

HEADQUARTERS  
603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

APO 340, U S Army  
6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO; : The Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.  
(Thru: CG, 6th Armored Division, APO 256, U S Army)

1. In accordance with AR 345-105, C-3, the following report is submitted.

1 Feb. This unit was assigned to Third US Army and attached to 6th Armored Division as follows:

- a. Bn Hq and Hq Co attached to Reserve Command At Kleinhoscheid (P761651).
- b. Co A attached to Reserve Command at Schimpach (P675585).
- c. Co B attached to Reserve Command at Eschweiler (P719568).
- d. Co C attached to Reserve Command at Kleinhoscheid (P761651).
- e. Rcn Co(-) assigned to Reserve Command at Kleinhoscheid (761651).
  - (1) 1st Rcn Platoon attached to CC"A" at Neiderwampach (P645587).
  - (2) 2nd Rcn Platoon attached to Reserve Command at Ursfelt (P790-655).

Reserve Command took over CC"B" sector. The 2nd Rcn Platoon formerly under CC"B" was relieved from mission of guarding bridge at (P761651) and assigned to TF Britton under Reserve Command and moved to Ursfelt at 1500. This platoon was given the mission of reconnoitering the Our River to determine the size of the river in vicinity of (P845555). This platoon left the outpost line at 1900 and returned at 2250 completing the mission assigned. No enemy contact was made. The 2nd Rcn Platoon moved with CC"A" trains from Wardin to Neider Wampach. The remainder of Battalion continued in maintenance and training of gunners and drivers. Casualties: None.

2 Feb. The 2nd Rcn Platoon was assigned the mission of crossing the Our River in the vicinity of Dahnen (P8665) and to determine enemy activity in vicinity of Dahnen. The platoon was to remain in observation for 30 minutes near the town and return. The platoon was unable to cross the river due to high water. Casualties: None.

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3 Feb. No change. Casualties: None.

4 Feb. Battalion less 1st and 2nd platoons of Rcn Co assigned to CC"B". Casualties: None.

5 Feb. No change. Casualties: None.

6 Feb. 1st Rcn Platoon released from CC"A" trains and attached to Reserve Command at Boxhorn at 1700 hours. Casualties: None.

7 Feb. Company A attached to Reserve Command. The three security sections of Co A moved to Hupperdange to guard and evacuate PW's. 1st Platoon moved to Kalborn and attached to TF Brown. Co B attached to 17th Airborne Division and moved to Dorscheid at 0830 hours. The 1st platoon attached to 513th Par. Regt. at Hosingen. The 2nd platoon attached to 507th Par. Regt. in vic of (P830626). The 3rd platoon attached to 194th Glider Regt. in Vic of CR at (P8256). Casualties: None.

8 Feb. The remainder of Company A moved to Boxhorn. Casualties: None.

9 Feb. Company A moved to Hupperdange. The 2nd platoon of Rcn Co assigned mission of guarding bridge at (P8565) and carrying mortar ammunition across the Our River. Casualties: None.

10 Feb. Company A and 2nd platoon of Rcn Co attached to CC"B". 1st platoon, Co A, attached to 50th Armd Inf in Vic E of Kalborn. 2nd platoon, Company A attached to 9th Armd Inf at Hupperdange. 3rd platoon, Company A attached to 50th Armd Inf and crossed the Our River into Germany. Company B attached to CC"A". Remainder of Ba attached to Reserve Command. Casualties: None.

11 Feb. Company "B" relieved from assignment to 17th Airborne Division and reverted to CC"A". No change in position. The 3rd platoon of Company "A", located in Vic of (P848667). Casualties: None.

12 Feb. CC"A" took over 17th Airborne Division sector. Battalion less Company A attached to CC"A". 2nd platoon of Rcn Co temporarily attached to CC"B" and then to 284th combat Engineers in Vic of (P842653) on the Our River. The 1st Rcn platoon released by Reserve Command and moved to CC"A" trains at Ensheringe. Casualties: None.

13 Feb. The 2nd platoon of Co "B" was relieved by the 3rd platoon of Company "C" in Vic of (P830626) and returned to Dorscheid. Company B less 2 platoons moved to Wilwerwiltz near the close of the period. The 3rd platoon of Company "C" attached to 41st Cav. Rcn. Sq. 1st platoon of Co C attached to 69th Tank Bn and moved to Neidhausen. Pioneer platoon of Rcn Co was given mission of manning 3 observation posts on West of Our River with Platoon CP located at Hosingen. Casualties: None.

14 Feb. Hq and Hq Co and Rcn Co(-) moved from Kleinhoscheid to Wilwerwiltz closing into new assembly area at 1130 hours. Company C moved from Dorscheid to Wilwerwiltz closing into area by 1400. The 1st Rcn platoon released by CC"A" to Company control but remained in Enscherange. The 2nd platoon of Co A relieved the 3rd platoon East of the Our River. Casualties: None.

