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692D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

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4 December 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

The 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached to 104th Infantry Division Artillery was employed throughout the month in Anti-Tank support of Regimental Combat Teams within Division Sector and in support of Division Artillery for indirect fire and star shell missions -

1 December 1944

Battalion supported combat teams and Field Artillery Battalions to which attached -

Company "A" continued in support of 413th Combat Team in vicinity of Inden. Third Platoon "A" Company remained in indirect position in support of 385th Field Artillery Bn in vicinity of Helrath. 42 rounds expended on indirect missions -

Company "B" continued in support of 415th Combat Team. Second Platoon "B" Company fired ten star shells from firing table data with excellent results as reported by F.O.

Company "C" occupied indirect fire positions in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn. Company fired 14 interdiction missions expending 236 rounds of H.E.

1st and 2nd Rcn platoons continued attachment to "B" and "A" companies respectively - Platoons continued Rcn missions for companies

2 December 1944

Company "A" continued in support of elements of the 413th Combat Team in vicinity of Inden. Third Platoon "A" Company fired 5 interdiction and 2 harassing missions expending 166 rounds H.E. in support of 385th Field Artillery Bn.

Company "B" continued in support of 415th Combat Team. Second Platoon "B" Company and Third Platoon "B" Company occupied Anti-Tank positions North East of Weisweiler. First Platoon "B" Company fired two Star Shells supporting 387th Field Artillery Bn, with excellent results -

Company "C" in indirect fire positions in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn. Fired 16 interdiction missions expending 196 rounds H.E.

Rcn Platoons continued attachment to "A" and "B" companies executing Rcn missions.

3 December 1944

Company "A" continued to offer Anti-Tank defense for elements of 413th and 414th Combat Teams in vicinity of Inden. Third Platoon "A" company remained in support of 385th Field Artillery Bn firing 8 interdiction missions expending 166 rounds H.E.

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3 December 1944 (continued)

One PW taken in vicinity of Inden.

Company "B" - Second and Third platoon continued in direct support of 415th Combat Team in vicinity of Weisweiler. First Platoon remained in indirect fire support of 87th Field Artillery Bn firing 2 harassing missions expending 97 rounds HE. 1 PW, pilot, captured in vicinity of Weisweiler after plane was shot down.

Company "C" - In indirect fire positions in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn., fired 6 interdiction missions expending 300 rounds HE.
Rcn Platoons continued Rcn missions for "A" and "B" companies.

4 December 1944

Company "A" - First and Second Platoons relieved from support of elements of 413th and 414th Combat Teams in vicinity of Inden and prepared to move to indirect fire positions north east of Eschweiler. Third Platoon "A" company continued in support of 387th Field Artillery Bn. Fired 8 interdiction missions expending 200 rounds HE. Third Platoon "A" company also prepared to move to indirect fire positions north east of Eschweiler.

Company "B" - Second and Third Platoon "B" company continued in direct support of 415th Combat Team occupying positions in vicinity of Lamersdorf and Frenz respectively. First Platoon "B" company continued to support 87th Field Artillery Bn., expending 128 rounds HE on 8 harassing missions -

Company "C" - Second and 3rd Platoon moved to occupy positions in direct support of elements of 413th and 414th Combat Teams in vicinity of Inden. Company CP moved to vicinity of Putzlohn. First Platoon Company "C" moved to indirect positions in vicinity of Putzlohn and fired 15 interdiction and 3 Naval Star Shell missions, expending 188 rounds HE and 3 rounds Naval Star Shell -

Rcn Platoons reverted to Bn control operating OP's in regimental sectors.

5 December 1944

Company "A" - Company occupied indirect fire positions north east of Eschweiler in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn. firing 12 interdiction and one harassing mission, expending 260 rounds HE also expended 3 Naval Star Shells on 1 mission -

Company "B" - Second Platoon and Third Platoon Company "B" continued in support of 415th Combat Team. Second Platoon destroyed two (2) PZKW-III tanks by direct fire, expending 10 rounds APC. 1 PZK-III was damaged by seven rounds Bazooka fire - also six enemy killed, two prisoners taken - First Platoon "B" Company fired 204 rounds HE on 10 harassing missions.

