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No. 6 (Period 281200 - Feb. - 011200A March 1945)

1 March 1945



1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS

Tac/R reported area A2726 very active, ten (10) tanks on West bank and some on E bank of river. Ferry at A2726 very active - tanks and vehicles being ferried across to SW bank at 010420 hours. Three (3) tanks knocked out at F2182.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Displaced with Corps from ALSDORF, GERMANY to AMELN (F088660). Coordinated AT defense within the Corps. Five (5) Bns. employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Battalions:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 543rd TD Bn. - "A" Co in Div Res at F091638. "B" Co in assembly at F185830 preparing for future operations. "C" Co atchd 331st RCT with C1 and C2 atchd 329th Inf. Bn destroyed one (1) enemy half-track. Bn had 24 5" guns and 12 M-18's operational.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Bn (-) moved fr NIEDERZIER, GERMANY to OTZENRATH, GERMANY (K109755). Closed 281745A Feb. "A" Co direct support of CC"A" in attack North MUNCHEN - GLADBACH - DUSSELDORF Road. "B" Co direct support CC"B" protecting flanks 2nd Arm'd Div. "C" Co in support of CC"B" in attack N on MUNCHEN - GLADBACH - DUSSELDORF Road. Bn had 33 M-36's operational.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - Bn continued mission of providing AT defense for 113th Cav Grp. "A" Co in NIEDERREMBI. "B" Co in indirect fire posns vic FRANKESHOFEN until 1500 28 Feb when direct fire posns were taken up in the same place. "C" Co direct fire posns vic STEINSTRAUSS and LICH. Bn had 36 5" guns operational.
- d. 821st TD Bn. - Bn CP moved vic BORSCHMICH. Closed 1315 28 Feb. "B" Co supporting 116th Inf in HOLZ. "C" Co supporting 175th Inf in WICKRATHBERG. "A" Co in Div Res in assembly at F110290. Bn had 29 M-10's operational.
- e. 823rd TD Bn. - "A" Co in KONIGSHOFEN direct support of 119th Inf. "B" Co in GARZWEILER direct support of 120th Inf. "C" Co in assembly of Bn CP (F153628) (Fwd) atchd 117th Inf, preparing for future operations. Bn had 34 M-10's operational.

(2) Activities:

- a. 821st TD Bn. - Lost one (1) M-10 due to enemy SP direct fire. "C" Co destroyed one (1) SP gun and two (2) Mk IV tanks (not previously reported).
- b. 823rd TD Bn. - Bn destroyed one (1) German half-track vic F158751.

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	643	702	801	821	823
Tanks	0	0	0	2	0
Misc. Weapons & Equip.	0	0	0	1 (SP gun)	1 (HT)
Conc. Fired (Indirect)	0	0	0	-	-
HE NC Fired	0	0	0	56	4
HE RC Fired	0	0	0	0	0
AIC Fired	0	0	0	27	0
Guns Operational	12 (SP) 24 (T)	33	36	29	34

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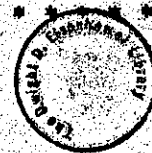
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No. 7 (Period 011200A - 021200A March 1945)

2 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

In 83rd Inf Div sector, 20 tanks and infantry were reported approaching CR at 213825 via KAPPELLEN moving NW. Our planes hit these tanks and claim 6 knocked out. Two (2) tanks reported dug in near bridge on W side of river, via F289893. One (1) tank knocked out by bazooka at F248903 early during period. At 1000A hrs. one (1) tank reported at F220815. Two (2) tanks reported SW of RJ F218821, also four (4) tanks and infantry at F242915, at 1120A. The 643rd TD Bn with the 83rd Div reported knocking out two (2) tanks, believed to be Mk IV's.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Six (6) Bns employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Battalions:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

a. 643rd TD Bn. - Bn moved to F183825 (ALDENHOVEN, GERMANY). "A" Co N of NEUSS. "B" Co no change. "C" Co in BUTTGEN, GERMANY.

b. 702nd TD Bn. - Bn CP moved from vic OTZENRATH to STEINHAUSEN (F160860). Co "A" in support of attack of CC"A" crossed NOED CANAL via SCHIEFBACH - unit now on outpost via WILLICH (F175968). Co "B" cont'd supporting CC"B" protecting right flank of 2nd Arm'd Div. Co "C" in support of CC"B" assisted in drive W across NORD CANAL in vic STACKERSEIE (F215925) - now attacking in direction ELBENSIEP. Bn had 35 M-36's operational.

