

HEADQUARTERS  
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 230

1 February 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 31 Jan 1945, incl)

A. Locations at Beginning of Period:

1. Bn CP - At BERUS, GERMANY (2474). *Bn ATTACHED TO 95th INF DIV.*
2. Hq Co, with one section 2nd Rcn plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP - At BERUS.
  - (b) One section 2nd Rcn plat atchd to Co A.
  - (c) 1st Rcn plat - At CARLSBRUNN (3264).
  - (d) 3rd Rcn plat - At WERBELN (3172).
3. Co A, with one section 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co CP - At SAARLAUTERN (2980).
  - (b) Platoons occupying positions in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2881).
4. Co B - Assembled in vicinity of MERTEN (2273), with platoons in indirect fire positions.
5. Co C - In area of BERWEILER (2175), with platoons in indirect fire positions.
6. Service Co - In ITTERS DORF (2178), with personnel section in LES ETANGS (0161).

B. Operations for Period:

1 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less one section 2nd Rcn plat -
  - (a) Co CP - No change.
  - (b) 1st Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with 121st Cav Sqd.
  - (c) 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with 1st Bn 378th Inf and 106 Cav Sqd.
  - (d) Pioneer plat - Continued preparation of road block in area of ST AVOLD, (2556).
3. Co A, with one section 2nd Rcn plat atchd -
  - (a) No change in disposition. Fired at 2 houses in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882).
4. Co B - No change in disposition. Fired 13 harrassing and 2 BP registrations.
5. Co C - No change in disposition. Fired 4 harrassing and 1 BP registration.

2 Jan 1945:

1. No change in dispositions of any units.
2. Co B - Fired on 12 harrassing missions.
3. Co C - Fired on 5 harrassing missions.

3 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co--F
  - (a) 2nd Rcn plat and Pion plat assembled at BERUS.
  - (b) No change in other elements.
3. Co A -
  - (a) Relieved from positions in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882) and FRAULAUTERN (3081). Co CP moved to BERWEILER (2175). One plat closed in BERWEILER, two plats in process of relief and movement to ~~BERWEILER~~

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4. Co B - No change in location or mission. Fired on 1 base point registration and 12 harrassing missions.
5. Co C -
  - (a) Fired on 12 harrassing missions.
  - (b) Effecting relief of Co A in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. Co CP moved to SAARLAUTERN (2980). Platoons in process of relief.

4 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - No activity.
2. Co A - Moved to BERWELLER, closing in at 032045.
3. Co B - Fired 14 harrassing missions and 2 base point registrations.
4. Co C - Closed in and completed occupation of position in bridge-head area at 1845. Destroyed 4 houses and fired on 2 pillboxes, neutralizing one, the crew of the other surrendered.

5 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Fired 1 registration.
2. Co B - Fired 2 registrations and 14 harrassing missions.
3. Co C - Fired on 1 house and 2 pillboxes.

6 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - 2nd Rcn plat replaced 3rd Rcn plat at LUDWELLER (3269).
2. Co B - Fired 14 harrassing missions.
3. No change in other elements.

7 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - No change.
3. Co A - Moved to MERTEN (2273), replacing Co B and reinforcing fires of 358th Field Artillery.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Atchd to 94th Div effective 070800. Moved out at 1200. Fired 14 harrassing missions during night of 6-7 Jan 45.
5. Co C - No change in disposition. Continued AT protection of bridge-head area.

8 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Fired on 1 base point registration. Made route rcn of roads to South.
2. Co B - (atcd to 94th Div). Co CP at HALSTROFF (1088). Co enroute to assembly area.
3. Co C - Fired at 4 houses in FRAULAUTERN for neutralization.
4. No change in other elements.

9 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Fired 1 base point registration. Conducted reconnaissance to South in vicinity of ST AVOLD (2556).
2. Co B - (atcd to 94th Div). Closed in at HALSTROFF at 1045.
3. Co C - In support of 379th Inf, fired on 10 pillboxes. Penetrations were confirmed on 5 pillboxes and one other was taken and blown by our Infantry.
4. No change in other elements.

