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AFTER ACTION REPORT for the MONTH OF MARCH 1945

821st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION APO 339 UNITED STATES ARMY

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I SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1. Continued PHASE IX: The Drive to the North and East from Julich.

a. During the period, 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, the 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion remained attached to the 29th Division Artillery.

(1) At the beginning of the period, 1 March 1945, elements of the 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion were employed in the Division zone as follows.

(a) Company "A" was in assembly position, in Division reserve, in the vicinity of Otzenrath, map coordinates 110755.

(b) The 1st and 2nd Platoons of Company "B" were in direct fire positions in the vicinity of Waat, map coordinates 130835. The 3rd Platoon of Company "B" was in direct fire position in the vicinity of Sasserath, map coordinates 110810.

(c) The 1st Platoon of Company "C" was in direct fire position in the vicinity of Wanlo, map coordinates 075785. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons were in direct fire positions in the vicinity of Gudderath, map coordinates 095815.

(d) The 1st Reconnaissance Platoon was with the 1st and 2nd Platoons of Co "B", the 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon was with the 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Co "C" and the 3rd Reconnaissance Platoon was with Company "A".

b. On 1 March 1945 the 29th Infantry Division continued to advance and attacked to complete the reduction and occupation of Munchen Gladbach. Elements of the 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion continued to advance with elements of the 29th Infantry Division.

(1) Company "B" was in general support of the lifth Infantry Regiment. Company "B"'s Destroyer Platoons moved forward with the lifth Infantry Regiment to the vicinity of Korschenbroich, map coordinates 145888. The 3rd Platoon took up defensive positions in Kerschenbroich and remained there until relieved of their operational mission. The 1st and 2nd Platoons advanced to the vicinity of Hergbroich, map coordinates 142905 and remained there until relieved of their operational mission.

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(2) Company "C" was in general support of the 175th Infantry Regiment. Company "C"'s Destroyer Platoons moved forward with the 175th Infantry Regiment, the 1st Platoon to the vicinity of Dahl, map coordinates 088878, where it remained until relieved of its operational mission; the 2nd and 3rd Platoons to the vicinity north of Manchen Gladbach, map coordinates 105905, where they remained until relieved of their operational missions.

(3) Company "A", as Division reserve, followed close behind the attacking elements and remained in a position of readiness for immediate employment.

(4) Reconnaissance Platoons moved with the forward elements of the companies to which they were attached.

c. On 2 March 1945 the 2nd Armored Division, on the right and the XIII Corps, on the left, closed in on the 29th Division front to pinch off the Division and relieve it of its operational mission.

d. At 1430 hours, 2 March 1945, all elements of the Battalion were relieved of their operational missions. The Battalion immediately went into an assembly area in the vicinity of Giesenkerchen, map coordinates 1385, for a period of rehabilitation. The Battalion remained in the rehabilitation area from 2 March 1945 to 31 March 1945.

(1) During the period 2 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 the Battalion engaged in intensive training in preparation for offensive action. Vehicles and equipment were maintained for immediate employment.

e. On 31 March 1945, the Battalion moved, by administrative motor march, from the rehabilitation area in the vicinity of Giesenkerchen, map coordinates 1385, to an assembly area in the vicinity of Mollen, map coordinates 275322. The Battalion was in assembly position, in this area, at the close of the period, 31 March 1945.

II BATTLE CASUALTIES

1. There were no battle casualties during the month of March 1945.

III AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. For gallantry in action against the enemy, on the dates following their names, the following officers and enlisted men were awarded the Silver Star Medal.

Capt Edward A. Burke 0-440563 Capt Herman H. Von Benge 0-1821656 Capt Floyd F. Ginder 0-1166272 1st Lt Victor E. Musser 0-1826020 1st Lt Bill Rinkle 0-1824370 1st Lt Thomas H. Rush 0-1825063	28 27 28 27	February February February February February	1945 1945 1945 1945
S/Sgt John B. Leaird 20956910 S/Sgt Marinus J. Nieken 36343493 Sgt Ralph L. Lopez 39837083 Sgt Floyd G. Arlin 39406332 Sgt John N. Apodaca 39119807(Posthumous) Cpl Vernon M. Squier 39406885	25 1 25 27	February February March February February February	1945 1945 1945 1945 1945

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2. For heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy, on the dates following their names, the following named officers and enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

lst Lt Russell L. Clayton 0-1823838	24 February 1945
lst Lt Thomas H. Rush 0-1825063	28 February 1945
Sgt Wayne E. Lansing 39275337 Sgt Scott W. Nichols 38129031 Sgt Edward J. Cosgrove 31315097 Sgt Raymond N. Ludwig 37185564 Sgt Stanley E. Patrick 39552779 Sgt Wilho J. Seikkula 39615315 Cpl Matthew J. Berry 32706848 Cpl Gerald J. Petrelli 39460386 Tec 5 James A. Gayler 38141552 Tec 5 Joseph Badboy 37268906 PFC Robert V. Leydon 37704424	28 February 1945 26 February 1945 24 February 1945 25 February 1945 1 March 1945 27 February 1945 28 February 1945 25 February 1945 24 February 1945 28 February 1945

