

COMPANY "A"  
628th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP)  
APO 230, U.S. Army

30 November 1944

COMPANY DIARY

28 November 1944:

Remained in bivouac area, attached to CCA for AT defense. 3rd Platoon fired several times, Time-on-target missions, results unknown.

29 November 1944:

Remained in bivouac area, attached to CCA for AT defense.

30 November 1944:

Left bivouac area 2/3 Mi East of Walhorn, Belgium with CCA at 1120 hours, arrived in assembly area 2 Mi east of Zweifall, Germany at 1510 hours. Encountered no enemy action.

1 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac area, atchd to CCA for AT defense.

2 December 1944:

Company attached to CCA for AT defense. 2nd Platoon atchd to 47th FA. 2nd Platoon moved from bivouac area 2 Mi east of Zweifall, Germany at 1230 hours. Encountered no enemy action. Relieved from attachment to V Corps, APO 305, U.S. Army, and attached to VII Corps, APO 307, U.S. Army, effective as of 29 November 1944.

3 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions, attached to CCA for AT defense. 2nd Platoon, plus 1 section Rcn Co., attached to 47th F.A.

4 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions, attached to CCA, for AT defense.

5 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions.

6 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions, attached to CCA for AT defense. 2nd Platoon still attached to 47th FA.

7 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions, atchd to CCA. 2nd Platoon atchd to FA Bn. 2nd Platoon fired 10 rounds HE registering on base point.

8 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions.

9 December 1944:

Company left bivouac area 2/3 miles West of Zweifall, Germany at 1230 hours, arrived at new bivouac area in Hahn, Germany at 1330 hours. Attached to CCA for AT defense. 2nd Platoon attached to 47th FA.

10 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac area.



COMPANY DIARY (Cont'd)

11 December 1944:

2nd Platoon attached to 47th FA Bn., remainder of Company attached to 34th Tank Bn. Moved from bivouac area at Hahn, Germany at 0800 hours. Arrived at new assembly area  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi west of Grosshau, Germany at 1610 hours. Encountered no direct enemy action. Enemy Artillery active throughout day.

12 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac area. 1st Platoon atchd to Co B, 34th Tank Bn., 2nd Plat attached to 47th FA Bn., 3rd Platoon attached to Co B, 34th Tank Bn. Enemy Artillery active throughout day.

13 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac area. 1st Platoon on indirect fire mission, with 47th FA Bn. Remainder of Company attached to 34th Tank Bn. Enemy Artillery active throughout day.

14 December 1944:

1st Platoon moved from bivouac area with Co. B, 34th Tank Bn., at 1015 hours. 3rd Platoon moved out with Co A, 34th Tank Bn., at 1030 hours. 2nd Platoon atchd to 46th Inf (CCA). 1st Platoon met enemy action about 1100 hours. One destroyer (M-36) knocked out by enemy Anti-tank fire.

15 December 1944:

Attached to 34th Tank Bn., for AT defense. 1st Plat with Co. B, 34th Tank Bn., 2nd Platoon with Co. C, 46th Inf, 3rd Platoon with Co A, 34th Tank Bn., Co Hq with 34th Tank Bn Hq. 1st and 3rd Platoons engaged in attack with CCA. Fired 21 rounds HE and 5 rounds AP. Knocked out one enemy AT gun (88mm), one enemy machine gun, 14 of enemy killed and 14 prisoners taken. Enemy Artillery active throughout day. 1 Officer, and 1 EM LWA.

16 December 1944:

1st Platoon attached to Co B, 34th Tank Bn, remained in area, receiving heavy artillery and mortar fire, from enemy. 3rd Platoon atchd to Co A, 34th Tank Bn., held AT positions near Kufferath, Germany, receiving heavy artillery and mortar fire and at 1500 hours moved to East end of Kufferath. 2nd Platoon remained in area attached to Co C, 46th Inf (CCA). Co Hq remained in bivouac area with 34th Tank Bn Hq. Ammo fired; 7 rounds HE, and 4 rounds AP.