c. 801st TD Bn. - No change.

d. 802nd TD Bn. - Bn (-) in assembly posn E of JULICH. "C" Co direct fire posns in KLEINBORICH. A towed Bn attached 95th Inf Div. This is the only TD Bn with a lighthouse to its credit.

e. 821st TD Bn. - "A" Co in Div Res, in RHYEDT. "B" Co supporting 116th Inf in KORSCHENBROICH. "C" Co supporting 175th Infantry at F076801. Bn Co in BORSCHENICH. Bn has 28 M-10's opnal.

f. 823rd TD Bn. - Bn CP moved to GARZWEILER.

c. (2) Activities:

a. 643rd TD Bn. - Lost one (1) 3" gun due to enemy action - unit captured one (1) PW. Unit also dest. one ME - 109 and 1 Mk IV.

b. 702nd TD Bn. - Knocked out two (2) 75mm AT guns expending 10 rds APC.

c. 801st TD Bn. - "C" Co in fire-fight with Mk V - hits ricocheted. Unit had one (1) M-10 destroyed and captured 27 PW's.

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Tanks	1	0	0	0	0	0
Misc. Weapons & Equip.	1 (ME 100)	2 (AT guns)	0	-	0	0
Conc. Fired (Indirect)	0	0	0	-	0	0
HE NC Fired	70	0	0	-	1	50
HE RC Fired	0	0	0	-	0	0
APC Fired	5	0	0	-	12	0
Guns Operational	12 (SP) 26 (T)	35	36	-	28	34

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No. 8 (Period 021200A - 031200A March 1945)

3 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

2nd Arm'd Div encountered direct fire from tanks via A215080. Air picked up a few arm'd vehicles mixed in with motor vehicles in convoy. Very little arm'd activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Battalions:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn. - "B" Co via ZOPPENBROICH. "C" Co via GREFRATH.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Cont'd to support 2nd Arm'd Div.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - Bn CP at OBEREMB (F133628) atchd 115th Cav Grp. "C" Co via KONIGHOVEN. At 031200A unit relieved of support of 30th Inf Div.
- d. 802nd TD Bn. - Bn (-"C" Co) located in MUNCHEN GLADBACH (F123906).
- e. 821st TD Bn. - Bn moved via GIESENKIRCHEN closing at 1450. "A" Co N of GIESENKIRCHEN, "B" Co N of GIESENKIRCHEN, and "C" Co N of GIESENKIRCHEN. Bn unoperational as of 021450A March 45 when it became Ninth Army Res.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - Bn CP moved via SASSERATH. "A" Co via GUBBERATH. "C" Co via GUBBERATH. Bn Co via HEMMERDEN atchd 117th Inf.

(2) Activities:

- a. 643rd TD Bn. - In an enemy counter-attack near KAPELIEN, C2's posn was over-run with following losses: 35 EM KIA, 4 halftracks destroyed, 3 jeeps, 1 1 1/2 Ton truck and 4 3" guns missing. Captured 3 PW's.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - March 1st destroyed two (2) 88mm AT guns not previously reported. During period knocked out one (1) 175mm Towed gun and two (2) misc. vehicles. Captured 1 PW.

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Tanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Weapons & Equip	0	5	0	0	0	0
Cons. Fired (Indirect)	0	0	0	0	0	0
HE NO Fired	0	126	0	0	0	0
HE RC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0
AFC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guns Operational	12 (SP) 18 (T)	35	36	36	31	33

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(No. 9 (Period 031200A - 041200A March 1945)

4 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

Three (3) tanks were observed moving around KALDENHAUSEN (A2511). A small counterattack of Infantry supported by two (2) tanks was attempted via BRADENTHALER (P266866) at 0600A hours. This attack was broken up by artillery fire before it started.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. End TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Battalions employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Battalions:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn. - "A" Co. in WEUSS, "C" Co. via HÖLLEIRN.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Co "A" atchd CC "A", Co "B" atchd CC "B" continued attack W in direct support. Co "C" atchd CC "B" via BOSINGHOVEN.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - No change.
- d. 802nd TD Bn. - Co "A" (- 3rd Plat) via F20047 (KUHLESHUTTE). Co "C" F179066 (W part of KNEFELD).
- e. 821st TD Bn. - No change.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - Bn Rear - X186796. Otherwise no change.

