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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TD Group

4 December 1944

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS \*



Report Number 23

From 261200A Dec, 44 To 031200A Dec, 44

ITEM	702 TD Bn (SP)			705 TD Bn (SP)			821 TD Bn (T)			823 TD Bn (T)						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed	1					1			4			1				
(2) Wounded	2		13				1		14			19				
(3) Captured							1		11							
(4) Missing						1			2							
(5) Total						2										
(6) Operation Str	32	1	551	37	1	625	28	2	639	32	1	692				
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned						2				1		7				
(2) Received			11			2	1		22	3		38				
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured			11													
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V		1														
(3) Mk IV																
(4) SP																
(5) Others																
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT		3														
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes																
(5) _____																
(6) _____																
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	Star APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	Star SMK				
(1) Direct	5	6		No	Rds.	Fired	3	102	15	3	40	22				
(2) Indirect		486					3	2680			1512					
b. Short Summary of Operations	90mm (Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10																
M-18					38	1							4			
M-36	38															
b. M-5 Gun									35	1			31	2	3	1
c. M-3 Primemover									32	4			36			
d. M-20	14			14					10				10			
e. M-8	4			8					4				5			
f. 2-1/2 T	21			21					16				16			
g. 1/4 T	36			34		2			53	6			59	1		
h. Others				29					64	1			34			4

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Consolidated Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'ed)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

1. 2nd TD Group - Attached XIX Corps, HERRLEN, HOLLAND (K768553). Continued planning for future operations. Continued school for personnel from Towed units in Corps, in the maintenance and operation of the M-10 Tank Destroyer.
  
2. 705th TD Bn. - Attached 2nd TD Group. CP located at K644499. Bn. attached to 3rd Cav. Group, Third US Army during period 26 November to 1 December 1944. 021400A December 1944 Bn. arrived in assembly area vicinity KOHLSCHERID, GERMANY and attached 2nd TD Group per FO #29, XIX Corps, dated 30 Nov. 1944. 3 December "A" Co. moved one (1) platoon to indirect fire positions vic. FROMHOVEN (K9852).
  
3. 702nd TD Bn. - Attached 2nd Armored Division. CP located at K888549.
 

Co. "A" attached CC "A" in direct fire positions supported attack on BARMEN, GERMANY 27 November 1944. A-3 in reserve vicinity FRIALDENHOVEN. A-1 attached 82nd Ren. Bn. in attack and organization of high ground N of KOSLAR. A-2 attached 41st Inf. assisted in outpostting MERZENHAUSEN. Co. had no contact with enemy armor. "A" Co. relieved of outpost duty 29 November and assembled vic. BAESWEILER (K906582) for maintenance and reorganization under Bn. control. 1 December to end of period A-1 in indirect fire position fired 486 rounds on interdiction and harassing missions on roads running E of JULICH (FO35690)

Co. "B" remained in assembly vic. ALSDORF (K888549) from 26 November to 1 December 1944 undergoing maintenance and re-organization. All M-36's provided with paddle feet during this period. 2 December 1944 relieved "C" Co. from outpost duty along BARMEN - MERZENHAUSEN line. No contact with enemy armor during the period.

"C" Co remained in position vic. FRIALDENHOVEN and MERZENHAUSEN and outposted town after its capture. During the attack on BARMEN (K993618) 28 November 44 destroyed One (1) Mk V tank. Two (2) platoons outposted BARMEN to prevent threatened counterattack from vicinity FLOSSDORF. From these positions the Co. destroyed three (3) enemy AT guns and captured eleven (11) prisoners. 2 December Co. was relieved and reverted to Bn. control and assembled vicinity ALSDORF for maintenance and re-organization.
  
4. 821st TD Bn. - Attached 29th Inf. Div. CP located at K937564.
 

