

During the withdrawal on or about 21 January 1945 the 2^d platoon, Co C, 614th TD BN ran into quite a few difficulties and created a new record for the 1/2 ton jeep which has probably never been done before.

At Eboach, France two half-tracks ran with 3" guns ~~ran~~ off the road into a creek beside it due to the heavy snow and ice on the roads. After several hours of mired and attempting to remove a wrecker from other units passing through we were only able to get the guns out. It was now approximately 0200 hours and the covering force was withdrawing at 0300 hours. The platoon leader 1st Lt. Thomas H. Shaw ordered the platoon Sgt S/Sgt Benjamin Bryant to take as many men as he could get on the vehicles running and

to tow one of the guns
with the ammunition vehicle
leaving its trailer and to
move out. After they had
gone there ~~were~~ ~~app~~ ~~still~~
~~about~~ fourteen men left
and the platoon leader with
on a jeep and 3" gun. Several
men were sent out on foot
to stop either a mule or
one ^{of} the 14th Armd Divisions tanks
to pull the half-tracks. ~~the~~ ^{a tank}
couldnt be gotten because they had
lost tanks all along the road
due to slippery roads. At about
0500 hrs the covering force
reached Eback and insisted
that the gun be abandoned
and the men withdraw on
foot. The platoon decided he
would pull the gun as far
possible with the jeep. It was
coupled to jeep and as many
men as possible got on the jeep
and the others mounted up on
various parts of the gun. ~~the~~ at
times it was thought it couldnt
be made, however, in spite of
all difficulties. Zimmerman, Thore

was reached at about 1000
hours with fourteen men, wet,
and very tired soldiers but
valuable equipment had been
saved, a 3" Gun.

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