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10 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP and HQ Co - No change.
2. Co A - Fired on 1 base point registration, 2 targets of opportunity and 5 harrassing missions. Continued to reconnoiter routes to South and West of ST AVOLD.
3. No change in other elements.

11 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - Rcn plats continued to operate OPs in area to South of 95th Div zone. Maintained contact with 106th Cav, 121st Cav and 411th Inf Regt.
2. Co A - Fired 5 harrassing missions, 1 target of opportunity and 1 base point registration. Continued rcn to South and West.
3. Co C - Continued direct fire support to 379th Inf.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
5. No change in other elements.

12 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - Continued to maintain contact with elements on Right Flank.
2. Co A - Moved two destroyers to high ground to the West of and overlooking SCHAFFHAUSEN (3273) and fired 15 rds HE into two houses occupied by enemy troops. Fired 6 harrassing and 1 base point missions. Continued rcn to S and SW.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
4. Co C - Continued AT support of Inf in bridge-head area.

13 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat -  
(a) Pion plat fired 81mm mortar from LISDORF (2979) into vicinity of ENSDORF, (3079) on 4 targets of opportunity.  
(b) 1st and 2nd Rcn plats continued contact with Cav and Inf on S Flank.
2. Co A - In indirect fire, fired on 6 harrassing and 2 base point missions. Continued rcn in vicinity of ST AVOLD (2556).
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
4. Co C - Continued AT support of Inf in brhd area. No firing.

14 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with elements on S Flank with two Rcn plats.
2. Co A - Fired on 6 harrassing missions. Moved to assembly area at ST AVOLD (2556).
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).  
(a) Co CP, 1st and 2nd plats - At SEHNDORF (0299).  
(b) 3rd plat - Moved into TETTINGEN (045026). Provided AT defense of town.
4. Co C - Continued direct fire support of Inf in bridge-head area.

15 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with elements on S Flank with 1st and 2nd Rcn plats.
2. Co A - Continued reconnaissance in vicinity of ST AVOLD.

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3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) Co CP - No change.
  - (b) 1st plat - Moved to BESCH (010015), prepared to move forward to NENNIG (022042). As the area was not cleared of mines the plat did not enter town. The plat leader, leading a 1/4 ton on rcn of the route was wounded when the 1/4 ton was blown up on a mine. The vehicle was destroyed and 3 EM were killed.
  - (c) 2nd plat - Upon warning of tank threat moved to ready position South of TETTINGEN. Moved back to WOLCHERN at dark.
  - (d) 3rd plat - Maintained AT defense of TETTINGEN.
4. Co C - Continued support of Inf in SAAR RIVER bridge-head area.

16 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with elements to S.
2. Co A - Continued reconnaissance of ST AVOLD area.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) 1st plat - Moved 2 destroyers into NENNIG. 1 destroyer at BESCH. 1 destroyer lost due to mine.
  - (b) 2nd plat - In reserve. Prepared to move to ready position in case of enemy armored attack.
  - (c) 3rd plat - Maintained AT defense of TETTINGEN.
4. Co C - Continued to support Inf in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN.

17 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with elements on South Flank.
2. Co A - Continued reconnaissance of ST AVOLD area. Moved to alert positions in conjunction with practice alert of 94th Inf Div in ST AVOLD area.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) Co CP, 1st and 3rd plats - No change.
  - (b) 2nd plat - One gun fired on pillbox in area South of NENNIG, with effect.
4. Co C - Continued support of Inf in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN.