(2) Activities:

- a. 643rd TD Bn. - A corrected report on enemy counterattack via of KAPILLAN - losses were: seven (7) EM KIA, five (5) EM WIA, and 24 EM MIA. Unit captured one (1) Officer, nine (9) EM PW's. Bn. received six (6) additional M-18's.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Co "A" destroyed three (3) trucks, one (1) sedan, one (1) motorcycle - Co "C" destroyed one (1) 88mm towed gun, one (1) sedan, one (1) motorcycle. In previous period Bn. destroyed two (2) pillboxes.
- c. 802nd TD Bn. - Bn lost one (1) M-20 by friendly mines with personnel losses of one (1) killed and one (1) wounded. Bn. in process of being converted to Self-Propelled.

	643	702	801	802	821	823
Tanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miss. Weapons & Equip.	0	10	0	0	0	0
Cans. Fired (Indirect)	0	0	0	0	0	0
HE MC fired	0	33	0	0	0	0
HE RC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0
APC Fired	0	62	0	0	0	0
Guns Operational	16 (SP) 12 (T)	35	36 (T) 7 (SP)	33	32	14

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No. 10 (Period 041200A - 051200A March 1945)

5 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. End TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns. employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 543rd TD Bn. - "B" Co. via NIEDERKASSEL. Otherwise no change.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Bn. CP from OSTERATH to KREFELD at 041200A. No change in Co's attachments or missions.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - No change.
- d. 802nd TD Bn. - No change.
- e. 821st TD Bn. - No change.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - No change.

(2) Activities:

- a. 801st TD Bn alerted for immediate movement.
- b. 802nd TD Bn preparing for movement to new location via ROY.
- c. 823rd TD Bn sent initial quartering party for movement to new location.

	543	702	801	802	821	823
Tanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc. Weapons & Eq.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cons. Fired (Indirect)	0	0	0	0	0	0
HE WC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0
HE TC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0
APC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guns Operational (18 SP 12 (T) 18	56 (T)	7 SP	28	25	24	

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No. 11 (Period 051200A - 061200A March 1945) 8 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. End TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns. employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn. - "C" Co via BREWERY.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - No change.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - Bn CP moved to via OSTERATH, closing 1130. "A" Co via OSTERATH, "B" Co via OSSUM - BOMINGHOVEN, "C" Co via BURTGMN. Unit atchd End TD Grp as of 051200A Feb 45. Unit preparing to go into direct - indirect fire.
- d. 802nd TD Bn. - "A" Co via ROTT, "B" Co in assay with B1 supporting 358 FA and B3 supporting 920 FA. 1A atchd GT8 and 2A atchd GT7. "C" Co atchd GT9.
- e. 821st TD Bn. - No change.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - "B" Co via GUSTORF, and "C" Co via VOCKRATH.

(2) Activities:

- a. 801st TD Bn. - Two (2) KM WIA during period.
- b. 802nd TD Bn. - "C" Co captured 20 PW's.
- c. 821st TD Bn. - "B" Co knocked out one (1) Mc IV tank at 101718 on Feb. 27 at 1100 hrs. (not reported previously).
- d. 823rd TD Bn. - "A" Co destroyed one (1) Mc V tank on 27 Feb. (not previously reported). "C" Co had one (1) M4 tank truck MIA during period.

Tanks	643		702		801		802		821		823	
	PT	OPn	PT	OPn	PT	OPn	PT	OPn	PT	OPn	PT	OPn
Miss Weapons & Eq	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	8
Guns Fired (Ind)	8	8	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	108
HE 80 Fired	0	198	0	12488	0	6488	0	0	0	4478	0	10484
HE 90 Fired	400	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APC Fired	0	15	0	188	0	0	0	0	0	178	0	18
PW's	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	20	0	70	0	188
Guns Oppal	12 (SP)	12 (T)	34		36		36 (T)	7 (SP)	34		34	

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No. 12 (Period 061200A - 071200A March 1945)

7 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns. employed. Operating FCG controlling fires of 801st and "B" Co, 702nd TD Bns.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 645rd TD Bn. - No change.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - No change.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - No change.
- d. 802nd TD Bn. - "B" Co via RUMKIN, "C" Co via STADTFOR.
- e. 821st TD Bn. - No change.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - Bn passed to control of XVI Corps as of 5 March 45.

