

**Action Report: 30th Tank Destroyer Battalion (No change),
Headquarters, 30th Tank Destroyer Battalion.**

Period: 1 - 31 March 1945

1. 1st Lt.	
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1. **Organization:** 30th Tank Destroyer Battalion (No change).
2. **Change of Organization:** (See narrative report, Appendix No. 1)
3. **Personnel:**
 a. 1st Lt. 1st Lt., 30 Officers, 1 1st Lt. Officer, 570 enlisted men.
 b. 31 March 1945, 30 Officers, 1 1st Lt. Officer, 591 enlisted men.
 c. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer or 1 Officer, Increase of 15 enlisted men.
4. **Equipment:** (See narrative report, Appendix No. 1)
5. **Transportation:** (See narrative report, Appendix No. 1)
6. **Operations:** Operations covering period 1st - 31 March 1945.
7. **Summary:** (See narrative report, Appendix No. 1)

8. **Personnel:**
 a. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer - Lt. Col. W. H. Goodwin, Inf.
 b. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer - Captain W. H. Goodwin, Inf.
 c. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer - Captain W. H. Goodwin, Inf.
 d. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer - Captain W. H. Goodwin, Inf.
 e. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer - Captain W. H. Goodwin, Inf.
 f. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer - Captain W. H. Goodwin, Inf.

Personnel Section: (Battle Casualties).

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 3-1835014, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 2095627, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 3728431, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 3962923, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 33275035, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 35240110, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 39165170, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 33016930, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 39201590, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945
1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 39370594, 1st Lt. Officer, Inf.,	Inf.	13 March 1945

Personnel Section:

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, named O, per Sec III, Ch 17, 5th Inf Div., 13 March 1945.

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 0-1621540

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, named O, per Sec III, Ch 17, 5th Inf Div., 13 March 1945.

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 0-1625210

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, named O, per Sec III, Ch 17, 5th Inf Div., 13 March 1945.

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 37153101

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 37153101

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, named O, per Sec III, Ch 17, 5th Inf Div., 13 March 1945.

1st Lt. 1st Lt. Officer, 0-1625014

10. Remarks: (Cont'd).

Bronze Star-Below named III, per Sec II, CO 21, Hq, 5th Inf Div., dtd 11 March 45.
PFC Clarence A. Barr, 37152322

Air Medal-Below named O, per Sec IV, CO 23, Hq, 5th Inf Div., dtd 16 March 45.
Captain Robert T. Sinclair, O-392346

Bronze Star-Below named O and III, per Sec I, CO 27, Hq, 5th Inf Div., dtd 26 March 45.

Captain Raymond A. Grove, O-342621

1st Lt. Richard M. Bull, O-1017232

1st Lt. Roger W. Bengtson, O-1014007

1st Lt. Harold S. Cross, Jr., O-1321688

1st Lt. Benjamin L. Di Nardo, O-1018647

1st Lt. Robert J. Matas, O-1018500

2nd Lt. Arvid R. Larsen, O-199811

Sergeant Clyde H. McDaris, 39302971

Sergeant Edward A. Uher, 37152911

Sergeant Thomas E. Wilson, 37153322

11. Photographs: None.


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Commanding

Action Against Enemy, Report After/After Action Report
Headquarters, 103d Anti-Aircraft Battalion
March 1945

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Peffingen, Germany

- 1 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem, Germany (1118487). Companies "A", "B" and "C" direct support of 2nd, 10th and 11th Infantry Regiments respectively. Battalion of Group moved from vicinity of Doelendorf, Germany, leaving at 1345 hours, to vicinity of Oberstedem, Germany closing in at 1430 hours. One (1) section of each of the companies "A", "B" and "C" moved into indirect firing positions as of 1640 hours with TDC through 50th FA, 46th FA and 19th FA. "D" Company expended 52 rounds H.E. and 10 1/2 90mm ammunition direct fire during the period. Targets were Ch Radar Station, Church steeples, houses and OP's. 1 - M36 of "B" Company was evacuated to Motor Maintenance because of engine trouble. Should be repaired shortly and will move into the line again. Two (2) Prisoners of War were captured by Company "D". After supporting the attack to the banks of the River Rhyl platoons selected defensive positions in which they remained during the period. No casualties reported during the period. 19 M36's operational. 8 - M10's operational.
- 2 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem, Germany (1118487). "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company continued direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies remained primarily in defensive positions during the period with "A" in indirect firing positions, "B" in indirect firing positions and 1 sec of "C" in indirect firing positions. 336 rounds H.E. was expended on indirect harassing fire missions during the period. Infantrymen started crossing the River Rhyl at midnight to secure bridgeheads across the river. As soon as a bridge is intact destroyers platoons will proceed across in support of the infantry. Recon Co. continued to establish liaison between this organization and the battalions of the regiments within this sector, as well as contacting units on our left and right. 25 - M36's operational. 4 - M10's operational.
- 3 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem, Germany (1118487). "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company continued direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. "D" Company remained in defensive positions during the period with one platoon in indirect firing positions. Platoon expended 175 rounds H.E. (90mm) ammunition, during the period, on interdiction and harassing fire missions. 4 - M10's firing indirect with "A" Company expended 100 rounds H.E. 3 1/2 inch ammunition during the period. "B" Company fired their 90mm's direct fire at buildings, horse drawn vehicles, enemy personnel and other targets of opportunity expending 24 rds H.E. and 8 rounds AP. 2 platoons of "B" attempted to cross the river by ~~forwards~~ it but 2 destroyers threw tracks in the stream. Platoons crossed the bridge later in the period. 25 - M36's operational. 4 - M10's operational.
- 4 March 1945 Battalion less (1st, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to 11th Combat Team. Recon Company less 1 platoon attached to 5th Infantry Division. 1 platoon of Recon Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. Platoon continued to support the attack across and to the east of the Rhyl River. Bridgeheads have been established and platoons have moved across the river into positions close to the infantry. "C" Company knocked out 1 SP, 1 ~~armored car~~ and 1 tank IV tank during the period. Two (2) destroyers were damaged by artillery fire, but can be repaired. 24 - M36's operational.