"A" Co.: A-1 direct fire positions vicinity ENGELSDORF (k996585) through entire period. A-2 relieved of direct fire positions vicinity DURBOSLAR (k965577), 29 December and assembled vicinity HONGEN (k929533) for remainder of period. 29 November A-3 moved from DURBOSLAR to direct fire positions vicinity KOSLAR (FO01594).

"B" Co.: B-1 in indirect fire position vicinity PUTZDORF expended 756 rounds HE on 72 missions during the period. B-2 in direct fire position vicinity ALDENHOVEN (k994570) during entire period. B-3 remained in assembly vicinity SCHLEIDEN (k952548).

"C" Co.: C-1 in direct fire positions vicinity BOURHEIM (K011563). C-2 in indirect position vicinity SIERSDORF (k937563) fired a total of 1924 rounds HE on 347 missions during the period 26 Nov. - 1 Dec. 44. B-3 moved from indirect fire positions vic. SIERSDORF to direct fire positions at KIRCHBERG (FO24562) fired a total of 102 rounds HE on enemy OP's.

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223rd TD Bn. - Attached 30th Inf. Div. CP located at K925555. Bn. conducted tests on cross-country trafficability of half-tracks, light tanks, and medium tanks. After taking final objective Bn. supported defense of sector with one (1) company the Bn. (-) remained in assembly in rear areas performing maintenance and reorganization. Unit schools were conducted on FDC and employment of Self-Propelled Tank Destroyers.

"A" Co: Received four (4) M-10's and conducting training for one (1) platoon. Company fired 24 concentrations on indirect fire missions expending 1512 rounds HE. A-3 expended 22 3" star illuminating shells in conjunction with Div. Arty. with excellent results. Four (4) EM evacuated and twelve (12) replacements received.

"B" Co: Company remained in assembly at K921534 performing maintenance and rehabilitation.

"C" Co: Supported Div. attack on ALTDORF, GERMANY, expended 43 rounds direct fire missions on suspected enemy OP's. Co. maintained outposts and road blocks with C-1 at LOHN (K997528). C-2 at ALTDORF (F032538) and C-3 at PATTERN (F005544)

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11 December 1944



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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS \*

Report Number 24

From 031200A Dec 1944 To 101200A Dec 1944

ITEM	702 TD Bn (SP)			705 TD Bn (SP)			821 TD Bn (T)			823 TD Bn (T)						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed																
(2) Wounded			8									8				
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total	0	0	8							0	0	8				
(6) Operation Str	32	1	540	36	1	638	29	2	661	34	1	700				
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned						8										
(2) Received			19			8	1		29			6				
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured			0													
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V																
(3) Mk IV																
(4) SP																
(5) Others																
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT																
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes																
(5) Ammo Dumps		5														
(6)																
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct	100															
(2) Indirect		2246			2990			956	12		353					
b. Short Summary of Operations	90mm (Reverse Side)			90mm (Reverse Side)			80 (Reverse Side)			8 rds RC (Reverse Side)						
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10																
M-18					36	1							4			1
M-36	36															
b. M-5 Gun									35	1			31			1
c. M-3 Primemover									31	5			36			
d. M-20	14				14				10				10			
e. M-8	5				6				4				6			
f. 2-1/2 T	21				21				16				15	1		
g. 1/4 T	41				34				53	6			61			
h. Others					27				64	1			44			1

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Consolidated Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

Group

2nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd XIX Corps) Location at end of Period: K768553  
(Coordinates)

Group attached to XIX Corps, at same location during period. The AT defense in Corps sector for both present and future operations, was planned and coordinated. School for training personnel of Towed Bns of Corps, in maintenance, operation and tactics of the M10 TD, was continued throughout the week. The Group employed the 705th Tank Destroyer Bn on indirect harassing and interdiction missions, as requested by Corps Artillery.

