

AFTER, AFTER BATTLE REPORT
No. IX

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UNIT : 823rd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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TIME : 031200 MARCH 1945

MAPS: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1/100,000
GERMANY, 1/25,000

01 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn, (621839), attached 30th Infantry Division
The 2 M-10s in ordnance and the one of " " Cos that was evacuated during the period, were lost to the battalion. 1 M-10 was delivered to B-2 which brings the total M-10s for which the battalion is accountable to 24.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (623840)
2 old men were received as reinforcements. Unit continued maintenance.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (625841)
Maintenance of all types was conducted. There was 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (585862)
Unit continued small arms refresher firing and maintenance.
1 M-10 became non-operational and was sent to battalion maintenance
There was 1 NBI.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (623839)
Test and practice firing of units 37mm guns were held, 60 rounds being expended. Practice firing was also held on German rifles, bazookas, hand grenades and mortars.

02 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (621839), attached 30th Infantry Division
At 1030 30th Inf Div and 823rd TD Bn were relieved from assignment to the First U.S. Army and attachment to the XVIII Corps (AB) and were assigned to the Ninth U.S. Army being attached to the XIX Corps after being alerted for a possible move to another tactical sector, unit spent the period preparing to move, cleaning areas and waiting for starting times. Quartering parties left under Lt FRANK at 1500. After all the work completed notice was received that movement would be by battalion rather than by Combat Teams and that no move would be made by this organization during the period. Unit then unpacked. The "C" Co M-10 was evacuated to ordnance. One group of 1 officer and EM returned from PARIS pass.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (623840)
Preparations were completed for movement to new area.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (625841)
Some M-10s were test fired and new gunners were tried with an ammunition expenditure of 25 rounds HB. One 1/4 ton and 3 EM were found to be AWOL.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (585862)
One M-10 developed mechanical difficulties but is repairable by battalion maintenance. Preparations for move were completed.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (623839)
Four EM are AWOL. Preparation for movement was completed.

03 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (836448), attached 30th Infantry Division At 0820 battalion CP and Hqs Co left their CPs in BIHAIN and REGNE and under battalion control moved by motor march through VIELSALM, STAVELOT, FRANCOCHAMPS, VERVIERS, EUPEN and AACHEN, where at 1420 battalion CP closed at 836448 and Hqs at 839455. One old EM was received as a reinforcement.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (837447)
Leaving their old location at 0900, unit at 1550 closed into an assembly area in the North outskirts of AACHEN (837447). One old man returned as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (840450)
The unit at 0845 left their old location in BIHAIN and moved by motor march to AACHEN where at 1600 they closed into an assembly area at 840450. All men listed as AWOL during the previous period together with a 1/4 ton returned.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (836448)
At 0815 unit left its old location at FRAITURE and after moving by motor march to AACHEN closed at 1600 into 836448. One old man was returned as a reinforcement.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (835448)
At 0800 unit left its old assembly position in BIHAIN and at 1350 closed into a new assembly area in AACHEN (835448). All men listed as AWOL during the previous period rejoined the unit.

04 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (836448), attached 30th Infantry Division One officer and 5 EM left on PARIS pass. All units conducted all types of maintenance. Protestant church services were held.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (837447)
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (840450)
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (836448)
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (835448)
One EM was listed as AWOL.

05 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (836448), attached 30th Infantry Division Headquarters supervised Co maintenance. Showers were taken in KOHLISHEID. One officer and 5 EM returned from PARIS.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (837447)
One NBI. Notice was received that Sgt Boute, wounded 22 Nov 44, died of wounds 7 Dec 44.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (840450)
One NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (836448)
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (835448)
Special instructors from the 120th Inf Rgt conducted a class on the 81mm mortar. Unit had 1 NBI.