3. For meritorious service in military operations against the enemy, the following named officers and enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Major Alton F. Balkman 0-407431 Captain Walker W. Reed 0-478850 Captain Carl L. Miller 0-355385 Captain Frank T. Savage 0-1825710 Captain Harry G.J. Sweed U-1169361 1st Lt Rufus Smith Jr U-18255754 1st It Jack A. Mac Slarrow 0-1823029 1st Lt James W. McQuown 0-1824657 1st Lt Victor E. Musser 0-1826020 2nd Lt Lloyd J. Picou 0-518204 lst Sgt Milton R. Blunt 39235700 T/Sgt Harola D. Streeter 39308571 T/Sgt Ray A. Wniton 20956496 S/Sgt Richard H. Usher 20950091 S/Sgt Duffea Maters 37067052 Sgt Malter H. Acord 38563371 Sgt Archie R: Lowery Jr 32846914 Sgt Frederick E. Stan1 33572050 Sgt Raymond A. Pratt Jr 18115217 Sgt Edward M.F. Brennan 32705631 Tec 4 Carl C. Collins 37184755 Tec 4 Charles A. Potter 39854433 Tec 4 Haymond J. Davis 37203511 Tec 5 Dailey ...icker 39406940 Tec 5 Paul Burgess 18104621 PFC Henry Hess Jr 32594951

4. The Oak leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in military operations against the enemy.

> Lt Col Howard H. Arbury 0-255103 1st It Dale N. Hichardson 0-1823646 S/Sgt Leslie C. Clauson 39309392 S/Sgt Hallace M. Elliott 38157016 Sgt Joe Crispy 38128830 Spl Donald E. McEvoy 39119620



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5. For bravery in the presence of the enemy the following named officer and enlisted men were awarded the Croix De Guerre.

lst Lt John B. Dille Jr 0-522754	10 September 1945
lst Sgt John B. Leaird 20956910	10 September 1945
Cpl Donald C. McCielian 39552951	10 September 1945
Cpl Albert B. Furguson 17041859	10 September 1945
PFC Langard P. Darter 35352864	31 July 1945

6. The Purple Heart was awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates following their names.

Captain Dale A. Nafziger 0-526610	1 March 1945
1st Lt Thomas L. Rush U-1825063	23 February 1945
2nd Lt James J. Pollitt 0-1822723	1 March 1945
Cpl Donald C. McClellan 39552951	27 February 1945
Cpl Laurence L. Cailiau 39119721	27 February 1945
Cpl Kenneth E. Hodson 39406898	1 March 1945
PFC Donald E. Rice 39119525	27 February 1945
Pvt Thomas Stopanio 32708470	27 February 1945

IV COMMANDING OFFICERS

1. It Col Howard H. Arbury was in command of the Battalion for the period from 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945.

2. Company Commanders for the period from 1 March to 31 March 1945, were as listed below:

Company "A" - Capt Edward A. Burke Company "B" - Capt Floyd F. Ginder Company "C" - Capt Dale A. Nafgiger Rcn Company - Capt Herman H. Von Benge Hq. Company - Capt Harry G. J. Sweed

HOWARD H. ARBURY Lt Col., FA COMMANDING

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S-1 JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945:

1st MARCH: The 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion continued attachment to 29th Division Artillery, supporting the attack of the 29th Infantry Divison to the north and east from Julich, Germany.

The Battalion C.P. remained vic of Borschemich, coordinates 092764. Headquarters Co.- Rear Echelon, vicinity one mile south of Titz, 0766. <u>Company "A"</u> C. P. and 3 Platoons left assembly positions vicinity of Bf-Otzenrath, arrived assembly position vic. Rheydt, coords 0986 at 1600 hrs. <u>Company "B"</u> - C.P. vicinity of Holz, coordinates 1177. 1st and 2nd Platoons of "B" left direct fire positions at Watt, coords. 132838, at 0700 hrs. 3ri Platoon left vicinity Sasserath at 0700 hrs. All 3 Platoons supported 116th Infantry Regiment's drive on Korschenbroich, coords. 1488. Reached objective at 1100 hrs; 3rd Platoon set up Anti-Tank defense. 1st and 2nd Platoons, "B", assisted in drive on Herzbroich, coords. 1490. Objective reached 1600 hrs, then to Neersbroich, coords. 1293.

Company "C" - C.P. vicinity Wickrathberg, coords. 0779. 1st Platoon left vicinity Manlo at 0800 hrs, arrived vic. Dahl, coords. 0888, at 1900 hours. 2nd Platoon left vic Gudderath at 0715 hrs, arrived vic. of Munchen-Gladbach coords. 1090, at 1900 hrs. 3rd Platoon left vic. Gudderath at 0715 hours, arrived vicinity Munchen-Gladbach, coordinates 1090, at 1900 hours. Company "C" took a total of six prisoners of war.