15 Feb. The 3rd platoon of Co C relieved by the 2nd platoon in Vic of (P830626). Pioneer platoon of Rcn Co was given mission of removing anti-tank mines and setting out trip flares in the zones of the 15th and 69th Tank Bns. of CC"A". Casualties: 2 EM wounded in action.

16 Feb. 1st and 2nd platoons of Co "A" relieved from attachment to 50th Armd Inf Bn and attached to 44th Armd Inf Bn. Casualties: None.

17 Feb. The 3rd platoon of Company C relieved by the 2nd platoon. Casualties: 1 Officer wounded in action.

18 Feb. The 3rd platoon of Co A relieved the 2nd platoon of Co A East of the Our River. The 2nd platoon of Co A attached to 9th Armd Inf Bn. Casualties: None.

19 Feb. The 2nd platoon of Co A crossed the Our River at 0730 hours attached to TF Ward (50th Armd Inf). The 1st platoon of Co A remained at Kalborn. Companies A, B and C made preparations to support the attack of the division against the Siegfried line fortifications, on the 20th of February. Casualties: 1 EM Wounded in action.

20 Feb. The 3rd platoon of Co A supported the attack of TF Brown in taking the road junction and high ground in Vic of Friedrichsself and Langfuhr, Germany. The 2nd platoon of Co A supported the attack of TF Britton in taking the road junction and high ground in Vic of Karschelt and Dahlen, Germany. Companies B and C supplied the diversionary attack of CC"A" from positions West of the Our River by long range direct fire. The Pioneer platoon of Rcn Co was relieved of its mission of maintaining three observation posts for CC"A", West of the Our River, but continued its mission of clearing antitank and anti-personnel minefields in CC"A"'s zone West of the Our River. Casualties: None.

21 Feb. The 1st platoon of Co A crossed the Our River at 0600 to support the attack of TF Ward and assisted in the capture of Heipeldingen and Daleiden. The 2nd platoon of Co A assisted in taking Dasburg. Company C relieved from attached to 41st Cav. Rcn Sq. and attached to TF Kennedy and moved to Heidhangen. Casualties: None.

22 Feb. The 3rd platoon of Co B was attached to 15th Tank Bn but remained in position in Vic of (P819559). Company A assisted CC"B" in consolidating its gains of the previous day. The 1st platoon located at Daleiden, 2nd platoon at Dahlen and 3rd at Irrhausen. The 2nd platoon of Company C crossed the Our River with TF Kennedy and assisted in taking the towns of Preischeid and Olverhof. Casualties: 1 EM wounded in action.



23 Feb. The 2nd platoon of Company A supported the attack of TF Britton in taking the high ground in Vic of Jucken. Late in the day, the 3rd platoon of Co A was relieved from attachment to TF Brown and attached to TF Duvall and headed south for Obergechler to Contact the 4th Armored Division. One section of 1st platoon of Co B given mission of direct fire from West of the Our River near Eisenbach on pillboxes East of the river. Company C moved to Preisheid. 1st platoon of Company C from positions West of Bodershausen fired at pillboxes across the Our River. Casualties: None.

24 Feb. 2nd platoon of Co C at Sevanig. Remainder of Co C at Preisheid. Casualties: None.

25 Feb. The Division received orders to move through the 90th Infantry Division and take over defense of high ground West of the Prum River between Pronsfeld and Waxweiler. Company A attached to CC"B". 1st platoon attached to 50th Armored Infantry Bn. 2nd platoon attached to 86th Cav. Rcn. Sq. These two platoons moved East to assist in the defense of the Prum River. 1st platoon located at (p965713) and 2nd platoon at Masthorn. The remainder of Co A attached to 69th Tank Bn. Co C complete attached to CC"A" remained at Preisheid. All of Co B assembled at Wilverwiltz. 1st Rcn platoon attached to CC"A" and assigned to CC"A" trains. Casualties: None.

26 Feb. Co a less 1st and 2nd platoons moved from Dahnen to Vic of Binscheid (P932708). Company C moved from Preisheid to Emmelbaum. Company C remained in CC"A" reserve. Hq & Hq Co, and Rcn Co less 1st platoon moved from Wilverwiltz to Bodershausen, Germany. Company B moved to Danwelshausen, Germany. The 1st Rcn platoon moved with CC"A" trains to Kickeshausen, Germany (P927647). Casualties: None.

27 Feb. The 2nd Rcn platoon reinforced assigned mission of guarding bridges over the Our River at Uber Eisenbach and Gemund. Casualties: None.

28 Feb. 2nd Platoon of Co A crossed the Prum River with TF Brindle and supported the advance to Vic Southeast of Pronsfeld. The 1st platoon of Co A supported TF Ward in establishing a bridgehead across the Prum River. The 3rd platoon of Company C attached to TF Brown and left Emmelbaum at 0430 hrs and crossed the Prum River in order to support the TF in taking the high ground East of Lunebach. Casualties: None.

2. The weather during this period was generally good and quite warm. The morale of the unit improved noticeably due to better fighting conditions, light casualties, and the satisfaction of carrying the fight on to the enemy's own ground.

For the Commanding Officers:

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