

772d Tank Destroyer Battalion

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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 4 January 1945, the following after action report for the month of January 1945 is submitted:

a. Original Unit - No Change.

b. Changes in Organization -

1 - 31 Jan 45 - 75th Inf Division

1 - 7 Jan 45 - VII Corps

7 - 27 Jan 45 - XVIII Corps (AB)

27 - 31 Jan 45 - XXI Corps

1 - 27 Jan 45 - First U.S. Army

27 - 31 Jan 45 - Seventh U.S. Army

c. Strength 1 Jan 45 - 31 Off, 2 WO, 686 EM  
Strength 31 Jan 45 - 32 Off, 2 WO, 651 EM  
Net Increase - 1 Officer  
Net Decrease - 35 Enlisted Men

d. Stations - 1 Jan 45 - Departed Durbuy, Belgium and arrived at Aisne, Belgium.  
6 Jan 45 - Departed Aisne and arrived at Mont, Belgium.  
10 Jan 45 - Departed Mont and arrived at Houssonloge, Belgium.  
16 Jan 45 - Departed Houssonloge and arrived at Bra, Belgium.  
27 Jan 45 - Departed Bra, Belgium.  
29 Jan 45 - Arrived at Raves, France.

e. Battles - (See Narrative Report, Inal 1).

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f. Losses in Action -

- 16 Jan 1945 - Sgt Berton E. Ahlberg, 37 164 743, Co A,  
killed in action near Bois De Cierreux, Belgium.
- 18 Jan 1945 - Tec 5 Eli M. Bozickovich, 36 361 319, Med Det,  
killed in action near Petit Thier, Belgium.

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"AFTER ACTION REPORT"

1 - 31 Jan 45

The 772d Tank Destroyer Battalion joined the 75th Inf Div 1 Jan 45 at Durbuy, Belgium.

On 3 Jan 45 one Half-Track, one .50 caliber MG, and equipment of 10 enlisted men of Co A was destroyed by indirect artillery fire.

During the month firing companies assumed direct and indirect firing positions in support of the three infantry regiments.

During the period 9-12 Jan 45 Co C was relieved from attachment to the 291st Inf Regt and attached to the 823d TD Bn, 30th Inf Div, in support of the 424th Inf Regt, 106th Inf Div.

During the period 12-18 Jan 45 Co C fired interdiction and harrassing fires in support of fire missions of the 897th FA Bn. On 14 Jan 45 in the vic of Arbrefontaine, Belgium the company fired 8 rounds normal HE and 18 rounds 172A (HERC) and registered on enemy inf OP. Direct hits were observed.

At 1000 hrs on 18 Jan 45 Co B engaged the enemy in battle at cross roads  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Petit Thier, Belgium. Five  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicles were destroyed by enemy fire. One Mark IV tank, or SP Gun, and one enemy machine gun was destroyed. Possibly 6 Germans were killed and an unknown number were wounded. 12 Germans were driven from a house by a 3-inch HE shell. They were captured by supporting infantry. Unit was subjected to intense fire from small arms, automatic weapons, mortars, artillery, and direct fire from 88mm guns during the entire day.

On 27 Jan 45 the battalion left the First U. S. Army sector and moved with the 75th Inf Div to the Seventh U. S. Army sector.

A total of 7 German prisoners (EM) was captured during the month.

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