06 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (836448), attached 30th Infantry Division One officer and a group of EM left for PARIS trip. Under Lt FRANK all units conducted a reconnaissance of a new assembly area. All

units continued maintenance and rest.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (837447)

One NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (840450)

Lt PESAK and 1 EM were evacuated as NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (836448)

No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (835448)

No change.

07 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (836448), attached 30th Infantry Division
All units continued maintenance and sent a permanent quartering
and cleaning detail to the new assembly area, DURWISS (971499).

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (837447)

2nd Lt ERNEST E. ZINKE joined the battalion and was assigned
for duty to "A" Co.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (840 450)

2nd Lt YOUNGBERG joined the battalion and was assigned for duty
to "B" Co.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (836448)

2nd Lt THOMAS H. GAY, JR., an officer formerly with this unit in
the States, but lost before the POB was reached, because of a
surplus of officers, joined the unit and was assigned to "C" Co.
Unit had 1 NBI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (835448)

One old EM returned to unit as a reinforcement.

08 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (on the move), attached 30th Infantry Division
All units continued maintenance, made preparations for the move
to the new assembly area and rested. Two members of the Dutch
Army who had formerly been with this unit as volunteers were
attached to this Hqs for duty, one being retained at battalion
CP. Another officer and a group of EM left of PARIS passes.
Leaving at 2200, at the close of the period the battalion CP was
on the move to a new area.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (on the move), attached 119th Inf Rgt.

One Dutch boy rejoined the unit as an official member of the
Dutch Army attached to Allied Organizations. Leaving their old
area at 2215 at the close of the period unit was on the move to
a new location.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (on the move), attached 120th Inf Rgt.

13 rounds HE, time fuse, and 1 rounds smoke were expended in
test firing M-10s and conducting experiments with ammunition.
Leaving the old area at 2250 the unit was on the move to a new
location at the close of the period.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn. (on the move)

At 2235 unit left their old positions and at the end of the
period had not closed into a new location.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (on the move)

At 2220 unit left its old location and at the close of the
period were still on the move. Unit had 1 NBI.

09 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499) attached 30th Infantry Division
On the move at the close of the preceding period, battalion CP
moved by blackout motor march through AACHEN, HAAREN, VERLAUTEN-
HEIDE, along the German Super-highway through ESCHWEILER to

DURWISS where at 0050 it closed at 068499. After a late reveille and breakfast all units conducted maintenance and continued to work on plans for future operations. One C-3 M-10 was evacuated to ordnance because of mechanical failure.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (965499) attached 119th Inf Rgt. Using the same route as battalion CP, "A" Co at 0015 closed into a concealed assembly position in DURWISS (965499). One tank mechanic was received as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt. After following the same route as used by battalion CP, "B" Co, at 0110 closed into a concealed assembly position at DURWISS (969494). One tank mechanic was received as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (970495)
At 0100 unit closed into a concealed assembly position in DURWISS (970495) using the same route as battalion CP. One tank mechanic was received as a reinforcement.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971499)
Using the same route as battalion CP, Ron Co. at 0035 closed into a concealed assembly position at DURWISS (971499).

10 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division with the postponement of tactical operations all units remained in position continuing maintenance and rest. Headquarters received 3 reinforcements.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (965499), attached 119th Inf Rgt. One M-10 broke down for mechanical reasons and was started through evacuation channels.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt. No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (970495)
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971499)
No change.

11 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division All units remained under cover in their assembly areas. 9 new M-10s were received and delivered to their companies while 1 M-20 was sent to ordnance. 2nd TD Group Chaplain held Protestant Services.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt. 3 M-10s were received bringing company total to 9.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt. 4 M-10s were received bringing the company to full strength. Unit had 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
2 M-10s were received bringing the company total to 8. Unit had 1 NBI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
Capt CURTIS left for PARIS to attend a 10 day E & A school.

