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Organization ~~629th Tank Destroyer Battalion~~

From: (Date and hour) 0001 1 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 1 January 1945

Place Tohogne, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

- 1 1020 Major Deer (S-3) departed for 83rd Infantry Division to contact Capt. McPherson, antitank officer, for discussion on new assignment to 83rd Infantry Division, returned at 1145.
- 2 1320 Col Cole (Bn Cmdr) departed for 83rd Infantry Division to check on operations. Returned at 1720.

Company A: 1st platoon in assembly area, 2d and 3d platoons remained in defensive positions in Grandmenil, Belgium. Company B remained in defensive positions supporting 290th Infantry Regt. Company C: Platoons remained in AT positions; 3rd platoon received two (2) rounds of direct fire near its position, no damage resulting. Battalion prepared to move to 83rd Infantry Division area, after being relieved by 772d T. D. Bn.

Weather: Cold and Cloudy

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 2 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 2 January 1945

Place Ferrieres, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
		1	0440	Company A departed for new assembly area 6 miles north of Fays, Belgium, Coordinates P519988. Arrived at new assembly area at 1100.	
		2	0555	Company C, attached to 331st Infantry Regt. for operations, departed for new assembly area, 1 mile southwest of Barvaux, Belgium, coordinates VK410960. Arrived in new assembly area at 0755.	
		3	1000	Received troop assignment from Commanding General, First U.S. Army as follows: Effective at 0800, 2 January 1945, the 629th T. D. Bn less Company B is relieved of assignment to XVIII Airborne Corps with further attachment to 75th Infantry Division and assigned to VII Corps with further attachment to 83rd Infantry Division.	
		4	1430	Hq Co, C.P. Group and Med Det departed for assembly area in vicinity of Ferrieres, Belgium, Coordinates VK 490024. Closed new area at 1805.	
		5	1625	Recon Co. departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Ferrieres, Belgium, coordinates VK 487023. Closed new area at 1810	
		6	1830	Company B was attached to 330th Infantry Regt for operations and departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Ferrieres, Belgium, coordinates VK 485023. Closed in new area at 0350, 3 January 1945.	
		7	2015	Msg (Laision Officer to Bn Cmdr) Higher Headquarters is checking on instructions to Company C. Will inform us later as to results.	
		8	2100	Msg (Laision Officer to Bn Cmdr) Regarding orders to Company C. They will stay in present position until tomorrow.	



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Place Ferrieres, Belgium (continued)

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In	Out				

Battalion C.P., Hq Co and Recon Co moved to vicinity of Ferrieres, Belgium. Company A moved from assembly positions near Barvaux, Belgium to assembly position in area of 329th Infantry Regt. Company B moved to assembly position near Ferrieres, Belgium. Company C remained in assembly area near Barvaux, Belgium prepared to move to the 331st Infantry Regt's area on order.

Weather: Cloudy with sporadic sunshine.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 3 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 3 January 1945

Place Ferrieres, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 1025 Col Cole (Bn Cndr) departed for 83rd Division Artillery for meeting called by Commanding General. Returned at 1330.

2 1300 Company C attached to 331st Infantry Regt for operations, departed for new assembly area at 1P469981. Closed in new area at 1335.

3 1800 Company A departed for new assembly area at coordinates VK 540100 in vicinity of Werbomont, Belgium. 1st platoon attached to 1st Bn, 329th Infantry Regt, located at Coordinates VK 575905. 2nd platoon and Recon plat attached to 2nd Bn., 329th Infantry Regt. at Coordinates VK 545915. 3rd plat attached to 3rd Bn., 329th Inf Regt at coordinates VK 575905.

Company A: attached to 329th Infantry Regt, moved into assembly position vicinity of 329th Infantry Regt's Bn area. Company B: In assembly area, remained under battalion control as Division reserve. Company C: Attached to 331st Infantry Regt. 1st and 2d platoons in assembly area in vicinity of 331st Inf battalion. 3rd platoon remained in regimental reserve.

Weather: Light snow and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 4 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 4 January 1945

Place Chene-al-Pierre, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 1000 C.P. Group and Company B departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Chene-al-Pierre, Belgium, coordinates VP 538948. Arrived in new assembly area at 1230

2 1515 Company B departed for new area in vicinity of Fagne, Belgium, coordinates VP 525978. Arrived in new assembly area at 1630.

3 1545 C.P. Group departed for previous assembly area at Ferrieres, Belgium, coordinates VK 490024. Arrived back at assembly area at 1630.

The following enlisted men discharged to accept appointments as Second Lieutenants:

S Sgt John J. Barsic	Rcn Co
S Sgt Chester T. Yachna	Co B
M Sgt Carl J. DePanicia	Hq Co

Company A: 1st and 3rd platoons of Company A moved into direct fire positions covering roads leading from the south in vicinity of Bra and Snamont, Belg. Company B in division reserve. Company C remained in assembly area in vicinity of 331st Infantry Regt.