(2) Activities:

- a. 802nd TD Bn - 2-A and 2-C fired five (5) direct missions on targets of opportunity E bank of RHINE RIVER. Destroyed six (6) railway tank cars, five (5) houses, two (2) water towers and two (2) factory chimneys.
- b. 821st TD Bn - Three (3) Mk V tanks not previously reported were confirmed knocked out by "B" Co - 2 were knocked out on Feb 26th and and the third one Feb. 27th. Bn total for the operations is three (3) Mk V's and five (5) Mk IV's. for a total of eight (8).

	823rd	645rd	702nd	801st	802nd	821st
Wkts/Weap.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc. Weap.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cons. Fired	0	8	-	0	5	0
HE NO Fired	0	0	-	0	152	0
HE NO Fired	0	400	-	0	155	0
APC Fired	0	0	-	0	142	0
Guns Opnal	34	12 (T) 24 (SP)	35	36	7 (SP) 58 (T)	54

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No. 15 (Period 071200A - 081200A March 1945)

8 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during period.



2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. End TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns employed. Operating FCC, controlling indirect fires of 801st TD Bn. Displaced w/Corps to new location via MUNCHEN - GIADBACH (F115915) - closed at 1530A hours.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn. - Bn in indirect fire posns firing in support of 83rd Div Arty. "A" Co in NEUSS. "B" Co in HERRDT and "C" Co in HOLZBUTTGEN.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - In assembly vic HARDT, GERMANY.
- c. 801st TD Bn. - Remained in indirect and direct fire positions - prepared to fire illuminating and direct fire missions.
- d. 802nd TD Bn. - "A" Co in BOCKUM in assembly, "B" Co in TROMPET on secondary mission, "C" Co (-) in VERDINGEN with 30 in direct fire posns atnd 378th Inf as of 061345.
- e. 821st TD Bn. - From Army Reserve to control of XIX Corps 07 March 1945. Unit remained in assembly position continuing maintenance and training.

(2) Activities:

- a. 702nd TD Bn. - Period 0001 - 2400 8 March 45, "B" Co fired indirect fire on Corps Arty missions.
- b. 802nd TD Bn. - 3-C fired five (5) direct missions - destroyed one (1) oil tank, one (1) silo, six (6) houses on E bank RHINE RIVER. Bn res'd five (5) additional M-36's.

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	643	702	801	802	821
Tanks	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Weap & Equip	-	-	-	-	0
Cons Fired (Ind)	8	0	-	14	0
HE N/C Fired	0	200	-	119	0
HE R/C Fired	400	0	-	218	0
APC Fired	0	0	0	98	0
Guns Opns	12 (T) 22 (SP)	56	36(T)	36(T) 13(SP)	34

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No. 14 (Period 081200 - 091200A March 1945)

8 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during the period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. End TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns employed. Operating FCO, controlling indirect fires of 801st TD Bn.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn (SP) - No change.
- b. 702nd TD Bn (SP) - No change.
- c. 801st TD Bn (T) - No change.
- d. 802nd TD Bn (SP) - No change.
- e. 821st TD Bn (SP) - No change.

(2) Activities:

- a. 643rd TD Bn - "B" and "C" Co's fired eight (8) concentrations indirect for a total of 404 rds R/C.
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Co's doing maintenance on radios and weapons. Bn maintaining road blocks and patrols as ordered by Div.
- c. 802nd TD Bn - Bn fired fourteen (14) concentrations for a total of sixty-one (61) rds R/C in support of 25th Div Arty.

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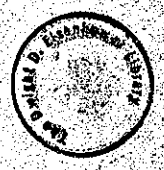
Tanks				
Misc Weaps & Equip				
Conc Fired (Ind)	8		14	
HE R/C Fired				
HE R/C Fired	404		61	
APC Fired				
Guns Opnal	12 (T) 23 (SP)	36	36	7 (SP) 36 (T) 32

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No. 15 (Period 091200 - 101200A March 1945)

10 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during the period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns employed. Operating FCG, controlling indirect fires of 801st TD Bn.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn (SP) - No change.
- b. 702nd TD Bn (SP) - No change.
- c. 801st TD Bn (T) - No change.
- d. 802nd TD Bn (SP) - No change.
- e. 821st TD Bn (SP) - No change.