5 March 1945 Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem, Germany (LL18487). "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 5th Infantry Division. Battalion received an operations instructions changing the attachments of Rcn Company somewhat. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 2nd Combat Team. 1 platoon attached to 11th Combat Team. A late report came in stating that the 2nd platoon of "B" had knocked-out an SP which was behind a stone building. The 90mm shells penetrated the walls of the building hitting the SP and putting some beautiful holes in it. Also this platoon knocked-out a Mark V Tank in the edge of a woods near REPTERICH. An investigation will be made of the possibility of 4 Mark IV tanks being knocked-out by the 1st platoon of "A" Company. Due the fact only one-half the amount of 90mm ammunition can be hauled in a 2 1/2 ton truck in comparison with 3" inch, an acute shortage of transportation has arisen. With three (3) platoons firing indirect and the distance ammunition has to be hauled, (40 miles) all three ammunition trucks have to be utilized for this purpose, leaving none for primary mission. 25 - 136's operational.

6 March 1945 Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem Germany (LL18487). "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 2nd Combat Team. 3rd platoon of Rcn Co. attached to 11th Combat Team. One (1) of the destroyers of "D" Company hit several mines all in a group that destroyed it by setting it on fire. This shock the crew up quite badly resulting in the evacuation of 4 to the hospital. Companies continued to aid their respective CT's in the attack to the East and Northeast. 30 - 136's operational.

7 March 1945 Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team and further attached with the 1st platoon with the 3rd battalion, 2nd platoon with 2nd battalion and 3rd platoon with the 1st battalion. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to 11th Combat Team. The 2nd Infantry regiment had an enemy counter-attack at about 1100 hours in which "A" Company participated. The enemy attacked with about 100 infantry and 6 tanks. The attack was repulsed. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 2nd Combat Team. 3rd platoon attached to 11th Combat Team. The part of Rcn Co. that is with the 12nd CT have been out-posting for the infantry. Also made a route reconnaissance of a route so that some enemy dug-in tanks could be hit from the flank. At the close of the period the advance continued to the east and northeast. 30 - 136's operational.

8 March 1945 Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team and further attached with the 1st platoon with the 3rd battalion, 2nd platoon with 2nd battalion and 3rd platoon with the 1st battalion. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd Platoon of Rcn Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. The 3rd platoon of "A" Company received 4 new 90mm 136's and moved to vic of the 1st platoon of "B" Company, which was serving in this capacity during the absence of the 3rd platoon, relieving them by 1200 hours. "A" after being relieved returned to the vicinity of their respective CP. "C" Company and 3rd platoon of Rcn Company enroute with the 11th Infantry Regiment who are going to relieve elements of the 4th Armored Division which are along the West Bank of the Rhine River. Very little is known as to the operations of the companies due the front line being so fluid making very hard to get information back as to what is actually happening. Bn CP Group moved from vic of Oberstedem Germany to vic of Gindorf Germany leaving old area at 1400 hours and arriving at new area by 1630 hours. Companies continued to aid their respective CT's in the attack to the East. 33 - 136's operational.

9 March 1945

Battalion Loss (Hon, "A", "B" and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team and further attached with the 1st platoon with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd platoon with 1st Battalion and 3rd platoon with the 1st Battalion. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Hon Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Hon Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Hon Company has been making route reconnaissance for the regiment and also out-posting on the right flank. 3 P.W's were captured of which 1 was a Major (1st Aid Officer). Hq. Co. and 1st Det. moved from vic of L174553 to area via L219591 leaving old area at 1310 hours and closing in new area by 1400 hours. 34 - 136's operational.