Weather: Snowing and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 5 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 5 January 1945
 Place Ferrieres, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Company A: All platoons remained in direct fire positions covering roads from south and prepared to move forward in support of the 329th Infantry Regt. Company B in division reserve remained in assembly area performing maintenance and care of equipment. Company C: All platoons remained in assembly areas, performing maintenance and care of equipment while waiting for orders to move forward.

Weather: Cloudy and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 6 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 6 January 1945

Place Chene-al-Pierre, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 1400 C.P. Group departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Chene-al-Pierre, Belgium. Coordinates VP 537949. Arrived at new assembly area at 1440.

Companies A, B and C remained in assembly areas prepared to move forward in support of Infantry on order. Maintenance and care of equipment being performed.

Weather: Light snow and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 7 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 7 January 1945

Place Chene-al-Pierre, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

- 1 1530 Company B departed for new assembly area in Mont Derrioux, Belgium, Coordinates VP 527931. Arrived in new assembly area at 1610.
- 2 1600 Reconnaissance Company departed for new assembly area in Fagne, Belgium, coordinates VP 525978. Arrived in new assembly area at 1700.
- 3 1700 Hq Co and Med Det departed for new assembly area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Harre, Belgium, coordinates VP 5297. Arrived in new assembly area at 1805.



Received the following replacements per V000, 3rd Repl Depot and were asgd to companies as indicated

Pvt Robert M. Stein	32718102	Co B
Pvt John L. Grammas,	42141348	Co B
Pfc Michael Woloszynowicz	36737442	Co B
Pvt Edwin F. Smart	31467022	Co B
Pvt Melvin J. Johnson	31266829	Co B
Pvt Anthony J. Marmo	42143179	Co B
Pvt Loren B. Brown	36776412	Co B
Pvt Wiley (NMI) Piercey	35707264	Co B
T/5 Jesse B. Myers	20346724	Co C
Pvt John W. Blake	20367388	Rcn Co

Companies A and C remained in assembly area prepared to move to the towns of Liecreux and Juvigne, Belgium when ordered. Company B has been ordered to be prepared to support the 330th Infantry in their attack on an unspecified town.

Weather: Heavy snow and cold.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 8 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 8 January 1945
 Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
		1445		<p>C.P. Group departed for new assembly area in Hierlot, Belgium, coordinates VP 615921. Arrived at new assembly area at 1600.</p> <p>Company A: attached to 329th Inf Regt. 1st platoon in AT positions covering road leading into Bra, Belg. 2nd platoon in AT positions covering road leading north into Lierneux, Belgium. 3rd platoon in position vicinity of Verleumont, Belgium covering roads from south and east. Company B: 1st and 3rd platoons in assembly area; made reconnaissance of routes to forward areas. 2nd platoon supporting 330th Inf Regt in attack on an unspecified town. Company C: 1st platoon in road block positions covering roads to the south and east of Lierneux, Belgium. 2nd platoon in positions in vicinity of Juvigne, Belgium. 3rd platoon in assembly area as regimental reserve.</p> <p>Weather: Snowing and cold.</p>	



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 9 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 9 January 1945
 Place: Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1. 1400 Msg (Co B to Bn Cmdr) S Sgt Frank Galati, platoon sergeant, 2nd platoon, lightly wounded in action.

Company A: In assembly area with 1st Bn of 329th Inf Regt. 2nd and 3rd platoons moved to direct fire positions at coordinates VP 675851 and VP 659853 respectively. Units prepared to support the infantry in attack on Petit Langlir, Belgium. 2nd platoon captured one PW. Company B: 1st and 3rd platoons remained in assembly area. 2nd platoon moved to new positions at coordinates VP 634855. Company C: 1st and 2nd platoons in assembly areas with respective battalions of the 331st Infantry Regt. 3rd platoon in AT position in Lierneux, Belgium. 1st platoon captured 2 prisoners.

Weather: Light snow and cold.

CASUALTIES

Slightly Wounded in Action:

S Sgt Frank (M1) Galati 33050536 Co B



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 10 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 10 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 1030 Company A departed for new assembly area in Grandsart, Belgium. Coordinates VP 655879. Arrived in new assembly area at 1050

2 1615 Company C departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Grandsart, Belgium, Coordinates VP 658877. Closed in new area at 1720.

Battalion received 3 personnel reinforcements from 3rd Reinforcement Depot:

T/5 Clarence E. Wright	33062347 (736)	Casual
T/5 Paul H. Martin	36243808 (736)	Casual
Pvt Jack B. Burns	38569385 (745)	Reinfor

Company A: 2nd and 3rd platoons fired 40 rounds of HE, 12 rounds of APC, BD; 1 M-10 ran over mine damaging track, putting vehicle out of action. Company B: 2nd platoon fired 36 rounds of HE on town, causing damage to enemy personnel and vehicles. 1st platoon and 3rd platoon remained in assembly area. Company C: 2nd platoon fired 29 rounds of HE, 2 T105, 25 APC, BD destroying two enemy strongpoints, two Machine Guns, one 20mm and a number of personnel. 1st platoon and 3rd plat remained in assembly area.