12 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division Upon authority of V00G 30th Inf Div and V00G XIX Corps, dated 9 Feb 45, SO No.17, this hqs, dated 10 Feb 45, transferred 22 surplus EM to the 801st TD Bn. Unit had 1 NBI, one group returned from PARIS passes. 743rd Tank Bn displayed one of their new M4A3E1 tanks for training recognition purposes.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt. In test firing M-10s, "A" Co. expended 18 rounds APC and 19 rounds HE. Unit received 1 additional M-10 bringing the unit total to 10.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt. Unit test fired a portion of its new M-10s with an expenditure of 11 rounds HE and 1 round APC. One man returned to duty from the hospital. One old man rejoined the unit as a reinforcement and Lt ADAMS was received an officer reinforcement being assigned to "B" Co.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
Unit test fired the new M-10s expending 2 rounds APC and 6 rounds HE.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
Capt GIBSON assumed temporary command of the company during the absence of Capt CURTIS. 1 old man returned as a reinforcement.

13 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
At an honors formation General HOBBS awarded 11 Silver Stars and 35 Bronze Stars; Col DETMER in separate formations presented Presidential Battle Citation Certificates and ribbons to the officers and EM of "A" and "B" Cos and in later formations company commanders presented the balance of their units, to include the 2nd and 3rd Ron platoons, with their Citation Certificates and ribbons. 4 1/1 tons, 4 half-tracks, 4 towed 3" guns and 2 M-20s were turned in to ordnance as surplus equipment. 2 2 1/2 tons were received. 1 group returned from PARIS passes. 3 EM were trans to 801st TD Bn making a total of 25.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
13 rounds HE were expended in test firing new M-10s. One old man was received as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Unit expended 44 rounds HE test firing new M-10s. There was 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
29 rounds HE expended test firing new M-10s. 3 old men were received as reinforcements.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
2 old men were received as reinforcements.

14 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
All units continued maintenance of all types or rested. The rear echelon enjoyed a movie. 2 EM left of PARIS passes.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
S/Sgt RICHARDS received a battle field commission to 2nd Lt. Unit had 1 NBI and 1 man returned from hospital to duty.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
S/Sgt REVIS received a battle field commission to 2nd Lt.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
2nd Ron and Bn CO test fired their M-8s with an ammunition expenditure of 49 rounds. Unit had 1 NBI.

15 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
All units continued maintenance and rest and minor training.
1 M-10 was received.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
3 old men returned as reinforcements.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
1 old man returned as a reinforcement. A member of the Dutch
Army, formerly with this unit as a volunteer, returned to duty
as an official member of the Dutch Army attached to Allied Forces.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
No change.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
1 old man returned as a reinforcement.

16 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
During the period unit received 1 M-32 recovery vehicle which
will remain with the battalion maintenance until such time as one
is available for assignment to each gun Co. All units continued
maintenance and rest.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
1 old man returned as a reinforcement and 2 men received light
wounds from friendly ricochet fire. Unit received their 11th M-10,
turning in a 3" gun.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Unit had 2 NBI and received 1 old man as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
Unit received 1 old man as a reinforcement.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
1 EM with an old battle injury, returned to the hospital for
further treatment.

17 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
Under battalion supervision a thorough weapons inspection was
conducted. During the period a Clubmobile and a movie were enjoyed
by the unit. 2 EM left for PARIS and one group returned from that
city. One 2 1/2 ton truck went to ordnance for repair.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
An EM, lost at MORTAIN, returned as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
1 old man returned as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
At 1630, "C" Co. FDC, C-1 and C-2 entered on a secondary mission
at 968539, 990540 and 991439, all under battalion control. Unit
had 1 NBI and 2 old men returned as reinforcements.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (949498)
No change.

18 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
Protestant Church services were held by Chaplain BORNHOEFT. A
release from Army of the units 2nd M-32 recovery vehicle was re-
ceived and delivery is expected soon. All units laid the foundation
for a training program and the opening phases were started.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
A test was conducted to determine whether or not an Alligator can
carry a towed 3" gun. The answer is "NO".

