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Headquarters  
612th TANK DESTROYER  
Battalion



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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.  
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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 March 1945.

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

3. (1) One (1) gun of Company "A" was tied in with 37th FA Battalion from 1 - 4 March and with the 187th FA Battalion from 13 - 21 March for illuminating missions. Sixty-four (64) rounds of illuminating shell were expended in 22 missions during these periods. From 13 - 21 March the 3rd platoon of Company "B" was tied in with the 15th FA Battalion for indirect fire.

(2) One hundred and twenty-three (123) missions were fired during this period.

(3) Eleven hundred and fifty-three (1153) rounds were expended while in indirect fire position.

(4) All missions were of a harassing nature.

4. During this period this battalion furnished direct fire support and anti-mechanized protection to the Second Infantry Division. From 1 - 4 March Company "A" was in direct support of the 9th Infantry Regiment and Company "B" in direct support of the 23rd Infantry Regiment. Companies were in anti-tank positions on the ridge overlooking GEMUND and SCHLEIDEN, GERMANY. Company "C" was attached to the 38th Infantry Regiment and was in Division Reserve. At 1200 hours 4 March Company "B" was attached to the 23th Infantry Division but remained in position. On 5 March Company "B" minus 1st platoon was attached to the 102nd Cavalry Squadron (Med2) and supported the attacks on BARTVLY (F275256) and SCHMIDT (F229277), GERMANY. Company "C" minus 3rd platoon was attached to 38th Infantry Regiment and supported their attack on KLOSTER MARBACH and GEMUND, GERMANY. First platoon of Company "B" and 3rd platoon of Company "C" were attached to the 23rd Infantry Regiment. On 8 March Company "A" attached to 9th

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Infantry Regiment supported the attacks on HOHN, HALLBERG, SCHONAU and LANGSOLMID, GERMANY with direct fire. Second platoon of Company "A" destroyed 3 AA guns, 8 general purpose vehicles, 5 horse drawn vehicles, and killed an estimated 150 enemy. Third platoon of Company "A" fired on a Mark V tank and forced its surrender, and captured a three gun battery of 105 field guns, captured 30 prisoners, destroyed one machine gun and 4 general purpose vehicles. Company "B" caught a long column of enemy horse drawn and general purpose vehicles in a defile and destroyed entire column, killing an estimated 200 enemy and destroying 12 horse drawn and 18 general purpose vehicles. On 9 March Company "B" was relieved from attachment to 102nd Cavalry Squadron and attached to 23rd Infantry Regiment. Third platoon of Company "C" reverted to company control. From 9 - 11 March companies continued in the pursuit along the AAR Valley to the RHINE RIVER. On 11 March 3rd platoon of Company "A" fired on WALDORF, GERMANY (#6005) destroying 3 machine gun nests in fortified houses, killing 15 enemy and capturing 17 prisoners. On 12 March Company "B" put two platoons into direct fire positions on the west bank of the RHINE RIVER, and sank a river barge filled with enemy troops, killing 25 and capturing 65 prisoners. A 20mm AA gun was destroyed on the east bank of the RHINE. From 13 - 23 March two platoons of Company "B" and 1 section of the 2nd platoon of Company "A" were in position on the west bank of the RHINE sited to deliver direct fire on the river and prevent enemy attempts to destroy the REMAGEN BRIDGE by floating demolitions downstream. On 21 March Company "C" attached to the 38th Infantry Regiment crossed to the east bank of the RHINE and delivered direct fire support in the attack on NODERBACH, GERMANY. First platoon of Company "C" destroyed a 75mm AT gun, 2 machine guns and 4 fortified houses, killing 10 enemy and capturing 8 prisoners. On 26 March Companies "A" and "B" were relieved of attachment and placed in direct support of the infantry regiments. Company "C", with 2nd Recon platoon attached, continued its attachment to the 38th Infantry Regiment and was further attached to GCA 9th Armored Division and followed with the combat command spearheads up through LANGSOLMID, DAUEN, RECHTERBACH, GROSSEHILFEN, BERGFELD, HORNBERG, TREYSA, WAMBURG, GERMANY. Second Recon platoon destroyed 7 machine guns, 3 panzerfaust emplacements, killed 20 enemy and captured 85 while acting as advance point during this period. Companies "A" and "B" carried infantry on their destroyers during this period in the pursuit. The following targets were engaged and destroyed:

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| Anti-tank guns -----                  | 1  |
| Mark V (Panther) Tank -----           | 1  |
| Machine guns -----                    | 13 |
| AA guns -----                         | 4  |
| Field guns (105s) -----               | 3  |
| River boats -----                     | 5  |
| Dugouts and fortified buildings ----- | 18 |
| General Purpose Vehicles -----        | 32 |



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| Horse Drawn Vehicles ----- | 17  |
| Prisoners of War -----     | 198 |
| Estimated killed -----     | 269 |



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