10 March 1945

Battalion Loss (Hon, "A", "B" and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Hon Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Hon Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Information as to the operations of the three (3) line companies has been very slow coming in to this headquarters since the companies are attached to the regiments and are so much further ahead that definite contact has been impossible. Hon Company continued their reconnaissance mission. En CP Group moved from vic of Gindorf, Germany to vic of Daun, Germany leaving at 1530 hours and arriving at new area by 1730 hours. Set-up CP immediately. 34 - 136's operational.

11 March 1945

Battalion Loss (Hon, "A", "B" and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Hon Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Hon Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. 1st platoon of Reconnaissance Company destroyed 2 mortars and 1 howitzer as well as capturing 25 P.W's. 2nd platoon of Reconnaissance Company captured 12 P.W's. Headquarters Company moved from vic of L219591 to vic of L546797. 33 - 136's operational.

12 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Kloster, Germany (L540785). "A" Company was relieved of attachment to 2nd CT and is now in direct support. "B" Company was relieved of attachment to 10th CT and is now in general support of Division Area. "C" Company was relieved of attachment to 11th CT and is now in direct support. Hon Company was relieved of attachment to 2nd CT and 11th CT and is now under battalion control. All companies are busy at first echelon maintenance on all vehicles. All detachments were effected as of 121200 hours. "C" Company captured 13 P.W's and destroyed 1 machine gun. 26 P.W's were captured by Hon Company. En CP Group moved from vic of Daun, Germany to vic of Kloster, Germany, leaving at 0930 hours and arriving in new area by 1130 hours. Set-up CP immediately. 33 - 136's operational. "B" Company has (an) light tank for which they will use for reconnaissance missions.

13 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vic of Gerdan, Germany (L619824). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company in general support of Division Area. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Hon Company was given the mission in which groups will establish liaison between this organization and the battalions of the infantry regiments within this sector as well as contacting units on our left and right. A Field Order came down from Higher headquarters showing the attachments and that the 5th Division will attack across the Mosel River starting at 0200 hours on the 14th March. Elements of the companies moved into over-watch positions to support the attack. Two (2) platoons of "B" Company are in indirect firing positions. En CP Group moved from vic of Kloster, Germany to vic of Gerdan, Germany, leaving at 1530 hours and arriving in new area by 1840 hours. Set-up CP immediately. Hq. Co. moved from vic of Kloster, Germany, to vic of Gerdan, Germany, leaving at 1800 hours and arrived in new area by 1930 hours. 33 - 136's operational.



- 14 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Gailen, Germany (1619024). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company in general support of Division Area. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. The attack and assault crossings of the Mosel River began as per schedule in which "B"s supported the attack by moving guns into positions so as to fire direct or indirect missions. "A" Company was on the right and "C" Company on the left. 79 M.M. and 4 M.P. was expended at targets of opportunity. Message came down from XII Corps that the battalion will do no more indirect firing until further notice. 32 - M36's operational.
- 15 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Gailen, Germany (619024). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company general support of Division Area. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to support their respective CT's in their attack across the Mosel River. Maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division's area. Guns of companies "A" and "B" were moved across into the bridgehead during the period. Battalion expended 49 M.M., 25 M.P. and 3500 .50 caliber ammunition during the period. 9 M.M. and 2000 rds of .50 caliber mentioned above was fired by the 3rd platoon of "A" Company which resulted in the surrender of 30 enemy infantry. 31 - M36's operational.
- 16 March 1945 Battalion less ("B" and Ren Companies) attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "D" Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. Companies continued to support their respective CT's in their attack South from the Mosel River maintaining anti-mechanized defense of the Division area. Ren Company and Company B were attached to Task Force Breckenridge at 160600A and at the close of the period were making preparations to move into the bridgehead with the task force. "A" Company fired 15 M.M. at enemy tank and personnel. "C" Company knocked out a Mark V tank and 1 M.T. gun. Also took seven (7) PW's. Headquarters Company moved from Gailen, Germany to Zilshausen, Germany. Three (3) PW's were taken by Headquarters Company after arriving in this new area. Bn CP group moved Gailen, Germany to Nastellau, Germany, arriving by 1620 hours. 31 - M36's operational.
- 17 March 1945 Battalion less ("B" and Ren Companies) attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery, located vicinity of Simmern, Germany (1646534). "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. Battalion less "B" and Ren Companies continued to support their respective CT's in their attack South from the Mosel River and maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division Area. Division attacked against very light resistance. "C" Company captured 8 PW's during the period. Also fired 300 rds of .50 caliber ammunition at enemy aircraft. 31 - M36's operational.
- 18 March 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Ren attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Simmern Germany (1646534). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to attack to the South from the Mosel River and maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division area. Not much is known regarding the operations of the companies during this period. "A" Company knocked-out 4 enemy half-tracks and 1 M.T. 75mm gun during the period. 33 - M36's operational.
- 19 March 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Ren attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Sponheim, Germany (1694334). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment.