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969494), attached 120th Inf Rgt. Unit test fired all bazookas and did a little training with rifle grenades. Upon receipt of orders for the unit to move into secondary mission, reconnaissance was completed and firing positions located.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971494) Period was spent completing positions and attempting to register. Reconnaissance was completed for an indirect position for C-3. C-1 and C-2 during the period fired 3 concentrations for a total of 100 rounds HE normal.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498) No change. Capt CURTIS returned from PARIS school.

19 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division In a staff and Company reshuffle. Major LOHSE was transferred to 2nd TD Group, Capt CURTIS became battalion S-3, Capt MCINNIS assumed command of Ron Co and Capt GIBSON is the commander of Headquarters Co. 4 M-10s were received along with on 2 1/2 ton truck.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt. Training and maintenance comprise the schedule for the period. The 12th M-10 was received and 1 1/4 ton truck was turned in as surplus equipment. One old man returned as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993492), attached 120th Inf Rgt. Unit occupied indirect fire positions and fired 3 concentrations for a total of 127 rounds HE normal. One M-10 was sent to maintenance for repair.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498) Unit continued secondary mission firing 270 rounds on 2 concentrations.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498) Pioneer platoon assisted in preparing "B" Co positions and roads to their positions. 1 AWOL returned to duty.

20 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division One officer and 2 EM left for PARIS pass and a group of EM left for VALKENBURG rest camp. One M-10 was received going to "C" Co. All units saw training film "Your Job in Germany". Major LOHSE left the battalion for his new position with 2nd TD Group while Capt CURTIS assumed responsibilities of battalion S-3. Nine ammunition trailers were received. Unit had 1 NBI.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt. One M-10 was sent to battalion maintenance because of mechanical failure. 2 old men returned to duty from the hospital.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993495), attached 120th Inf Rgt. 208 rounds of HE normal were expended on 5 concentrations. Work was continued on route of egress from firing positions.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498) Unit received 1 M-10 during the period making a total of 9. 208 rounds HE normal were fired on 5 concentrations.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498) Ron Co. continued training schedule with pioneer platoon assisting "B" Co in road construction.

21 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (969499), attached 30th Infantry Division After 32 months overseas private PATINO finally made the grade and was sent to the U.S. on furlough. 2 quarter tons and one 3"

gun were turned in to ordnance as excess equipment. One M-10 returned from ordnance going to "A" Co.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt. Unit continued training schedule with high light being an M-24 tank on display for instruction and identification purpose. S/Sgt GARDNER was the proud recipient of a ballfield commission to 2nd Lt. Unit had 2 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993492), attached 120th Inf Rgt. "B" Co continued secondary mission firing 454 rounds HE normal on 7 concentrations.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
Unit received 3 M-10s bringing their total to 12. Continued secondary mission firing 433 rounds HE normal on 6 concentrations.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
1st Lts BRUTON, PFAPF and RANEY, acting as forward observers for the 702nd TD Bn., attended a briefing session at battalion CP of the 702nd TD Bn. Unit had 1 NBI.

22 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
The recovery vehicle M-32 was given to "B" Co to help them out of position when necessary. The T-2 recovery vehicle is stationed at battalion CP ready for use. 1 EM returned to duty from hospital.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
Training was continued in preparation for coming events. Unit transferred 9 EM to Ron Co.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993492), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Continued secondary mission firing 200 rounds HE normal on 7 concentrations.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
Continued secondary mission firing 200 rounds HE normal on 2 concentrations. One old man was received as a reinforcement. Unit had 1 BI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (969498)
Ron platoon leaders left at 1600 to perform duties as forward observers for the 702nd TD Bn. Unit continued training and maintenance program, received 9 EM from "A" Co and 1 EM returned to duty from hospital.