Reconnaissance Company - C. P. and Pioneer Platoon remained at Borschemich, coords. 092764. 1st Platoon, attached to Company "B", moved from vic. Sasserath to vic. Ruckes, coords. 131862. 2nd Platoon, attached to Company "C", vicinity of Wickrathberg, coords. 0780. 3rd Platoon, attached Company "A", moved from vicinity Otzenrath to vicinity Hochneukirch, coords. 111791.

2nd MARCH: Bn. C.P. moved from vic. Borschemich to vic. Stahn, coords 1385. Company MAM - C.P. and 3 Platoons left vic. Rheydt at 1400 hrs, arrived new assembly positions, vic. of Stahn, coords. 129848.

Company "B" - 1st and 2nd Platoons left direct fire position, vic. Neersbroich at 1500 hrs. 3rd Platoon left direct fire position, vic. Korschenbroich at 1500 hrs. All platoons closed in Rehabilitation area, vicinity Stahn, coordinates 130849.

Company "C" - C. P. left vicinity Wickrathberg, arrived vic. 3/4 mile east of Rheydt, coords. 1285, at 1530 hours. 1st Platoon left vicinity Dahl at 1700 hours, arrived vicinity Rheydt, coords. 1285 at 1800 hours. 2nd Plat. left vic. Munchen-Gladbach at 1700 hrs, arrived vic. Rheydt, coords 1285, at 1815 hrs. 3rd Platoon left vic. Munchen-Gladbach at 1700 hrs, arrived vic. Rheydt, coords. 1285, at 1800 hours,

Reconnaissance Co. - Hqs. and Pioneer Platoon moved from vic. Borschemich, to vic. Stahn, coords. 1385, arriving 1345 hours. 1st Platoon attached to "B" Co. moved from vic. Ruckes, to vic. Stahn, coords. 1385, arrived 1730. 2nd Platoon attached to "C" moved from vic. Wickrathberg to vic. of Stahn, coords. 1385, arrived 1530 hours. 3rd Platoon attached to "A" Co., moved from vic. Hochneukirch to vic. Stahn, coords 1385, arrived 1530 hrs. All Reconnaissance Platoons in assembly positions with Company to which attached.

3rd MARCH: Hq. Co. Rear moved from vicinity Titz to vic. Stahn, coords 1384, arriving at 0900 hours. Bn. complete, assembled in Rehabilitation Area.

Lth MARCH: No change in dispositions. Following program stressing care and maintenance of equipment.

5th MARCH: Training and Maintenance program being followed in Rehabilitation area.





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- <u>Sth MARCH: -- 30th MARCH:</u> During this period the Battalion remained at the previously indicated positions, continuing the Rehabilitation Program. During this period the Destroyer Companies participated in Infantry - Tank Destroyer exercises.
- Battalion moved from vicinity of Giesenkerchen and Stahn, Germany to vicinity of Mollen, Germany, coordinates 275314. The crossing of the Rhine River was via Love Bridge. First unit left I.P. at 1315A; Battalion C.P. closed new area at 1830A hours.



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S-2 JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945:

1st MARCH:

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- 0830: Magr. from G-2: Received 29th Div. Periodic Report.
- 0920: Radio from "B" Coy: Lost one Jeep vic. Waal. Enemy shell fire.
- 0925: Radio from 2nd TD Grp: Long column moving toward objective "Pike", air will hit it.
- 1730: Radio from Rcn 1: 1st Rcn. located at 131862.

2nd MARCH:

- 1500: Magr. from 2nd TD Grp: Received S-2 Periodic Report No. 181.
- 1600: Msgr. from 29th Inf: Received Periodic Report No. 259.
- 1715: Msgr. from XIX Corps and 29th Inf: Received Periodic Reports.

3rd MARCH:

- 1045: Tel. from Div Arty 2: Received orders to initiate search of all homes in our area for firearms, knives, demolitions.
- 1050: Tel. to All Coys: Above msg. called to all Coys: Search to be made by Exec. Off. and 2 men from ea. Coy, to take place at 1300.
- 1130: Msgr. from XIX Corps: Rec'd Per. Rept 252 and Intel. Bulletin.
- 1540: Tel. to G-2: Issued Periodic Report No. 226.

4th MARCH:

0830: Msgr. to G-2: Issued Periodic Report No. 227.

5th MARCH:

- 0930: Msgr. from 2nd TD Grp: Received S-2 Periodic Report No. 182.
- 0930: Msgr. from XIX Corps: Rec'd Per. Rept, Arty Rept and Intel. Bul.
- 1000: <u>Magr. to All Coys</u>: S-2 issued orders to population ordering all civilians off street at 1200 hours daily.
- 1530: Msgr. from 2nd TD Grp and XIX Corps: Received Grp. S-2's Est. of Situation, and Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 262.
- 1540: Tel. to G-2: Issued Periodic Report No. 228.
- 1600: Bn. S-2 returned from checking on civilian compliance with orders.
- 2000: Three Polish P.W.'s placed under guard.

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6th MARCH:

- 0800: Polish P.W.'s directed Ba. 5-2 to home of Masi solaier, who was apprehended and taken to P.W. cuge.
- 1000: Tel to Div. 2: Issued Periodic Report No. 229.

