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HEADQUARTERS
772d Tank Destroyer Battalion

APO 339, U. S. Army
1 March 1945

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Subject: After Action Report.

To : The Adjutant General, The Pentagon, Washington, 25, D. C.

Through: Commanding General, 75th Infantry Division, APO 451, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, and letter, Headquarters 75th Infantry Division, dated 20 February 1945, the following after action report for the month of February 1945 is submitted:

- a. Original Unit - No Change.
- b. Changes in Organization -
 - 1 - 28 Feb 45 - 75th Inf Division
 - 1 - 11 Feb 45 - XXI Corps
 - 17 - 28 Feb 45 - VIII British Corps (Operational Control)
 - 1 - 17 Feb 45 - First U. S. Army
 - 17 - 28 Feb 45 - Ninth U. S. Army
 - 1 - 11 Feb 45 - Atchd 6th Army Group and under the operational control of the First French Army.
- c. Strength 1 Feb 45 - 32 Off, 2 WO, 651 EM
 Strength 28 Feb 45 - 29 Off, 2 WO, 639 EM
 Net Decrease - 3 Off, 12 EM
- d. Stations -
 - 1 Feb 45 - Departed Raves, France and arrived at St Marie aux Mines, France.
 - 8 Feb 45 - Departed St Marie aux Mines and arrived at Wihr-en-Plaine, France.
 - 9 Feb 45 - Departed Wihr-en-Plaine and arrived at Dessenheim, France.
 - 11 Feb 45 - Departed Dessenheim, France.
 - 12 Feb 45 - Arrived at Chatel-sur-Moselle, France.
 - 16 Feb 45 - Departed Chatel-sur-Moselle, France.
 - 19 Feb 45 - Arrived at Helden, Holland.
- e. Battles - (See Narrative Report, Incl 1).

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f. Losses in Action -

- 2 Feb 1945 - Cpl John B. Frasure, 35 435 497, Co B, killed in action when $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck struck an enemy mine in a road southwest of Widensoelen, France.
- 6 Feb 1945 - Cpl Robert G. Greene, 37 298 961, Co A, killed in action when $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck hit a land mine vicinity Hettenschlag, France.
- 8 Feb 1945 - Pfc Elmer Thorpe, 37 104 564, Co A, killed in action vicinity Dessenheim, France.

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- 4 Incls:
- Incl 1 - After Action Report - Narrative
- Incl 2 - Unit Journal
- Incl 3 - Unit Reports No 31-49 incl.
- Incl 4 - Secret Documents.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT - NARRATIVE

1 - 28 Feb 45

The 772d Tank Destroyer Battalion remained attached to the 75th Infantry Division during the month of February 1945.

Firing companies of the battalion were attached to the infantry regiments for the periods 1 - 9 February 1945 and 20 - 27 February 1945.

On 20 February 1945 the Battalion was attached to the 75th Division Artillery. Co B was attached to the 291st Infantry Regiment and reattached to the 899th FA Battalion. Co C was attached to the 290th Infantry Regiment and reattached to the 898th FA Battalion. On 21 February 1945 Co A was attached to the 289th Infantry Regiment and reattached to the 897th FA Battalion.

Companies were relieved from attachment to their respective regiments on 27 February 1945 but remained attached to the FA Battalions.

1st Platoon, Co A, on 2 February 1945, near Appenwhihr, France engaged one (1) Royal Tiger tank at a range of 2400 yards. Three direct hits ricocheted off and the tank withdrew. During an enemy counter attack near Andolsheim, France one 3-inch gun of the 3rd Platoon, Co A, was lost as the result of enemy artillery fire and one $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck was damaged by M3 fire.

On 4 February 1945 1st Platoon, Co C, fired 40 rounds of HE direct fire at 5 suspected enemy OPs located northeast of Appenwhihr, France. Positions were destroyed at ranges from 1500-2000 yards. A noticeable decrease in enemy artillery activity resulted.

During period 7-8 February 1945 Co C fired a total of 46 rounds 3-inch HE on harassing fire mission.

On 12 February 1945 the battalion arrived in the vicinity of Chatel-sur-Moselle, France, billeted, and until 16 February 1945 had its first rest period. First echelon maintenance on vehicles and weapons as well as personal cleanliness was stressed. Men were given the opportunity to take showers. Several motion pictures were shown to the battalion.

During period 20-28 February 1945 the three platoons of each firing company formed two platoons of six guns each. Companies took indirect fire positions to support the fire of the 897th, 898th & 899th FA Battalions.

Firing a total of 28 rounds HE M42A1, on 22 February 1945, Co C neutralized two enemy Self-propelled guns. This same date Co C fired a total of 233 rounds HE M42A1 on prearranged fire table.