23 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (969499), attached 30th Infantry Division
5 EM made the long journey to ENGLAND to enjoy a 7 days pass. One officer and 2 EM left for PARIS pass. 4 3" guns, 1 1 1/2 ton, 3 M-3 half-tracks and 5 one ton trailers were turned in to ordnance as excess equipment. Rear echelon moved to DURWISS (969497) closing at 1700.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (967499), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
Unit spent period on maintenance making preparations for coming operations. One M-10 was out of action with broken radiator but was repaired by battalion maintenance.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993493), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Unit continued secondary mission firing 3744 rounds HE normal on 17 concentrations. At 1700 platoons moved from firing positions into assembly positions at Co CP after being relieved of secondary mission. Unit had 1 BI and 1 NBI. One M-10 became non-operational for lack of an operating handle bushing.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498)
Unit continued secondary mission firing 3369 rounds HE normal on 42 concentrations. Order were received through 2nd TD Group that no more shells HE normal would be expended on secondary missions. This left 1968 rounds on hand and permission was obtained by Division Artillery to use this ammunition.

823rd TD Bn., (969498)
823rd TD Bn. leaders continued to work as observers for the 702nd TD Bn. Unit set up a forward CP at PIER (062519). Remainder of 823rd TD Bn. platoons moved with the forward CP closing at 1500. 1 EM returned to duty from the hospital.

24 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division
No change.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (065553), attached 115th Inf Rgt
Unit moved out of assembly position at 2230 and crossed bridge at 0115. The moves for the period are: Fwd CP to 065553 closed 0215, moved again to 103561 closed 1225, A-1 to 073559 closed 0220, A-2 to 073557 closed 0200 then moved to 093565 closing at 0500; A-3 to 055555 closed 0220, moved to 101572, closing time not received. CP to 065553 closed 1625. At the close of the period "A" Co units were in the following positions: 1/2 A-1 059581, 1/2 A-1 073559, both closed 2130, A-2 071586 closed 1930, 1/2 A-3 095596, 1/2 A-3 109597 closing at 2030. 1 EM KIA.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993492), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Unit moved from assembly area between 0300 and 0400. Fwd CP, B-1 and B-2 closed at 0730 in the following locations: 078538, 079539 and 087548. B-3 closed at 0800 into 088532. B-1 made one additional move during the period to 106545 closing at 1340. One M-10 non-operational at beginning of the period returned to the unit at 0220. At 1600 B-1 expended 12 rounds HE from positions in NIEDERZIER accounting for 1 pillbox, 2 MG nests and 2 20mm guns.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (971498), attached 117th Inf Rgt.
"C" Co left indirect fire positions with 2 M-10s non-operational. They were repaired by battalion maintenance and returned to action at 1400, after which ohm developed mechanical trouble, and at close of period was still in process of repair at company maint. Moves for the period are as follows: Fwd CP 074540 closed at 1700, C-1 and C-2 108530 closed 0900; C-1 and C-2 moved to assembly positions at 115570 closed 1800; C-3 093566 closed 0900 then moved to assembly position at 107570, closed 1800. 888 rounds HE were fired on 4 concentrations on secondary mission. 4 PWs were taken by "U" Co. Unit was attached to 117th Inf Rgt at 1200.

823rd TD Bn., (969498)
823rd TD Bn. leaders were relieved of duties with 702nd TD Bn. at 1000. Platoon moves and closing times are as follows: R-1 092565 closed 1430; R-2 076538 closed 1400 and R-3 105549 closed 1400. Unit had one 1/2 ton truck hit by a light tank and as a result evacuated to ordnance for repairs. Pioneer platoon moved to Fwd CP location.

