

HEAD-QUARTERS  
6030 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

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

In accordance with AR 35-105, 0-3, the following report is submitted.

1 JAN. This unit was assigned to Third US Army and attached to 6th Armored Division. Components of the Battalion were detached as follows:

- a. Hq and Hq Co attached to Reserve Command.
- b. Hon Co (less 2 platoons) attached to Reserve Command.
- c. Co A (less one platoon) attached to Combat Command A.
- d. Co B attached to Reserve Command.
- e. Co C (reinforced) and 3rd platoon Co A attached to Combat Command B.
- f. 1st platoon, Hon Co, attached to CCA trains at Gleichert (P5252).

Battalion Command Post with Hon Co (-) and Co B moved from Heils-Joyent-Virton at 0400 hours and arrived at Removille (P496490) at 1230 hours. Companies A and C (rainf) supported the attack of the Division in the capture of Haffe, Bizery and Magast. Company A destroyed 2 Mark V tanks, 1 Self-propelled Assault gun, and 1 Armored Car. Co C destroyed two Anti-tank guns. Casualties: 1 EM KIA, 6 EM WIA.

2 JAN. 1st and 2nd platoons of Co B assigned to CCA and moved from Removille at 0730 to support units of CCA. Companies A and C continued to support the advance of the Division. There were strong counterattacks during this period which nullified some of the gains. Company B destroyed two Mark V tanks. Casualties: 1 Officer WIA, 10 EM WIA.

3 JAN. Companies A and B supported CCA in attack on a limited objective South of Werdin. Co B destroyed 2 Mark V tanks, 2 Mark IV tanks, 1 Self-propelled gun, 1 Anti-tank gun and 1 truck. Casualties: None.

4 JAN. All 10 platoons except one platoon of Co B were attached to Division and held in mobile reserve. The Division successfully repelled three strong counterattacks during the day. Company A destroyed 1 Mark V and 1 Mark IV tanks. Co C destroyed 6 Self-propelled guns and 1 Mark V tank. Casualties: None.

5 JAN. Co B less two platoons with one Hon platoon attached, left Removille at 0715 for the Vic of Assenois (P536553). This force was held in Division Reserve with Tank Force Brindle. There were several local counterattacks in which our units assisted in repulsing. Company A destroyed 1 Mark VI tank,

5 JAN (Cont'd)

1 captured American M4 tank, and 1 unidentified tank. Co B destroyed 1 Mark VI tank. Casualties: None.

6 JAN. No change. Battalion with assisted Division in repulsing several counterattacks. Casualties: None.

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8 JAN. 2nd platoon Co B with Task Force Duvall destroyed 1 Mark VI tank in vicinity of Magny. Battalion with assisted Division in regaining ground lost in counterattacks. Casualties: None.

9 JAN. 2nd platoon Co B with Task Force LaFraw destroyed 1 Mark V tank South of Magny. Casualties: 1 Officer KIA; 3 EM WIA.

10 JAN. No change. Casualties: 1 EM KIA; 1 EM WIA.

11 JAN. Companies A and B supported the attack of CGA. Casualties: None.

12 JAN. Companies A and B supported the attack of CGA in taking Magny and the high ground South and Southeast of Magny. Casualties: None.

13 JAN. 1st platoon of Co B destroyed 1 Self-propelled gun in vicinity of Verdun. Casualties: 1 EM KIA.

14 JAN. Companies A and B assisted CGA in clearing the woods East of Verdun and the town of Benonchamps. 3rd platoon of Co A and 2nd platoon of Co C supported CGB in securing the high ground Northeast of Magny. Casualties: 1 EM KIA; 2 EM WIA.

15 JAN. Companies A and B supported CGA in capturing the town of Arloncourt and the forest Southwest of Longvilly. The 3rd platoon of Co A destroyed 1 Self-propelled gun in the vicinity of Arloncourt. Co C (-) supported Combat Team Byrne (35th Infantry Division) in the capturing of Oubourcy. Company lost 1 M-18 destroyed. Casualties: None.

16 JAN. 1st platoon of Ron Co (with CGA Trains) moved to West end of Bastogne. Companies A and B supported CGA in taking Longvilly. The 3rd platoon of Co A and 2nd platoon of Co C supported CGB in taking its objective. Co C (-) supported Combat Team Byrne in taking Michamps. Casualties: 2 EM WIA.

