnson, Warren, 33153438	Pvt	Co "C"	9 Mar 45

REINFORCEMENTS - (cont'd)

Godfrey, Walter R., 39781608	Pvt	Co "B"	14 Mar 45
Goodman, Ira H., 39909877	Pvt	Co "B"	14 Mar 45
Hayes, Paul J., 39909907	Pvt	Co "B"	14 Mar 45
Greenstein, Jerome H., 32897932	Pvt	Co "C"	14 Mar 45
Berge, John, 35578403	Cpl	Co "B"	16 Mar 45
Becker, Robert S., 39180993	Pvt	Co "B"	16 Mar 45
Hittingham, Eugene B., 39909879	Pvt	Co "B"	16 Mar 45
Kenyon, Almon H., 37694538	Pvt	Co "B"	16 Mar 45
Ellis, Kyle B., 17086477	Sgt	Co "A"	26 Mar 45
Horan, James H., 32390900	Pfc	Co "C"	26 Mar 45
Brecher, Russell J., 36471932	Pvt	Hq Co	26 Mar 45

PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

	FROM	TO	DATE
LAYSON, JUNIUS C., 01825867	2d Lt	1st Lt	1 Mar 45

J. CITATIONS:

LT COL WILHELM E. SCHAEFER 021724, awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service rendered from 7 August 1944 to 7 March 1944.

1ST LT MERIL E. BROWN 01822942, awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Sgt Walter J. Bonaster 31064262, awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Sgt George W. Abers 37032642, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Sgt Jacob W. Finiele 33153173, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Sgt Delma L. Howlin 38082959, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Cpl James E. Ayala 38120545, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944 and in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Cpl William R. J. Bailey 38045602, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Cpl Adam A. Kmiotek 33138646, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944.

Cpl John Patson 33141994, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

J. Citations (cont'd)

Cpl Willie L. Trojacek 38095205, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Cpl James H. Waldruff 32233894, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 16 January 1945.

Tsg 4 Earl T. Wexa 17054279, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in support of combat operations against the enemy in Belgium and Germany from 18 November 1944 to 10 February 1945.

Tsg 4 Francis V. Sharai 39826637, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in support of combat operations against the enemy in Belgium and Germany from 18 November 1944 to 10 February 1945.

K. Photographs:

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

Marie L. Goodrich
MARIE L. GOODRICH,
Major, 7034 TD Bn,
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Incls: Six (6)

1. Summary (narrative) of operations for month of Mar 45.
2. True copy of Unit Journal.
3. Compilation of enemy equip. destroyed to date, since beginning of operations, against the enemy.
4. Action of "A" Co. 26 Feb 45 to 7 Mar 45.
5. Action of "B" Co. 26 Feb 45 to 7 Mar 45.
6. Action of "C" Co. 26 Feb 45 to 7 Mar 45.

4 April 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945.

(Note: All coordinates listed in this report are found in the
Zone of Interest Grid System, in the 500 Kilometer Squares (W & Z).
All letters preceding coordinates in this report designate the
100 Kilometer square, within the above mentioned zone).

On 28 February 1945, the battalion was disposed as follows:

1. **ATTACHMENTS:**
Battalion—3rd Armored Division.
"A" Co.—Combat Command "A", 3rd Armored Division.
"B" Co.—Combat Command "B", 3rd Armored Division.
"C" Co.—Combat Command "HOWE", 3rd Armored Division.
2. **REGAINERS:**
HQ CP ——— F167323 vicinity HERSCHENICH, GERMANY.
Co "A" CP — F195594 vicinity BERRENDORF, GERMANY.
Co "B" CP — F170367 vicinity REISWEIER, GERMANY.
Co "C" CP — F197397 vicinity BERRENDORF, GERMANY.
HQ Co and Gas vicinity of Battalion CP.
Hqs Co (-) Flats) vicinity of Battalion CP.

1 MAR 45 The Battalion attached to the 3rd Armored Division moved from the vicinity of HERSCHENICH F167323 to F172369 vicinity REISWEIER, closing in new area at 1330A hours.

"A" Co CP attached to C Comd "A", with 2nd Flat in CC "A" Reserve, remained at F195594 via of BERRENDORF. 1st Flat with TF KANE continued to secure BERSDORF F195618. 3rd Flat with TF DOAN continued to secure THOR F227605.

"B" Co attached to C Comd "B" moved its CP from F170367 via REISWEIER to via of PAPPENDORF F208634. 1st Flat in CC "B" Reserve moved from via of REISWEIER to F196618 via BERSDORF to set up road blocks for protection of C Comd "B" CP. 2nd Flat moved from via of BERSDORF to via GLESON F199645 with TF WEISCH, into an assembly area, closing in this area at 1145A hours. 3rd Flat moved with TF LOVELAN from via BERRENDORF F196594 to an assembly area via PAPPENDORF F209634.

"C" Co CP attached to C Comd HOWE remained throughout the period at BERRENDORF F196594. 1st Flat with TF YEMANS moved from road blocks at SIXPERICH F2262 to via of GROUVER F205603 prepared to attack at 020200A hours with TF YEMANS, to expand the Division bridgehead across the KRFT CANAL. 2nd Flat with TF RICHARDSON crossed the KRFT CANAL during hours of darkness to set up road blocks in vicinity of the crossing, vicinity PAPPENDORF F207633.

2 Mar 45 (cont'd) — 3rd Plat "O" Co with TF HOGAN crossed the KRFT CANAL during darkness and set up road blocks via of bridge at GIESSEN F2064.

Ron Co (-3 Plats) moved from via MORSCHENICH to via F172592 via GIESSENDORF during the period.

2 Mar 45 The 1st Plat "A" Co. moved out with TF KANE from DESDORF to attack OBERHAUSSEM and by 1600A hours had taken up positions via of F258645. The 3rd Plat "A" crossed to the east bank of the KRFT CANAL, by bridge at F260590, to attack with TF DOAN the town of OBERHAUSSEM, at 1615A hours. At 1900A hours the 3rd Plat took up positions in via of F261641. "A" Co CP with the 2nd Plat moved from BERRENDORF to F239-617 via KENTEN.