705th BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd TD Grp) Location at end of Period: K844499  
(Coordinates)

Bn attached 2nd TD Group entire period. Co's "A", "B" (-) and "C" in assembly vicinity KOHLSCHIED, GERMANY (K844499) conducting intensive training in use of organic weapons, street fighting, road ren, etc. A-1 in indirect fire positions at K992553, fired harassing and interdiction missions. Relieved by B-1 07 December and returned to Co. B-1 continued indirect missions remainder of period. Bn personnel reconnoitered Corps sector to become familiar with routes, etc.

702nd BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd Arm'd Div) Location at end of Period: K888549  
(Coordinates)

Bn at same location entire period. Co "A" atch'd CC"A" on indirect missions until relieved at 040900A December, destroyed five (5) enemy ammunition dumps. Remainder of period devoted to maintenance, instruction and intensive gunnery training. Co "B", under Bn control, outposted front line in Div sector, and relieved Co "A" of indirect missions 040900A December, rotating platoons on mission. Co "C" in assembly vicinity ALSDORF, GERMANY (K888549) conducted training on gunnery and performed maintenance until 101200A December, when it relieved Co "B" of outpost duty and indirect fire missions. Ren Co made extensive ren of front lines for routes and gun positions. All Co's fitted additional frontal armor and hatch covers to M-36's.

821st BATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K937564  
(Coordinates)

No change in Bn attachment or location during period. Co "A" at K958576 near DURBOSIAR, GERMANY. A-1 and A-3 were in direct fire positions entire period at ENGELSDORF and KOSIAR. Until 10 Dec when A-1 was relieved and assembled for regrouping and training. A-2 was in assembly at HONGEN. Co "B" at K952548, with B-1 in indirect missions during week, vicinity PRITZDORF, firing a total of 880 rds 3" HE NC and 90 rds RC. Co "C" at K982556, regrouping and performing maintenance. Co received four (4) M-10's during week and converted one (1) platoon to SP. Operation, maintenance and tactics of M-10's stressed during period. Ren platoons conducting training and regrouping. Bn continuing planning for future operations.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)

823rd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 30th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K923535

See Attached Sheet.

Name
Rank
Title

Submit report direct to Corps (or Army) Tank Destroyer Section for seven (7) day period ending Sunday 2400 hours, within twenty-four (24) hours after close of each period.

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## BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

823rd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 30th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K923535

No change in location or attachments in period. Co's "A" (-) and "B" remained in assembly during period, conducting training, maintenance and reorganization. A-3 on indirect missions, fired special mission w/3" shell, star, illuminating in conjunction with Div Arty. Results were excellent and A-3 relieved by C-3 on assembly area. Bn received four (4) M-10's during week, and, in addition to personnel training at 2nd TD Grp school, Bn conducted intensified training on operation and tactics of SP TD's. Co "C" remained on outpost duty in Div sector, and, on morning of 10 December, supported by indirect fires, VII Corps attack in adjacent sector. During week, at Honor Formation, three (3) EM received battlefield commission, and one (1) Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star, nine (9) Silver Stars, and eight (8) Bronze Stars awarded to Bn personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TD Group

18 December 19 44

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS \*



Report Number 25

From 101200A Dec 19 44 To 171200A Dec 19 44

ITEM	702 TD Bn (SP)			706 TD Bn (SP)			821 TD Bn (T)			823 TD Bn (T)						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed																
(2) Wounded			7						1			19				
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19				
(6) Operation Str	34	1	547	36	1	637	31	1	657	35	1	700				
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned						0	1		18			7				
(2) Received			19									21				
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured																
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V																
(3) Mk IV																
(4) SP																
(5) Others																
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT																
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes																
(5) _____																
(6) _____																
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct	274				1459			6		42	6					
(2) Indirect		715						820								
b. Short Summary of Operations	90mm (Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10									12				12			
M-18					36	1										
M-36	36															
b. M-5 Gun									35	1			31			
c. M-3 Primemover									32	4			36			
d. M-20	14				14				10				10			
e. M-8	6				6				4				5			
f. 2-1/2 T	21				21				16				15			
g. 1/4 T	41				49				59				60			
h. Others					27				65				50			

