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HEADQUARTERS
802d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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SUBJECT: Reports After/After Action Reports, for this Command, Covering
Period 1-31 January 1945.

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

Forwarded herewith, action against enemy, reports after/after action reports,
for this command, covering period 1-31 January 1945.

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

- Incls: 4
- Incl 1 -- Appendix No. 1 to action against enemy, reports after/after action report.
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 - Incl 3 -- S-1 and S-3 Journal File
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Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Report,
Headquarters, 802d TD Bn

Period - 1 - 31 January 1945.

1. Original unit: 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed). (No Change)
2. Changes in organization: None.
3. Strength:
 - A. 1 January 1945 -- 33 officers, 2 warrant officers, 709 enlisted men.
 - B. 31 January 1945 -- 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 669 enlisted men.
 - C. Net Change: 2 officers lost, 40 enlisted men lost.
4. Station: (See narrative report)
5. Marches: (See narrative report)
6. Campaigns: (Operations for period 1 January 1945 to 31 January 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
Company "C" - Captain James J. Boyle, O-1821967
Medical Detachment - Captain Samuel M. Posnock, O-492568
 - b. Indicate here if any changes in command occurred: None.
9. Losses in action: (Battle casualties)
 - A. Officers: None.
 - B. Enlisted Men:
 - Tec 5 Clinton Reedy, 33213848 - KIA
 - Sgt Sam C. Piazza, 32047322 - LIA
 - PFC George R. Bradicich - 20254279 - LIA
 - Sgt William D. Brumbelow, 34267806 - LWA
 - Pvt Claude S. Wall, 20451566 - LWA
 - PFC Ellie F. Moore, 38306706 - LWA
10. Awards: Capt James J. Boyle, O-1821967, (Co C Comdr O), awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO 8, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, dated 21 January 1945.

Awards continued: Tec 5 James S. Spainhour, 20254435, awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO 8, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, dated 21 January 1945.

Tec 5 James D. Demarest, 20254242, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO 8, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, dated 21 January 1945.

Sgt. Charles R. Hessner, 32300938, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO 8, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, dated 21 January 1945.

11. Photographs: None.

SUMMARY:

A. This Battalion continued its attachment to the 4th Infantry Division until 28 January 1945 when the 4th Infantry Division was relieved by the 80th Infantry Division, to which this Battalion was in turn attached to.

The primary mission of this Battalion, which was the same with both divisions, was defense against possible enemy tank attacks. The firing companies were attached to the infantry regiments with individual platoons in support of the division artillery for indirect fire missions.

The front remained comparatively quiet with occasional enemy artillery fire and several instances of enemy planes strafing and bombing our positions.

B. Combat efficiency - Morale excellent.
Total casualties for period: 6 battle casualties.

C. Enemy material destroyed - None confirmed.

D. Recommendations: None.