"B" Co — No change.

"C" Co CP moved from via of BERRENDORF, east of the KRFT CANAL to F229630 via BERGHEIM. The 1st Plat, attacking with TF YOMANS at 020300 hours to extend the bridgehead east of the Canal, reached positions at F233651 via HALTROP by 0500 hours. 2nd Plat attacking with TF RICHARDSON was to pass through the line held by TF YOMANS. On reaching positions in woods F238642, three TD's bogged down in the soft terrain. The fourth TD was hit by enemy artillery fire, resulting in an oil leak in the engine. This TD returned to BERGHEIM, was repaired, and enroute to action in the vicinity of WIEDERAUSSEM F2566, when it fell into a damaged portion of a bridge. The weight of the TD was partly supported by the gun tube. This forced the 90mm gun into a recoiled position, which pinned the Jar Commander, Sgt Ramsden, between the operation handle and the turret ring. It was necessary to dismantle the breech mechanism, in order to remove the man, as enemy AF fire would not allow the removal of the vehicle. The 3rd Plat moved into attack with TF HOGAN. At 1800A hours, they had reached WIEDERFIELD F2266. By the close of the period had taken up positions in vicinity of AUFHEIM F243668.

Ron Co (-3 Plats) located F172592, experienced enemy air activity, an enemy bomb landed in the vicinity of their CP, injuring one (1) RM.

3 Mar 45 The Bn CP with Hq Co moved from vicinity of ETZBILDER F172568 to F251657 via of WIEDERAUSSEM, closing at 1300 hours. Ron Co (-3 Plats) moved from vicinity F172592 via GIESSENDORF to F255655 via WIEDERAUSSEM.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from via KENTEN to F258642 via OBERHAUSSEM. The 1st Plat with TF KANE attacked at 0400A hours, reached positions at BUSDORF at 0830A hours, moved out at 1120 hours with TF KANE, passed through line held by TF DOAN at FLIEBTRIEBEN to attack MANSSTEDTEN. By 1915A hours this platoon had taken positions in vicinity of PUIHEIM F350668. In the attack, two (2) rounds of APC, 90mm, were fired at an enemy tank, at a range of 2500 yards. The results are unknown. The 3rd Plat with TF DOAN attacked at 0400A hours, and by 0935 hours had reached FLIEBTRIEBEN. After TF KANE passed through TF DOAN and had secured MANSSTEDTEN, TF DOAN with 3rd Plat attached, attacked GRYEN F334653. By the end of the period the platoon took up positions at F335650 via GRYEN. During the attack 3rd Plat expended three (3) rounds of HE to destroy one (1) MG nest.

3 Mar 45 (cont'd) — "B" Co CP moved from PAPPENDORF to F253657 via NIEDPRAUSSEM. The 1st Plat of "B" moved with C Comd "B" to take up road block positions for protection of C Comd "B" CP in the vicinity of NIEDPRAUSSEM. 2nd Plat attached to TF VEBORN moved east of the ERFT Canal to an attack position vicinity of BUSDORF, and at 1610A hours was ordered to attack SINNERSDORF. By 2015A hours the platoon had taken positions at F356699 via SINNERSDORF. 3rd Plat attached to TF LOVBLADY crossed to the east bank of the ERFT Canal to an attack position F355685. At 1500A hours this task force launched a simultaneous attack with TF RICHARDSON, against STOMMELN. By 1900A hours TF LOVBLADY had secured the eastern half of STOMMELN and 3rd Plat took up road block positions vicinity F320696.

"C" Co CP moved to F255661 via NIEDPRAUSSEM from vic of BERGHEIM during the period. The 1st Plat attached to TF YEMANS was ordered to move out toward ROGGENDORF at 1620 hours. At the close of the period the platoon had taken up positions in the vicinity of F344707, via HASSHIRATH. 2nd Plat "C" Co attached to TF RICHARDSON moved out in an attack on INGERDORF at 0700A hours. At about 1200A hours had reached INGERDORF and an attack was begun on STOMMELN. By 1900A hours the platoon had taken up positions in the S.W. section of the town F326970. 3rd Plat attached to TF HOGAN moved from AURNHEIM to attack N.E. to RHEIDT F267685. By 1600A hours the platoon had reached RHEIDT and moved out with the task force towards STOMMELN. At the close of the period the platoon had reached the N.W. part of the town and took up positions via F312697.

At 2230 hours received O.M. No.26, Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 3 Mar 45, which directed: beginning 4 Mar 45, units of this Division will regroup in the following areas:—CC "A" via N.W. of PULHEIM, CC "B" via BRUNGERSROTH, CC HOWSE via S. of STOMMELN, and prepare to attack to secure OOJONK, west of the RHINE RIVER. 4th Cavalry Group, attached to 3rd Arm Div, effective 031800A March 1945. 83rd Arm Recon Bn, will continue its attack to secure ROGGENDORF-WARRINGEN area.

4 Mar 45 "A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from vic of OBENHUSEN to F344-676 via PULHEIM. The 1st Plat remained on road block vic of PULHEIM, F350668 throughout the period. TF DOAN was relieved by elements of the 104th Infantry Division at GRYEN, thereafter, the 3rd Plat moved into an assembly area via of PULHEIM F364658, closing in area at 1300A hours.

"B" Co CP moved with C Comd "B" from NIEDPRAUSSEM to F322699 via STOMMELN. 2nd Plat took up road block positions in vic STOMMELN. The 1st Plat remained on road block positions vicinity of SINNERSDORF F360705 throughout the period. TF LOVBLADY with 3rd Plat attached, was ordered to assist the 83rd Arm Recon Bn in the capture of ROGGENDORF and WARRINGEN. 3rd Plat moved out of STOMMELN at 1000A hours and reached SINNERSDORF at 1200 hours. At 1215 hours the task force moved against the enemy at ROGGENDORF, the task force ran into strong anti-tank, artillery fire and small arms fire. Sgt Gore's TD of 3rd Plat was hit

4 MAR 45 (cont'd) -- in the suspension system as he moved across country onto the town. Sgt Gore fired three (3) rounds of APB at enemy tank firing on the tank force. His tank was hit the second time, by two (2) rounds of enemy AT fire, killing Sgt. Amundson, P/S Smith, P/S Hall and Pvt Shields. By 1430 hours the tank force passed through ROOSCHENDORF and attacked WARRINGEN. The 2d Platoon supported the tank force while it secured the town and reached the NEUSE RIVER. The tank force was relieved and returned to an assembly area F770720 via of ROOSCHENDORF closing at 2130A hours.