19 March 1945 (cont'd).

Division continued its attack to the south. Companies continued to support their respective CT's and maintain anti-tank and defense of Division area. "A" Company captured 12 P's. "B" Company fired 15 H.E. at enemy troops. "C" Company captured 9 P's of which one was an enemy officer. Ren Company expended 3 H.E., 22 H.E. (37mm), 3000 rds .50 cal and 500 rds .30 caliber and knocked-out 1 half-track, 4 personnel carriers. Also destroyed 4 machine guns, 30 rifles and 1 B/A. A mo dump. 11 P's were taken at same time. 33 - 136's operational.

20 March 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Sponheim, Germany (1164334). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company was released from attachment to 10th Infantry Regiment and reverted back to Battalion control. Hq. Co. moved from vic of Dalberg to the outskirts of Bad Kreuznach closing in at 1700 hours. Companies continued to advance aiding their respective CT's in the attack toward the East. 1 Prisoner of War was taken by "A" Company. 31 - 136's operational.

21 March 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Ren attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Monsheim, Germany (1163315). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company was again attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. Hq. Co. moved from vic of Sponheim, Germany to vic of Monsheim, Germany leaving old area at 1300 hours and closing in new area by 1415 hours. Battalion expended 6000 rounds .50 caliber and 400 rounds .30 caliber ammunition during the period. 33 P's were captured. 35 - 136's operational.

22 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Friesenheim, Germany (1374375). "A" Company general support of Division area. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Division began crossing the Rhein River at 2200 hours and by daylight had a large part of the infantry over. Companies were to move their destroyers 30 minutes before daylight into positions this side the river in support of the attack. "C" Company knocked out an AA gun. During the period 100 rds H.E. was expended at houses, CP's, enemy infantry and AA positions. Hq. Co. moved from outskirts of Bad Kreuznach, Germany to Monsheim, Germany. Battalion moved from vic of Monsheim, Germany to vic of Friesenheim, Germany, arriving by 1600 hours. 35 - 136's operational.

23 March 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Ren attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Friesenheim, Germany (1374375). "A" Company attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Co. attached to 5th Reconnaissance Troop. Companies were in direct support of their respective CT's while on this side of the river. However, in the meantime they moved across the river Rhein and upon arriving in the bridgehead immediately became attached. "B" Co. of 691st TD Bn is attached to this unit and has the mission of blocking and shooting at anything, such as demolition, that might be floating down the river against the bridge. 32 - 136's operational.

24 March 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Friesenheim, Germany (1374375). "A" Company to 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Co. attached to 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Ren Company was released from attachment to the 5th Ren Troop and reverted back to battalion control. "B" Co. of 691st TD Bn is attached to this organization, fired 14 rds 3-inch ammo and 500 rds .50 cal. at objects floating down the river toward the bridge that's across. Companies moved to positions in support of their respective CT's and provided anti-aircraft protection for the Division bridgehead. "A" Company knocked out 4 SP guns during the period.

24 March 1945

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[REDACTED] one of their destroyers was hit by enemy fire and knocked out. Mine (9) holes was put through it. No one was injured. "B" Company captured a half-track and 1 motorcycle. Also captured 33 P.W.'s. "C" Company knocked-out 1 OF, 1 OP, 2 machine guns and 1 ammo dump. Also captured 269 P.W.'s during the period. 31 - M36's operational.

25 March 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Trebur, Germany (1482476). "A" Company attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to support their respective CT's and maintain anti-mechanized defense of Division area. "A" Company knocked-out one (1) dual-purpose 88mm gun and 1 oil dump. "B" Company fired at dug-in enemy during the early part of the period. "C" Company knocked out 1 40mm AT gun and 2 machine guns. 132 Prisoners of War were captured. Recon Company moved from vic of Hirstein Germany to Trebur Germany leaving old area at 1335 and closing in by 1515 hours. Hq. Co. moved from vic of M366385 to vic of Gross Geran Germany leaving old area at 1700 hours and arriving in new area by 1810 hours. Battalion CP Group moved from Friesenheim Germany to Trebur Germany leaving at 1230 and closing in by 1515 hours. Battalion expended 143 H.E. and 11 AP during the period. 31 - M36's operational.

26 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vic Trebur Germany (1482476). Companies "A", "B" and "C" were attached to their respective regiments, but during the period were released from attachment. "A" Company is in direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to support their respective CT's and maintain anti-mechanized defense of Division area. Recon Company took 6 P.W.'s during the period. Further operations for the battalion unknown. 31 - M36's operational.

27 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vic of Frankfurt Germany (1659650). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. All companies moved to positions near the bridge site and are waiting the completion of the bridge across the Main River at which time they will move across into that part of Frankfurt Germany which has not as yet been cleared of the enemy. "B" Co. fired 16 H.E. and 2 AP at enemy personnel and targets of opportunity. Battalion CP Group moved from vicinity of Trebur Germany to vicinity of Frankfurt Germany leaving old area at 0910 hours and closing in new area by 1400 hours. 32 - M36's operational.

28 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vic of Frankfurt Germany (1659650). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. During the fore part of the period the Krauts threw some heavy concentrations of artillery at the bridge, upon which our troops were to move across, knocking it out which delayed the crossing for the time being. When the bridge is put back in all platoons will move across the river except one of "C" Company which will remain on this side to guard the rear areas. Companies continued to support their respective CT's. 32 - M36's operational.