7th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr from Div 2: Received Periodic Report No. 205.
- 0900: Msgr to Ali Coys: One copy of "Translation: Protection Against Energy Mine Cirg. Tks." sent to each Company.
- 1530: Tel to Div 2: Periodic Report No. 230 issued.
- 1610: To all Coys: Bn. C.O. ordered that all packages must be censored by this Headquarters before mailing.

8th MARCH:

- 1400: Bn. S-2 instructed Co. Ex. Off's on looting, fraternisation, etc.
- 1600: Msgr from 2nd TD Grp: Received road net overlay (E. of Rhine)
- 1030: Tel. to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 2,0 issued.

9th MARCH:

- 1700: Issued Intelligency Summary. Bn. S-2 gave orientation to Co. Exec. Off's. Issued memo. on "Rumors".
- 1715: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 231 issued.
- 1730: Msgr. from XIX Corps: Received Periodic Report No. 266.

10th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from Div. 2: Received Periodic Report No. 268.
- 1600: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 232 issued.

11th MARCH:

1130: Msgr from XIX Corps: Received Periodic Report No. 268 1630: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 233 issued.

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12th MARCH:

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- 0800: Tel from 29th Div G-2: Time for civilians to be out is now 0700 to 1800. No limit to number of persons from each household. This info. sent to All Companies.
- 0950: Msgr. from XIX Corps: Received Periodic Report.
- 1550: Issued Unnumbered Memo: "Civilian passes signed by the following persons will be recognized: Lt. Pellegrin, Military Govt and Boucher, Provincial Mayor. These passes will be typewritten on white paper in both German and English. Info to all men of Hn.
- 1630: Tel to 29th Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 234 issued.

13th MARCH:

- 1100: Msgr. from XIX Corps: Received Periodic Report.
- 1600: Bn. Officers' Meeting. See S-3 Journal (13th) for details.
- 1630: Issued Periodic Report No. 235.

lith MARCH:

- 0820: Msgr. from 29th Div: Received Periodic Report No. 272.
- 1530: Major Pomhida, Mil. Gov't, gave lecture on Mil. Gov't. First class of 6 hour class.
- 1600: Magr. from XIX Corps: Received Periodic Report No. 271.
- 1630: Tel. to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 236 issued.

15th MARCH:

- 1010: Megr. from S-2: G.G. Div. Arty. orders that no ensuy firearms in any form will be allowed to be sent home. All Coys. disseminate.
- 1330: Major Powhida gave 2nd Class on Mil. Gov't.
- 1330: Bn. 8-2 to III Corps.
- 1530: Tel. to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 237 issued.

16th MARCH:

- 1330: Locture on Mil. Gov't (To Ba. two groups)
- 1430: Mosgr from XIX Corps: Received Periodic Report No. 272
- 1530: Tel to Div. 2: Issued Periodic Report 238.
- 1800: Magr. to All Coys: Issued Weekly Intelligence Summary

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17th MARCH:

0930: Msgr from 29th Div: Received Periodic Report No. 275

0930: Bn. S-2 to Latitude for I and E Meeting.

- 1540: Tel to 29th Div: Periodic Received issued.
- 1800: Msgr. to All Coys: Non Fraternization posters issued.

18th MARCH:

- 0800: Bn. S-2 to XIX Corps.
- 1130: Msgr from XIX Corps: Received Spot Report (G-2) Sent to All Coys.
- 1640: Tel to 29th Div: Periodic Report No. 240 issued.

19th MARCH:

- 0830: Bn. S-2 to Division I. and E. meeting.
- 0830: Msgr. from 29th Div.: Received Periodic Report No. 277
- 1330: Bn. S-2 to XIX Corps.
- 1600: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 241 issued.

20th MARCH:

- 1100: Msgr. from XIX Corps: Received Feriodic Report No. 277
- 1330: Bn. S-2 to XIX Corps.
- 1400: Msgr. from Div. 2: Received Period Report No. 279
- 1630: Tel. to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 242 issued.

21st MARCH:

- 0830: Bn. S-2 to 29th Div. U/G.
- 1520: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 243 issued.

22nd MARCH:

0830: 3 Civilians violating time regulations, detained 3 hrs and warned.

1530: Tel. to Deiv 2: Periodic Report 244 issued.

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23rd MARCH:

- U825: Tel from AMG: Not necessary to check civilian passes until further notice. Hours (incl.) now 0700 to 1800. Sent to all Companies.
- 1330: Bn. S-2 to XIX Corps.

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1800: Msgr. to All Coys: Issued I. and E. Summary.

24th MARCH:

- 1400: All Coys. report compliance with security memo. and Montgy's message.
- 1600: Tel. to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 246 issued.

25th MARCH:

- 1500: Msgr. to All Coys: M I D Bulletin issued Jan copy.
- 1600: Tel to Div 2: Periodic Report No. 247 issued.

26th MARCH:

- 0800: Msgr. from Div. 2: Received Periodic Report.
- 1300: Bn. S-2 went to XIX Corps.
- 1500: Tel. to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 248 issued.

