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Headquarters  
612th TANK DESTROYER  
Battalion



AGO 230, U.S. ARMY  
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**SUBJECT:** Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.  
**TO :** The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.  
(TANK 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 January 1945.

2. The 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion was in active operations from 1 January to 31 January 1945. During this period the battalion continued to be attached to V Corps, 3rd T.D. Group and further attached to Second Infantry Division.

3. (1) From 8 January to 24 January four (4) guns were engaged in indirect fire.

(2) Two hundred and thirty-three (233) concentrations were fired during this period.

(3) Two thousand and sixty-three (2063) rounds were expended while in indirect fire position.

(4) All concentrations were of an harassing nature and were unobserved.

4. During this period this Battalion furnished close in fire support and anti-mechanized protection to the Second Infantry Division and 99th Infantry Division. Battalion was converted from a 3<sup>rd</sup> Towed Battalion to a 76mm Self-propelled Battalion equipped with the Tank Destroyer M18. On 2 January Co A (minus 2d platoon) was attached to the 99th Infantry Division and provided anti-tank protection from prepared positions East (K932074) and Northeast (K934078) of Eisenborn, Belgium. 2d platoon was in a mobile reserve position in Midrum, Belgium (K909059). Co A maintained these positions until relieved of attachments and missions by Co C on 19 January. On 13 January Co D was attached to 23d Combat Team attached to the 1st Infantry Division. Co B furnished close fire support and anti-tank protection to the 23d Combat Team during their attack on Welness, Belgium (K853022) and on 16 January the Second and Third platoons knocked out 1 enemy tank Mark V, 1 half-track, 1 machine gun, and 3 strongpoints with direct fire, killing and wounding approximately 60 enemy. 2d and 3d platoons Co B supported 23rd Infantry Regiment's attack on Endenval, Belgium (K855003) and Monteno, Belgium (K852968). The 2d platoon fired three (3) rounds into a tank and one round into a second tank, results unknown, at coordinates (K854999). The 3d platoon captured

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two (2) prisoners. Co B was relieved of attachment to Combat Team 23 on 23 January. Co C relieved Co A and took over A Co's positions and missions, attached to 9th Infantry Division, on 19 January. 2d platoon Co A was attached to 9th Infantry Regiment on 22 January and moved to anti-tank positions east of Don Butgenbach (R932019). On 25 January the remainder of Co A was attached to the 9th Infantry and moved to Aldru, Belgium (905600) and 3d platoon took anti-tank positions at (R932022) and supported 9th Infantry's attack on Hill 629 (R9602). Co C (minus 2d platoon) was relieved of attachment to 9th Infantry Division and reverted to Second Infantry Division Reserve in Camp d'Alsenborn (R903052) on 28 January. Co B (plus 2d non platoon) was attached to 2nd Infantry Regiment on 31 January and supported their attack on Krinkelt and Kockersath (R9605). 2d non platoon captured one (1) prisoner. Battalies fired 159 rounds 70mm EB and AIC at targets with direct fire.

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 Unit Journal for Month of January 1945.



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