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A HISTORY OF THE 3RD TANK DESTROYER GROUP

1. The C.P. of the 3rd TD Group remained at 3 Lascheter Feld, Eupen, Belgium in close proximity to V Corps Headquarters.
2. On the 4th of November, Colonel Matthews received orders transferring him to the 7th Armored Division.
3. At 0740 hours, 14 November, a flying bomb landed in the vicinity of the C.P., approximately eighty yards away. Flying glass caused Private Ostrom and Private Stivalatti to be evacuated to the 5th Evacuation Hospital in Eupen.
4. Lt. Colonel Mays arrived from 893rd TD Battalion and assumed command of the 3rd Tank Destroyer Group on the 23rd of November.
5. During the period, constant liaison with the Tank Destroyer Battalions in the Corps was carried out.
6. The Tank Destroyer Disposition Overlay showing locations and operations of TD Battalions in the Corps was made up and distributed daily during the month.
7. Tank Destroyer Battalions operating in the V Corps sector during the month of November and attachments were:

| <u>TD UNITS</u> | <u>DATES OPERATIONAL WITH CORPS</u> | <u>ATTACHED TO</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 3rd TD Group | 1-30 November 1944 | V Corps |
| 893rd TD Bn (SP) | 1-19 November 1944 | 28th Inf Div |
| | 19-30 November 1944 | 8th Inf Div |
| 628th TD Bn (SP) | 1-29 November 1944 * | 5th Arm Div |
| 899th TD Bn | 1-30 November 1944 | 9th Inf Div |
| 630th TD Bn | 1-20 November 1944 ** | 28th Inf Div |
| 635th TD Bn | 1-11 November 1944 *** | 4th Cav Group |
| 644th TD Bn | 20-30 November 1944 | 8th Inf Div |
| Co C, 628th TD Bn | 29-30 November 1944 | 8th Inf Div |

- * 628th TD Bn (SP), less Co. C, passed to control of VII Corps 291200A
- ** Moved to VIII Corps
- *** Moved to VII Corps

8. During the month, thirteen motion pictures were shown. Playing cards, stationery, Stars and Stripes, and Yank were distributed to various units throughout the month.

9. Three casualties were sustained during the month. Privates Ostrom and Stivalatti were evacuated because of injuries caused by flying glass due to a flying bomb. Private Andrews was evacuated because of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident on 22 November 1944.

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