

HEADQUARTERS  
802d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 339, U. S. ARMY

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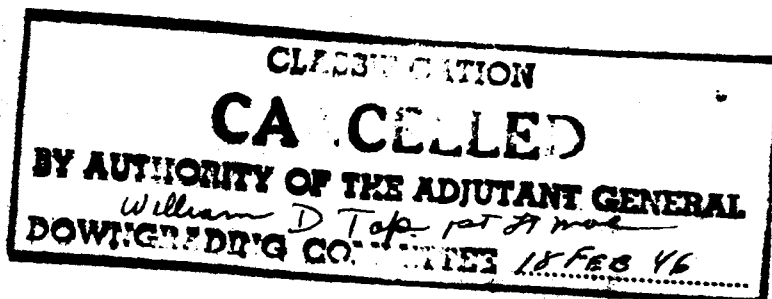
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington (25), D. C., (Thru Channels)

Forwarded herewith, action against enemy, reports after/after action  
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1945 inclusive.

*John H. Montgomery, Jr.*  
JOHN H. MONTGOMERY, JR.,  
Lt Colonel, Infantry,  
Commanding.

Incls: 5

- Incl 1: Appendix No. 1 to action  
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Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Report,  
Headquarters, 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion

Period - 1 - 28 February 1945

1. Original unit: 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed). (No Change)
2. Changes in organization: None
3. Strength:
  - A. 1 February 1945 -- 33 officers - 2 warrant officers - 669, enlisted men
  - B. 28 February 1945 - 35 officers - 2 warrant officers - 682 enlisted men
  - C. Net Change: 2 officers gained, 13 enlisted men gained
4. Station: (See narrative report)
5. Marches: (See narrative report)
6. Campaigns: (Operations for period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945)
7. Battles: (Not classified)
8. Commanding Officers:
  - a. Battalion Commander - Lt Col John H. Montgomery, Jr. O-20754  
Headquarters Company - Captain Charles G. Wagner, O-1168123  
Company "A" - Captain Jean M. Varda, O-413637  
Company "B" - Captain William R. Kessler, O-410053  
Medical Detachment - Captain Samuel M. Posnock, O-492568
  - b. Indicate here if any change in command occurred : None
9. Losses in action: (Battle casualties)
  - A. Officers: None
  - B. Enlisted Men: None
10. Awards: 1st Lt Daniel C. Mooney, O-1822603, (Platoon leader, 2nd Rcn Platoon, Headquarters Company) awarded the Bronze Star Medal per Sec II, GO 38, Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, dated 7 February 1945  
  
Sgt. Glen R. Heard, 33016559, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per Sec II, GO 38, Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, dated 7 February 1945.  
  
Sgt. Bernard J. McDermott, 33172336, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per Sec II, GO 16, Headquarters 4th Infantry Division, dated 3 February 1945.

Awards continued: Pfc William E. Bowman, 33213847, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per Sec II OC 16, Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division, dated 3 February 1945.

Tec 5 Kyle B. Brooks, 35213659, awarded the Soldier's Medal per Sec I, GO 16, Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division, dated 3 February 1945.

Private First Class Pete Alires, 38348302, awarded the Soldier's Medal per Sec I, GO 16, Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division, dated 3 February 1945.

11. Photographs: None

**SUMMARY:**

A: This Battalion continued its attachment to the 80th Infantry Division until 4 February 1945 when the Battalion was attached to the 95th Infantry Division.

This Battalion was in Ninth Army Reserve and the period was spent mostly in following training schedule.

- B. Combat efficiency - Morale excellent.
- C. Enemy material destroyed - None confirmed.
- D. Recommendations: None.