29 March 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (1659650). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. The companies and 3 platoons moved across the Main River during the period. Recon Company with Division control line the division of patrolling east bank of Main River from Russelsheim (cont.) to Schwanheim (M603635) maintaining contact between elements of 10th Inf Div and 11th Infantry. No action during the period. 32 - M36's operational.

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20 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (1672706). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. "D" Company was released from patrolling along the left flank of Division sector at 1400 hours. Platoons moved from there to vicinity of Or. All companies spent the entire period conducting maintenance on vehicles. No ammunition was expended during the period. 31 - 1936's operational.

31 March 1945 Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (1672706). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. All companies assembled in the City of Frankfurt Germany and began maintenance operations on their vehicles. No ammunition expended during the period. 31 - 1936's operational.

- SUMMARY
- Operations for period covered the crossing of three rivers, Kyle, Moselle, and Rhine. The Moselle and Rhine crossings were the easiest of all due to the extreme disorganization of the enemy. Since the Kyle river crossing there has been no solid front. The enemy was so demoralized that he moved forward at will to any objective. Only in rare instances have isolated groups made sporadic stands. These give up easily at the approach of any fair size forces.
 - The first armor in Third Army across the Rhine River was "C" Company of this Battalion. Forty ton ferries were used to transport Destroyers in support of the infantry.
 - The battalion expended 200 rds 3" H.E., 169 rds 90 mm H.F., 1,106 rds 90mm H.E. on direct fire missions and 535 rds 90mm H.E. on indirect fire missions during month. Equipment destroyed is as follows: Mark V Tanks - 2; Mark IV Tanks - 1; SP's - 7; 105mm Towed Gun - 1; 82mm AT Gun - 4; 120mm Mortar - 2; 40mm AT Gun - 3; Halftrack - 6; Cargo trucks - 4; Machine Guns - 9; Motorcycle - 1; Oil Pump - 1; CP's - 4; Ammunition Dump - 2; Command Car - 1; Enemy killed - 124; PW's - 640.

RECOMMENDATION:

- The .50 caliber machine gun ammunition cloth belts have been found to be unsatisfactory. The vibration of the gun dislodges the ammunition from the belt causing stoppages. In the metallic link type this defect is not found.

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Commanding

1 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem Germany (L118487). Companies "A", "B" and "C" direct support of 2nd, 10th and 11th Infantry Regiments respectively. Battalion CP Group moved from vicinity of Dockendorf Germany, leaving at 1345 hours, to vicinity of Oberstedem Germany closing in at 1430 hours. One (1) section of each of the companies "A", "B" and "C" moved into indirect firing positions as of 1640 hours with FDC through 50th FA, 46th FA and 19th FA. "B" Company expended 52 rounds H.E. and 10 AP 90mm ammunition direct fire during the period. Targets were an Radar Station, church steeples, houses and OP's. 1 - M36 of "B" Company was evacuated to Motor maintenance because of engine trouble. Should be repaired shortly and will move into the line again. Two (2) Prisoners of War were captured by Company "B". After supporting the attack to the banks of the River Kyll platoons selected defensive positions in which they remained during the period. No casualties reported during the period. 19 - M36's operational. 8 - M10's operational.

2 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem Germany (L118487). "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company continued direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies remained primarily in defensive positions during the period with "2A" in indirect firing positions, "1B" in indirect firing positions and 1 sec of "1C" in indirect firing positions. 336 rounds H.E. was expended on indirect harassing fire missions during the period. Infantrymen started crossing the River KYLL at midnight to secure bridgeheads across the river. As soon as a bridge is intact destroyer platoons will procede across in support of the infantry. Recon Co. continued to establish liaison between this organization and the battalions of the regiments within this sector, as well as contacting units on our left and right. 25 - M36's operational. 4 - M10's operational.

3 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem Germany (118487). "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company continued direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. "A" Company remained in defensive positions during the period with one platoon in indirect firing positions. Platoon expended 175 rounds H.E. (90mm) ammunition, during the period, on interditory and harassing fire missions. 4 - M10's firing indirect with "A" Company expended 100 rounds H.E. 3"inch ammunition during the period. "B" Company fired their 90mm's direct fire at buildings, horse drawn vehicles, enemy personnel and other targets of opportunity expending 24 rds H.E. and 8 rounds AP. 2 platoons of "B" attempted to cross the river by fjording it but 2 destroyers threw trasks in the stream. Platoons crossed the bridge later in the period. 25 - M36's operational. 4 - M10's operational.

4 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 5th Infantry Division. 1 platoon of Rcn Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. Platoon continued to support the attack across and the east of the Kyll River. Bridgeheads have been established and platoons have moved across the river into positions close to the infantry. "C" Company knocked out 1 SP, 1 command car and 1 Mark IV tank during the period. Two (2) destroyers were damaged by artillery fire, but can be repaired. 24 - M36's operational.

