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HEADQUARTERS FIRST TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
APO #230 U. S. ARMY

1 May 1945.

COMBAT REPORT

Month of April



1. ORIGINAL UNIT:

a. Completed - 1944

2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC:

a. On 31 March 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:  
Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group  
6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion

3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

<u>1 April 1945</u>		<u>30 April 1945</u>		<u>Net Increase</u>		<u>Net Decrease</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
14	57	15	60	1	3	0	0

4. STATIONS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY):

- a. 1 April 1945 to 4 April 1945 - MARBURG, GERMANY (G729460)
- b. 5 April 1945 to 10 April 1945 - NIEDER MARSBERG, GERMANY (G778188)
- c. 11 April 1945 to 12 April 1945 - TRENDELBURG, GERMANY (C169321)
- d. 13 April 1945 to 16 April 1945 - NORDHAUSEN, GERMANY (D119278)
- e. 17 April 1945 to 30 April 1945 - EISEZERN, GERMANY (D640320)

5. MARCHES:

a. Motor march, 4 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from MARBURG, GERMANY (G729460) to NIEDER MARSBERG, GERMANY (G778188). Authority VCGG, VII Corps, 3 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 63.8 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Slippery.
- (4) Weather: Cold and rainy.

b. Motor march, 10 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from NIEDER MARSBERG, GERMANY (G778188) to TRENDELBURG, GERMANY (C169321). Authority VCGG, VII Corps, 9 April 1945.

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- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 33.7 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Bright and clear.

c. Motor march, 12 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from TRENDELBURG, GERMANY (C169321) to NORDHAUSEN, GERMANY (D119278). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 11 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 77.8 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Poor to fair.
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and foggy.



d. Motor march, 16 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from NORDHAUSEN, GERMANY (D119278) to EISLEBEN, GERMANY (D640320). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 15 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 35.3 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Clear and bright.

e. Motor march, 30 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from EISLEBEN, GERMANY (D640320) to LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E227148). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 29 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 42.7 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

#### 6. - CAMPAIGNS:

a. 1st Tank Destroyer Group continued in role of VII Corps Security Command with Lieutenant Colonel Allen H. Foreman, O19913, Inf, CO, 1st Tank Destroyer Group designated as Acting Security Commander, VII Corps, per General Order #7, Hq VII Corps, dated 5 March 1945.

7. BATTLES: None.

#### 8. COMMANDING OFFICER IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:

a.

- (1) Engagement: Continental Operation.
- (2) Name: 1st Tank Destroyer Group - Lt Col Allen H. Foreman, O19913.

9. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND MEN: None.

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10. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:

a.

- (1) Name: Major Ralph D. Crosby, FA, 0370302.
- (2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations. from 3 Aug 1944 to 25 Feb 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany.
- (3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.
- (4) Authority: General Order #20, Hq VII Corps, dated 4 April 1945.

b.

- (1) Name: 1st Lt Wilfred C. Ford, Inf, 025005.
- (2) Act: Meritorious service during period 13 July 1944 to 31 Oct 1944 in European Theater of Operations.
- (3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.
- (4) Authority: General Order #44, Hq 9th Inf Div, dated 27 Mar 1945.

11. PICTURES: None.

*Allen H. Foreman*

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Lt Col, Inf, 1st TD Gp,  
Commanding.

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