Company "C" - First Platoon Company "C" fired 12 interdiction missions expending 109 rounds HE. Second and Third Platoons in direct fire missions in vicinity of Inden.

Rcn Platoons continued to operate OP's in division sector.

6 December 1944

Company "A" - Company remained in indirect fire position north east of Eschweiler, in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn., firing 20 interdiction and 6 harassing missions, expending 308 rounds HE, also fired 8 Naval star shells on call -

Company "B" - Company continued in close support of elements of 415th Combat Team in vicinity of Lucherberg and Lamersdorf.

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6 December 1944 (continued)

Company "C" - Second and Third Platoons remained in direct fire positions in vicinity Inden. First Platoon continued in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn., fired 2/ intervention and 1 star shell mission, expending 262 rounds HE and 2 rounds Na.al star shell

Rcn Platoons continued to operate OP's in division sector.

7 December 1944

Company "A" - Company remained in indirect fire positions north east of Eshweiler, in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn., firing 20 harrassing missions and 4 star shell missions, expending 200 rounds HE and 4 star shells.

Company "B" - Company continued in close support of 415th Combat Team in vicinity of Lucherberg and Lamersdorf. One armored car destroyed in addition to tanks destroyed as shown on 5 December report.

Company "C" - Second and Third Platoons remained in direct fire positions in vicinity of Inden. 8 PW's taken - First Platoon remained in indirect fire position

Rcn platoons continued to operate OP's in division sector.

8 December 1944

Company "A" - Positions unchanged - Company fired 18 harrassing missions expending 180 rounds HE and 18 star shells.

Company "B" - Company continued in close support of 415th Combat Team in vicinity of Lucherberg and Lamersdorf.

Company "C" - No change in status - First Platoon fired 50 rounds HE on one harrassing mission.

Rcn Platoons continued to operate OP's in division sector.

9 December 1944

Company "A" - Continued in indirect support missions moving one platoon (2 guns) to position south east of Weisweiler - Company fired 3 harrassing missions expending 120 rounds HE.

Company "B" - continued in direct support of 415th Combat Team. Second Platoon in vicinity Lucherberg, fired 14 APC and 2 rounds HVAPT/4 at enemy tanks and armored column moving from Pier to Inden. One tank destroyed and two "probables". Enemy laid smoke on our gun positions restricting visibility. Type of tanks estimated to be one Tiger, other two not identified.

Company "C" - No change in status - First Platoon fired 2 harrassing missions expending 78 rounds HE and 1 star shell mission.

Rcn platoons operated OP's in vicinity of Inden and Lucherberg.

10 December 1944

Company "A" - Continued in indirect fire position - Second Platoon and Third Platoon moved to indirect positions in vicinity of Frenz. First Platoon fired 40 harrassing missions, expending 80 rounds HERED.

Company "B" - Continued anti-tank defense in sector of 415th Combat Team.

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10 December 1944 (continued)

Company "C" - Second and Third Platoon supported attack of 414th Combat Team. Second Platoon fired direct at enemy vehicles, expending 23 rounds APC and 40 rounds HE. First Platoon fired 60 Harrassing missions, expending 120 rounds HERED, and 2 interdiction missions, expending 126 rounds HERED

Rcn Platoons continued to operate OP's in vicinity of Inden and Lucherberg. Battalion maintained liaison with 823rd TD Bn and 899th TD Bn

11 December 1944

Company "A" - Second and Third Platoons moved to indirect fire positions in vicinity of Frenz. First Platoon remained in vicinity of Weisweiler and fired 128 rounds HE on 20 harrassing missions in vicinity of Merken.

Company "B" - continued direct support of 415th Combat Team with anti-tank defences in regimental sector.

Company "C" - Second Platoon fired on targets in Schophoven, expended 114 rounds APC and 94 rounds HE in direct fire. First Platoon remained in position in vicinity of Putzlohn.