5 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem Germany (L118487). "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 5th Infantry Division. Battalion received an Operations Instructions changing the attachment of Rcn Company somewhat. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 2nd Combat Team. 1 platoon attached to 11th Combat Team. A late report came in stating that the 2nd platoon of "B" had knocked-out an SP which was behind a stone building. The 90mm shells penetrated all walls of the building hitting the SP and putting some beautiful holes in it. Also this platoon knocked-out a Mark V tank in the edge of a woods near METTERICH. An investigation will be made of the possibility of 4 Mark IV tanks being knocked-out by the 1st platoon of "A" Company. Due the fact only one-half the amount of 90mm ammunition can be hauled in a 2½ ton truck in comparison with 3"inch, an acute shortage of transportation has arisen. With three (3) platoons firing indirect and the distance ammunition has to be hauled, (40 miles) all three ammunition trucks have to be utilized for this purpose, leaving none for primary mission. 25 - M36's operational.

6 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Oberstedem Germany (L118487). "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 2nd Combat Team. 3rd platoon of Rcn Co. attached to 11th Combat Team. One (1) of the destroyers of "B" Company hit several mines all in a group that destroyed it by setting it on fire. This shook the crew up quite badly resulting in the evacuation of 4 to the hospital. Companies continued to aid their respective CT's in the attack to the East and Northeast. 30 - M36's operational.

7 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team and further attached with the 1st platoon with the 3rd battalion, 2nd platoon with 2nd battalion and 3rd platoon with the 1st battalion. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to 11th Combat Team. The 2nd infantry regiment had an enemy counter-attack at about 1100 hours in which "A" Company participated. The enemy attacked with about 100 infantry and 6 tanks. The attack was repulsed. Rcn Company less 1 platoon attached to 2nd Combat Team. 3rd platoon attached to 11th Combat Team. The part of Rcn Co. that is with the 2nd CT have been out-posting for the infantry. Also made a route reconnaissance of a route so that some enemy dug-in tanks could be hit from the flank. At the close of the period the advance continued to the east and northeast. 30 - M36's operational.

8 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team and further attached with the 1st platoon with the 3rd battalion, 2nd platoon with 2nd battalion and 3rd platoon with the 1st battalion. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Rcn Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. The 3rd platoon of "A" Company received 4 new 90mm M36's and moved to vic of the 1st platoon of "B" Company, which was serving in this capacity during the absence of the 3rd platoon, relieving them by 1200 hours. "1B" after being relieved returned to the vic of their respective CP. "C" Company and 3rd platoon of Rcn Company enroute with the 11th Infantry Regiment who are going to relieve elements of the 4th Armored Division which are along the West bank of the Rhine River. Very little is known as to the operations of the companies due the front line being so fluid making very hard to get information back as to what is actually happening. Bn CP Group moved from vic of Oberstedem Germany to vic of Gindorf Germany leaving old area at 1400 hours and arriving at new area by 1630 hours. Companies continued to aid their respective CT's in the attack to the East. 33 - M36's operational.

9 March, 1945

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B" and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team and further attached with the 1st platoon with the 3rd battalion, 2nd platoon with 2nd battalion and 3rd platoon with the 1st battalion. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Rcn Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company has been making route reconnaissance for the regiment and also out-posting on the right flank. 3 P/W's were captured of which 1 was a Major (1st Aid Officer). Hq. Co. and Med. Det. moved from vic of L174553 to area vic L219591 leaving old area at 1310 hours and closing in new area by 1400 hours. 34 - M36's operational.

10 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B" and "C" Companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Rcn Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Information as to the operations of the three (3) line companies has been very slow coming in to this headquarters since the companies are attached to the regiments and are so much farther ahead that definite contact has been impossible. Rcn Company continued their reconnaissance mission. Bn CP Group moved from vic of Gindorf Germany to vic of Daun Germany leaving at 1530 hours and arriving at new area by 1730 hours. Set-up CP immediately. 34 - M36's operational.

11 March, 1945.

Battalion less (Rcn, "A", "B" and "C" companies) attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company attached to 2nd Combat Team. "B" Company attached to the 10th Combat Team. "C" Company attached to the 11th Combat Team. Rcn Company less 3rd platoon attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. 3rd platoon of Rcn Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. 1st platoon of Reconnaissance Company destroyed 2 mortars and 1 howitzer as well as capturing 28 PW's. 2nd platoon of Reconnaissance Company captured 12 PW's. Headquarters Company moved from vic of L219591 to vic of L546797. 33 - M36's operational.

