

***** S E C R E T *****
Authy CO, 809 TD Bn
Init: LR7 *
Date: 9 April 1945 *

809 TD Bn
Vic SOEST, GERMANY
9 April 1945

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, Inclusive

1. Inspections: None
2. Casualties:
 - a KIA - 1 O, 2 EM
 - b Battle casualties - 30
 - c Non-battle casualties - 16

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

CANCELLED

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Anda Meyer *Cal ash*
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 27 Mar '46

3. Prisoners of War: None
4. Replacements: 1 O, 15 EM
5. Officer and EM Gains and Losses:

OFFICERS	
G	L
1	2

EM	
G	L
18	36

6. Officer Promotions: Four
7. Strength Return for End of Period:

OFFICERS: 35

WARRANT OFFICERS: 2

EM: 589

INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period: Not applicable
2. Enemy Operations During Period: Not applicable
3. Section Operations:

- a Drew and supplied the Bn Hqs and Hq Co and Rcn Co Hqs with maps. Frequent inspection to see that CC supplied TD Co's plus their Rcn Plat with maps.
- b Kept the Bn Hq, Hq Co and Rcn Co Hqs informed of the En situation and made frequent inspections of TD Co's to check the flow of information between Co's and CC's.
- c Visited higher and lower Hqs for information, also adjacent units.

4. Weather and Terrain: Not applicable.

OPERATIONS

1. Front Lines at End of Period: Not applicable.

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2. Location of Troops:

- a Bn Hqs, Hqs Co and Rcn Co (-) Vic SELM (A815449)
- b Co A plus 1st Rcn Plat - Marching with CCA, 8th Armd Div to Vic SELM.
- c Co B plus 2d Rcn Plat - Marching with CCB, 8th Armd Div to Vic SELM.
- d Co C plus 3rd Rcn Plat - Marching with CCR, 8th Armd Div to Vic SELM.

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops: One TD Co plus their respective Rcn Plat attached each CC of 8th Armd Div. Hq, Hq Co, Rcn Co (-) attached 8th Armd Div Arty.

4. Operations for the Period:

1 Mar to 11 Mar - Hq, Hq Co (-) and Rcn Co (-)

At beginning of the period, troops were attached to the 8th Armd Div Arty and were located at HUCKELHOVEN (K938745) 2 Mar moved to KLINKUM (K962831). 3 Mar moved to HINSBECK (K988051) and closed in GREFRATH (A035055) 6 Mar. During entire period, this portion of the Bn assisted the CC in supply and administration of the TD Co's and their attached Rcn Plat.

Co A plus 1st Rcn Plat

At the beginning of this period, troops were attached to CCA, 8th Armd Div and were located in GOLKRATH (K957772). As CCA adv, the 1st Plat was in action at TETLRATH (K959881) destroying one Mk V tank. Co continued to adv thru SILVER BEEK, WALDNEIL (K980915), AMERN-ST. GEORG, and met resistance at LOEBBERICH (E985020). On 2 Mar, assisted in the attack on LOEBBERICH, passing thru town at 0900, 2 Mar. The march continued thru HINSBECK to WANKUM (A005125). After clearing WANKUM, CCB relieved CCA and the Co occupied billets in WANKUM at 1800, 3 Mar. 4 Mar, Co moved to ALDEKERK (A084165) with CCA and on 6 Mar had closed in HOMBERGEN (E975065). Co rested, re-organized and continued maintenance and training for future operations thru out the rest of period.

Co B plus 2d Rcn Plat

At the beginning of the period, Co was moving with CCB, 8th Armd Div, passing thru ORSBECK, BRUGGEN, KALDRENNKIRCHEN, and arrived HEROGEN at 0100, 3 Mar. 4 Mar assisted in taking ALDEKERK (A084165). 5 Mar, Co, along with CCB, passed to operational control of 35 Inf Div and proceeded on in the attack of RHEINBERG (A213293) on 6 March. 9 Mar Co took part in the attack on OSSENBERG (A199302) and destroyed one Tiger Tank in that town. Plat Ldr of 1st Plat was killed in action and five (5) EM wounded in action. Continued to adv on the 10 Mar and closed with CCB on their objective WALLACH (A197338) at 1100, 10 Mar. During afternoon 10 Mar, Co was relieved along with CCB and closed in GREFRATH (A030055) at 1930, 11 Mar.