Rcn Platoons continued to operate OP's in vicinity of Inden and Lucherberg. Liaison with 823rd TD Bn and 899th TD Bn.

12 December 1944

Company "A" - Company remained in position and prepared for support of 413th Combat Team.

Company "B" - Company continued in support of 415th Combat Team.

Company "C" - Company continued in direct support of 414th Combat Team.

Second Platoon fired 68 rounds AP and 114 rounds HE in direct fire on 12 machine gun nests, 3 strong points, 3 OP's, one direct fire weapon in vicinity of Schophoven. Third Platoon moved one section to Pier.

Rcn OP's remained unchanged.

Liaison with 823th TD Bn and 899th TD Bn.

13 December 1944

Battalion continued to support combat teams and Field Artillery Battalion to which attached

Company "A" - Company remained in position in vicinity of Weisweiler and Frenz. Expended 150 rounds HERED on 15 harrassing missions.

Company "B" - Company continued in direct support of 415th Combat Team. First Platoon moved to vicinity of Merken.

Company "C" - Company continued support of 414th Combat Team. Second Platoon fired 5 rounds APC and 30 rounds HE in direct support of advance on Schophoven.

Rcn Platoons operated OP's in vicinity of Inden, Lucherberg, Pier and Merken. Liaison with 823rd TD and 899th TD Bn.

14 December 1944

Company "A" - Company remained in indirect fire positions - First Platoon moved to vicinity of Frenz in indirect position. Company expended 743 HERED on 68 harrassing missions along Roer River - First Rcn Platoon registered the company on base point expending 32 rounds HERED

Company "B" - Continued in direct support of 415th Combat Team. First Platoon direct fire positions in vicinity Merken - Second Platoon in indirect fire positions in vicinity of Lucherberg. Third Platoon moved to direct fire positions north east of Merken.

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14 December 1944 (continued)

Company "C" - Company continued in support of 414th Combat Team. First Platoon moved to indirect fire positions east of Inden - Second Platoon remained in position at Inden. Third Platoon remained in direct fire positions in vicinity of Pier. Second Platoon expended 13 rounds APC and 30 rounds HE in direct fire on 5 enemy strong points. Results very effective

Rcn Platoons operated OP's in Vilvenich and Pier
Liaison with 823rd and 899th TD Bns.

15 December 1944

Company "A" - Company in indirect positions in vicinity of Frenz - Company expended 32 rounds HE R/C on registration, fired 2 star shell missions expending 2 rounds Naval Star shell.

Company "B" - First Platoon and Third Platoon in direct fire positions in vicinity of Merken - Second Platoon in indirect fire positions in Lucherberg.

Company "C" - Second Platoon and Third Platoon occupied direct fire positions in vicinity of Schophoven and Pier respectively - First Platoon in indirect position in vicinity of Inden.

Rcn Platoons - OP's remained the same
Liaison with 823rd TD and 899th TD Bns.

16 December 1944

Company "A" - Company remained in indirect fire positions in vicinity of Frenz
Company "B" - Positions unchanged - Second Platoon fired 8 interdiction missions expending 206 rounds HE R/C

Company "C" - Positions remained unchanged

Rcn Platoons OP's remained the same

Liaison with 823rd and 899th TD Bns.

17 December 1944

Company "A" - Company remained in indirect fire positions in vicinity of Frenz and Lamersdord

Company "B" - Positions remained the same - Second Platoon in support of 929th Field Artillery Bn., fired 3 interdiction missions expending 58 rounds HERC. One enemy artillery position neutralized.

Company "C" - Positions remained the same

Rcn Platoons OP's remained the same

18 December 1944

Battalion continued anti-tank defense of division sector and supported Field Artillery Battalions on indirect missions.

Company "A" - Positions remained the same - First Platoon fired 48 rounds HE R/C on six harrasing missions in vicinity of Huchem Stammeln

Company "B" - Positions remained the same - Second Platoon continued to support 929th Field Artillery. First Platoon fired 15 rounds APC and 1 round HE at enemy OP in smoke stack - OP was destroyed.