(2) Activities:

- a. 643rd TD Bn - "B" and "G" Co's fired twenty (20) concentrations indirect for a total of 400 rds R/C.
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Bn maintained road blocks and patrols as ordered by Div. "B" Co relieved of support of 2nd TD Group (effective 072400A March). Co's continued maintenance and cleaning of vehicles and weapons.
- c. 801st TD Bn - "B" Co fired one (1) concentration for a total of 243 rds HE R/C.
- d. 802nd TD Bn - Bn fired twenty-eight (28) concentrations for a total of 78 rds HE R/C, 124 rds HE M/C and 109 rds APC.



	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>821</u>
Guns Fired (Ind)	20		1	28	
HE M/C Fired				124	
HE R/C Fired	400		243	78	
APC Fired				109	
Guns Opml	12 (T) 23(SP)	36	36	7(SP) 36(T)	32

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No. 16 (Period 101200A - 111200A March 1945)

11 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

A camouflaged tank or half-track was observed at F297964 at 1556A hours.
 A half-track was observed at F2097 at 1550A hours.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - No change.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

a. 801st TD Bn. - Moved from OSTERATH, GERMANY to LIEBRATH, GERMANY (FO01735) - closed 110700A March 1945.

b. 802nd TD Bn. - Bn. (-) moved from via ROTT, GERMANY (F222057) to TITZ, GERMANY (FO60883). "A", "B", and "C" Co's in HASSELSWEILER, GERMANY (FO66655) in assembly. Closed 101100A hours.

c. All other Bns. - no change.

(2) Activities:

a. 643rd TD Bn. - "B" and "C" Co's fired twenty (20) concentrations expending 400 rounds HE R/C in support of 85rd Division Artillery. Bn. captured four (4) PW's 9 March 1945. (Not previously reported).

	643	702	801	802	821
Conc. Fired (Ind)	20	0	0	0	0
HE R/C Fired	400	0	0	0	0
PW's	4	0	0	0	0
Guns Operational	6 (T) 26 (SP)	36	36	7 (SP) 83 (T)	34

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No. 17 (Period 111200A March 1945 - 121200A March 1945) 12 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated movement of 801st TD Bn. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sectors. Five (5) Bns employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

a. No change for all Bns, except "B" and "C" Co's, 801st TD Bn in HOLSWEILER, "A" Co in IMMERATH, via Bn CP.

(2) Activities:

a. 843rd TD Bn. - "B" and "C" Co's fired fifteen (15) concentrations expending 400 rds HE R/O on targets E of the RHINE. Supported 83rd Div Arty.

	<u>843</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>821</u>
<u>Conc Fired (Ind)</u>	35	0	0	0	0
<u>HE R/C Fired</u>	400	0	0	0	0
<u>Guns Operational</u>	8(T) 25 (SP)	36	38	25(SP) 25(T)	35

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No. 18 (Period 121200A - 121200A March 1945)

12 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armored activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

a. 702nd TD Bn - Moved from vic HARDT, GERMANY to HORSTER - SCHELSSEN (F150842) - closed 121525A March 1945.

b. All other Bns. - no change.

(2) Activities:

a. 643rd TD Bn - A-2 knocked out a Pillbox at vic HANN (F209906) by direct fire expending 10 rds HE M/C and 2 rds APC. Bn fired 18 concentrations expending 400 rds HE M/C and 2 rds HE M/C. Supported 83rd Div Arty.

	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>821</u>
Misc Weap & Equip	1 (Pillbox)	0	0	0	0
Conc Fired (Ind)	18	0	0	0	0
HE M/C Fired	12(76mm)	0	0	0	0
HE R/C Fired	400(76mm)	0	0	0	0
APC Fired	2(76mm)	0	0	0	0
Guns Opnal	8(T) 31 (SP)	36	36	25(SP) 25(T)	36

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No. 19 (Period 131200A - 141200A March 1945)

14 March 1945

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

OP reported armor moving in HINDELORST area (F3586). One tank in town, three others moving into vic during afternoon.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Five (5) Bns employed.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

a. No change.

(2) Activities:

a. 643rd TD Bn - Late in the preceding period Bn fired 418 rds HE N/C (76mm) and four (4) rds APC - all on targets E of the MINE in support of 83rd Div Arty. Early in this period Bn fired 15 concentrations, expending a total of 400 rds HE N/C (76mm) in support of 83rd Div Arty.



	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>821</u>
Cone Fired (Ind)	15	0	0	0	0
HE N/C Fired	618 (76mm)	0	0	0	0
HE R/C Fired	0	0	0	0	0
APC Fired	4	0	0	0	0
Guns Opnal	8 (T) 52 (SP)	38	38	25 (SP) 45 (T)	36

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