27th March:

0940: Msgr. to All Coys: Memo 115, Ninth Army, to be read to all personnel.

1500: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 249 issued.

28th MARCH:

0900: Bn. S-2 checked all Companies on security.

1500: Tel to Div. 2: Feriodic Report No. 250 issued.

29th MARCH

<u>1100: Msgr to All Coys</u>: Copy XIX Corps Letter 24 March- Captured Sig Instl. 1550: Tei to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 250 issued.

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30th MARCH:

1630: Tel to Div. 2: Periodic Report No. 251 issued.

2000: Msgr. from 121st Engr: Received assortment of maps.

<u>31st MARCH</u>:

18(X): Bn. moved to Mollen, Germany. Closed 1800.

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S-3 JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945:

1st MARCH:

- 0200: Msgr. from G-3: Received Letter of Instruction No. 92.
- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received P.R. 262 and overlay, w/mine clearance.
- <u>O840</u>: <u>Tel to "A" Coy</u>: Directed "A" Coy to move to forward assembly area vicinity "B" so they could give better support as Div. Reserve.
- 0845: Bn. S-3 went out to "A" Coy.

2100: Msgr to 2 TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Operation1 T.D. Report 129.

2nd MARCH:

- 0800: Msgr from G-3: Received G-3 P.R. No. 262 and overlay.
- 0900: <u>Tel from Div A.T.O.</u>: Send officer to meet Major McCoy by 0930 to get assigned areas for rehabilitation.
- 0900: Msgr from G-3: Received Letter of Instruction No. 93.
- 1500: Bn. C.P. closed area moved to new location at (1500) coordinates 12858485. Rcn CP and Pioneer Plat (1430 hrs). Co "A" at 1500 hrs.
- 1505: Major Watts, Div. A.T.O., stopped at C.P.
- 1510: Div. A.T.O.: Coy "B" relieved of operational status as of 1430.
- 2000: Msgr to G-3 at Div Arty: Sent overlay of Company Areas.
- 2100: Tel from Div Arty 3: Meeting of Bn. Comdrs, War Room 020900 March.
- 2100: Tel from Hq. Rr: Div. wants 5 trucks (22 for tommorrow's moving). Answer from C.O.: - Give them trucks.
- 2330: Msgr to Azure and Div A.T.O.: Sent Operational Report No. 130.

3rd MARCH:

- 0815: Bn. C.O. went to meeting at War Room.
- 0910: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 264.
- 0940: Tel. from 2nd TD Grp: Rec'd call! How many M-10's Operational? Answer: 29 - 2 in shop.
- 1300: Tel from Div Arty Exec: G-1 wants overlay of bldgs. Bn. occupies.
- 1320: Bn. C.U. went to Corps.
- 1700: Msgr to G-1: Sent plan of buildings occupied by our units.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: No change in disposition. 31 Oper'l, 1 in shop.
- 2000: Msgr to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Operational Report No. 131.



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4th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 265.
- 0840: Bn. C.O. went out to inspect units.
- 1500: Tel to 2nd TD Orp: No change in disposition. 32 Oper'l, 1- in shop.
- 1800: Msgr to Army, 2nd TD Grp, Div ATO: Sent out substitution request.
- 2100: Msgr to 2nd TD Grp, Div ATO: Sent Operational Report No. 131.

5th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Operation Report No. 266.
- 08h5: Bn. Exec. Officer went to Army with Hqs Co. C.O.
- 1130: Msgr to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Weekly Operational Rept 132.
- 1215: Bn. C. O. went to inspect Hq. Co.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp and Div Arty 3: Arty Rept. (33 Oper'l, 1 in shop)
- 1630: All Coys, 2nd TD Grp, Medics, Staff: Sent out Training Schedule.
- 2120: Msgr to 2nd TD Grp: Sent out Operational Report No. 133.
- 2130: Msgr to "A", "B", "C": Sent out Declination Station overlay.

6th MARCH:

- 0900: Msgr. from G-3: Report No. 267.
- 0930: Bn. S-3 went out to firing range.
- 1215: Bn. S-3 and Exec. Officer want out on inspection.
- 1330: General Sands and his aid visited Bn. C.P.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: No change disposition. 34 M-10's Operational.
- 2100: Magr to 2nd TD Grp and Div A20: Sent Operational Report No. 134.

- 0830: Magr. from G-3: Received G-3 Periodic Report No. 268.
- 1035: Tel to Div ATO: Called to get clearance on Carbine range (120841)
- 1150; Magr to All Coys: Sent out un-numbered memo. on picture shows.
- 1800: Tel to All Coys: No vehicles will move without dispatch. Vehicular movement will be kept at a minimum. No vehicle will move after dark unless given permission by this Hqs.



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8th MARCH:

0730: Bn. C. O. went on leave.

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- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report.
- 0900: Bn. S-3 went to inspect Hq. and "C" Coy's training.
- 1400: Lt. Dudley from 2nd T.D. Group stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 2100: Msgr. to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent out Opert'l Rept No. 136.