18 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with elements on South Flank.
2. Co A - Moved from ST AVOLD (2556) to MERTEN (2272). Closed at 1010. Placed one plat in indirect fire position to reinforce fires of 38th FA. Fired 28 rds HE on one base point adjustment.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) Co CP and 1st plat - No change.
  - (b) 2nd plat - Moved to firing position to South of TETTINGEN to assist in repelling enemy armored attack.
  - (c) 3rd plat - Resisted enemy armored attack on TETTINGEN. Enemy attacked BUTZDORF (0503) with an undetermined number of tanks and half-tracks. One Mark IV tank, approaching TETTINGEN from the East was destroyed by 3rd plat. In another attack by 5 tanks which moved South from the vicinity of SINZ (0604), 3 MK V tanks were destroyed by another gun of 3rd plat. At approximately the same time a tank appeared from the East and was moving on TETTINGEN from the NE. This tank was hit and penetrated with four rounds and is assumed to be destroyed.
4. Co C - Continued to support Inf in SAAR RIVER bridge-head area.

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19 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with elements on S Flank.
2. Co A - Fired 120 rds HE on 1 base point registration and 6 harrassing missions.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) No change in situation or location.
  - (b) 1st plat - Fired on 1 enemy OP and a group of Inf in the open.
4. Co C - Continued close support of Inf in bridge-head area. Conducted reconnaissance for possible employment in remainder of Div zone.

20 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - 1st plat moved to BERUS in vicinity of Co CP. 2nd plat continued to maintain contact with elements on South Flank.
2. Co A - In indirect fire, fired 136 rds on 6 harrassing, 2 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) No change in situation or locations.
  - (b) Continued to support Inf in NENNIG - TETTINGEN area.
4. Co C - Continued to support Inf in bridge-head area. One destroyer was lost due to enemy action of undetermined nature (bazooka, artillery or mortar fire).

21 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 1st and 3rd Rcn plats - 2nd Rcn plat continued rcm of area to South in conjunction with Co B, 704th TD Bn.
2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Enroute to relieve Co B in attachment to 94th Div.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Maintained AT support of 302 Inf (94th Div).
4. Co C - Fired 23 rds APC, 9 rds HE on 4 pillboxes and 1 house. The positions fired upon were considered neutralized as machine gun fire from them ceased after a few rounds were fired into each position. DESTROYER LOST ON PREVIOUS DAY WAS DUE TO BAZOOKA

22 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co -
  - (a) 1st Rcn plat atchd to Co A.
  - (b) 2nd Rcn plat maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd and elements on South.
  - (c) 3rd Rcn plat relieved from atchmt to Co B, closed in BERUS at 221130.
  - (d) Pioneer plat assisted Co B in return to MERTEN.
2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) Closed in assembly area at SEHNDORF (0299) at 211900.
  - (b) Relieved two plats of Co B, prepared to relieve remaining plat.
3. Co B, less 2nd plat.
  - (a) Relieved from atchmt to 94th Div. Closed into MERTEN at 221730.
4. Co C - Fired 7 rds APC and 5 rds HE on 1 pillbox in attempt to detonate explosive placed there by Infantry and Engineers. Continued to support Inf in bridge-head area and provided AT defense of bridge.

23 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 1st Rcn plat -
  - (a) Maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd on South Flank.
  - (b) Pioneer plat - Prepared gun position for Co "C" in bridge-head area.





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2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
  - (a) 1st plat - At TETTINGEN (0402) in relief of Co B and maintaining AT defense of the town.
  - (b) 2nd plat - Moved from BESCH to NENNIG. Guns placed to cover possible tank approaches to town. At 0730 fired a 20 minute direct fire concentration of 30 rds per gun into houses in North end of BESCH. As Infantry advanced, the plat continued direct fire support, firing into houses at the request of the Infantry.
  - (c) 3rd plat - Moved from BESCH to WIES (0201) under cover of smoke. Closed at 1000. Set up AT defense of the town.
3. Co B -
  - (a) 2nd plat closed in MERTEN at 231405.
  - (b) All plats conducted maintenance of equipment.
4. Co C - Provided close AT support of Inf in bridge-head area. Fired 34 rds HE and 10 rds APC on one house occupied by enemy.