17 December 1944:

All Platoons of Company, remained in positions, as occupied on the 16th Dec. Enemy artillery and mortar fire active throughout day.

18 December 1944:

Entire Company attached to 34th Tank Bn (CCA) for AT defense. 3rd Platoon now being held in reserve. No direct enemy action encountered. Enemy artillery and mortar fire active throughout day.

19 December 1944:

Company moved from bivouac area at Grosshau, Germany at 1540 hours, arriving at area  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles East of Rotgen, Germany at 1915 hours. Company under Battalion control. 2nd Platoon attached to Co B, this Bn.

20 December 1944:

1st and 3rd Platoons providing AT defense. 2nd Platoon atchd to Co B, this Bn.

21 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions. Providing AT defense in designated sectors.

COMPANY DIARY (Cont'd)

22 December 1944:

All Platoon providing AT defense in designated sectors. 2nd Platoon attached to Co B, this Bn.

23 December 1944:

Company less 2nd Platoon employed on AT defense. 2nd Platoon still attached to Co B, this Bn. 1st Platoon in indirect fire positions in same area as for AT defense.

24 December 1944:

Moved from bivouac area  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Mi east of Rotgen, Germany at 0400 hours. Arrived at Soy, Belgium at 1335 hours. Distance traveled-45 miles. Enemy artillery active throughout day.



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25 December 1944:

Attached to CCR, 3rd Armored Division as AT defense. Encountered no direct enemy action. Enemy artillery active throughout day. 1 EM LWA, and 1 EM (LD-CE).

26 December 1944:

Company providing AT defense for Task Force H, CCR, 3rd Armored Division. No direct enemy action encountered. 1 EM LWA, battle casualty. 1st and 2nd Platoons remained in bivouac positions. 3rd Platoon moved to new position at 1040 hours.

27 December 1944:

Entire Company remained in bivouac positions, providing AT defense, now for CCB, 3rd Armored Division.

28 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions.

29 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions, providing AT defense for CCR, 3rd Armored Division.

30 December 1944:

Remained in bivouac positions providing AT defense for CCB, 3rd Armored Division. No direct enemy action encountered. Still in vicinity of Soy, Belgium.

31 December 1944:

Company moved from Soy, Belgium at 1320 hours; arrived 2/3 miles North of Les Avins, Belgium at 1730 hours. Company went into reserve with CCB, 3rd Armored Division. All TD's of this Company operational on this date.

1 January 1945:

Moved from Les Avins, Belgium at 1700 hours; Arrived at Chession, Belgium at 2400 hours.

2 January 1945:

Company left bivouac area at Chession, Belgium at 0900 hours; arrived at new bivouac area 2 1/4 mile West of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium at 1100 hours. Distance traveled 8 miles. Company in reserve position for 82nd Airborne Division sector.

3 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac positions in reserve for 82nd Airborne Division sector.

4 January 1945:

Company moved from assembly area 2 1/4 miles West of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium to new assembly area 1 1/2 miles SW of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium. Company held in reserve in 82nd Airborne Division sector.

5 January 1945:

Remained in assembly positions as reserve for 82nd Airborne Division sector. 2 EM went to Hospital, Non-battle Casualties.

6 January 1945:

Company less 2nd Platoon left assembly area 1 1/2 miles SW of Basse Bodeaux, Belgium and moved to new assembly area at Arbrefontaine, Belgium, in support of 508th Airborne Regiment. 1st and 3rd Platoons moved out at 0300 hours and traveled approximately 4 miles. 2nd Platoon in support of 325th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. 82nd Airborne Division moved out at 2245 hours, and traveled distance of approximately 4 miles.



7 January 1945:

2nd Platoon moved out at 2300 hours 6 January 1945, 2 miles west of Arbrefontaine, Belgium and joined 325th Airborne Regiment, 82nd Division near Menil, Belgium. 1st and 3rd Platoons moved out at 0300 hours and joined the 508th Paratroop Regiment, 82nd Division at 2 miles South of Arbrefontaine, Belgium and went into action during morning. One (1) TD received direct hit from enemy 88mm Gun, and result 5 EM, KIA, and lost 1 TD.