"C" Co CP moved with CO HOWE from vic NIKERASSEN to F11469 via of STOMMEN. 1st Plat attacked with HQ ENGINE to the N.E. 1st Plat moved on HACKHAUSEN and at 0700A hours was taking up positions in the town. One (1) TD was damaged by enemy machine fire in vicinity of HACKHAUSEN. The platoon fired twenty (20) rounds of HE in support of the attack of TF YCHANS. 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained in position at STOMMEN F118692 and F118699 throughout the period.

5 MAR 45 The HQ CP, w/ Sq Co Two and Hon Co (-3 Plato) moved from the vicinity of NIKERASSEN to F750660 via of PUMMEL.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from the vicinity of PUMMEL to F786642 via of BOCKENHUSEN during the period. At 0400A hours TF KANE with 1st Plat attached moved out towards COLOGNE, seizing ORR F7668, and AUWELER F7867. By the end of the period, 1st Plat had taken up positions at F451688 vicinity of COLOGNE. At 0400A hours 3rd Platoon moved out in the attack with TF DOAN. 3rd Plat fired 12 rounds of HE in supporting fires for the taking of STOCKHUSEN F775660 and MARIENHOF F785650. By the end of the period 3rd Plat had taken up positions at F427620 and destroyed one (1) AT Gun, expending 3 rds of 90mm ammunition.

"B" Co CP moved from vic of STOMMEN to F784689 via of BOCH, closing at 1700 hours. The 1st Plat took up road block positions in BOCH via F785687 to protect G Comd "B" Co. 2nd Plat moved out with TF WEIDEN to attack at 0400 hours, toward COLOGNE. The tank force overcame resistance in the small towns of BOCH F7869, VOLKHOVEN, WILMUTH, F41679, WEINERSBOFF and BERGHEIMERBOFF to reach LONNEN, where the 2nd Plat took up positions for the night. 3rd Plat moved out in the attack with TF LOVELAND at 0400 hours. The towns of WASSER F792709, WEILER F402699, and FUHLINGER were taken by the end of the period. 3rd Plat took up positions at 1700 hours at F419713 vicinity of FUHLINGER. 3rd Plat fired six (6) rounds of HE at strong points in support of the days attack.

"C" Co CP remained in STOMMEN throughout the period. During the night one (1) M20 Amd Gun was damaged by fire, at the CP location, one (1) HE was slightly wounded by the exploding ammunition. IC moved out with TF YCHANS to attack at 0400A hours. The Plat having only three TD's operational, supported each of three (3) Amd Hon Platoons with one TD. In the attack from WARRINGEN F7972 toward LANGEL F4172. 1st Plat destroyed two (2) M V tanks, one (1) 88mm AT/AA gun and one (1) 20mm Flak gun, by firing 28 rounds of APB. At 1800A hours

(1) gun of 1st Flat was in position at F410-
... in position at F42720, and one gun
... into a creek in
... River. One gun
... 90mm HE ammunition.
... at 2200 hours the
... via COLOGNE. (34)

During the period supported the
... within the task
... 1st Flat set up road blocks in
... 1st Flat remained on road blocks at F386-
... The 1st Flat gave supporting fire for the
... from the tank force
... The platoons fired twenty (20) rounds
... against strong points. By the end
... in the vicinity of

The 1st Flat "D" Company, attached to TF WHEBON moved out in the
... at 0400 hours, and at 0700 hours the Ford Motor Plant at
... and the platoons took positions in the plant, to
... and the attacking forces of TF WHEBON. Two
(2) rounds of APC were fired at enemy strongpoints during the att-
... The 1st Flat of "B" moved out with TF LOVELAND from FUELLINGTON
... at 0600 hours, to attack FALKASSEL at 0630 hours the town was sec-
... and the 1st Flat had fired two (2) rounds of APC and nine (9)
... rounds of HE at enemy strongpoints in the attack. 1st Platoon moved
... to take up positions in the vic of F434601 vicinity
... of LOCHWICH.

At 0400 hours TF HOGAN with 1st Flat "C" Company, attached, moved
... to seize MERRHIN and NINEL. At 0830 hours MERR-
... and NINEL F4666 were secured. In the attack 1st Flat fired
... rounds of APC to destroy one (1) SP Gun on Mk IV chassis. Also
... Volkswagon with .50 Caliber MG fire, which killed
... German officers and three (3) German RM.

No change in CP locations. 2nd Flat "A" Co, 1st Flat "B" Co,
... 2nd and 1st Platoons "C" Co remained in the same locations throughout the
... "D" Company reported one (1) TD declined for repairs. (33
... operation in Battalion).

7 MAR 45 At 1300 hours, the Battalion CP with Hq Co and Ron Co (- 3
... moved to new location at F401622 vicinity of COLOGNE, move was
... in new area at 1500 hours.

"A" Co CP moved from BROOKKREUNDE F386642 to F422622 vic of
... 1st Flat continued on road block at F458618 throughout the
... section of COLOGNE. 2nd Flat moved
... to road block position at
... under company control. 1st Flat continued to road block at
... Received light artillery fire, as TF DOAN continued to sec-
... of the city of COLOGNE. 1st Flat captured five (5)
... during the period.

7 Mar 45 (cont'd) -- There were no changes in any of "B" Company units, except 3rd Platoon "B" Company, during the period. TF LOVELAKI was detached from C Comd "B" and attached to CO HOWZE at 1200 hours. 3rd Plat "B" Company moved with TF LOVELAKI to an assembly area vicinity of FUEHEIM F3467.

There was no change in "C" Company units during the period. The TD of 1st Plat "C" Co, which was damaged by enemy bazooka fire was repaired and returned to action, in position, vicinity of LANGEL F425723. (34 M-36's operational in the battalion).