25 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499) attached 30th Infantry Division
Bn Fwd CP was set up in NIEDERZIER (104551) closing at 1100. Capt TYNDALL was placed on DS 12th Army Group. 1 old man was received as a reinforcement.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (065553), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
A-3 started units period by catching a column of Jerry infantry on the road 500 yards front of them, shooting 125 rounds HE and 2000 rounds 50 cal. on LICH (130630). A-3 also has 1 German 1/4 ton to their credit. A-1, en route to present position at 111611, destroyed 1 Mk VI tank and 1 AT gun, expending 5 rounds HE and 6 rounds AP. Unit closed at 2030. A-2 made one long move to 106638 closing at 2120. Unit received 3 reinforcements during period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993492), attached 120th Inf Rgt.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (993492), attached 120th Inf Rgt. Unit forward CP moved to 092563 closing at 1230. Release was obtained from 120th Inf Rgt at 1555 to move their guns to an assembly area. Due to congestion of roads no moves were made by the platoons.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (074540), attached 117th Inf Rgt C-3 started unit's period off with a bang taking enemy armor under fire for a position at 113577, accounting for 2 Mk IV tanks. Unit fired 4 rounds AP and 2 rounds HVAP in this fire fight. C-1 was moved to 115521 closing there at 2000. One section of C-1 moved to 126599 closing there at 1200, they later moved to 126559 closing at 2220. Unit CP is located at 074540 closing at 1600. A forward CP moved to 105548 closing at 1030. One reinforcement was received. 2 M-10s of C-3 were damaged due to enemy action, 1 destroyed and one slightly damaged and still in action, a replacement is expected within 24 hours.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (062519)
CP moved to 062519 at 1400, at which time the Fwd CP moved to 136539, closing there at 1640. R-3 made very thorough foot reconnaissance for route and positions for C-1. They also located 1 enemy tank at 129581 but were unable to bring a gun into position to fire on it. Unit received 1 reinforcement.

26 FEBRUARY 45

823rd TD Bn., (968499), attached 30th Infantry Division Fwd CP moved to LICH (122606) closing at 1230. Unit sent 2 RM to PARIS on pass. FWD CP was roused to action at 0500 by the guards cry of "FIRE". After an interesting half hour of scientific fire fighting, employing an axe and our entire supply of water the flames were brought under control saving us the chagrin of standing out in the rain.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (105633), attached 119th Inf Rgt 4 PWs were captured by unit and turned over to PW escort. Unit CP moved to 105633 closing at 1750. Fwd CP located at 108633 closed at 1100. Platoon moves were as follows: 1 section A-1 to 111611, closing at 0200; A-3 to 111632, closing at 2030.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (107633), attached 120th Inf Rgt B-1 and B-2 moved to 129609, closing there at 1345, they moved together again to 104635, assembling in preparation to support their unit at 1800. B-2 at close of period was on the move to HALRATH. B-3 moved to 123598 closing at 1100; they later moved to an assembly position with 1st and 2nd platoons at 104635 closing at 2030. Units rear and Fwd CP are together at 107622 closing at 1245.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (074540), attached 117th Inf Rgt Fwd CP moved to STEINSTRAB (119597) closing at 1200. C-1 moved to 133628 closing at 1245. C-3 closed at 1000 into 128627. Moving from 128628 into which they closed at 1645, C-2 was on the move at close of period. Unit has 3 non-operational M-10s, one clutch is out; one suspension hit by direct fire yesterday, broke on move today; and one hit on sight mount on turret damaging sight, sight mount and gun. C-1 is short the M-10 with broken suspension while C-3 is short the other two.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (076539)
Ron Fwd CP made 2 moves during the period, moving first to LICH (122506) closing there at 1145, the second move was to 104634 where they closed at 1830. 1st platoon leader, after proving himself a non-expert on the M-1 rifle, by firing 4 rounds at a German soldier, gave up in disgust and walked up and captured him.