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Consolidated Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

<sup>Group</sup>  
2nd TD ~~BATTALION~~: (Atchd XIX Corps) Location at end of Period: K768553  
(Coordinates)

Group attached to XIX Corps, at same location during period. The AT defense in Corps sector for both present and future operations, was planned and coordinated. School for training personnel of Towed Bns of Corps, in maintenance, operation and tactics of the M10 TD, was continued throughout the week. The Group employed the 705th Tank Destroyer Bn on indirect harassing and interdiction missions, as requested by Corps Artillery.

<sup>TD</sup>  
702nd BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd Arm'd Div) Location at end of Period: K888549  
(Coordinates)

Bn at same location entire period. "A" Co in assembly at RAESWEILER (K905574) attached CC"A", participating in Tank - Infantry - Tank Destroyer demonstrations of 2nd Arm'd Div on 13 - 15 December, remainder of period spent in maintenance, gunnery training, and direct fire practice on range. "B" Co under Bn control vicinity ALSDORF doing maintenance, driving, tracking, direct fire practice, and made preparation for Tank - Infantry - Tank Destroyer problems for coming week. "C" Co atchd CC"B" two platoons on outpost duty at MERZENHAUSEN - BARMEN sector, one platoon on indirect fire at K954585. (Platoons rotated on this mission).

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705th BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd TD Grp) Location at end of Period: K844499  
(Coordinates)

Bn (-) in assembly vicinity KOHLSHEID (K844499) conducting intensive training in use of organic weapons, radio, road reconnaissance, etc. B-1 in indirect fire position at K997535 fired harassing and interdiction missions; relieved by B-2 on 11 December, who was in turn relieved by B-3 on 15 December.

<sup>TD</sup>  
821st BATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K937564  
(Coordinates)

Bn CP vicinity SIERSDORF entire period. "A" Co vicinity ENGELSDORF in assembly regrouping and training. A-3 at KOSLAR (F009594) in direct fire position. "B" Co vicinity SCHLEIDEN. B-1 in indirect fire position vicinity PUTZDORF. B-3 in direct fire positions vicinity KIRCHBERG. "C" Co vicinity PUTZDORF, platoons vicinity MARIAGRUHE engaged in instruction, care and maintenance of M-10's and small unit problems.

823rd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 30th Inf Div) Location at end of Period:

~~COMMENTS~~

Bn spent period in test - firing, maintenance and instruction in use of M-10. A-3 and C-2 fired indirect missions during period. Bn passed to control FUSA and moved to vicinity EUPEN, GERMANY with 30th Infantry Division on 17 December 1944.

Name *David A. Smith*  
Rank Major, FA.  
Title S-3

Submit report direct to Corps (or Army) Tank Destroyer Section for seven (7) day period ending Sunday 2400 hours, within twenty-four (24) hours after close of each period.



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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TD Group

25 December 1944

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS \*



Report Number 26

From 171200A Dec 1944 To 241200A Dec 1944

ITEM	702 TD Bn (SP)			705 TD Bn (SE)			821 TD Bn (T)			TD Bn ( )						
	O As	WO of	EM	O As	WO of	EM	O As	WO of	EM	O	WO	EM				
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>																
a. Casualties	212400A Dec			172400A Dec			212000A Dec.									
(1) Killed																
(2) Wounded																
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total																
(6) Operation Str	34	1	542	35	1	637	32	1	652							
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned			60													
(2) Received			6													
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured																
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>																
a. Vehicles Destroyed	0			0			0									
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V																
(3) Mk IV																
(4) SP																
(5) Others																
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT																
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes																
(5) _____																
(6) _____																
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct		736			48	208		788								
(2) Indirect																
b. Short Summary of Operations	90mm (Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10																
M-18					38		1		13							
M-36	36								55		1					
b. M-5 Gun									55							
c. M-3 Primemover									20							
d. M-20	14				14				16							
e. M-8	5	1			3				4							
f. 2-1/2 T	21				21				16							
g. 1/4 T	41				43				59							
h. Others					27				73							

