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Headquarters
612th TANK DESTROYER
Battalion



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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy; Reports After/After Action Reports.
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
(THRU Channels)

1. In compliance with letter Headquarters First United States Army, dated 13 July 1944, Subject, same as above, this organization submits the following report of its activities during the month of April 1945.
2. The 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion was in active operation from 1 April to 30 April 1945. During the period 1 April to 27 April 1945, Battalion was attached to 3d TD Gp V Corps and further attached to 2d Infantry Division. Battalion was relieved from attachment to 3d TD Gp V Corps on 27 April and attached to 1st TD Gp VII Corps. Attachment to 2d Infantry Division remained unchanged.
3. During this period this battalion furnished direct fire support and anti-tank protection for the Second Infantry Division and CCA 9th Armored Division. From 1 April to 3 April Company C (2d Rcn platoon attached) was attached to 38th Infantry Regiment and further attached to CCA 9th Armored Division, spearheading the northern prong of V Corps attack and pursuit through Central Germany. 2d Rcn platoon acting as point for the combat command destroyed eleven (11) machine guns, eight (8) strong points containing panzerfausts and riflemen, one (1) general purpose vehicle and one (1) motorcycle, captured ninety-seven (97) prisoners, killed or wounded thirty-five (35) enemy soldiers. Company A in support of 9th Infantry captured sixteen (16) prisoners and Company B in support of 23d Infantry captured eight (8) prisoners while following closely behind the armored spearheads mopping up by-passed pockets. On 4 April Company A was attached to 9th Infantry, Company B attached to 23d Infantry and Company C was attached to the 38th Infantry and the attack continued. On 7 April Company B fired on one Mark V and two Mark IV tanks, destroying one and damaging the two others. Third platoon Company B destroyed two anti-tank guns and one machine gun, killing twenty (20) enemy and capturing three (3). During the attack on BUKERN, GERMANY (350250) Company B destroyed six (6) 20mm AA guns and two (2) machine guns, killing twenty-three (23) enemy. On 9 April Company A destroyed one ammunition vehicle, one horse-drawn vehicle and killed ten (10) and captured fourteen (14) prisoners. Also fired 25 rounds APC at 3 Mark V tanks with unknown results. Company C fired 23 rounds APC at 4 Mark VI tanks with unknown results due to long ranges. Company B supported attack on GOTTINGEN, GERMANY (520280) with 50 caliber machine guns. On 10 April, Company B while

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supporting the attack on DUDERSTADT, GERMANY (G770270), destroyed one self-propelled 75mm anti-tank gun, five general purpose vehicles, killed thirty-five (35) enemy and captured seventy-six (76) prisoners. 3d platoon Company C was attached to 3d Battalion 38th Infantry and further attached to GOC 9th Armored Division. On 14 April Company B captured thirty (30) prisoners and shot down an ME 109 with 50 caliber machine gun fire. Companies supported the attacks on LEUNA, MARSEBERG, and MARK RANSTADT, where considerable opposition was offered by large caliber anti-aircraft guns used against ground targets, which were used to defend LEIPSIQ. Companies supported the attack on LEIPSIQ with direct fire and 50 caliber machine guns. Companies were relieved of attachments and placed in direct support on 21 April. On 23 April Company C fired 85 rounds at enemy strong points east of the Mulde River (484063), killing twenty (20) enemy. On 26 April one section of 2B while on a patrol in an attempt to contact the Russians fired on and killed twelve (12) enemy and captured twenty-five (25) prisoners. On 27 April while on another contact patrol the 3d Recon platoon captured ninety-seven (97) prisoners. Companies A and B sent out patrols with the Infantry to contact the Russian Armies for distances up to 25 kilometers from April 22 to 27.

The following targets were destroyed by direct fire during the month of April:

Tanks Mk IV -----	2	(plus one probable)
Mk V -----	1	
SP AT 75mm -----	1	
General purpose vehicles -----	10	(plus 2 captured)
Anti-tank guns -----	2	
AA guns -----	6	
Machine guns -----	14	
Strong points & panzerfaust emplacements -----	9	
Prisoners captured -----	453	
Estimated killed -----	168	

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1 Incl:
 Unit Journal for month of April 1945.