8 Mar 45 No change in "A" Company units. All platoons continued to road block and began patrolling areas, assigned to them, by C Comd "A".

"B" Company CP moved to vicinity of F421669 via LONGERICH. 2nd Plat moved from F455680 to F421669 via LONGERICH. The 3rd Plat was relieved from attachment to TF LOVELAKI by the 1st Plat of "B" Company. 3rd Plat moved to the vicinity of LONGERICH F421669. 1st Platoon joined TF LOVELAKI at FUEHEIM and moved out with the task force for an assembly area in the vicinity of LIBLAR (3446).

"C" Company CP moved out at 1630 hours with CO HOWZE, which was attached to the 1st Infantry Division, as of 1435A hours, for an assembly area in the vicinity of LIBLAR F3446. 2nd Plat attached to TF RICHARDSON moved from STOMSELN to an assembly area vicinity of LIBLAR F3446 at 1800A hours.

At 2100A hours, O.M. No. 29, Hq 3rd Armd Div w/overlay attached was received, giving Combat Command areas - units responsible for local security, patrols, road blocks, preventions of acts of sabotage and civilian uprisings, within their areas.

"B" Company reported 11 TD's operational, bringing the total for the battalion to 35 M-36's operational.

9 Mar 45 The 1st Plat "A" Company moved from road block positions at F455614 to positions vicinity of F455627 vicinity of COLOGNE.

No change in other units of "A" Company. Patrol of area and bridge guard conducted by all units.

1st Plat "B" Company closed in an assembly area with TF LOVELAKI at F345480 vicinity of KOTTINGER. No other changes in "B" Company.

"C" Company CP closed in assembly area vicinity of KOTTINGER F345-486 with C Comd HOWZE. 2nd Plat closed in an assembly area with TF RICHARDSON at LIBLAR F3446. One (1) RM of 1st Plat was evacuated due to sickness.

10 Mar 45 No change in locations.

Hq CP F401622 vicinity of COLOGNE.

Hq Co & Bn Co (- 3 Plato) in vicinity of Hq CP.

"A" Co attachd CO "A", CP F424680 vicinity of COLOGNE.

1st Plat attachd TF KAWR F455627 vicinity of COLOGNE.

10 Mar 45 (cont'd) Less: "A" Co.

2nd Plat under company control F424620 vicinity COLOGNE.

3rd Plat attached HQ BOHN F424620 vicinity COLOGNE.

"F" Co attached CG "B", CP F424620 vicinity COLOGNE.

1st Plat attached HQ LOVELAN, attached HQ BOHN, further attached

1st Inf Div, F424620 vicinity of COLOGNE.

2nd Plat attached HQ WILSON F421669 vicinity LONGBRICH

3rd Plat attached company control, F421669 vicinity LONGBRICH

"G" Co attached CG BOHN (attached 1st Inf Div) F424620 via KOTTENBERG.

1st Plat attached HQ THOMAS F423723, F423723 and F423723 vicinity LANGEN

2nd Plat attached HQ RICHARDSON, F424620 vicinity KIRLAR

3rd Plat attached HQ ROSEN (attached CG "B") F429656 via COLOGNE

All units conducted patrols, bridge guards, in their area, and maintenance of equipment. (36 M-36's operational in Bn).

Received O.M. No. 30, Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 10 Mar 45. Details for ceremony at SPORTS PALACE vicinity of COLOGNE, to celebrate the capture of COLOGNE and the arrival of American troops on the Rhine.

11 Mar 45 No change in locations. One (1) officer and thirty (30) MM of the battalion, attended ceremony to celebrate the capture of COLOGNE, and the arrival of American troops on the Rhine River.

All companies patrolled and guarded bridges in their areas and conducted maintenance of equipment.

(36 M-36's operational in the battalion).

12 Mar 45 No change.

13 Mar 45 At 1330 hours received operations overlay, Hq 3rd Arm Div (for planning purposes only), showing assembly areas for the Division N.W. of BOHN.

No change - all companies continued on road patrols and bridge guard in their areas and undergoing a minimum of four (4) hours of training per day.

14 Mar 45 No change. All companies checked G.V. and protective equipment. All 1-1/2 quart decontamination equipment filled with solution for nine (9) months or more were emptied and refilled.

Two (2) TD's were deadlined for mechanical repairs. (34 M-36's operational in battalion).

15 Mar 45 No change.

16 Mar 45 "A" Company with all platoons moved from COLOGNE at 1615 hours to an assembly area in the vicinity of KNAPSACK F578510 closing at 1800 hours. The task forces of CG "A" were relieved by elements of 104th Infantry Division.

"B" Company with 2nd and 3rd Platoons moved from F421669 vicinity of LONGBRICH to an assembly position at F426587 via HOCHWIL. No change in 1st Plat location.

17 Mar 45 Bn CP w/Hq Co and Ron Co (- 3 Plats) moved at 0730A hours from F401622 vicinity of COLOGNE to F404546 via HERMULHEIM. Closing at 0830A hours.

The 1st Plat of "C" Company moved with TF YEOMANS, which was relieved by elements of 4th Cavalry Group, from vic of LANGEL and HENFINKASSEL to an assembly area F315610 via KONIGSDORF, closing at 1100 hours. The 3rd Plat of "C" Co moved from vic of COLOGNE to F355527 via of BERRENKATH, an assembly area, with TF HOGAN.

(35-TD's operational in Bn).

18 Mar 45 Twenty-one men and Officers of the Battalion were presented with awards at a Division ceremony, conducted at the Sports Palace in COLOGNE, at 1400 hours. No change.

19 Mar 45 1st Plat "B" Co moved from vic of KOTTINGER F3448, to an assembly area via of BERRENKATH, F355527 with TF LOVEBADI which was relieved from CC HORSE and attached to CC "B".

1st Plat "C" Co attached to TF YEOMANS reverted to Company control 190800 Mar 45 and moved to vicinity of Co CP. 3rd Plat "C" Co attached to TF HOGAN, which was relieved from attachment to CC "B" and was attached to CC HORSE, moved to vicinity of "C" Co CP. "C" Co at 0400 hours, was alerted for possible movement to REHMAN WIDENBERG.

