

HEADQUARTERS
37TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

1 March 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 28 Feb 1945, incl)

A. Locations at Beginning of Month:

1. Bn CP - At TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM (6175). (Bn atchd to 95th Inf Div).
2. Hq Co - At TAVERNEUX.
3. Co A - At MONT (5974).
4. Co B - At (607743).
5. Co C - At HOUFFALIZE (6172).
6. Service Co - At TAVERNEUX.

B. Operations for Period:

1 Feb 1945:

1. All units continued maintenance, rehabilitation and work on traction devises.

2 Feb 1945:

1. Bn relieved from attachment to 95th Inf Div, attached to 87th Inf Div effective at 021100, as per VOCC, VIII Corps.
2. All elements continued maintenance and work on traction devises.

3 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Co placed in spt of 347th Inf Regt. Moved from MONT (5974) to 347th Inf zone. 1st plat in spt of 1st Bn at BERTERATH (0294); 2nd plat in Co reserve at MANDERFELD (0093); 3rd plat in spt of 3rd Bn at LOSHEIM (0396). Co CP at MANDERFELD.
2. Co B - Continued work on traction devises.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Co moved from HOUFFALIZE (6172) into assembly at ST VITH (8588).
4. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats - no change.

4 Feb 1945:

1. Bn CP - Moved from TAVERNEUX (6178) to SCHONBERG (9588).
2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - Moved to SCHONBERG.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.- Contd spt of 347th Inf in the regimental sector.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Moved from vic of TAVERNEUX (607743) to assembly area in vic of AUW, (0080).
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Co in spt of 346th Inf.
(b) Moved from assembly area at ST VITH (8588). Co Cp and 1st plat at AUW (0082); 2nd plat in spt of 2nd Bn at ROTH (0491); 3rd plat in spt of 3rd Bn at WECKERATH (0292).

5 Feb 1945:

1. Bn Cp moved from SCHONBERG (9588) to LAUDESFELD, GERMANY (9889).

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2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats, moved from SCHONBERG to LAUDESFELD, GERMANY (9889).
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position in vic of MANDERFELD (C093).
 - (b) Remainder continued direct spt of 347th Inf in its zone of action.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP - no change.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to ROTH (0300).
 - (c) No change in other elements.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) No change in location.
 - (b) Continued to maintain AT support in zone of 346th Inf.
6. Service Co -
 - (a) Moved to LAUDESFELD.
 - (b) Personnel section at ENGREUX (5471).

6 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd AT spt of 347th Inf with 1st and 3rd plats.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 200 rds HE indirect fire on 5 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) In direct spt of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved out in spt of 3rd Bn, 345th Inf. Advanced until all destroyers were stuck in muc. Two destroyers were pulled back and then moved thru 2nd Bn area to join 3rd Bn. 1 destroyer still stuck.
 - (c) 2nd plat, sptng 2nd Bn 345th Inf moved with Bn giving close spt. Fired .50 cal MG into pillbox. Crew of pillbox surrendered before fire of 90mm gun could be brought to bear on it.
 - (d) 3rd plat in reserve at AUW.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct support of 346th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat in support of 1st Bn 346th Inf. In position in vicinity of KREWINKEL (0393).
 - (c) 2nd plat in support of 2nd Bn 346th Inf mved two (2) destroyers to RJ at (052907), 2 guns remained at ROTH.
 - (d) 3rd plat in reserve and in support of 3rd Bn 346th Inf at WECKERATH.
4. Hq Co, less three Rcn plats - Pion plat worked on access roads to Bn CP.

7 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved out of indirect fire position and moved to primary position at KREWINKEL.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, moving in spt of Inf, moved to (065880).
 - (c) 2nd plat, in sptng Inf, fired on and destroyed 4 pillboxes and 6 MG nests. Supported Inf with fire from 50 cal MG by firing into woods and likely enemy positions. Moved up to CR (064894).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct spt of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Plats continued spt of Inf Bns. Moved to new positions as follows:
 - (1) 1st plat - At WECKERATH (0102).

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- (2) 2nd plat - At ROTH (0491).
- (3) 3rd plat - At RJ (052007).

