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HEADQUARTERS
603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

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APO 340, US Army
4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

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TO : The Adjutant General, US Army, Washington, D. C.
(THRU: C. G., Sixth Armored Division, APO 256, US Army)

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

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

- a. Hq & Hq Co attached to Reserve Command
- b. Rcn Co attached to Reserve Command
- c. Co A relieved from attachment to CC"B" and attached to Reserve Command.
- d. Co B attached to Reserve Command in support of XII Corps Artillery
- e. Co C attached to Reserve Command in support of XII Corps Artillery

Battalion Command Post was located in Dommartemont (about 2 miles NE of Nancy). Hq & Hq Co, Rcn Co, and Co A billeted in Dommartemont. Company B and Company C in indirect fire positions in vicinity of (U952219).

Companies B & C fired 13 harassing and interdiction missions, no casualties. Company A left Bn area at 1230 hrs and relieved Co B on indirect fire mission. Company B returned to Bn area at 1400 hrs and was attached to CC"B".

2 NOV. Company A registered for indirect fire mission at 1930. Company C fired 8 missions during this period. No casualties.

3 NOV. Company C (reinforced by 1 Rcn platoon) attached to CC"B". Company B (reinforced by 1 Rcn platoon) attached to CC"A". Company C returned to Bn area at Dommartemont at 1400 hours. Company A attached to Reserve Command in indirect fire positions.

4 NOV. Company A fired several indirect fire missions. No casualties.

5 NOV. Company A fired several indirect fire missions. No casualties.

6 NOV. Company A fired several indirect fire missions. No casualties.

7 NOV. Battalion organized and prepared for attack. Battalion was organized as follows:

- Company B (reinforced) attached to CC"A"
- Company C (reinforced) attached to Task Force "G"
- 3rd platoon attached to Task Force "D"
- Co B (less 2 platoons) with 1 Rcn platoon attached to Reserve Command.

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7 NOV. (Cont'd)

Company C (reinforced) attached to CC"B"
1st platoon attached to Task Force #2 (Wall)
2nd platoon attached to Task Force #3 (Brindle)
3rd platoon attached to Task Force #1 (LeGrew)
Co C (less 3 platoons with 1 Rcn platoon attached to Reserve.

Company A (reinforced) attached to Reserve Command.
1st platoon Co A attached to Task Force Forrest
Co A (less 1 platoon) attached to Task Force Brown

603d TD Battalion (less 3 Companies) attached to Reserve Command and Task Force Brown.

Company A fired 8 harassing and interdiction missions. No casualties.

8 NOV. Various elements of Battalion assembled with their respective Commands ready to resume the attack. Battalion Headquarters moved to bivouac area 2 miles Southeast of Atton at 0930 hours. Battalion Surgeon with 3 EM attached to 69th Tank Battalion. No casualties.

9 Nov. 2nd platoon of Company C (with TF Brindle, CC"B") crossed the Seille River. Other units—no change. No casualties.

10 NOV. Companies B and C crossed the Seille River. 3rd platoon of Company C captured 13 prisoners, destroyed 1 Lk IV tank, 2 150mm Rifles (1 emplaced in concrete), 1 88mm AT Gun, 1 75mm Pack Howitzer. This action took place in the attack on Vigny, Buchy, and Solgne. 2nd platoon of Company C destroyed 1 88mm AT Gun in vicinity of Buchy. Casualties: 1 EM killed; 2 EM seriously wounded. One L18 knocked out.

1st platoon of Co B supported the attack of Task Force Godfrey, CC"A" on 10 and 11 Nov. In vicinity of Buchy to Han-Sur-Nied, along Route N410 on these two days, this platoon accounted for 3 Tiger tanks, 7 Lk IV tanks, 1 Lk III tank, 1 Assault gun, 2 75mm Pak (AT) Guns, 3 supply trucks, and 1 Command Car.

11 Nov. Bn Headquarters moved to 1 mile South of Louvigny (U862388). Company C took part in crossing of Nied River at Sandry-Sur-Nied. In action at Sandry-Sur-Nied, C Company destroyed 2 enemy vehicles, 2 AT guns (1 88mm), and blew up ammunition dump W of Sorbey. Company C was under intense artillery and small arms fire during this period. Company B took part in attack of Bechy and preparation for attack of Secourt. Casualties: 1 EM seriously wounded.

12 NOV. Bn Headquarters to bivouac area 1/4 mile North of Luppy.

Company A remained in Reserve Command ready to reinforce either Combat Command.

Company B with "CCA" took part in attack on Han-Sur-Nied, Vatimont and Morville-Sur-Nied.

Company C with "CCB" took part in crossing of the Nied River, the attack on Remilly, and security missions on left flank of Division.

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12 NOV. (Cont'd) Battalion was recomposed as follows:

CC"A"

1st platoon Co B attached to Task Force Stablein
3rd platoon Co B attached to Task Force Duvall
1st platoon Co A attached to Task Force Forrest

Co B (-) attached to Reserve

CC"B"

3rd platoon Co C attached to Task Force Lagrew (#1)
1st platoon Co C attached to Task Force Wall (#2)
2nd platoon Co C attached to Task Force Brindle (#3)
Co C less 3 platoons attached to CC"B" Reserve.