Bn continued maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

20 Mar 45 The Battalion (-1st Co and 2nd Plat Ron Co) remained in assembly area throughout the period performing maintenance and training.

"C" Co attached to CC HORSE moved out at 1400 hours to an assembly area in the REHMAN BRIDGEBELT. The Co CP closed at HORNHEP, F638276 with the 1st Plat at 1930 hours. 2nd Plat "C" Co with TF HORSE assembled at F670315 vicinity of ITTENDORF at 1800 hours. 3rd Plat "C" Co with TF HORSE assembled at F640267 via of HORNHEP at 1900 hours. "C" Co under light artillery and enemy air activity in the above locations.

21 Mar 45 The Battalion (-1st Co and 2nd Plat Ron Co) no change in locations. The Battalion CP with Hq Co and Ron Co (-3 Plats) began plans for movement to assembly area east of the RHINE RIVER.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat "C" Co attached to CC HORSE moved from vicinity of HORNHEP F638276 to vicinity, F638303 via WINGHOVEN. 2nd Plat "C" Co attached to TF HORSE moved from ITTENDORF in an attack north along the WINGHOVEN to reach positions at F642395 vicinity of WINGHOVEN at the close of the period. 3rd Plat "C" Co moved with TF HOGAN from the vicinity of HORNHEP to assembly positions at F638302 via WINGHOVEN. At 1430 hours, CC HORSE, to which "C" Co was attached, was relieved from attachment to 1st Inf Div and attached to 73th Inf Division.

At 2100 hours received Operations Memo No 35, Hq 3rd AB, dated 21 Mar 45. 3rd Armored Division and attached units moves 23 Mar 45 to an assembly area east of the RHINE RIVER and will prepare

21 Mar 45 (cont'd) — to attack on D-Day at H-Hour to the east to secure the town of AIRENRIESEN (9332), thereafter prepared to continue operations to the N.E.

22 Mar 45 The 1st CP, Hq Co and Ron Co (- 3 Plats) began movement at 0700 hours from F404546 via HERRUNHEIM to close in assembly area at F644294 via RHEINBREITBACH crossing to the east bank of the RHINE River via KONIGSWINTER F613306 to close in area at 1030 hours.

"A" and "B" Companies remained in assembly areas vicinity of HERRUNHEIM and HUCHHEIM continuing maintenance and preparations for movement east of the RHINE River. G3 HQ with "G" Co attached was relieved from attachment to 78th Inf Div and returned to 3rd Army Div control at 22000 Mar 45.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat was moving to an assembly area in vicinity of HOVEF F68330 at close of period. 2nd Plat attached to 1st Platoon CP attacked north under orders of 78th Inf Div. As the task force secured position F6444 the platoon reached positions at F643412. CP HQ with 3rd Plat attached assembled at F650389 vicinity of HERRUNHEIM to attack HERRUNHEIM. During the period the task force reached the objective and upon the return of CP HQ to the 3rd Army Div control, began movement to assembly position vicinity of F650389. At 1900 hours, received message no. 2, to P.O. 10.33, 3rd Army Div, dated 21 Mar 45 - covering moving routes to assembly areas, east of the RHINE River.

23 Mar 45 CP HQ with 2nd Plat moved out of assembly area at 0830A hours, crossing the RHINE at 1230 hours and closed in assembly area vicinity of F640271. 1st Plat moved from the vicinity of HERRUNHEIM to join CP HQ at 1030. 1st Plat moved out of assembly area at 1030 hours and reached objective at 1900 hours, to close in assembly area at F659277 vicinity of HERRUNHEIM. 3rd Plat moved at 0700 hours from vicinity of HERRUNHEIM to join CP HQ at 1030. Moved out of assembly area at 1735 hours to cross to the east bank of the Rhine River at 1400 hours. Closed in assembly area at F659277, 1100 hours. Due to dispersion of troops, 3rd Plat moved with 1st Plat from vicinity of HERRUNHEIM at 1030 hours to assembly position at F659277.

24 Mar 45 CP HQ in locations - 1st Plats remained in assembly positions. 2nd Plats continuing maintenance and preparations for future operations. At 1000 hours received message no. 10, 3rd Army Div, dated 24 Mar 45. The division will attack, combat commands ahead at, 0800 hours, 24 Mar 45, in the direction of HERRUNHEIM, at H-Hour on D-Day, 24 Mar 45. CP HQ with 1st and 2nd Plats, advanced rapidly to the east of HERRUNHEIM and crossed the road center in the vicinity of F659277 and successive objectives thereafter to include F659277, F659277, but use of F659277 and F659277. CP HQ with 1st and 2nd Plats, moved in the direction of HERRUNHEIM, at 1030 hours.

24 Mar 45 (cont'd) — "C" Co and 3rd Plt moved with "B" Co from F645271 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH to assembly position east of the main River at F650334 vicinity of "B" Co, closing at 1330 hours. 1st Plt moved with "B" Co from F650334 to assembly area in "A" Co Bridgenend at F674329 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH. 2nd Plt moved with "B" Co from F650334 to assembly position east of the main River at F672333 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH.

"C" Co moved to assembly area as follows: 1st Plt with 2nd Plt at F686311 via RUTSCHLICH, 2nd Plt with 1st Plt at F695331 via RUTSCHLICH, 3rd Plt with 2nd Plt at F650334 via RUTSCHLICH. (35 "A" Co men in the Battalion - 1 is deadlined for repairs).

25 Mar 45 — "A" Co and 1st Plt moved from F686311 to F686311 via RUTSCHLICH, by air-transportation, closing at 1730 hours. "C" Company (-3 Plts) moved from F686311 via RUTSCHLICH to F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH.

"A" Co moved at 0930 hours from F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH to F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH at 1030 hours. 1st Plt attached to "A" Co at 1030 hours. At 1050 hours had reached position F634329 via RUTSCHLICH. During the period 1030-1100 hours, "A" Co and 1st Plt and 2nd Plt of "A" Co Company "C", reconnoitered the area at 1030 hours, east of and west into road block at F770231. 3rd Plt attached to "A" Co at 1030 hours, to reach F655201 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH. During the attack, 3rd Plt destroyed six of the enemy's mortar guns, and captured fifty (50) prisoners. The "A" Co and 1st Plt of "A" Co was used. 3rd Plt had one (1) wounded in action.