12 March, 1945.

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Kloster Germany (L540785). "A" Company was relieved of attachment to 2nd CT and is now in direct support. "B" Company was relieved of attachment to 10th CT is now in general support of Division Area. "C" Company was relieved of attachment to 11th CT and is now in direct support. Rcn Company was relieved of attachment to 2nd CT and 11th CT and is now under battalion control. All companies are busy at first echelon maintenance on all vehicles. All detachments were effected as of 121200 hours. "C" Company captured 13 PW's and destroyed 1 machine gun. 26 PW's were captured by Rcn Company. Bn CP Group moved from vic of Daun Germany to vic of Kloster Germany leaving at 0930 hours and arriving in new area by 1130 hours. Set-up CP immediately. 33 - M36's operational. "B" Company has a light tank for which they will use for reconnaissance missions.

13 March, 1945.

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Gamlen Germany (L619824). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company in general support of Division Area. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Bn Company was given the mission in which groups will establish liaison between this organization and the battalions of the infantry regiments within this sector as well as contacting units on our left and right. A Field Order came down from higher headquarters showing the attachments and that the 5th Division will attack across the Mosel River starting at 0200 hours on the 14th of March. Platoons of the companies moved into over-watch positions to support the attack. Two (2) platoons of "B" Company are in indirect firing positions. Bn CP Group moved from vic of Kloster Germany to vic of Gamlen Germany leaving at 1130 hours and arriving in new area by 1240 hours. Set-up CP immediately. Hq. Co. moved from vic of Kloster Germany to vic of Gamlen Germany leaving at 1200 hours and arrived in new area by 1330 hours. 32 - M36's operational.

14 March, 1945.

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Gamlen Germany (L619824). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company in general support of Division Area. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. The attack and assault crossings of the Mosel River began as per schedule in which TD's supported the attack by moving guns into positions so as to fire direct or indirect missions. "A" Company was on the right and "C" Company on the left. 79 H.E. and 4 AP was expended at targets of opportunity. Message came down from XII Corps that the battalion will do no more indirect firing until further notice. 32 - M36's operational.

15 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Gamlen Germany (619824). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company general support of Division Area. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to support their respective CT's in their attack across the Mosel River. Maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division's area. Guns of companies "A" and "B" were moved across into the bridgehead during the period. Battalion expended 49 H.E., 25 AP and 3500 .50 caliber ammunition during the period. 9 H.E. and 2000 rds of .50 caliber mentioned above was fired by the 3rd platoon of "A" Company which resulted in the surrender of 30 enemy infantry. 31 - M36's operational.

16 March, 1945

Battalion less ("B" and Rcn Companies) attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery. "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. Companies continued to support their respective CT's in their attack South from the Mosel River maintaining anti-mechanized defense of the Division area. Rcn company and Company B were attached to Task Force Breckenridge at 160600A and at the close of the period were making preparations to move into the bridgehead with the task force. "A" Company fired 15 H.E. at enemy tank and personnel. "C" Company knocked out a Mark V tank and 1 AT gun. Also took seven (7) PW's. Headquarters Company moved from Gamlen Germany to Zilshausen Germany. Three (3) PW's were taken by Headquarters Company after arriving in this new area. Bn CP group moved Gamlen Germany to Kastellaun Germany arriving by 1830 hours. 31 - M36's operational.

17 March, 1945

Battalion less ("B" and Rcn Companies) attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery, located vicinity of Simmern Germany (L846534). "A" Company continued direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. "C" Company continued direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company attached to Task Force Breckenridge. Battalion less "B" and Rcn Companies continued to support their respective CT's in their attack South from the Mosel River and maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division Area.. Division attacked against very light resistance. "C" Company captured 8 PW's during the period. Also fired 300 rds of .50 caliber ammunition at enemy aircraft. 31 - M36's operational.

18 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Rcn attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Simmern Germany (L846534). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company attached to the 18th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to attack to the South from the Mosel River and maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division area. Not much is known regarding the operations of the companies during this period. "A" Company knocked-out 4 enemy half-tracks and 1 AT 75mm gun during the period. 33 - M36's operational.

19 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Rcn attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Sponheim Germany (L994324). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. Division continued its attack to the South. Companies continued to support their respective CP's and maintain anti-mechanized defense of Division area. "A" Company captured 12 PW's. "B" Company fired 15 H.E. at enemy troops. "C" Company captured 9 PW's of which one was an enemy officer. Rcn Company expended 3 AF, 22 H.E. (37mm), 3000 rds .50 cal and 500 rds .30 caliber and knocked-out 1 half-track 4 personnel carriers. Also destroyed 4 machine guns, 30 rifles and 1 S/A ammo dump. 11 PW's were taken at same time. 33 - M36's operational.

20 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Sponheim Germany (L994324). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company was released from attachment to 10th Infantry Regiment and reverted back to battalion control. Hq. Co. moved from vic of Dalberg to the outskirts of Bad Kreuznach closing in at 1700 hours. Companies continued to advance aiding their respective CP's in the attack toward the East. 1 Prisoner of War was taken by "A" Company. 31 - M36's operational.

21 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Rcn attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Wonsheim Germany (M163315). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company was again attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. Bn CP Group moved from vic of Sponheim Germany to vic of Wonsheim Germany leaving old area at 1300 hours and closing in new area by 1415 hours. Battalion expended 6000 rounds .50 caliber and 400 rounds .30 caliber ammunition during the period. 33 PW's were captured. 35 - M36's operational.

