

- 9 February 1943 - Second platoon attached to Co. "B", left bivouac at 1900 hours.
- 10 February 1943 - Left bivouac at 1900 hours enroute to Feriana. Arrived at 2130 hours. Distance 21 miles.
- 11th February 1943 - Practice alert for movement 1930 hours.
- 12 February 1943 - Two platoons made reconnaissance of Feriana road.
- 13 February 1943 - First platoon made reconnaissance of rivers and streams north and northeast of Gafsa.
- 14 February 1943 - Left Feriana 1400 hours enroute to bivouac 14 miles east of Madjema-Bel-Abbes. Arrived 1530 hours. Distance 23 miles. Third platoon attached to Co. "A" and moved to vicinity of Sbaitla. Pvt. Regina S.W.
- 15 February 1943 - Second platoon returned to Company.
- 16 February 1943 - Northeast of Feriana, 1st and 2nd platoons encountered hostile tanks while on reconnaissance toward Gafsa. 1st platoon with Co. "B" and Battalion Headquarters withdrew to bivouac. 2nd Platoon with Co. "C" stayed in position 14 miles east of Madjema-Bel-Abbes. Pioneer platoon suffered 1 death, Pvt. McArthur, and S/Sgt. Rudolph, Sgt. Spiller, PFC's Glavin, Henry, Pvs. Aldrich, Webb, were S.W. as a result of enemy mine explosion. 3rd platoon in tank action resulted in following casualties: MIA S/Sgt. Broadt (later captured by Italians), S/Sgt. Whitesell, Sgts. Fissel (later captured by Italians), Seacrest, PFC Johns, Malochani, Roy, and Knoll.
- 17 February 1943 - Kasserine Pass: 2nd and 3rd platoons joined 1st platoon and Company in action against enemy tanks resulting in the following men being M.I.A.: Sgt. Gabrick, T/4 Basson, PFC's Arabinick, Conn, Rockwell, and Pvt. Slavinski.
- 18 February 1943 - Reorganization of Company at Kasserine Pass.
- 19 February 1943 - Company with Battalion in defense against enemy forces at Kasserine Pass resulted in the following losses: Lt. Alexander and S/Sgt. Mavratil killed in action, PFC Leschinski and Pvt. Vorce L.W. in action.
- 20 February 1943 - Bivouac 15 miles west of Kasserine: 2nd platoon joined remaining forces of Battalion and attached to 894th TB Bn. near Thala. Pvt. Morris reported MIA later picked up L.W. in action.

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- 4 February 1943 - Company prepared for movement to new camp site.
- 9 February 1943 - Company arrived at Tebessa with 110 enlisted men and 7 officers.
- 10 February 1943 - Entire company moved from Tebessa to an olive orchard in Feriana.
- 12 February 1943 - At this place the company was divided into a forward and rear echelon. The forward echelon was still further divided into a forward and rear echelon. Their location was approximately 21 miles from Feriana. The forward echelon comprised of staff platoon, part of maintenance platoon, and communications platoon. The rear echelon comprised of personnel section, transportation platoon, supply section, and company supply section of Reconnaissance, "A", "B", & "C" Companies. From the rear echelon ammunition, gas and oil, rations and supplies were trucked to the company areas. The personnel section kept accurate data as to the number of casualties, forwarded reports to higher headquarters, as well as kept a check on the stragglers reporting back from the front.
- 13 - 22 February 1943 - Company moved 5 times in a course of 9 days in order to maintain good security. Capt. Hunsinger, S-3, and Capt. Slack, S-4, were captured by the enemy during this period.
- 23 February 1943 - Pvt. Tesoriere was reported as Missing in action.
- 24 February 1943 - Company moved into bivouac at Aine Beida along with the other companies of the battalion for a rest period.
- 4 March 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men replacements from 5th Replacement Battalion.
- 5 March 1943 - Classes on Arms held for new replacements, and refresher classes were held for the old men.
- 12 March 1943 - Company engaged in firing .50 cal. machine guns.
- 17 March 1943 - Company left Aine Beida by convoy for new bivouac area at Thalepte. From here the company was again divided, the forward echelon being located at Feriana.
- 26 March 1943 - Rear echelon moved by motor convoy to Gafsa, the forward echelon at El Guitar.
- 11 April 1943 - Company still in bivouac at Gafsa.
- 12 April 1943 - Forward echelon moved to Bou Chebka.
- 13 April 1943 - Rear echelon moved from Gafsa to Bou Chebka.