"A" Co moved with "B" Co from F686311 to F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH. 1st Plt attached to "A" Co at 1030 hours. At 1130 hours, in the attack, the 1st Plt of "A" Co destroyed six (6) of the enemy's mortar guns. 2nd Plt attached to "A" Co at 1130 hours. At 1130 hours, the 2nd Plt of "A" Co destroyed six (6) of the enemy's mortar guns, and the 2nd Plt of "A" Co destroyed two (2) mortar guns. The 2nd Plt of "A" Co destroyed one (1) mortar gun at F/47368. It was damaged but was still in use. 3rd Plt moved into position to protect the attack.

"A" Co attached to "B" Co moved to assembly area at F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH. 1st Plt moved with "B" Co and 2nd Plt moved into position to protect the attack. 3rd Plt moved to assembly positions vicinity of F686311. The 1st Plt, attached to "A" Co, was engaged by enemy mortar fire. (35 "A" Co men in the Battalion - 1 is deadlined for repairs).

26 Mar 45 — "A" Co and 1st Plt moved to support the 2nd Plt. The 1st Plt (wa) moved from F686311 via RUTSCHLICH to F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH.

"A" Co moved from F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH at 0930 hours to assembly area at F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH. 1st Plt moved to F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH. 2nd Plt moved from F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH to position F686311 vicinity of RUTSCHLICH and at end of period was moving with the 2nd Plt attacking

26 Apr 45 (cont'd) -- east. 2nd Plat "A" Company with Co. CP from road block position F775290 moved to vic FLUTERSCHEN. 3rd Plat with TF DEAN moved in att ck from position vic FLAMERSFELD to vicinity F950290 vicinity DER.WAMBACH, attacking with task force to the east at close of the period. At 0530 hours from road block position at F855280, 3rd Plat destroyed one (1) Mk V tank at a range of 35 yards with one round of 90mm APC. 2nd Plat fired 14 rounds 90mm HE at AT Gun at a range of 6000 yards. The results were effective as no more enemy fire was received by the task force from the enemy gun. 3rd Plat, on 10, attached to "A" Co. took two (2) Prisoners.

"B" Co with 3rd Plat moved from vicinity F770332 vic OBERSCHNEID to F820332 vicinity FIERSBACH. 1st Plat with TF LOVELAND moved in attack from vicinity of FIERSBACH to F852327 vicinity GRAAM. 2nd Plat with TF DEAN moved in attack from vicinity of GRITENBACH to vicinity F832345. Both task forces of C Comd "B", met stiff resistance. At 1430 hours, C Comd "B" with "B" Company attached was ordered to assemble in vicinity of AETERNINGEN, constitute Division reserve, for future operations. At close of the period was assembled as ordered. "B" Company reported two (2) PW wounded by enemy artillery fire.

10th Co moved from vicinity F837300 to vicinity F838318 vicinity GRAAM. 1st Plat moved with Company CP, road blocking in vicinity of GRAAM. At 1430 hours TF DEAN with the 2nd Plat attached was ordered to move forward in the zone between TF DEAN and TF LOVELAND to assist the advance of C Comd "B", and clear enemy between the columns. At the close of the period 2nd Plat had reached F955320 in the vicinity of GRAAM. At 1805 hours TF DEAN with 3rd Plat attached was ordered to move forward in the 3rd Armd Div sector. At 2325 hours received overlay from Hq 3rd Armd Div, showing change in boundaries in the division sector of operations. No change in objectives. (10th Co operations in the 7th).

27 Apr 45 10th Co (wa) moved from vicinity F838318 at 1320 hours to vicinity F837300 at 1545 hours. Due to traffic conditions TF CP closed for the night at 00200 vicinity of GRAAM at 1700 hours. Hq Co (10th Co) joined the group at that location during the period.

10th Co moved from vicinity F837300 at 1700 hours to arrive at 001930 vicinity of GRAAM closing at 1900 hours. 2nd Plat moved with Co. CP road block on arrival in GRAAM. 1st Plat with 1st Plat attached, continued to drive to the east, during the hours of darkness, and at 0400 hours the task force had secured a crossing of the Rhine River. At the close of the period 1st Plat had set up road blocks at 001930 vicinity of GRAAM. TF DEAN with 3rd Plat attached, continued on attack during darkness crossing river at 001203 at 1800 hours. 3rd Plat set up road block vicinity of GRAAM at 001203. 3rd Plat destroyed (1) tank (Mk IV) due to direct fire, one (1) tank remains operational. The tank was not damaged by the hit.

27 Mar 45 (cont'd) — "B" Co OP with 3rd Plat moved with OC "B" which was in Division Reserve. Moved from assembly position vicinity ALTKIRCHEN 99135, to 6310258 vicinity HIRSCHBERG. 1st Plat with TP LOVE-
LACK moved from vicinity ALTKIRCHEN to a coiled position vicinity of HIRSCHBERG 6348289, prepared to attack east through TP DOAN. 2nd Plat moved with TP WELBORN from vicinity ALTKIRCHEN to a coiled position in vicinity of ROTH 6348289, prepared to attack East.

"C" Co OP moved from HERRN to 6196901 vicinity of HOF. 1st Plat moved with Company OP set up road blocks at HOF for protection of OC HOWZE BP. 2nd Plat attacked with TP RICHARDSON from vicinity ALTKIRCHEN to reach positions vicinity 6277288 WALDAUBACH. 3rd Plat with TP HOGAN attacked East and upon reaching 6197298 vicinity HOF, one section was left on road block. The other section continued with TP HOGAN to 6291316 vicinity HEISTERBERG. The TD of 2nd Plat which was dead-lined for repairs was delivered to "C" Company during the period. (34 M36's operational in the Bn.