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823rd TD Bn., (104634), attached 30th Infantry Division Fwd CP moved to ROEDINGEN (104634) closing at 1100. Bn maintenance followed close behind, closing in the same area at 1245. 1 motor-cycle returned, 1 M-10 sent to ordnance. Unit had one old man return from hospital.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (105633), attached 119th Inf Rgt Fwd CP moved to KIRCHBERGEN (124685) closing at 1400. A-1 was taken under fire by a German 88 just as they were entering KONIGSHOBEN (147719) losing 2 M-10s as a result. 1 burnt and 1 was shot through the turret and the recoil mechanism of the gun was demolished. The remaining section of A-1 is located at 150719 prepared to move East during the night. A-2 moved into KONIGSHOBEN (147719) closing at 1930. A-3 fired 31 rounds HE and 6 rounds AP assault fire with one section being located at 147639 closing at 1300 and the other section located at 150719 temporarily. 1 KIA and 1 EM previously reported as WIA now changed to DOW. Lt ZINKE WIA.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (121673), attached 120th Inf Rgt "B" Co CP moved to GROTTENHERTH (121673) closing at 0900. B-1 moved to 124674 closing at 0700, to 123682 closing at 0900, to GARWEILER (126749) closing at 1800. B-1 managed to collect 108 PWs which they turned over to the 120th Inf Rgt, knock out 2 MG nests and destroy 1 Mx V tank in the town they now occupy. B-2 ran into SCHU mines as they were entering HALRATH (105661) which destroyed 2 M-10s that are now in battalion maintenance, they are expected back within 24 hours. The remaining section moved with the attack closing into 130749 at 1800. B-3 moved to 131673 closing at 0930. Moving with the attack, they closed into 130749 at 1800 after losing 1 M-10 on the outskirts of town and collecting one enemy OP. B-1 and B-3 fired 40 rounds HE along with some 30 and 50 cal. Unit had 3 BI and 1 old man returned to duty.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (074540), attached 117th Inf Rgt C-1 moved to KIRCHTROISDORF (148636) closing at 0700. C-2 moved to 133661 closing at 0900. C-3 received 1 M-10s repaired by battalion maintenance leaving them 1 gun short.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (104634) Fwd CP moved to 124686 closing at 1230. Co CP took over the old Fwd location in RODINGEN (104634) closing at 1200. Ron platoons were very active making route reconnaissance for their respective companies.

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823rd TD Bn., (104634) attached 30th Infantry Division Hq Co CP moved to RODINGEN (104634) closing at 2030. Unit received 2 M-10s from ordnance, 1 new and 1 that had been sent back for repair, 1 3/4 ton W/C, authorized to the communications section as a wire truck. At close of period Capt GIBSEN took over Lt SWILLEY's job temporarily in order that he could attend a 3 day school at the 29th TAG at MAASTRICHT. Unit received 1 old man as a reinforcement.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (105633), attached 119th Inf Rgt "A" Co Fwd CP moved to KONIGSHOVEN (149719) closing there at 1430. A-1 moved to 158714 closing at 0330. 1/2 of A-3 moved to 156718 closing at 0316, the other half moved to 148724 closing at 272300. "A" Co captured 3 PWs and at the end of the period had 12 operational M-10s. Unit had 1 NBI and received 3 old men as reinforcements.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (132748), attached 120th Inf Rgt "B" Co CP moved to GARWEILER (132748) closing there at 0800. One section B-3 moved to 158751 destroying 1 German half-track near that position, 4 rounds HE very expended and unit closed at 0815. At end of period unit had 11 operational M-10s. Unit received 2 old men as reinforcements.

"C" Co., 803rd TD Bn., (133628), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Rear CP closed with Fwd CP at 133628 at 1000. 1/2 C-1 moved
to 158655, taking up firing positions at 1530. At close of
period unit had 12 operational M-10s. 3 old men were received
as reinforcements.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (124686)
The rear CP joined the Fwd CP in KIRCHHERTEN (124686) closing
at 1600. R-1 is located at 149718 closing there at 1225. R-2
at 13 746, closing at 1135. R-3 is at 198718 closing there at
1500.

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