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1. During period February 12 - 19, 1943, Battalion had the following casualties:

- 2 Officers & 9 Enlisted Men - KIA
- 1 Officer & 20 Enlisted Men - SN
- 2 Officers & 22 Enlisted Men - LN
- 4 Officers & 155 Enlisted Men - KIA
- 1 Officer & 8 Enlisted Men - Captured

2. During period March 20 - April 11, 1943, Battalion had the following casualties:

- 4 Enlisted Men - KIA
- 1 Officer & 7 Enlisted Men - SN

3. To date 15 Purple Hearts have been awarded to Officers and Enlisted Men of this Battalion.

Captain Samuel H. Johns, wounded in action, received the D.S.C. on April 6, 1943.

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RESUME OF ACTIVITIES OF COMPANY "C" 805TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION 16 & 17 FEBRUARY 1943.

ACTIVITIES:

On account of mission assigned by battalion on the afternoon of 16th February Company "C" found themselves isolated from the remainder of the battalion as darkness fell. It occupied an assembly position 15 miles east of MADJENE BEL ABRES prepared to launch an attack at dawn the next morning in the direction of MADJENE BEL ABRES. These instructions were received early in the evening by phone from Commanding Officer, Stark Force at PERIANA.

Later on in the night it was decided to evacuate PERIANA, but "C" Company was not notified. Launching its attack next morning it was forced to withdraw to the north. Later in the afternoon it succeeded in rejoining the battalion at KASSERINE.

Casualties: 1 officer and 24 enlisted men were killed. 50 enlisted men were captured. The personnel section kept accurate records of the casualties.

16 - 17 February 1943 - MADJENE BEL ABRES

Personal

1 Officer - KIA

24 Enlisted Men - Captured

50 Enlisted Men - KIA

12 - T.D's

1 - P.C.

4 - A.A.

12 - 1 T

2 - 3/4 T

24 February 1943 - P.C. transferred was reported as missing in action.

24 February 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men reinforcements from 5th Replacement Battalion.

1 March 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men reinforcements from 5th Replacement Battalion.

3 March 1943 - Classes on arms held for new replacements, and refresher classes were held for the old men.

4 March 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men reinforcements from 5th Replacement Battalion.

5 March 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men reinforcements from 5th Replacement Battalion.

6 March 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men reinforcements from 5th Replacement Battalion.

7 March 1943 - Company received 1 officer and 7 enlisted men reinforcements from 5th Replacement Battalion.

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12 February 1943:

Reconnaissance continued by unit commanders. Patrols initiated by Battalion covered generally area bounded by FENIANA-GAFSA road and north on GAFSA-GUDI BOU ZID Road about 15 miles.

13 February 1943:

Reconnaissance patrols continued but no hostile activity reported. Plans completed for action to be taken when force was committed.

14 February 1943:

Battalion ordered to send one company, with one Reconnaissance Platoon attached, to report to Commanding Officer of Combat Command at SEBILIA. "A" Company with attached platoon departed 1030 hours (Separate diary of activities of "A" Company attached to this record marked Annex B). Battalion less "A" and "B" Companies and two Reconnaissance platoons moved to an assembly area at 89917 as per orders Commanding Officer 26th R.C.T. During night of 14-15 February 1943 "B" Company reverted back to Battalion as a result of the evacuation of GAFSA.

15 February 1943:

Reconnaissance along DU ST. RICH-ESOUR SAKEL (T2526) and DU ST. AICH-GAFSA road and NE along DU ST. RICH mountain range initiated. Reports for day all negative.