28 Mar 45 Bn OP (Fwd) at 0800 hours left GIBLROTH to arrive at new location at 6343304 vicinity SCHONBACH, closing at 1215 hours. Hq Co and Bn Co (-3 Plats) moved from vicinity of GIBLROTH to vicinity of SCHONBACH during the period.

"A" Company continued with C Comd "A" to secure HERRBORN 64051, and preparing for future operations. OP located 6395315 and platoons on road block positions at 6402305, 6395315 and 6406312.

"B" Company CP with 3rd Plat moved East with C Comd "B" CP, following the attack of the Task Forces, to reach 6725460 vicinity of MARBURG, placed road blocks in vicinity of Company CP, captured two (2) prisoners. 1st Plat moved out at 0900 hours to cross the DILL RIVER with TP LOVE-LACK, and at 1200 hours set up road blocks in MARBURG. 1st Plat fired 26 rounds 90mm, HE, in support of the attack on MARBURG, to destroy two (2) general purpose vehicles, one (1) enemy bus, four (4) horse-drawn vehicles and three (3) horse-drawn artillery pieces. One (1) PM injured in action and evacuated. 2nd Plat moved out with TP WELBORN to cross the DILL RIVER at 0900 hours, by 1100 hours had taken positions vicinity 65844 vicinity of HUNZHAUSEN.

"C" Company OP moved with C Comd HOWZE CP from HOF to 6390381 vicinity DILLENBURG. 1st Plat moved with Company CP. 2nd Plat with TP RICHARDSON continued to advance from vicinity WALDAUBACH during the night to reach positions vicinity 6392376 vicinity DILLENBURG. One section of 3rd Plat continued the attack after gassing up at 0115 hours, to reach road block positions at 0930 hours, in DILLENBURG. The other section of 3rd Plat was relieved from road block positions at HOF at 1200 hours and joined the platoon in DILLENBURG. Remainder of the period was used for maintenance and preparations for future operations.

One TD "B" Co developed mechanical trouble during the period resulting in 33 TD's operational in the battalion.

At 1230 hours received O.M. No. 34, Hq 3rd AD, dated 28 Mar 45. The 3rd Arm Div continues to attack 29 Mar 45 to secure the road center at HERRBORN (7147) and effect junction with US 9th Army. The Division attacks, C Comds abreast, C Comd "B" on right, C Comd HOWZE on

29 Mar 45 (cont'd) -- on the left. Objectives will be captured by direct assaults, otherwise any enemy resistance will be by-passed in order to reach the division objectives as rapidly as possible.

29 Mar 45 The Bn CP with Bq Co and Ron Co (-3 Plato) left SCHONBACH at 0500 hours on route of attack of TF WELBORN, through the period, for a distance of 90 miles, to reach OBER MARSBERG B775174, at 0500 hours, 30 March.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved with C Comd "A" at 0930 hours from HUNTERS and continued to advance throughout the period, to reach HIL-ON B76112 a distance of 89 miles, at 0240 hours, 30 March. 2nd Plat set up road blocks. 1st Plat with TF KANE moved out of HERBORN on route of advance of TF RICHARDSON, to continue move throughout the period. At 0930 hours 3rd Plat moved out of HERBORN to join column of 3rd Armd Div CP, with the mission of protecting the Division CP. 3rd Plat continued to advance with the 3rd Armd Div CP Group throughout the period.

"B" Co CP with 3rd Plat moved from vicinity MARSBURG on route of TF LOVELAK to reach B880042 via MENSHAUSEN. 3rd Plat fired six (6) rounds HE at enemy infantry. The Ron section with "B" Company CP fired two (2) rounds 37mm HE at enemy infantry. The CP Group and 3rd Platoon captured forty (40) Prisoners. 2nd Plat with TF WELBORN attacked from via MENSHAUSEN and continued to advance throughout the period reaching B765145 vicinity of OBER MARSBERG at 0130 hours, on 30 March 1945. 1st Plat with TF LOVELAK attacked N. from MARSBURG at 0600 hours to reach road block positions via B870065 vicinity MENSCHENHAUSEN by the end of the period.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat moved with C Comd HOWZE on route of attack of TF RICHARDSON and TF KANE from DILLENBURG to reach B630137 vicinity of THULN at 0200 hours 30 March 1945. 1st Plat provided protection for CO HOWZE CP. 2nd Plat attacked with TF RICHARDSON from DILLENBURG at 0600 hours. At B595104 Sgt Frise's TD dropped out of column to repair the vehicle. While working on the TD, sighted and destroyed a 75mm SP Gun on M4 IV chassis, expending 6 rounds AP. 2nd Plat reached B627156 vicinity of NEHLEN during early morning. 3rd Plat attacked with TF HOGAN at 0600 hours and continued to advance throughout the day. On arrival at B585113 via BRILON set up road blocks with a platoon of infantry. "C" Co took sixty (60) prisoners, during the period. (34 TD's operational in Bn). At 0900 hours Ron Co, reported Lt EDWARDS, with three (3) KM and one (1) 1/4 ton truck were missing in action.

30 Mar 45 The Bn CP, Bq Co and Ron Co (-3 Plato) reached OBER MARSBERG at 0500 hours, and moved out at 0930 hours toward the division objective of PADERBORN. Column following route of attack of TF WELBORN, preceded by TF DOAN, Division CP and Division Artillery CP. The column continued to move throughout the period, being halted at intervals by enemy resistance. At 2030 hours the tail of TF WELBORN'S column was cut by panther tanks. The Bn CP coiled at B726383 vicinity WITTLIN

30 Mar 45 (cont'd) -- at 0500 hours, 31 March 1945. While a battle group from TP DOAN was establishing contact with TP WILSON.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat arrived at BRILON at 0730 hours moving out to reach B690327 vicinity HAAREN at 1030 hours. 2nd Plat established road blocks for protection of C Comd "A" CP. "A" Co CP and attached Recon Platoon guarding C Comd "A" remains. 1st Plat with TP KANE arrived in BRILON to move out at 0600 to establish road blocks vicinity B687328 vicinity of HAAREN. 1st Plat captured one (1) sniper age 15, who stated he attended a school to learn sniping. 2nd Plat moved with 3rd Arm Div CP Group from OBER MARSBERG to reach a coiled position at B729383 vicinity ETTEIN. 3rd Plat set up outpost positions for protection of the Division CP.