Company "C" - Positions remained the same - Third Platoon fired 7 rounds APC and 4 rounds HE at enemy OP in Krauthausen

19 December 1944

Company "A" - First Platoon moved to indirect positions in vicinity of Stutgerlach. Second Platoon moved to direct fire positions in vicinity of D'Horr-Schlick - Third Platoon remained in indirect fire position in vicinity of Frenz.

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19 December 1944 (continued)

Company "B" - Positions remained the same - First Platoon fired 30 rounds APC and 10 rounds HE at two enemy OP's - One smoke stack was knocked down and several hits scored on steeple - Second Platoon remained in support of 929th Field Artillery Bn, and fired 4 harassing missions expending 60 rounds HERC

Company "C" - Positions remained the same
Rcn OP's remained the same

20 December 1944

Company "A" - Continued in preparation of anti-tank defenses in sector of 413th Combat Team. Second Platoon "B" company attached to "A" company.

Company "B" - continued in preparation of anti-tank defenses in sector 415th Combat Team.

Company "C" - continued in preparation of anti-tank defenses in sector of 414th Combat Team

Liaison established with 629th TD Bn and 821 TD Bn. Anti-Tank defenses of company "B", 899th TD Bn coordinated. Rcn OP's remained the same

21 December 1944

Battalion continued in preparation of anti-tank defenses in division sector

Company "A" - First Platoon remained in indirect fire position, Second and Third Platoons occupied direct fire positions in 413th sector. Second Platoon attached Co "A" also occupied direct fire positions.

Company "B" - First Platoon continued in direct fire positions in vicinity of Merken - Third Platoon occupied indirect fire positions in vicinity of Lucherberg.

Company "C" - First Platoon remained in indirect fire positions - Third Platoon remained in direct position - Second Platoon prepared to move

Rcn OP's remained the same

22 December 1944

Battalion continued to prepare anti-tank defensive positions in the Division sector

Company "A" - Company with Second Platoon Company "B" attached set up defenses in sector of 413th Combat Team

Company "B" - First Platoon remained in direct fire positions and Third Platoon remained in indirect fire positions

Company "C" - First Platoon remained in indirect fire position - Second Platoon moved to direct fire position in vicinity of Langerwehe - Third Platoon remained in direct fire position

Rcn OP's remained the same

23 December 1944

Battalion continued to strengthen anti-tank defenses of Division sector

Company "A" plus Second Platoon Company "B" supporting 413th Combat Team
Company "B" (-) supporting 415th Combat Team

Company "C", two platoons prepared to occupy positions in sector of 414th Combat Team, one platoon in sector of 415th Combat Team. First Platoon "A" company and Third Platoon "B" company remained in position in vicinity of Stutgerbach and Lucherberg

Rcn Platoons operated OP's in vicinity of Gurzenich, Berzhair, and Schophoven.

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24 December 1944

Battalion continued in organization of anti-tank defenses in Division sector. No change for "A" and "B" companies - Company "C" in division reserve, one platoon in support of 414th Combat Team.

Rcn Platoons operated OP's in vicinity of Gurzenich and Schophoven

25 December 1944

Company "A" - First Platoon in indirect fire position in vicinity of Langerwehe, fired 44 harrasing missions in support of 386th Field Artillery Bn., expending 197 rounds HE R/C. Second and Third Platoons in direct fire positions in vicinity of Schlich and Derichsweller - Second Platoon Company "B" attached to Company "A" in direct fire position in vicinity of Echtz.

Company "B" (-) First Platoon is in direct fire position in vicinity of Merken. Third Platoon in indirect positions in vicinity of Lucherberg, having direct fire positions prepared

Company "C" - First Platoon is in direct fire positions in vicinity of Gurzenich - Second Platoon in direct fire position, one section west of Langerwehe and one section east of Luchern. Third Platoon in direct fire position, one section west of Lamersdorf and one section south of Frenz.