9th MARCH:

- 0830: Via Msgr from G-3: Received G-3 Periodic Report No. 270.
- 1000: Bn. S-3 went up to visit Division Artillery.
- 1010: Major Smith and Lt. Dudley of 2nd T.D. Group stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1150: Rec'd via Msgr. from G-3: Received Administrative Order.
- 1530: Tel. to 2nd T.D. Grp: Sent Arty Rept, 32 Optl, 3 in shop. No change.
- 1700: <u>Msgr to Coys, 2nd TD Grp, Div Arty and Div ATO</u>: Sent out Training Schedule for next week.
- 2100: Msgr to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent out T.D. Oper. Rept No 137.

10th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received G-3 Periodic Report No. 271.
- 1020: Commanding General, 29th Div., stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1310: To All Coys: Sent out Training Cir. No. 6, 29th Div.
- 1950: <u>Msgr. from G-3</u>: Disregard boundaries shown Ltr. of Instr. No. 94, 29th Inf. Div. Mo movement required.
- 2130: Msgr. to 2nd T.L. Grp and Div ATO: Sent Operation Report No. 139.

- 0200: Msgr. from G-3: Received Letter of Instruction No. 94.
- 1100: Bn. C.O. returned to C.P. from leave.
- 1530: <u>Tel to 2nd T.D. Grp</u>: Called Arty Report. No change in disposition, 34 destroyers - 2 in shop.
- 2100: <u>Msgr to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO</u>: Sent in Daily and Weekly T.D. Operational Report No. 140 and No. 141.

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12th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 273.
- 0945: Major Watts, Div. A.T.O. stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1010: Received Administrative Order. Sent out new W P to all Companies.
- 1015: Bn. Executive Officer went out to inspect all companies.
- 1530: Tel. to 2nd T.^J. Grp: Sent Arty Rept. No change in disposition. 35 M-10's operational - 1 in shop.
- 2100: Msgr. to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Oper'l Report No. 142.

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic G-3 Report No. 274.
- 0910: Major Green of 2nd T.D. Group stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1030: Bn. S-3 went down to inspect "B" Company.
- 1035: Msgr. to Rcn. and Hqs: Sent out TDS 107, June 43, 1 per Coy.
- 1115: Msgr. to "A", "B", "C": Sent out Changes to T/O and T/E 18-25.
- 1300: Major Zimmerman, Army A.T.O., stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1315: Battalion C.O. went to Corps.
- 1525: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Sent Arty Rept. 36 M-10's Oper'l. No change.
- 1540: Msgr to Div Arty: Sent letter on Orientation Officers and Men.
- 1600: Battalion Officers' Meeting: Read memo's on looting (Report to be submitted to S-2 when info. has been diseminated to personnel) Memo. No. 7 XIX Corps, No. 36 29th Div. Explained difference between looting and authorized seizure of property. Mess equipment now on hand may be retained, any further seizure on mess equipment, furniture, stoves, or bedding to be cleared through this Headquarters. No moving of furniture, bedding or stoves belonging to civi-lians upon leaving this area. Authority to clear this area to be given by this Hqs.; there will be no further destruction of property (ex. M-10's running into houses). Souvenirs consist of military property only and in order to be a souvenir it must have no immediate military value. Stocks of liquor discovered will be placed under guard and a sample turned into Bn. Surgeon for testing. If found 0.K. unit have it. Trailers and like property must be cleared thru Mil. Govt. This Hqs. to be notified. C.O.'s will censor all pkgs mailed. Full resp. resting on them. Transp. to be held C.O.'s to know where and to minimum. Each veh. have trip ticket. when vehs. are put. No EM or officer to be out of this area without permission. All ornaments to be removed from vehs. inaccord-ance with Cir. 7 XIX Corps. German equip. will not be worn by personnel of this unit. If found it will be confiscated. U.S. Gov't property will not be sold. Possibility of acquiring light tanks for M-8's and M-20's. Mil. discipline and courtesy exc. at this time. Keep men clean and busy. Don't fraternize. Yellow gas cans S.O.P.
- 2100: Msgr to Div ATO and 2nd TD Grp: Sent Oper'l Report No. 142.





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14 MARCH:

- 0835: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 275
- 0930: Megr to "A", "B", "C", Rons Sent Trng Cir No. 6 (29th Div)
- 0950: Bn. C.O. went to meeting up at Division.
- 1040: Major Watts, Div. A.T.C., stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1340: Msgr to all Coys: S.P. gun at coordinates 133854, for practice Basooka firing. Coy's will not exp. more than a max. of (15)rds. Baz. anno. in firing. Clear firing through this Hqs. Supply sufficient number of range guards to insure safety in firing.
- 1500: Msgr. to All Coys: Sent out Training Memo. No. 2.
- 2100: Magr. to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Operational TD Report 143.