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

2nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd XIX Corps) Location at end of Period: K903380

At start of period, Group was at HESHLER, HOLLAND (K788553) atchd XIX Corps. The AT defense plan of the Corps sector was coordinated and employment of 705th TD Bn on indirect fire missions was coordinated with Corps Arty. The M-10 school for personnel of Towed TD units in Corps rear continued. 18 Dec 44, 705th TD Bn passed to control of VIII Corps (US) per TWX CG Ninth US Army and was ordered to displace as directed, by Group. 22 Dec 44, M-10 school was discontinued and Group displaced with Corps to KORNELIMESTEN, GERMANY (K903380) where primary and immediate mission was planned and coordinated AT defense of New Corps sector.

702nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd End Arm'd Div) Location at end of Period: \_\_\_\_\_

At start of period, Bn at K888549 (ALSDORF, GERMANY) atchd 2nd Arm'd Div. (Coordinates) at DARSWEILER (K903575) on three (3) hour alert for movement with Co "A". Co "B" atchd Co "B" at Bn CP training for future operations, and Co "C" (-) on outpost in Div sector with C-3 on indirect fire missions firing 183rds 90mm HE. 19 Dec, Co "B" relieved Co "C" on outpost duty, and Co "C" assembled vicinity ALSDOFF. 20 Dec, Co "B" relieved of outpost duty, and Bn minus "A", atchd Co "A" and "B", atchd Co "B", in assembly. 21 Dec, Bn alerted for future operations and with End AD relieved of attachment to XIX Corps, reverting to Ninth U. S. Army reserve.

705th TD BATTALION: (Atchd \_\_\_\_\_) Location at end of Period: \_\_\_\_\_

At start of period, Bn at KOHLSCHNEID, GERMANY (K844499) atchd End TD Group. (Coordinates) in assembly, performing maintenance and specialized training for future operations. B-3, on indirect missions, firing harassing and interdiction fires. Bn relieved of attachment XIX Corps per TWX, CG, Ninth US Army, 18 Dec., and displaced 182215A Dec to new assembly area, under control VIII Corps (US).

821st TD BATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: \_\_\_\_\_

At start of period, Bn at SIERSDOFF, GERMANY (K937564) atchd 29th Inf Div. (Coordinates) at K982548, regrouping with A-3 in direct fire positions at DUBROSLAR. Co "B" at K982548, with B-1 and B-2 firing indirect missions and B-3 in direct fire positions at KIRCHBERG. Co "C" in assembly at K982586, engaged in maintenance and training on M-10 destroyers. Fired 48 rds 5" HE practice fire. 20 Dec., Co "C" with 12 M-10's moved to vicinity FRIEDENSHOFEN, moved C-2 into indirect positions and selected direct fire positions for C-1 and C-3 to be occupied on order. 22 Dec, Bn with 29th Inf Div., relieved of attachment to XIX Corps and passed to control of XIII Corps.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)

Name Paul A. Smith  
 Rank Major, PA.  
 Title S-3

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1 January 1945 44

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS \*



Report Number 27

From 241200A Dec. 44 To 311200A Dec. 44

ITEM	893rd TD Bn (SP)			817th TD Bn (T)			692nd TD Bn (T)			TD Bn ( )						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed						2										
(2) Wounded			2			3			1							
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total			2			5			1							
(6) Operation Str	36	1	584	34	2	721	34	2	722							
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned	1		20													
(2) Received	1		9	2		3										
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured																
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V																
(3) Mk IV																
(4) SP																
(5) Others																
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT																
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes																
(5) Buildings			Unknown													
(6) ME 109						One (1)										
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)																
(1) Direct	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(2) Indirect	9	45	10					1147	13							
			Star					RC	Star							
b. Short Summary of Operations																
	(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10	33	3														
M-18																
M-36					1 (75mm)	PAK			1 (75mm)	PAK						
b. M-5 Gun					39				40							
c. M-3 Primemover					35	1										
d. M-20	18	3			10											
e. M-8	6				4											
f. 2-1/2 T	21				16											
g. 1/4 T	35	1			57	1	1									
h. Others	25	3			18											
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