Co C plus 3rd Rcn Plat

Co attached to CCR and was moving at the beginning of the period. As CCR was the reserve CC and followed CCB, Co saw no action until it reach SCHAEPHUYSEN (A130169) 4 Mar where they destroyed two SP 88mm Guns and destroyed most of houses in the town. Co moved to GREFRATH (A035055) 5 Mar and spent rest of the period training and preparing for future operations.

12 Mar to 24 Mar

- During this period, the TD Co's were under the operational control of the Bn. They remained in the CC's area Vic GREFRATH (A030055). All TD Co's trained for direct fire at night. Conducted small arms target practice and night crossing of treadway bridges; also, assisted in guarding bridges in 8th Armd Div area. Bn passed to operational control of the 79 Inf Div, with Co A under operational control of 315 Inf Regt, Co B under operational control 313 Inf Regt. Gun positions were selected and prepared on the Western dyke of the RHINE River in the 79 Inf Div sector. At close of period Co A, B, and C were in assembly areas, BUDBERG EVERSAL (A252285), LOHMULE (A255243), BAERL (A263223). Hq Co remained in GREFRATH (A030055). Rcn Co remained under 8th Armd Div control.

24 Mar to 31 Mar

- Hq, Hq Co (-), Rcn Co (-)

Bn CP at ORSOY (A271255) at beginning of period. Supervised direct fire in support of 79 Inf Div's crossing of RHINE R. Moved across RHINE R and closed FREIDRICHFELD (A245373) at 1200, 27 Mar. Continued moving E and at close of period in Vic ZWICKEL (A446332).

Co A plus 1st Rcn Plat

At the beginning of the period occupied direct fire positions on the W dyke of RHINE River during the initial crossing. Joined CCA 0245 hrs, 27 Mar. Crossed RHINE River, engaged in action and at end of period was located just S of DORSTEN (A471391).

Co B plus 2d Rcn Plat

Occupied direct fire positions at beginning of period, Vic ORSOY on Western dykes of RHINE River. Joined CCB at 1515 hrs, 27 Mar. Crossed RHINE River and was located at KIRCHHELEN (A443345) at close of period.

Co C plus 3rd Rcn Plat

Occupied direct fire positions at beginning of period Vic BAERL (A263223). Joined CCR at 0245 hrs, 27 Mar and crossed RHINE River; was in action Vic WESTERNHOLT with CCR at close of period.

SUPPLY

1. Supply: Class I, III, and V supply for units of Bn attached to CG's was handled by S-4's of CG's. Supply was excellent.
2. Transportation: The organic transportation of the Bn was not sufficient to handle Bn's basic load of gas and oil and ammunition without overloading. No re-supply to Bn was possible when Bn was moving.
3. Evacuation:
 - a Personnel - Bn was furnished with ambulance from 78th Med Bn Armd which was entirely adequate to handle all evacuation made thru Bn Aid station.
 - b Materiel - From Bn to higher echelon without difficulty.
4. Roads and Circulation: Excellent.
5. Salvage and Captured Materiel:
 - a Salvage - Only small quantities of Class II items were salvaged during month.
 - b No material was captured.

COMMAND

1. Results of Operations:

Ammunition Expended

	<u>HE</u>	<u>APC</u>	<u>HV APC</u>
Direct	2682	267	8
Indirect	1740	0	0
Total	4422	267	8

Concentrations fired: 150 - with FA Bns.
Vehicles lost by enemy action: 3 M-18's, 1 Trk $\frac{1}{2}$ ton lch,
Enemy materiel destroyed: 2 Tks Mark V
1 Tk Mark VI
4 SP 88mm Guns
1 German Halftrack
1 Locomotive
Germans killed - 7, PW's captured - 47

2. Combat Efficiency: The 3 M-18's destroyed by enemy action had not been replaced, and 2 others were in Ordnance. Bn total - 31 operational.
3. Comments on Employment of Unit: None

For the Commanding Officer

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