16 February 1943:

Reconnaissance patrols were again sent out. Early contact was made with a British reconnaissance unit which reported enemy patrol at Y0090. At 1057 hours patrol operating on DU ST. AICH-GAFSA road was attacked by an enemy patrol and withdrew north along road. During morning reconnaissance was made for five positions in vicinity of 89015 while Reconnaissance Company was given mission of reconnoitering FENIANA-GAFSA road. At 1131 enemy contact was reported at X5892 by Reconnaissance Company. At about same time enemy guns commenced firing at an outpost on DU ST. AICH from position at about T0713.

Battalion was deployed in position at 89015, with one platoon guarding pass at T0015. Orders from Commanding Officer 26th R.C.T. to destroy enemy guns firing an outpost were received and in compliance therewith "C" Company's remaining platoons were sent to take care of this mission while "B" Company was ordered to a position approximately 1 mile E of road junction at MADJENE BEL ABRES which was already occupied by a platoon of same company ready to cover withdrawal of Reg. Co. north of FENIANA-GAFSA road.

"C" Company reported no evidence of enemy guns at T0713, and was ordered to report to position occupied by "B" Company, but radio communication had been lost so S-3 was sent to contact them verbally. From that time until 1700 hours 17 February company was separated from the Battalion (Efforts of the company to extricate itself from encirclement are recorded and attached as Annex C). B Company continued to occupy position near MADJENE BEL ABRES until

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21 February 1943: Hostile forces occurred at 0300 hours, 21 February 1943 by all guns capable of action - a total of four.

21 February 1943:

Late in afternoon hostile forces which included tanks forced a withdrawal by all units to a position at N8505. Platoon of guns worked in conjunction with tanks (English).

22 February 1943:

Position at N8505 was occupied all day. No direct action was encountered, but heavy artillery fire and some bombing was experienced during most of day.

23 February 1943:

Position still maintained - no activity. Battalion was ordered to vicinity of AINE BEIDA for reorganization and rehabilitation, except for platoon occupying position near THALA, which platoon was ordered to report to CG I Armored Division at N6405.

1 March 1943:

Lt. Col. Foreman relieved and assigned to 1st TD Group, per Par. 3, S.O. # 11, Hq. 1st TD Group.

Major Camden W. McConnell assumed Command of Battalion, per Par. 4, S.O. # 11, Hq. 1st TD Group.

2 March 1943:

Received 1 officer and 126 enlisted men replacements.

4 March 1943:

Received 5 officers and 68 enlisted men replacements.

10 March 1943:

Received 3 enlisted men replacements.

11 March 1943:

Received 1 officer and 2 enlisted men replacements.

17 March 1943:

Battalion marched at 0001 hours to vicinity of THELEPIS airport via TERESSA in compliance with F.O. # 4, Hq. 1st TD Group, 16 March 1943. Mission: To protect THELEPIS airport from mechanized attack. Closed in assembly area 0645 hours.

Battalion moved at 1300 hours to FERRIANA, in compliance with F.O. # 5, Hq. 1st TD Group, 17 March 1943. Mission: To provide local defense of Headquarters, II Corps, U. S. Army. By 2330 hours necessary roadblocks, night time listening posts, and gun positions were established by all companies, covering 260° arc around FERRIANA.

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18 March 1943:

By 0930 hours daytime gun positions and necessary minefields established by all companies.

20 March 1943:

Battalion moved from PERIANA at 1245 hours and closed in assembly area 1 mile NE of SBEITLA 1700 hours in compliance with V.O. C.O. 1st TD Group. Mission: To support 9th Inf. Div. in static defense of SBEITLA-KASSERINE area in conjunction with 894th TD, 1 Bn. 47th Inf. Column strafed by three (3) enemy planes 2 miles NE SBEITLA 0430 hours - casualties 2 killed, 6 wounded, 3 vehicles and guns damaged and 1 - 37mm ant vehicle destroyed. At 1600 hours battalion came under command of C.O. 894th TD Bn. At 2300 hours forward C.P. and gun positions established 2-3 miles from SBEITLA on road to HADJEB EL AIDUN. Reconnaissance arc established 8 miles NE of SBEITLA.