GROUP  
2nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd XIX Corps) Location at end of Period: K904378  
 (Coordinates)  
 Group at same location entire period. The primary mission was complete coordination of the AT defense in the Corps sector. All possible mechanized measures were employed to present a strong defense.

(SP)  
893 TD BATTALION: (Atchd 78th Inf. Div.) Location at end of Period: K909285  
 (Coordinates)  
 Bn. at same location with same attachment during period. Co. "A" at K966272 in direct support of 311th Inf. Period largely spent on digging in guns and otherwise improving positions, to maintain strong AT defense. Various individual pieces were moved to better positions. 26 Dec, 2nd section A-3 fired seven (7) rounds 3" HE on enemy positions SE SIMMERATH. Results unknown. One section A-1 fired 10 rounds 3" Star Shell with excellent results. Same guns, 30 Dec, fired five (5) rounds 3" HE on enemy positions vic HUPFENBERG. No enemy armor encountered in period. Co. "B" 24 - 29 Dec, in direct support of 310th Inf. 30 Dec, B-3 in direct support 309th Inf for remainder of period. Co. "C" (-), 24 - 26 Dec atchd 9th Inf Div outside Corps. C-3 supported 311th Inf. 27 Dec, Co (-) returned to Bn control and placed C-1 in position in support of 311th Inf with C-2 in mobile reserve. Ron plats atchd to gun \*  
817th TD BATTALION: (Atchd 8th Inf. Div.) Location at end of Period: F000342  
 (Coordinates)

Bn at same location with same attachment during period. Main activity during period limited to constant improvement of positions and changing of gun locations to provide better AT defense in Div. sector. Additional placements for four (4) extra guns prepared. Co. "A" supporting 28th and 121st Inf with eight (8) guns on GERMETER - VOSSENCAK road and four (4) between GERMETER and HURTGEN. Co. "B" supporting 13th Inf. All guns dug in and camouflaged. Platoons in position vic BERGSTEIN, KLENHAU-BRANDENBURG, and OBERMAUCH. Co. "C" supporting 113th Cav. Group. Reorganized defense of sector and dug in all guns. Ron established and maintained four (4) outposts. 27 Dec, Ron platoon knocked down one (1) attacking ME 109 plane. Bn casualties were two (2) EM wounded by shell fragment, one (1) wounded by mine, and two (2) killed by mine.

692 TD BATTALION: (Atchd 104th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K966475  
 (Coordinates)  
 Bn. at same location with attachment remaining same. Primary mission was direct support and AT defense of Div. sector. During the week Bn received four (4) additional 3" towed guns and one (1) 75mm PAK (German) gun to thicken the AT defense. Co. "A" (-) supporting 413th RCT, Co. "B" (-) supporting 415th RCT, and Co "C" supporting 414th RCT. A-1 remained in indirect fire positions supporting 386th FA Bn, and B-3 supported 929th FA Bn. These platoons were employed on harassing and interdiction missions using 3" HE RC, and also fired five (5) Star Shell missions. Also prepared emplacements for direct AT fires for use if necessary. No enemy armor encountered in period, and no direct firing was done. Bn. now employing 40 3" guns, plus one (1) 75mm PAK, with extra sections in "A" and "B" Co's. One (1) Ron. Plat maintained OP's on front lines and one (1) Platoon in Bn. Reserve.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)  
 \*893rd TD Bn (Cont'd) -- companies, manned OP's and listening posts on front lines during period.

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