Rcn Platoons OP's remained the same.

26 December 1944

Company "A" - First Platoon fired 44 harrasing missions expending 200 rounds HE R/C. Second and Third Platoons remained in indirect fire position. Second Platoon remained in direct fire positions in vicinity of Echtz

Company "B" (-) No change. Third Platoon fired 2 star shell missions expending 2 rounds star shell

Company "C" - First Platoon is in direct fire position, one section in vicinity of Gurzenich and one section in vicinity of Birgel. Second Platoon is in direct fire position in vicinity of Birgel. Second Platoon in direct fire position in vicinity of Berzhair. Third Platoon had no change.

Rcn platoons operated OP's in vicinity of Gurzenich and Lendersdorf.

27 December 1944

Company "A" - First Platoon in indirect positions, Second and Third Platoons and Second Platoon "B" company in direct fire positions in support of 413th Inf. First Platoon fired 64 harrasing and one star shell mission expending 250 rounds HE R/C and 7 Star Shells. Company received two (2) 3" guns and obtained one (1) 75MM P.A.K. German gun.

Company "B" - No change in position. Third Platoon fired 2 interdiction missions expending 29 rounds HE R/C

Company "C" - First Platoon and Second Platoon indirect fire position in support of 414th Combat Team. Third Platoon in direct fire position in support of 415th Combat Team

1st Rcn Platoon operated OP's in vicinity of Gurzenich and Lendersdorf
2nd Rcn Platoon in Battalion reserve.

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28 December 1944

Battalion continued anti-tank defenses in Division sector - No change in disposition of companies - 38 3" guns operational
 Reconnaissance OP's remained the same

29 December 1944

Battalion continued in anti-tank defense of Division Sector
 First Platoon Company "A" fired 154 rounds HE R/C on 30 harrassing missions, 2 interdiction missions.
 Third Platoon "B" Company fired 35 rounds HE R/C on 5 harrassing missions and one interdiction mission
 1st Rcn Platoon continued operation of OP's in division sector
 2nd Rcn Platoon remained in Battalion reserve.

30 December 1944

Battalion continued to strength anti-tank of Division sector
 Bn now has 38 - 3" guns and one (1) PAK 75, and is to receive two (2) 3" guns and five PAK 75's in addition to guns now on hand

Elements disposed as follows:

Platoon	Supporting	Mission
First Platoon "A" Company	386 - 413th Combat Team	Indirect
Second Platoon "A" Company	413th Combat Team	Direct
Third Platoon "A" Company	413th Combat Team	Direct
One Section Additional	413th Combat Team	Direct
First Platoon "B" Company	415th Combat Team	Direct
Second Platoon "B" Company	429 - 415th Combat Team	Indirect
First & Second "C" Co Plt	414th Combat Team	Direct
1st Section - 3rd Plt Co "C"	415th Combat Team	Direct
2nd Section - 3rd Plt Co "C"	414th Combat Team	Direct

First Platoon Company "A" fired 120 rounds HE R/C and 2 Star Shells on 30 Harrassing and 1 star shell mission. Third Platoon Company "B" fired 42 rounds HE R/C on 3 harrassing missions

1st Rcn Platoon continued to operate OP's in Division sector
 2nd Rcn Platoon remained in Battalion Reserve

31 December 1944

Battalion continued to strength anti-tank defenses in Division sector
 Battalion now has 40 3" guns ~~xxx~~ and one P.A.K. 75 in position. Battalion received one additional P.A.K. 75

Elements disposed as previously reported plus section (Company "B") in position in vicinity of Lamersdorf. One section (Company "C") moved from Lamersdorf to O85 408

First Platoon Company "A" fired 72 HE R/C and 4 rounds Star Shell on 18 harrassing missions and 2 star shell missions

Third Platoon Company "B" fired 88 rounds HE R/C on one harrassing mission and eight (8) interdiction missions.

1st Rcn platoon continued to operate OP's along Division sector
 2nd Rcn Platoon remained in Battalion Reserve