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HEADQUARTERS, THIRD TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
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SUBJECT: History of Tank Destroyer Section, 3d Tank Destroyer Group  
 TO : Historical Section, Army War College, Washington, D. C.



1. The Tank Destroyer Section of the 3d Tank Destroyer Group remained in MONSCHAU K-945181 with the V Corps Command Post until 10 March 1945, when a move was made to MECHERNICH, Germany, F-234218. The next move was made on 23 March 1945, when the Command Post moved to AHRWEILER, Germany F-552165.

2. The rapid movement forward was reminiscent of the move through France. On 25 March 1945, the Tank Destroyer Section moved to the east side of the RHINE River and the Command Post was established in NEUWEID, Germany F-804031.

3. On 29 March 1945, the Command Post moved to WEILBURG, Germany G-373098. Again on 31 March 1945, the Command Post moved to NEUSTADT G-970513.

4. During the month, Major Earl H. Fuller and Major William E. Nash, maintained liaison with the tank destroyer battalions in the Corps.

5. Letter dated 17 March 1945, Headquarters First United States Army, Subject: "Organization Order Number 20", reorganized the 3d Tank Destroyer Group in accordance with Tables of Organization and Equipment 18-10-1, dated 31 October 1944. This authorized an assigned strength of fifteen (15) officers and sixty-one (61) enlisted men.

6. The assigned strength as of 1 March 1945 consisted of 15 officers and 61 enlisted men. On 31 March 1945, the assigned strength was 13 officers and 60 enlisted men. The net change was a decrease of 2 officers and 1 enlisted man.

Captain George J. Haylon was transferred to Headquarters, Burgundy District, per Special Order 61, ETOUSA, dated 2 March 1945.

1st Lieutenant George E. Brewer, on detached service with the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion, was transferred to that organization per Special Order 35, Headquarters V Corps, dated 3 March 1945.

Private Walter J. Osinski was transferred to the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion per Special Order 42, Headquarters V Corps, dated 16 March 1945.

7. Captain Wheaton-Smith, S-2, was appointed Major, effective 5 March 1945, during his absence on leave to England. Others enjoying a trip to Great Britain at this time were Technician Grade IV Calvin A. Thompson and Technician Grade V Andrew Anderson.

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8. Lieutenant Colonel Patrick, Commanding Officer, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, visited the Command Post on 15 March 1945 and discussed the conversion of Towed Tank Destroyer Battalion to Self-propelled Tank Destroyer Battalions. He asked about the possibilities of having some enlisted men of M-18 Self-propelled Battalions placed on Detached Service with his organization for the purpose of training his personnel. The 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion received its M-18's and arrangements were made through this headquarters to have men of the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion visit the 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Because of the tactical situation, the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion did not send men back to the requesting organization, but had the 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion send mechanics and destroyer crews to them for training.

9. The Tank Destroyer Disposition Report was published daily and issue number 211 was distributed on 31 March 1945.

10. Tank Destroyer Units operating in V Corps during the period 1 March through 31 March 1945, and attachments were:

<u>TD UNITS</u>	<u>DATES OPERATIONAL WITH CORPS</u>	<u>ATTACHED TO</u>
3d TD Group	1 - 31 March 1945	V Corps
612th TD Bn (less Co B)(SP)	1 - 4 March 1945	2nd Inf Div
Co B, 612th TD Bn (SP)	1 - 4 March 1945	28th Inf Div
612th TD Bn (SP)	4 - 5 March 1945	2nd Inf Div
612th TD Bn (less Co B minus 3d platoon)(SP)	5 - 9 March 1945	2nd Inf Div
Co B, less 3d plat, 612th TD Bn (SP)	5 - 9 March 1945	102nd Cav Group
612th TD Bn (SP)	9 - 27 March 1945	2nd Inf Div
612th TD Bn (less Co C)(SP)	27 - 31 March 1945	2nd Inf Div
Co C, 612th TD Bn (SP)	27 - 31 March 1945	9th Armd Div
630th TD Bn (T)	1 - 14 March 1945	28th Inf Div
661st TD Bn (less Co A)(SP)	1 - 16 March 1945	69th Inf Div
Co A, 661st TD Bn (SP)	1 - 4 March 1945	106th Inf Div
Co A, 661st TD Bn (SP)	4 - 16 March 1945	28th Inf Div
661st TD Bn (SP)	16 - 31 March 1945	69th Inf Div
814th TD Bn (SP)	1 - 7 March 1945	7th Armd Div
656th TD Bn (SP)	21 - 31 March 1945	9th Armd Div

11. No casualties were sustained by this organization during the month of March.

For the Group Commander:



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