8 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat moved to indirect fire position at MANDERFELD (0093). Fired 126 rds HE on 2 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Co CP moved to new location in pillbox at (047882).
 - (c) 1st plat, sptng Inf advance on OLZHEIM, moved one destroyer to high ground West of the town and fired into church steeple believed to be used as an enemy OP. Plat gave overwatching fire as Inf advanced through the town. Observing enemy activity around pillbox and hill at (093870) the plat placed direct fire from 90mm and 50 cal MG into the pillbox and surrounding woods, spraying these positions. As a result of this fire, the Inf took 37 EM PW's and 2 officers, who surrendered following the firing. One German MK V tank was observed moving toward OLZHEIM from the East. It was fired on and forced to withdraw. Later in the afternoon the plat moved 2 destroyers into OLZHEIM, fired on an enemy half-track. The remainder of the plat moved into town after dark.
 - (d) 2nd plat - no change.
 - (e) 3rd plat moved in spt of Inf to (071849) taking up position to overwatch movement of Inf. Fired on and destroyed one MG nest with 90mm HE fire.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct spt of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Co CP moved to ROTH (0490).
 - (c) 1st plat moved to new location - 2 destroyers at (068906), 2 destroyers at (064894).
 - (d) 2nd plat moved to new positions - 2 destroyers at (051908), 2 destroyers at (045907).
 - (e) 3rd plat in reserve at WECKERATH (0192).

9 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct spt of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 160 rds HE on 4 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat, maintaining anti-tank defense of OLZHEIM (0886), fired into en personnel observed in the NE part of town.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to OLZHEIM in attempt to join Inf in NEUNDORF (0887). Were unable to get to NEUNDORF due to blown bridge. From firing position near S end of town fired into pillbox on hill to E and several houses. Destroyed two (2) pieces horse drawn artillery which were attempting to move out of town to NE.
 - (d) 3rd plat continued to give overwatch protection to Inf from position in vicinity of (080867).
 - (e) Made contact with elements of Co A, 610th TD Bn on S Flank.
3. Co C, with 1st ren plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 346th Inf.

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1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 48 rds HE on 2 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved into town of NEUENDORF (0887). Fired into two houses and one log bunker in and around the town.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.

11 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 81 rds HE on 4 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co assembled in WISCHEID (9990) as Div reserve. Closed 112200.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat relieved of mission in vicinity of (0590). Moved to Co reserve at ROTH. Closed at 1925.
 - (c) 3rd plat relieved 2nd plat of Co B at NEUENDORF (0887) at 111821.

12 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to indirect fire position at MANDERFELD (0093). Closed at 130750).
 - (c) 3rd plat moved to direct fire position - 2 destroyers at (025953), 2 destroyers at LOSHEIM (0396). Prior to move fired 84 rds HE on 4 indirect fire harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Assembled as Division reserve at WISCHEID, (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
4. Service Co - Moved to new location at (924881).

13 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat fired 114 rds on 4 harrassing and 1 base point registration.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Reconnoitered for positions to add depth to A/T defense.
 - (b) Continued maintenance of equipment.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Placed one gun in position and fired direct fire into 4 buildings and pillboxes at (055936). Fired 25 rds HE, 7 TL05 and 3 APC.

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14 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) Fired 109 rds on indirect fire missions and 1 target of opportunity (en horse drawn column in vic of BERK (0999) and 3 harrasing missions).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maintenance of equipment.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Fired 5 rds into house between NEUENDORF and REUTH.

15 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) Fired 45 rds on 3 indirect fire missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maintenance of equipment.
 - (b) Reconnoitered for defensive positions and routes thereto.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) In conjunction with an artillery and air corp bombardment of REUTH (1189), fired 71 rds HE, 67 rds APC, and 18 rds of T105 into the town (REUTH) and observed en personnel in and around the town.

16 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for deepening a mechanized defense in zone of 347th Inf.
 - (c) 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 30 rds on 3 harrasing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared positions in Div zone to increase depth of mech defense.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for increasing depth of mech defense in zone of 346th Inf.
 - (c) 3rd plat fired 9 rds of HE into houses at North end of NEUENDORF known to contain enemy personnel.
4. Hq Co, less 3 rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat contd to work on roads in Bn area. Aided companies in preparation of firing positions.

17 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for deepening a mechanized defense in zone of 347th Inf.
 - (c) 1st plat, in indirect fire, fired 32 rds on 2 harrasing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared positions in Div zone.