Reserve Command

Co A less 1 platoon attached to Task Force Brown.
Bn (less 3 companies) attached to Task Force Brown.

Casualties: 1 officer and 1 EM seriously wounded. Lost 2 M18's.

13 NOV. Bn Headquarters remained at Luppy. Co B with CC"A" took part in attack on Vatimont and Arraincourt. 2nd platoon of Company B supported attack of TF Forrest in capturing Mary. Co C remained in vicinity of Bagoncourt under severe artillery and mortar fire. Company A with TF Forrest took part in action near Herney. Casualties for this period: 1 officer and 3 EM killed in action; 6 EM seriously wounded in action. Co "A" lost 2 M-18's.

14 NOV. Bn Headquarters remained at Luppy. 2nd platoon of Co A was placed on outpost in Landroff at nightfall and was the recipient of a counterattack in which they destroyed one M4 tank and 1 75mm (SP) Assault Gun and killed a large number of enemy infantry throughout the night. Company C took part in attack on, and capture of, Vittoncourt. Company B saw little action in this period. Casualties: 1 EM killed in action, 7 EM seriously wounded, 2 officers slightly wounded.

15 NOV. Co C moved with CC"B" to vicinity of Herry. Companies A and B received a large amount of shell fire in the vicinity of Suisse. Companies A and B supported attack of Task Force #3 in taking Suisse. Casualties: 2 officers wounded in action, 1 EM killed in action, 3 EM wounded in action.

16 NOV. Companies A and B supported attack of CC"A" in taking Boustroff, Chemery, Adalance, Eincheville, and Villiers. Co "C"; no change. Casualties: 1 EM killed, 2 EM wounded. Co A bivouaced in Brulange, Company B near Suisse.

17 NOV. Company B attached to Reserve Command. Company C; no change. Co A; no change. Casualties: 1 EM wounded in action.

18 NOV. Company C reassigned as follows:

2nd and 3rd platoons attached to TF Lagrew (CC"B")

1st platoon attached to TF Wall (CC"B")

TF Lagrew moved to Morhange, and TF Wall moved to vicinity of Baronville. Companies A and C inactive during this period. Casualties: None.

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19 NOV. Bn Headquarters moved to Vatimont. Company C supported attack of CC"B" NE of Morhange. In vicinity of Gros-Tenquin the 2nd and 3rd platoons destroyed 3 Lk V tanks, 3 concrete pillboxes, 1 ammunition truck, 1 half-track with 20mm gun, 1 88mm AT gun, and captured 9 prisoners. Casualties: 2 EM wounded in action.

20 NOV. Company C and 2nd platoon of Co A continued to support attack of CC"B" in the capture of Hellimer and Freyhouse. Casualties: 1 officer seriously wounded; 2 EM seriously wounded.

21 NOV. Company C and 2nd platoon of Co A combined in support of CC"B" in vicinity of Hellimer. Co A moved from Brulange to Suisse, and later in the day, to Guessling-Hemerig. Co B was inactive. Casualties: 1 EM seriously wounded.

22 NOV. Company C and 2nd platoon of Co A continued to support attack of CC"B" in the capture of Diffemback, Leyviller, Altrippe, Fremestroff, and St. Jean-Rohrback. Remainder of Co A was attached to CC"A". 3rd platoon of Company A destroyed 1 AT gun. Co B was inactive during this period. Casualties: None.

23 NOV. Company C continued engagement in vicinity of St. Jean-Rohrback and to the East. Company A supported CC"A" in holding ground NE of Fremestroff. Company B assigned to CC"B" and attached to 737th Tank Bn. 2nd platoon of Company C destroyed one Lk IV tank. Casualties: 4 EM wounded.

24 NOV. Company C continued engagement East of St. Jean-Rohrback. Destroyed 1 AT gun. Co B supported attack on Hilsprich. Co A moved from Guessling-Hemerig to Bistroff. 2nd platoon of Co A destroyed 3 Lk IV tanks, 1 Lk VI tank, and 1 armored car. Battalion Headquarters moved to Berig-Vintridge. Casualties: None.

25 NOV. Company A supported attack of TF Brown SE of Hilsprich to capture high ground in vicinity of Morsbrann. Company B supported attack of TF Roecher to capture Remering. Company C supported attack of CC"B" towards Puttelange. Destroyed 1 Lk V tank. Casualties: 1 EM killed, 2 EM wounded.

26 NOV. All units continued with same missions as on 25th of November. Companies A and B were subjected to severe mortar and artillery fire. Casualties: 1 officer killed, 2 officers wounded, 1 EM killed, 3 EM wounded in action.

27 NOV. Bn Headquarters moved to Vallerange. All other units of Battalion continued with missions of 25th and 26th of November. No Casualties.

28 NOV. No Change.

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29 NOV. Company A moved from Hilsprich to Valette with one platoon at each of Laning, Barst-Marienthal, and Cappel. Co B moved to Vallerange and Battalion control. No Casualties.

30 NOV. No Change. No Casualties.

For the Commanding Officer:

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