22 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Friesenheim Germany (M374375). "A" Company general support of Division Area. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Division began crossing the Rhein River at 2200 hours and by daylight had a large part of the infantry over. Companies were to move their destroyers 30 minutes before daylight into positions this side the river in support of the attack. "C" Co. knocked out an AA gun. During the period 180 rounds H.E. was expended at houses, CP's, enemy infantry and AA positions. Hq. Co. moved from outskirts of Bad Kreuznach Germany to Wonsheim Germany. Battalion moved from vic of Wonsheim Germany to vic of Friesenheim Germany, arriving by 1600 hours. 35 - M36's operational.

23 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Rcn attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Friesenheim Germany (M374375). "A" Company attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Co. attached to 5th Reconnaissance Troop. Companies were in direct support of their respective CT's while on this side of the river. However, in the meantime they moved across the river Rhein and upon arriving in the bridgehead immediately became attached. "B" Co. of 691st TD Bn is attached to this unit and has the mission of watching and shooting at anything, such as demolition, that might be floating down the river against the bridge. 32 - M36's operational.

24 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Friesenheim Germany (M374375). "A" Company attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Co. attached to 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company was released from attachment to the 5th Rcn Troop and reverted back to battalion control. "B" Co. of 691st TD Bn is attached to this organization, fired 14 rds 3-inch ammo and 500 rds .50 cal. at objects floating down the river toward the bridge that's across. Companies moved to positions in support of their respective CP's and provided anti-mechanized protection for the Division bridgehead. "A" Company knocked out 4 SP guns during the period. Unfortunately one of their destroyers was hit by enemy fire and knocked-out. Mine (9) holes was put through it. No one was injured. "B" Company captured a half-track and 1 motorcycle. Also captured 3 P.W's. "C" Company knocked-out 1 SP, 1 OP, 2 machine guns and 1 ammo dump. Also captured 269 P.W's during the period. 31 - M36's operational.

25 March, 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Trebur Germany (M482476). "A" Company attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to support their respective CT's and maintain anti-mechanized defense of Division Area. "A" Company knocked-out one (1) dual-purpose 88mm gun and 1 oil dump. "B" Company fired at dug-in enemy during the early part of the period. "C" Company knocked out 1 40mm AT gun and 2 machine guns. 132 Prisoners of War were captured. Rcn Company moved from vic of Nierstein Germany to Trebur Germany leaving old area at 1335 and closing in by 1515 hours. Hq. Co. moved from vic of M366385 to vic of Gross Gerau Germany leaving old area at 1700 hours and arriving in new area by 1810 hours. Battalion CP Group moved from Friesenheim Germany to Trebur Germany leaving at 1230A and closing in by 1515 hours. Battalion expended 143 H.E. and 11 AP during the period. 31 - M36's operational.

26 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Trebur Germany (M482476). Companies "A", "B" and "C" were attached to their respective regiments, but during the period were released from attachment. "A" Company is in direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies continued to support their respective CT's and maintain anti-mechanized defense of Division Area. Recon Company took 8 PW's during the period. Further operations for the battalion unknown. 31 - M36's operational.

27 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (M659650). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. All companies moved to positions near the bridge site and are waiting the completion of the bridge across the MAIN River at which time they will move across into that part of Frankfurt Germany which has not as yet been cleared of the enemy. "B" Co. fired 16 H.E. and 2 AP at enemy personnel and targets of opportunity. Battalion CP Group moved from vicinity of Trebur Germany to vicinity of Frankfurt Germany leaving old area at 0910 hours and closing in new area by 1400 hours. 32 - M36's operational.

28 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (M659650). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. During the fore part of the period the Krauts threw some heavy concentrations of artillery at the bridge upon which our troops were to move across, knocking it out which delayed the crossing for the time being. When the bridge is put back in all platoons will move across the river except one of "C" Company which will remain on this side to guard the rear areas. Companies continued to support their respective CT's. 32 - M36's operational.

29 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (M659650). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Two companies and 2 platoons moved across the MAIN River during the period. Recon Company under Division Control has the mission of patrolling South bank of Main River from Russelsheim (excl) to Schwanheim (M605655) maintaining contact between elms of 80th Inf Div and 10th Infantry. No ammunition expended during the period. 32 - M36's operational.

Appendix No. 1

30 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (M672706). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. Recon company was released from patrolling along the left flank of Division sector at 1400 hours. Platoons moved from there to vicinity of CP. All companies spent the entire period conducting maintenance on vehicles. No ammunition was expended during the period. 31 - M36's operational.

31 March, 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Infantry Division Artillery located vicinity of Frankfurt Germany (M672706). "A" Company direct support of 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company direct support of 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company direct support of 11th Infantry Regiment. All companies assembled in the City of Frankfurt Germany and began maintenance operations on their vehicles. No ammunition expended during the period. 31 - M36's operational.