

HEADQUARTERS

603rd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

APO 340, US ARMY

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

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

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

1 MARCH. 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 at Rodershausen, Germany.
- b. Rcn Co (less 1st platoon) attached to Reserve Command.
- c. 1st Rcn platoon attached to CCA trains.
- d. Co A (less 1st and 2nd platoons) attached to CCB at Binscheid (P932708)
- e. 1st Platoon Co A attached to TF Ward at (P965713 (CC"B"))
- f. 2nd Platoon Co A attached to TF Brindle at (Masthorn, P97737 (CC"B")).
- g. Co B attached to Reserve Command at Daumelshausen, Germany.
- h. Co C. attached (less 3rd platoon) to CC"A" at Emmelbaum.
- i. 3rd platoon, Co C attached to TF Brown, -CC"A"

The 1st platoon of Co A crossed the Prum River with TF Ward and supported the TF in its advance to Vic N of LIERFELD. 3rd Platoon, Company C assisted in the capture of Eilscheid and Dachechoid. Casualties: None.

2 MARCH. Company A and Company Hq moved into town of Binscheid. 1st Platoon of Company A established a road block at East end of Pronsfeld. 2nd platoon of Company A supported TF Brindle in attack East from Lierfeld in afternoon. 3rd Platoon Company A supported TF Kennedy in taking high ground N. of Matzerath. 2nd Platoon, Rcn Co relieved of mission of guarding bridge over Our River. 3rd Platoon, Rcn Co assigned mission of guarding bridges at Lunebach and Heilhausen on the Prum River. Casualties: None.

3 MARCH. 3rd Platoon of Company C supported TF Brown in securing a bridgehead over the Nims River South of Wetteldorf prior to daylight. Company A supported CC"B" in its advance to the Nims River. Casualties: None.

4 MARCH. Division and Battalion in process of being relieved by 90th Inf. Division Battalion assembled in Rodershausen, Daumelshausen, and Sevenig. All platoons were released from the line by 0900.

- a. Company A closed into Rodershausen at 1545 hours.
- b. Company C closed into Sevenig at 1200 hours.
- c. Rcn Co., 1st and 3rd Platoons closed into Rodershausen by 1600 hours.

This was the first time the division had been relieved after 221 consecutive days of combat. Casualties: None.

5 MARCH. Entire Bn assigned to Reserve Command. The Division and Bn reverted to SHAEF Reserve. Bn engaged in maintenance and training of replacements. Casualties: None.

6-9 MARCH, incl. No change. Casualties: None.

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10 MARCH. Bn marched from Rodershausen, Germany to Sornsville, France. Bn CP established at Sornsville at 1630 hours. Location of Companies:

Hq and Hq Co-Sorneville (Q080173)
Rcn Co -Sallones(Q)89219
Co A -Chambrey (Q060210)
Co B -Chambrey (Q062214)
Co C -Contures (080253)

Division and Bn attached to 7th US Army and XV Corps for future operations.
Casualties: None.

11 MARCH. Company A moved from Chambrey to Bezange-la-Grande (Q072171) closing into new area at 1300 hours. Casualties: None.

12-14 MARCH, Incl. No change. Bn engaged in rest, maintainance and training.
Casualties: None.

15 MARCH . Bn was attached to other combat units as follows:

a. Company A with 86th Cav. Combat Command.

b. Company B with CC"A".

1st Platoon-9th Armd Inf Bn.

2nd Platoon 1st sect. Co D 15th TK Bn.

2nd sect. Tr A 86th Cav.

3rd Platoon 15th TK Bn.

c. Company C-CC"B".

1st Platoon-69th TK Bn

2nd Platoon-44th Inf. Bn.

3rd Platoon, 1st Sect - 69th TK Bn

2nd Sect - 44th Inf. Bn.

1st and 3rd Security Sections - Hq CC"B"

Headquarters and Reconnaissance Cos -68th TK Bn (Reserve Command)

Casualties: None.

16. MARCH. Companies A,B and C assembled with their respective combat commands and prepared for further operations.

Casualties: None.

17 MARCH. No Change. No Casualties.

18 MARCH. Hq and Rcn Cos. moved to vic of Voelferdingen, France, (Q568400).

Closed into Div. assembly area at 1545 hours. Other cos. moved with their respective Combat Commands to assembly area in Vic of Oermingen (Q561447).

