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CG 75TH INF DIV
DATE: 1 APRIL 1945

HEADQUARTERS
772d Tank Destroyer Battalion

AFG 938,000 S. Army
1 APRIL 1945

Subject: After Action Report.
To : The Adjutant General, The Pentagon, Washington, 25, D.C.
Through: Commanding General, 75th Infantry Division, APO 4516, U.S. Army.

1. In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, and Memorandum No. 83, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 27 February 1945, and letter, Headquarters 75th Infantry Division, dated 27 March 1945, the following after action report for the month of March 1945 is submitted:

- a. Original Unit - No Change.
- b. Changes in Organization -
 - 1 - 31 Mar 45
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- c. Strength 1 Mar 45
Strength 31 Mar 45
Net Increase - 1
- d. Stations - 1 Mar 45
2 Mar 45
3 Mar 45
7 Mar 45
10 Mar 45
29 Mar 45
30 Mar 45
31 Mar 45
- e. Battles - (See Narrative Report)
- f. Losses in Action
- g. Casualties 12 March 1945

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h. Awards and Decorations -

- 21 March 45 - Sgt. 5, Eli M. [Name], awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Post-humously) for extraordinary heroism in action on 18 January 1945, in Belgium per Sec II, GO 45, [Army], dated 21 March 1945.
- 6 March 1945 - Sgt. Alvin [Name], 37 196 768, Co B, awarded the Silver Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 January 1945, in Belgium, per Sec II, GO 45, [Army], dated 21 March 1945.
- 18 March 45 - Captain George R. [Name], O 386 585, Co A, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 December 1944 to 18 January 1945, in Germany and Belgium, per Sec I, GO 62, Hq 75th Inf Div, dated 18 January 1945.
- 22 March 45 - First Lieutenant [Name], O 169 299, Co B, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 December 1944 to 9 March 1945, in Germany, Belgium, France and Holland, per Sec III, GO 64, Hq 75th Inf Division, dated 20 Mar 45.
- 23 March 45 - Major John D. Spaulding, O 390 152, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 December 1944 to 9 March 1945, in Belgium, France, Holland and Germany, per Sec II, GO 66, Hq 75th Inf Division, dated 22 March 1945.

i. Roster of Key Officers -

1st Colonel	HARRY W. MCCLELLAN	022 173	Commanding Officer
Major	JAMES K. CHENAVIT	0 381 427	Executive Officer
Major	JOHN D. SPAULDING	0 390 152	S-3
Captain	WILLIAM A. BICKEL	0 422 633	S-2
Captain	JEROME F. RYAN	01 822 732	S-1
1st Lt.	ROBERT W. MERRIMAN	0 114 760	S-1
Captain	RICHARD W. SIERRA	0 422 051	CO, Headquarters Company
Captain	MARION I. COMPTON	0 395 862	CO, Reconnaissance Company
Captain	DAVID G. BARNETT	01 168 161	CO, Co A
Captain	SAMUEL F. FOSTER	01 169 961	CO, Co B
1st Lt.	ROBERT G. McDONALD	01 168 308	CO, Co C
Captain	WALTER J. KARWOWSKI	0 349 356	CO, Medical Detachment

Harry W. McClellan
 HARRY W. MCCLELLAN
 Lt. Colonel, INF
 Commanding

- 4 Incls:
- Incl 1 - After Action Report - Narrative
- Incl 2 - Unit Journal
- Incl 3 - Unit reports No 50-70
- Incl 4 - Secret Documents

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AFTER ACTION REPORT - NARRATIVE

1 - 31 Mar 45

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

Firing companies reinforced the fires of the 897th, 898th, and 899th Field Artillery Battalions during most of the period.

12-17 March 1945 plans were initiated for defense of the division sector along the west bank of the Rhine River. Company A prepared direct fire positions within the 289th Regiment sector. Company B prepared direct fire positions within the 289th Regiment sector along the west bank of the Rhine River to fire on river, covering with fire any target which might appear on the river. Company C received mission to remain in indirect fire positions in the vicinity of Reipalen, Germany.

Companies A and B moved into previously prepared direct fire positions the night of 23 March 1945.

The night of 23-24 March 1945 Company A fired two direct fire preparations, expending 24 rounds APC and 269 rounds HE normal at targets East of the Rhine River. Company B did not fire a mission. Company C fired 23 interdiction and 22 harassing missions, expending 770 rounds of HE normal plus 4 rounds of Star Shell.

Battalion was reorganized 24 March 1945 under Table of Organization 18-25, dated 15 March 1944, and redesignated 772d Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP).

On 26 March 1945 the battalion withdrew from positions along Rhine River being relieved by the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

During period 26-27 March 1945 companies were in assembly areas and under Battalion control undergoing conversion to self-propelled mounts (M-36).

During the afternoon of 28 March 1945 firing companies conducted familiarization firing (direct) with 90mm guns (M-36).

Company A was attached to ROT 289, Company B to ROT 291, and Company C to ROT 290 (Division Reserve) on 30 March 1945.

Two prisoners were captured during the month.

The supply situation was very satisfactory.

HEADQUARTERS 75TH INFANTRY DIVISION
A.P.O. 451, U. S. Army

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: February After Actions Report of 772nd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

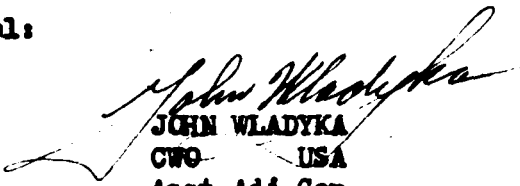
TO : Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339. (Thru Channels)

1. Pursuant to provisions of Section I, Memorandum Number 83, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 27 February 1945, Subject, After Action Reports, as set forth in paragraph 3 a. thereof, there is transmitted herewith one original copy of the After Action Report and one copy of the unit and/or staff journals and supporting documents of the 772nd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. This unit was attached to the 75th Infantry Division during the period covered by this report.

3. The original copy of the 75th Infantry Division After Action Report, together with supporting documents and journals, is being forwarded under separate cover. Two copies of the battalion report, less journals and supporting documents, will be forwarded through channels to the Commanding General, Second British Army.

For the Commanding General:


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Asst Adj Gen

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