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3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for deepening a mech defense in zone of 346th Inf Regt.
4. Hq Co, less 3 rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat constructed two culvert drains at (987884). Aided Co in preparation of firing positions.

18 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, in indirect fire, fired 72 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
 - (c) 1st plat moved to primary mission position at KREWINKEL (0393). Completed at 190745.
 - (d) 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position at MANDERFELD (0093).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Supplied work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID, (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 3 rds APC and 3 rds T105 at 3 houses just Northeast of NEUENDORF.
4. Hq Co - Pion plat worked on firing positions for gun Companies. Worked on roads in vicinity of LAUDESFELD.

19 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 100 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic WISCHEID (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
4. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Worked on roads in vic of LAUDESFELD (9889).

20 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 100 rds HE on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party for Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co placed in direct support of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat relieved 3rd plat in NEUENDORF (0987), personnel change only. 3rd plat personnel moved to ROTH (0390) as Co reserve.
4. Hq Co, less 3 rcn plats.

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(1) (a) Completed construction on cordoroy road at (986884). Cordoroyed bad place in road at (985985).

21 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 100 rds on 3 harrassing missions in indirect fire.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
4. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat constructed cordoroy sections in road to LAUDESFELD (9889).

22 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 32 rds HE on 1 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

23 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 72 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Furnished work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

24 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 100 rds on 4 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Furnished work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

25 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved to AUW (9089). Closed at 251100.

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2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 3rd plat relieved 1st plat in NEUENDORF (0987), personnel change only. 1st plat returned to ROTH (0390). Completed at 251800.
4. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Worked on roads in vic LAUDESFELD (9889).

26 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) CP moved from MANDERFELD (0093) to new location at KOBSCHIED (0289).
 - (c) 1st plat moved to assembly area with 1st Bn 347th Inf in vic (018903). Closed at 261530.
 - (d) 2nd plat moved from vic AUW (0090), relieved 2nd plat of Co C with 3 destroyers at RJ (052907). Completed relief at 261430.
 - (e) 3rd plat moved to assembly area with 3rd Bn 347th Inf in vic (022905). Closed at 261530.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to ROTH.
 - (c) 1st plat moved from reserve position at WISCHEID (0990) to assembly position in vicinity (052887).
 - (d) 2nd plat moved from res pos at WISCHEID to assembly pos in vic (060892).
 - (e) 3rd plat moved from res pos at WISCHEID to assembly pos in vic (065899).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to ready positions (058899) then to (067902).
 - (c) 2nd plat moved along road toward NEUENSTEIN (0890). Held up due to road condition with 1 destroyer at edge of woods at (080904) and 3 destroyers 500 M West. 3rd plat contd spt of 3rd Bn 345th Inf at NEUENDORF (0987).

27 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat in spt of 3rd Bn moved to assembly pos in vic CR (060895).
 - (c) Other platoons - no change.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Plats, sptng Inf Bns, moved up with respective Bn until held up or stopped by impassable roads or terrain. 2nd plat at (078914). 3rd plat at (072914).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Plats, sptng Inf Bns, attempted to move forward with them, were held up by impassable terrain. 1st plat at (067902). 2nd plat maneuvered to (085900) with rcn complete for movements forward to area of 2nd Bn.

28 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, in spt of 3rd Bn, moved to (078914). Fired 1250 rds of .50 MG as harrassing fire to pin down enemy fire across opening. This fire was laid to

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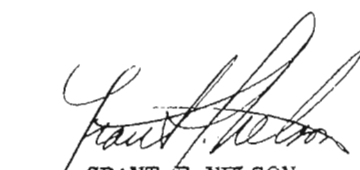
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facilitate evacuation of wounded.

2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd and 3rd plats moved East along south edge of woods just north of NEUENSTEIN (0890) to join Inf Battalions. Progress delayed by mines.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Plats moved in spt of Inf Bns. 1st plat taking up pos at (080898); 2nd plat at (100911).

C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Indirect Action - Fired 1605 rds on 57 missions (55 harrassing, 1 target of opportunity, 1 base point registration).
2. Direct Action - Fired 188 rds of HE, 112 APC, 28 HE T105.
Destroyed 1 half-track, 2 horse drawn artillery pieces, 8 machine guns, 5 pillboxes. 1 PW captured.


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