15 MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received G-3 Periodic Report No. 276.
- 0920: Bn. S-3 went down to inspection Company "A".
- 1000: Bn. S-3 returned to C.P.
- 1020: Bn. S-3 went to look for 81mm Mortar Range.
- 1300: Bn. C.O. went out to inspect 81 mm mortar firing.
- 1520: Major Watts, Div ATO, and Major McCoy, Div Arty 4, stopped at C.P.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Sent Arty Rept. 36 M-10's Oper'l. No change disp.
- 1600: Col. Warfield stopped at C.P.
- 1800: Had Company Commanders Meeting.
- 2000: Magr to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Oper'l T.D. Report No. 145.

16 MARCH:

- 0750: Msgr. from 0-3: Received Feriodic Report No. 277
- 0900: Bn. S-3 went out to check on a driving range.
- 1430: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Sent Arty Rept., 33 Optl, 3 in ord. No chg disp.
- 1600: <u>Msgr. to All Coys</u>: Sent out Panel Placing Diagrams and told Coy's to hold practical demon. and destroy document after compliance.
- 1920: Msgr to All Coys: Sent out poop on I. & E. Men rept to S-2 on 19th and 20th. Also on all Carbines being placed in Gym prior to 0830 Sun.
- 2100: Msgr to Div ATO and 2nd TD Grp: Sent Operational Report No. 146.



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17th MARCH:

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- 0820: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic G-3 Report No. 278.
- 0830: Bn. C.O., Executive and S-3 went out to inspect Companies.
- 1245: Magr.: Sent Training Schedule for next week to interested parties.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Arty Rept. 33 Oper'l, 3 in shop. No chg. disp.
- 1630: Msgr to Div A 3, Div ATO: Sent change in training schedule.
- 2100: Megr to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Oper'l TD Report No. 147

18th MARCH:

- 0750: Tel to All Coys: Advised there would be an ordnance inspection at 0900A today of 30% of their combat vehicles.
- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 279.
- 1210: Tel from 2nd TD Orp: Capt. Fristag of 2nd TD Orp. was contact for band. Ans.: Will have one there for your parade at 1330.
- 1345: All staff turned out for parade and presentation of awards.
- 1500: Tel from Army: Major Zimmerman called: Said he had checked on bore brushes and we should have no trouble in getting them.
- 2100: Megr. from S-3: Sent out TD Oper'l Report No. 148.

- OShO: Megr. from 0-3: Received Periodic Report No. 280.
- 0850: Bn. S-3 went out to inspect light tank instruction.
- 1155: Bn. C.O. want out to check "A" Coy's problem.
- 1205: Tel. to All Coys: Phoned that light tank instruction would be at 1300 hrs. this afternoon, same place.
- 1455: Tel. to 2nd T.D. Grp.: Artillery report. 33 Operation, 3 M-10's in shop. No change in disposition.
- 1600: Tel. to All Coys: Advised Companies that there Orientation Officer Would report to E.M.'s mess at latitude Mednesday morning at 0900, for an Intelligence and Educational discussion. Tank instruction same place, same time.
- 2100: Magr to 2nd T.D. Grp and Div ATO: Sent Oper'l T.D. Report No 1kg.





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20th MARCH:

- <u>0815</u>: <u>Tel from Conquer</u>: Major Zimmerman called, said bore brushes were available at our Div. Ordnance. He said he had checked with Col. O'Shields and he said they did have them.
- 0820: <u>Tel to Div. Ord.</u>: Col. called ^{Ma}j. Goetz at Div. and he replied they didn't have any but would check on the situation again.
- 1200: <u>Tel. to All Coys</u>: Notified "B", "C" and half of Rcn. of Sex Morality lecture at 1400 hrs. "A", Hqs. and half of Rcn. Co. at 1430 hrs.
- 1450: Tel to All Coys: Notified Companies Inf. units will be reforming in our Bn. area for a night problem at approx. 2300 hours.
- 1540: Tel to 2nd TD Grp and Div Arty: No chg in disp. 34 Operl, 2 in shop.
- 1550: Tel to All Coys: Coy. Comdrs. meeting at 1700 hours.
- 1800: Capt. Frietag and Capt Phillips stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 2100: Msgr. to Div ATO and 2nd TD Grp: Sent Oper'l Report No. 149

21st MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 282
- 0900: Bn. S-3 went up to check on "A" Coy's firing of Bazooka.
- 1030: Bn. C. U. went to check Hqs. Co.
- 1340: Bn. S-3 went to Lemon and Limestone.
- 1500: Bn. 5-3 Returned to C.P. Sent out change to Training Schedule.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: 35 M-10's Oper'l, 1 in shop.
- 1700: All Staff went to presentation of Silver or Bronze Stars.
- 1900: Msgr from 115th Regt: Rec'd Ltr of Instr 13 (Battle Prob. #1)
- 2100: Msgr. to Div ATO and 2nd TD Grp: Sent Operational TD Report No. 150.

22nd MARCH:

- 0810: Msgr. from G-3; Received Periodic G-3 Report No. 283.
- <u>Q820:</u> <u>Called all Coys</u>: Will be demonstration of firing of Panser Faust and German Bazooka's by "B" Co. at SP gun at 1500 hrs. today.
- 0910: Bn C.O., Exec. and S-3 out to inspect Coys. Bn C.O. to Leopard.
- 1400: <u>Msgr to "C" Coy:</u> 1st Bn. holding meeting & issuing orders, outskirts of Otzenrath. You and Plat. Ldrs should be there at 1600A today.
- 2100: Msgr. to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent TD Operation Report No. 151.