17 JAN. Co B supported Task Force Britten and LaFraw (CGA) in repulsing a counterattack. The 1st platoon of Co B destroyed 2 Mark VI and 1 Mark V tanks. Co B lost one destroyer completely destroyed and one badly damaged. The two platoons with CGB supported the Combat Command in obtaining its objective. Co C supported Combat Team Byrne in taking its objective along the Bourcy-Longvilly road. The 3rd platoon of Co C destroyed 1 Self-propelled gun and 4 half-tracks. Casualties: None.

18 JAN. Co C relieved from Combat Team Byrne and assigned to Combat Team Hiltonberger (25th Inf. Div.). Co A (-) continued in its support of CCA. The remainder of Battalion assigned to Reserve Command. Battalion CP and Ren Co (-) moved to Strainchamps (F526443) at 1300 hours. Company B assembled in area North of Assas. Companies A and C assisted in defense of Division zone. Casualties: None.

19 JAN. 2nd platoon of Co A was given an indirect fire mission South of Longvilly. Balance of Companies A and C assisted in defense of the Division zone. Casualties: None.

20 JAN. Battalion reorganized with reassignments as follows:

- Company A less 3rd platoon attached to CCA.
- Company B attached to CCB.
- Company C less 2nd platoon attached to Combat Team Hiltonberger.
- 2nd platoon Co C attached to CCA.
- Balance of Battalion attached to Reserve Command.

Casualties: None.

21 JAN. The 2nd platoon of Co C relieved the 3rd platoon of Co A at 1030 hours. Prior to relief 3rd platoon of Co lost 2 M-16's to mines in Meinet destroying 1 and damaging the other. Co and attached platoons supported CCA in taking the towns of Traine, Baraques de Traine, Orendal, Lullange, Hoffelt and Hacherville. Co B supported CCB in taking its two objectives in left sector of the Division zone. Casualties: None.

22 JAN. Battalion CP with Ren Co (-) left Strainchamps for Meinet (F646623) closing in the new location at 1300 hours. Co A and attached platoons supported CCA in taking the towns of Weller, Asselborn and Morbeck. Company B supported CCB in taking the town of Beshellain. Casualties: None.

23 JAN. Co A and attached platoons supported CCA in taking the towns of Trois Verges and Blerisch. Co C supported Combat Team Hiltonberger in taking towns of Hachville and Basbellaine. The 1st Ren platoon in the CCA Traine moved from Bastogne to Orendal (F684636). The 3rd platoon of Ren Co relieved from guarding bridge Northeast of Bastogne and returned to Co area at Meinet. Casualties: None.

24 JAN. Co A and attached platoons supported CCA in taking the towns of Mullange, Drunklange, Wilwerdange and Binsfeld. 1st platoon of Co B transferred to Combat Command A reserve. Casualties: None.

25 JAN. During the night of 25-26 January, Co A supported Task Force Britton and Task Force Lagrew in taking the towns of Hoffer and Breidfeld. Casualties: None.

26 JAN. At 0600, the 2nd and 3rd platoons of Co B assisted CCB in taking Weiswampach and the area to the North and East. Co A moved from vicinity of Troisverges to Schifwach (F650583) under control of Reserve Command. Casualties: None.

27 JAN. Co C moved from Trulsterges to Hupperdingen (P800678) under control of Combat Team Miltzenberger. Two platoons of Co G were assigned positions at roadblocks East of Hupperdingen. Co B moved to Dornange (P726642) under control of CGP. Battalion Headquarters moved from Moingt to Removille. Casualties: None.

28 JAN. Battalion Headquarters and Hon Co (-) moved from Removille to Kleinscheld (P732573) closing in new area at 2030. No change for other companies. Casualties: None.

29 JAN. Two platoons of Hon Co assigned mission with Combat Command B to guard bridge at (P731681) and left Battalion area at 1700. Other units not changed. Casualties: None.

30 JAN. The entire Battalion less one Hon platoon was released from the line and assigned to Reserve Command under Battalion Control. Co B moved to Eschweiler (P739568) closing in at 1800. Co C moved to Kleinscheld closing in at 1425. No change for other units. Casualties: None.

31 JAN. Battalion undertook intensive motor maintenance and training program. Otherwise, there was no change in this period.

2. The month of January was notable because of the intense cold and the constant exposure of the troops to artillery fire which kept them confined to their vehicles. Some platoons were in the line continuously for as many as 31 days.

For the Commanding Officers

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