"B" Co CP with 3rd Plat moved from vicinity BRODEN to B712369 vicinity of ETTEIN closing at 2100 hours. 3rd Plat upon arrival in BRODEN was given the mission of providing road blocks for the protection of the 3rd Arm Div CP. In the early morning at BRODEN, enemy infantry attempted to infiltrate through the company CP. They were taken under fire and three (3) prisoners were taken. 3rd Plat fired four (4) rounds of 80mm HE. TP LOVEBLADK with 1st Plat attached was ordered to break contact with the enemy in the LIMBACH area allowing 2nd Bn 419th Infantry Regiment to relieve them, and then to move on route used by TP WELBORN to seize LICHTENAU B8036. 1st Plat with TP LOVEBLADK reached a coiled position vicinity B763365 for the night. 1st Plat was moving with TP WELBORN, when the column was out and went into position at B745410 in the vicinity.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat providing protection for CG HOWAR CP moved from vicinity THULEN to B693368 via ETTEIN. 2nd Plat attacked with TP RICHARDSON from WEHLEN to reach positions via B580408 via KIRCHBERGHEM. In the attack, 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) enemy tank and damaged one other tank, types unknown. Expending 14 rounds APO, 5 rounds AP, and one (1) round HVAP, 90mm ammunition. 3rd Plat remained on road blocks at B585113 via BRILON throughout the period.

31 Mar 45 At 1600 hours the Bn CP, HQ Co and Recon Co moved from coiled position at B726383 via ETTEIN to B710374 via ETTEIN, closing at 1615 hours.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat remained in position preparing for future operations. 1st Plat with TP KANE remained in assembly position throughout the period. At 1200 hours, 3rd Plat was relieved from mission of providing protection for 3rd Arm Div CP, and was attached to TP BOLF, and at the end of the period was attacking with the task force.

"B" Co CP with 3rd Plat remained in position in vic of ETTEIN B712369 throughout the period. TP LOVEBLADK was ordered to suspend operations against LICHTENAU and to pass through TP YEMANS and attack PADERBORN. At the end of the period, was in position vicinity of HAZTERBORN B7344.

2nd Plat "B" Co, at 0530 hours, from position B745410, noticed two (2) Mk VI (Tiger Royal) Tanks in woods at B7342. Sgt Schwarz and

31 Mar 45 (cont'd) -- Sgt Bengston accounted for one each, at 1500 yards. One tank was destroyed by round penetrating at the turret ring, below the gun shield. The second Mk VI was hit in the engine compartment, at rear of the tank. At 1200 hours 2nd Plat was attached to TF YROMANS to support the tank force, in attack on DORNHAGEN B7642, and EGGERINGEN B7641. In the attack 2nd Plat fired at tanks in the vicinity of the two towns, but results were unknown and one (1) TD was damaged by enemy tank fire. 2nd Plat expended 35 rounds of APC and 5 rounds of HE, 90mm ammunition. By the end of the period the platoon was in position in DORNHAGEN B7642.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat remained in position vicinity B693368 throughout the period. TF RICHARDSON with 2nd Plat, continued the attack against strong tank and infantry. One gun of 2nd Plat was left on road block position at B680408 vicinity KIRCHBERCHEN throughout the period. One section of 2nd Plat, took up road block positions at B683410 vic NORDBERCHEN. 3rd Plat was relieved from road block positions at B585113 vic BRIDON and was ordered to join TF HOGAN. At 1857 hours, was reported by "C" Co, to be located vic B654405 vic OEBERTUDORF.

At 2400 hours received O.M. No. 35, Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 31 March 45. In confirmation of oral orders, this Division continued to attack, 31 March 1945, to secure the road center PADERBORN B7174 and effect junction with US 9th Army.

One TD which had been repaired was returned to 1st Plat at 1800 hours. 33 TD's operational in the battalion.

At the end of the period this battalion was supporting the Third Armored Division in the attack to secure PADERBORN B7174, and the locations were as follows:

Bn CP attached 3rd AD - B710374 vic ETTELEN

Hq Co - vic Bn CP.

Ron Co (-3 Plats) vic Bn CP.

"A" Co CP attached CC "A" - B690317 vic HANBERG.

1A with TF KLINE, B687328 vic HANBERG

2A with company control (CC "A" Reserve) B690317 vic HANBERG

3A with TF BOHNE - attacking vicinity of PADERBORN (B7174).

"B" Co CP attached CC "B" - B712369 vic ETTELEN

1B with TF LOVEBERRY - attacking vicinity HANBERG B7344.

2B with TF YROMANS B7642 vicinity DORNHAGEN.

3B with CC "B" Reserve - B712369 vic ETTELEN.

"C" Co CP attached CC HOWZE - B693368 vic ETTELEN

1C with CC HOWZE Reserve, B693368 vic ETTELEN

2C with TF RICHARDSON, B683410 vic NORDBERCHEN.

3C with TF HOGAN, B654405 vic OEBERTUDORF.

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ENEMY EQUIPMENT DESTROYED

1. The following is a compilation of enemy material destroyed since this battalion has first engaged the enemy on 9 July 44 to 1 April 1945.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NO. DESTROYED</u>
A. Tanks and S.P. Guns	
Pz KW VI (Tiger Royal)	2
Pz KW V (Panther)	96
Pz KW IV	20
Pz KW III	3
S.P. Gun on Mk IV chassis	16
75mm S.P. on half-track	1
20mm Flak Guns, S.P., on half-track	9
B. Transports	
Half-tracks	24
General Purpose Vehicles	51
Trucks (Heavy)	22
Wagons (horse-drawn)	11
C. Towed Guns	
A.T. Guns (75mm and 88mm)	18
Arty pieces (105mm, 150mm, etc)	7
D. Aircraft	
F.W. 190	1
E. Enemy Installations	
20mm Flak Gun	1
Pill-boxes	3
O.P.s	2
Rebelwerfer Emplacement	1
Mortar Emplacement	2
Machine Gun Nest	3
F. Boats	
70 foot Barge	1

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