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23rd MARCH:

- 0830: Mesgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 284
- 0910: Bn. S-3 and Exec. went out to check Carbine Range.
- 1010: Bn. C. O. went to Leopard.
- 1300: Bn. C. O. went to 2nd T.D. Group.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Arty Rept 36 M'10's Opt'l. No change disp.
- 1600: Tel to All Coys: Called for officers' meeting at 1930 hrs today.
- 1800: Tel from 115th: Want 1 Plat "A" Co. fir 115th.at 0900 hrs. Monday at coords. (132836) with "A" Co. of Red Bn. Plat. Ldr will report to above coord. for orient. on prob. either Sat. or Sunday.
- 2100: Msgr to 2 TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Opt'1 TD Report No. 152.

24th MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic G-3 report No. 285.
- 0850: Bn S-3 and B Coy C.O. went to ll6th Regt. to check on problems.
- 0900: Bn. C.O. went to check Hqs. and "A" Co.
- 1010: Msgr to "A", "B", "C": Sent 12 copies "Method of Detrm. Rgs by Worn Form.
- 1340: Bn. Exec. and S-3 went out to inspect.
- 1410: Bn. C.C. went to inspect Hqs. Co.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Sent Arty Rept- 36 Opert'l; No change disposition.
- 2100: Esgr. to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent OperT'l TD Report No. 153.

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Feriodic Report No. 286.
- 0900: Bn. Exec. and S-3 wat to inspect Companies.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Arty Rept. 36 Operational No change in disp.
- 1600: Msgr. to All Coys: Sent Training Schedules
- 1700: <u>Tel to All Coys</u>: Advised that loading on Monday would be a practice combat load. Everything but kitchens and switchboards.
- 1900: 2nd T.D. Group staff stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 2100: Msgr. to 2nd T.D. Grp. and Div ATO: Sent Opert1 TD Rept No. 154.



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26 MARCH:

0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Par. G-3 Report No. 287

0900: Bn. C. O. went out to check Range.

- 1000: <u>Mesgr and Tel to all Coys</u>: Sent targets and phoned instructions for use and police of Carbine Range.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Arty Rept . No change in disp. 36 M-EO's operl.
- 2100: Msgr. to 2nd T.D. Grp: Sent Operation T.D. Report No. 154.

27 MARCH:

- 0830: Received Periodic Report No. 288 from G-3.
- 0900: Bn. C. O. went to check Hqs. and then to Div. Arty.
- 0930: Bn. S-3 went to check Range.
- 1140: Major Watts, Div. ATG Officer, stopped at Bn. C.P.
- 1310: Bn. S-3 went out to check Companies.
- 1340: Bn. C.O. went to Div. Arty.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd T.D. Grp: Sent Arty Report. 30 Opertl. No chg in disp.
- 2100: Msgr to 2 TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Opertl Report No. 155.

28 MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 289.
- 0930: Bn. S-3 went out to check firing at Carbine Range.
- 1530: Tel to 2nd TD Grp: Sent Arty Rept. 30 Operational. No chg disp.
- 1700: <u>Tel from Div Arty 3</u>: Div Arty wanted to know the distribution on the new light tanks. Answer: Don't know, haven't received them yet.
- 2100: Magr. from S-3 to 2nd TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent Operl Rept No. 157.

29 MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic G-3 Report No. 290.
- 0910: Bn. C.O. and S-3 went out to inspect all Companies.

1400: Bn. C. O. went up to Division Artillery.

- 1900: Sent out call to alert all quartering parties for movement after 300700A March.
- 2100: Magr to 2 TD Grp and Div ATO: Sent out Oper'l Report No. 158.
- 2355 : Magr from G-3: Rec'd overlay of area we will be bivouaced in.

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30 MARCH:

0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic G-j Report No. 291.

0905: Bn. S-3 went out to check all Companies.

0935: Bn. C.O. went out to Div. Arty.

1400: 12th T.D. Grp. S-3 and S-4 stopped at C.P.

- 1600: <u>Magr to All Coys</u>: Sent out strip road overlay to new location, also March tables.
- 1900: <u>Msgr from Div Arty:</u> Rec'd Ltr of Instr. No. 51 and Annex plus location of Div Arty as of 311200A March.
- 2000: Msgr. to All Coys: Sent out overlay of route to I.P.

31 MARCH:

- 0830: Msgr. from G-3: Received Periodic Report No. 292.
- 0835: Bn. C.O. went on leave to Rivers.
- 0930: Bn. Exec. and S-3 want out to check police of area before leaving.
- 1315: Ren. Co. hit I.P. at 1315. First unit.
- 1830: Bn. C.P. closed in new area (275314) at 1830.
- 2000: Tel from Div Arty: "B" Co. attached on movement for operations to lloth Infantry.

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2400: Journal closed for Month of March, 1945.