19 MARCH. Preparation for future action, Company B moved with CC"A" to vic E of Sarreguamines. CC"A" attached to 63rd Inf Div XXI Corps, Casualties: None.

20 and 21 MARCH. Company A left Herbelzheim at 2030 hours on 20 March and supported 86th Cav Combat Command in its 62 mile advance to Bockenheim, Germany (Q324129). No organized resistance encountered. Company arrived in Bordenheim at about 1500 hours, 21 March. Company B supported CC"A" in its rapid advance from vic of Sarreguamines to west bank of Rhine River. Company left assembly area at 1300 hours on 20 March and arrived at Beidesheim, Germany, at 0830 hrs. on 21 March, a distance of 75 miles. The 1st platoon and 2nd section of 2nd platoon continued to west bank of Rhine River in Vic of Rheim Burkheim. Remainder of Company (less Company headquarters) moved to Kinderheim. No organized resistance encountered although the company assisted in capturing a large number of prisoners. Company C supported CC"B" in it's rapid advance from Dehingen to Ebertsheim at 1130 hours on 21 March. Enemy resistance encountered in Vic northwest of Zweibrucken. The 3rd platoon destroyed one 88mm AT gun in a pill box and

one 150 mm field piece. This platoon also assisted in destroying a horse-drawn column of about 10 vehicles. Enemy resistance was again encountered in vic of Martinhohe. Rcn Company supported combat team Davall in its advance from vic of Sarre Union to Kerzenheim, Germany. Company left its assembly area 2 miles NE of Sarre Union at 1400 hrs on 20 March and reached its destination at 1300 hours on 21 March, travelling a distance of about 90 miles. No enemy resistance encountered. Lt. Day on special duty with the Air Corps, was seriously wounded by flak while on a bombing mission over Germany. Casualties: 2 Officers WIA.

22 MARCH. Battalion CP closed at Ebertsheim, Germany, (M265076) at 0700 hrs. 1st platoon of Company B fired across the Rhine River destroying one machine gun nest, one river barge, and an observation post. Casualties: 1EM WIA.

23 MARCH. Division and Battalion reassigned to Third US Army and XX Corps. No other change. Casualties: None

24 MARCH. Prepared for future operations. Casualties: None.

25 MARCH. All elements of the Bn crossed the Rhine River in vicinity of Oppenheim during the day. The Battalion command post closed into bivouac in vicinity of Gross Gorau (M524460) at 2330 hrs. Division and Battalion transferred to XII Corps. No change in attachments. Casualties: None

26 MARCH. 1st Platoon of Company A destroyed one 88mm AT gun in vic. of (M7762). 1st platoon of Company C destroyed one Mk V tank in Vic. North of Waldorf. All elements of the Battalion supported the advance of the division to the Main River and to the South end of Frankfurt at Main. Combat Team Davall with Rcn Company attached to CC"A". Casualties: None.

27 MARCH. Battalion Command Post moved to Frankfurt Wald 2 miles South of Frankfurt. Lt. Snyder, Company B, killed in action on patrol mission crossing the Main River at Frankfurt.

28 MARCH. Companies A and B on South bank of Main River opposite Frankfurt received heavy artillery fire. Division and Battalion transferred to XX Corps.

29 MARCH. Rcn Company transferred from CC"A" to CC"B".
1st platoon attached to 50th Armd Inf. Bn.
2nd " " " 69th Tank Bn.
3rd " " " 14th Armd Inf Bn.
Pion Platoon " " 25th Engr. Trains.
Company Ho. " " 50th Armd. Inf. Bn.

Battalion CP moved to vicinity of Hochstadt (M7874) arriving at 0535. Later in day Battalion moved to vic of Steinbach (M735175) arriving at 1715 hours. Company A completely destroyed one freight train carrying ammunition at a range of 5000 yards. Casualties: 4 EM killed in action, one officer wounded in action.

30 MARCH. Lt. Col. McCurry missing in action after leaving Bn CP with two technical observers to visit combat units of the Battalion. Battalion command post moved from vic. of Steinbach and arrived vic of Remsfeld at 0100 hrs. on 31 March. Casualties: None.

31 MARCH. No change. Casualties: 4 EM wounded in action, 1 officer WIA

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