24 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 1st Rcn plat - Maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd on South Flank.
2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co detached from 94th Div, complete relief to be accomplished by 250800 by 704th TD Bn.
  - (b) 1st plat - Continued to support Inf in TETTINGEN (0402).
  - (c) 2nd plat - In support of Inf in attack on BERG (0203). Fired into buildings. One enemy MK IV tank, firing on our Infantry just North of NENNIG was taken under fire and destroyed. Another tank, a Mark V, was seen behind a building in the Chateau area North of BERG. It was fired upon and set afire.
  - (d) 3rd plat - In support of Infantry in WIES (0201) observed one MK IV tank approaching the town from the East. This tank was fired on and burned. Later in the morning a MK V tank was observed off the road and in a ditch. This tank was not moving nor had it moved. It was fired upon and set afire. Later in the day a tank believed to be a MK V was observed behind a building to the East of town. Not enough of the tank was visible to afford a good target, so the gunner fired through the building and set the tank afire.
3. Co B - Emplaced one platoon in indirect fire, fired 17 rds on BF registration. Co continued maintenance of equipment.
4. Co C - Placed 4 guns in direct fire position in vicinity of WALLERFANGEN (2682) and fired 26 rds on direct fire into DILLENGEN (2785). This was fired in conjunction with TOT fire by Division Artillery into the DILLENGEN area. Co continued close support of 379th Inf in bridge-head area.

25 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - 3rd Rcn plat maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd on South Flank. Other elements assembled at BERUS.
2. Co A - Relieved of mission in 94th Div sector at 242200. Assembled at OBERPERL (0298). Moved out to rejoin Bn at 251030. Closed in new assembly area at BERUS at 251730.
3. Co B - Moved 2 guns of 2nd plat to high ground in vicinity of BEAUMARAIS (2880) to fire on SP guns reported in vicinity of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882). Was unable to observe across river. Returned to Co at MERTEN (2272) at 1730. 1st plat fired 70 rds on 14 harrasing missions. 3rd plat in reserve.
4. Co C - Continued close support of 379th Inf in bridge-head area.



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26 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - In assembly position at BERUS. Conducting maintenance of equipment.
2. Co B - Fired 70 rds on 14 harrassing missions.
3. Co C - No change. Continued support of Infantry in bridge-head area. Fired 6 rds HE, 6 rds APC on pillbox, barbed wire and stone wall.

27 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - 2nd Rcn plat returned to vicinity of Co CP at BERUS.
2. Co A - No change. Continued maintenance.
3. Co B - Fired 70 rds HE on 14 harrassing missions.
4. Co C - No change. Continued support of Infantry in bridge-head area.

28 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP, HQ Co, Service Co, Hq section of Co A & B moved to TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM (6173). Closed at 282100.
2. Co A & B, less Hq sections - Enroute to TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM.
3. Co C - In support of 379th Inf in SAARLAUTERN bridge-head area.

29 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - No change.
2. Co A & B - Enroute to TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM.
3. Co C - Relieved of support in bridge-head area at 282000. Assembled in SAARLAUTERN and prepared to move.

30 Jan 1945:

1. Co A & B - Continued movement to HOUFFALIZE area.
2. Co C - Closed in HOUFFALIZE at 301425.

31 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Closed in MONT (5974) at 311340. 1 destroyer and recovery vehicle still enroute.
2. Co B - Closed in assembly area (607743) at 311115. 1 destroyer still enroute.
3. All elements conducted maintenance and worked on traction devises.

C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Direct Action: -


Fired - 363 rds HE	Destroyed - 7 MK V tanks
499 " APC	3 MK IV "
1 " T105 fuzed HE	9 pillboxes

2. Indirect Action:

Fired 2510 rds HE on 198 harrassing, 3 targets of opportunity, 2 counter battery, 20 base point adjustments (total 223 missions).

3. Equipment Lost to Enemy Action:

2 destroyers M-36, one 1/4 ton truck.

  
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