21 March 1943:

One company established gun position 2 miles east of SBEITLA on SIDI BOU ZID road, prior to 1200 hours Recon. outposts established at T581 (TUNISIAN 1/200,000 MAP: SBEITLA). Contact also established w/Dirb. Jeonany and Recon. elements of 34th Inf. Division. No enemy contact.

22 March 1943:

At 2135 hours gun position on SIDI BOU ZID road was reinforced by one platoon as per verbal orders of C.O. 894th TD Bn., based on unconfirmed report of enemy tank column moving west of FAID.

23 March 1943:

Laid minefields. Positions at T-515 with 4" mortar in position at T-515.

26 March 1943:

Battalion departed SBEITLA approximately 2200 hours in compliance with radio message C.G. Div. Arty., 9th Div. received 1100 hours, 25 March 1943.

27 March 1943:

Orders changed enroute by authority contained in phone message from C.G., II Corps relayed thru Hq. 9th Inf. Div. placing 805th TD Bn. under command of C.G., Corps Artillery, II Corps. Battalion closed 0900 hours in ass'y area 2 mi. NE of GAFSA on MAKNASSY road. Mission: To provide anti-mech. defense for Corps Artillery. C.P. and gun positions occupied 2000 hours, in radius 4 miles SE of EL GUETTAR along road to GAFSA.

29 March 1943:

Random enemy shellfire landed in area. Attacked by dive bombers at 1630 hrs. - no casualties.

30 March 1943:

Enemy planes dropped flares and bombs over area at 0300 hours. Casualties - 1 killed, 1 vehicle damaged. Most of the area was covered by smoke.

31 March 1943:

Departed EL GUSTIAH 1300 hrs. in compliance w/VOCG II Corps. Closed in ass'y area SEMED STATION at 1700 hrs. Mission: To provide secondary defense line against mechanized attack from the north, northeast or east, under command of C.O. 1st Armored Division. 2 enemy planes dive bombed IP at 1330; no casualties.

1 April 1943:

Departed ass'y area at 1300 hrs. and occupied position of readiness 1730 hrs. 4 mi. NE SEMED STATION (in compl. w/ltr CG 1st Armored Division 31 March 1943 as amended verbally). Mission - unchanged. 8-10 mile recon. radius established and close cooperation with Darby. Jeannery effected.

2 April 1943:

Preparation of alternate gun positions continued. SEMED PASS patrolled and guarded.

3 April 1943:

1 Officer and 45 enlisted men replacements received.

4 April 1943:

Departed SEMED STATION 1400 hrs. by infiltration in compl. w/VOCG 1st Armored Division, placing this organization under the command of Col. J. J. Williams, Force Commander, operating under II Corps. Closed in reconnoitered C.P. and gun positions at T-2715 with "A" Company in position at T-2735 (TUNISIAN 1/200,000 MAP: SEMITLA). "A" and Recon. Companies removed from control of Commanding Officer 805th TD.

5 April 1943:

This battalion (minus "A" and Recon. Companies) departed T-2715 at 1300 hrs. in compl. w/VOCG II Corps and closed in ass'y area 7 miles N of GAFSA at 1530 hrs. At this time VOCG II Corps placed this organization under command of the C.O. 1st Ranger Bn. Mission: To prevent enemy mechanized thrust into GAFSA from Southwestern tip of DJERBEL BERDA. Daylight recon. southeast of MEDILLA was executed at 1630 hrs. for night occupation of position.

6 April 1943:

Forward C.P. and gun positions SE of MEDILLA occupied at 0500 hrs. At 1230 hrs. withdrew from MEDILLA area in compl. w/VOCG II Corps and returned to assembly area 7 miles NE of GAFSA on GAFSA-SIDI BOUZID road. Ordered to SEMITLA there to report to Col. J. J. Williams by CG II Corps. "A" and Recon. Companies remained detached.

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