8 January 1945:

2nd Platoon in defensive AT positions for 325th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Arbrefontaine, Belgium. 1st and 3rd Platoons engaged in battle with enemy in vicinity of Comte, Belgium. Losses inflicted on enemy during action were two (2) Mark IV tanks, one (1) half track, one (1) towed 88mm gun, and 20 enemy EM killed. Two (2) EM Reassigned to this Company as of the 6th January, from 3rd Replacement Depot.

9 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac positions. Two EM LWA, caused by shrapnel, but remained duty.

10 January 1945:

Company C.P. remained in bivouac position. 2nd Platoon acting as AT defense for 508th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Arbrefontaine, Belgium. 1st and 3rd Platoons providing AT defense for 325th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in vicinity of Jaubville, Belgium.

11 January 1945:

1st Platoon moved from vicinity of Comte, Belgium to position in town of Rencheaux, Belgium at dawn, distance traveled 4 miles. 2nd Platoon remained in reserve at Arbrefontaine, Belgium and 3rd Platoon in vicinity of Comte, Belgium. Platoons attached to 289th Infantry, 75th Division. 5 EM Reinforcements assigned this date.

12 January 1945:

Company in support of 289th Infantry Regiment 75th Infantry Division. Firing Platoons in vicinity of Arbrefontaine, Belgium. 1st Platoon moved from Rencheaux, Belgium to vicinity of Arbrefontaine, Belgium distance traveled 7 miles. 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Comte, Belgium to vicinity of Arbrefontaine, Belgium during morning, distance traveled 5 miles.

13 January 1945:

Additional events on January 12, 1945: 1st Platoon acting in support of 289th Infantry Regiment 75th Infantry Division moved from Rencheaux, Belgium to vicinity of Corone, Belgium distance traveled approximately 3 miles. 2nd Platoon, attached to 1st Battalion, 289th Inf Regiment 75th Infantry Division, moved from Arbrefontaine, Belgium to vicinity of Provedroux, Belgium, distance traveled approximately 5 miles. 3rd Platoon moved approximately 3 miles from position at Arbrefontaine, Belgium to Corone, Belgium.

13 January 1945: Company C.P. and firing Platoons remained in respective positions.

14 January 1945:

Company C.P. and firing Platoons remained in respective positions, providing Tank Destroyer support for 289th Infantry Regiment for 75th Infantry Division.

15 January 1945:

Company C.P. remained in bivouac position. 2nd Platoon relieved from attachment to 1st Battalion 289th Infantry Regiment 75th Infantry Division at 0800 hours. Moved from position at Provedroux, Belgium to position in vicinity of Haute Bodeaux, Belgium, distance traveled approximately 7 miles. Firing Platoons now being held in reserve.

16 January 1945:

Company relieved of attachment to 75th Infantry Division and returned to Battalion control. Moved from bivouac positions in vicinity of Arbrefontaine, Belgium at 1000 hours, arrived at new bivouac positions at Ruy, Belgium at 1300 hours.

17 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac position, engaged in motor maintenance, and general cleanup.

18 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area. Company received typhus and typhoid shots this date. Company traveled to Spa, Belgium at 0800 hours for purpose of taking showers. At this date 9 TD's out of the 12 are operational, and the 3 tanks not operational are in Battalion Maintenance.

19 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area performing motor maintenance on all motor vehicles.

20 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area, performing motor maintenance on all vehicles and cleaning equipment. Company being inspected on all ordnance equipment and vehicles.

21 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area, performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment. Ordnance inspection still going on. 1 Officer and 1 EM assigned this Company this date.

22 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area, performing motor maintenance. Ordnance inspection of Company completed.

23 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area, performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment.

24 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area, performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment.

25 January 1945:

Remained in bivouac area, performing motor maintenance and cleaning equipment.



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