Weather: Cloudy and Cold.

CASUALTIES

Slightly wounded in action:

S Sgt Franklin C. Mechling	33035967	Co A
Sgt Harold J. Merget	33118013	Co A
Pvt Jerome F. Fichetti	42051336	Co A



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 11 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 11 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out			
		1	0800 Msg (Bn Cndr to Co B) 2nd platoon, Company B relieved from attachment to 330th Infantry Regt and attached to 331st Inf Regt. Platoon leader to meet Inf Bn C.O. at Round Junction, coordinates VP 631858.	Forwarded to Co B.
		2	1310 Hq Co and Med Det departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Vaux-Chavanne, Belgium. Coordinates VP 5491, arrived in new assembly area at 1430.	
		3	1330 Company B departed for new assembly area at Lierneux, Belgium, coordinates VP 616889. Arrived at new assembly area at 1415. 1st platoon at VP 630836, 2nd platoon at 611856, 3rd plat at VP 656848.	
		4	1335 Msg (CO Company A to Bn Cndr) 1 M-10 of third platoon hit and burned. Quite a few enemy tanks in their vicinity. Have ordered 3rd platoon to fall back to better positions. Extent of casualties on that M-10 unknown.	



Received one replacement per WOCO, Hq 3d Repl Depot; Sgt. Paul J. Sotak, ASN 33023461.

Company A: Fired 250 rounds .50 cal; 1 round HVAP. 3rd platoon in support of 329th Inf Regt fired in wooded area causing unknown number of enemy dead and injured. One Mark V fired on and hit causing tank crew to abandon vehicle. One MG nest destroyed by direct fire. Company B: 1st Plat. attached to 331st Inf Regt relieving the 2d plat. 2nd plat reverting to divisional reserve. 3rd plat attached to 329th Inf Regt. 2nd plat fired 17 rounds of HE, 2 rounds T105, 8 rounds APC, BD, and 7 rounds HVAP. Destroyed one Mark IV and 2 enemy vehicles of unknown type. Also fired on five buildings causing unknown number of casualties. Company C: Attached to 331st Inf Regt. 2nd plat fired 31 rounds HE, 102 rds APC, BD and 16 rounds HV, AP, destroying one Mark IV, two Mark Vs and damaged 2 Mark Vs and destroyed one ammunition dump. Unknown number of machine gun nests destroyed.

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Place Hierlot, Belgium

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Several Pws surrendered to Infantry as result of TD Fire.

Weather: Cloudy and Cold.

CASUALTIES

Slightly Wounded in Action:

Sgt Stanley F. Smialek	33036131	Co A
T/5 Madison O. Green, Jr.	34180511	Co A
Pvt Antonio Salas, Jr.	38560075	Co A



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 12 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 12 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Company A: Occupying defensive positions in support of 329th Inf Regt. fired 15 rounds HE, 6 rounds T105, 4 rounds APC on suspected tanks in woods. Company B: 3rd platoon remained in support of 329th Infantry Regt. Company C continued to support 331st Infantry Regt.

Weather: Cloudy and cold;



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 13 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 13 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1045 Msg (CO Rcn Co to Bn Cndr) Cleared old area at 0930 and arrived at new area, Coordinates VP 618922 at 1030.

Company A: Units reorganizing in preparation for an attack on new objectives with 329th Infantry Regt.
 Company B: Fired 1 round HE, 1 round APC, BD, 1 round HV, AP, T4. 1st platoon attached to 331st Infantry Regt. knocked out one Mark VI, one 88mm AT gun. 2nd platoon destroyed one Mark IV, 1 88mm AT gun, 1 half-track, and one GP vehicle. Captured two PWs and killed 4 enemy with MG fire. 3rd platoon attached to 329th Inf Regt covering roads leading to Langlir, Belgium. Company C in assembly area preparing to support 331st Inf Regt in their attack on new objective to the east.

Weather: Cloudy and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 14 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 14 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1. 1530 Msg (83rd Div Arty ATQ to Bn Cndr) Company B's three platoons attached respectively to 329th, 330th and 331st Infantry Regts.

2. 1615 Company B departed for new assembly area in vicinity of Verleumont, Belgium. Coordinates VP 628878. Arrived new assembly area at 1640. 1st Platoon located at coordinates VF 688824. 2nd Platoon located at coordinates VP 654874. 3rd platoon located at coordinates VP 680830



Received one replacement per par 28, SC 14, Hq 92d Repl Bn, 3rd Repl Depot; T Sgt John Mahoy, 33036486.

The 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion awarded the Certificate of Merit from Commanding General, 75th Infantry Division in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of Military Duty.

Company A: Continued to support 329th Inf Regt in their advance upon objectives along Houffalize-St. Vith, Belgium Road. Company B: 1st platoon reinforcing Co C in their attack with 331st Inf Regt. 3rd platoon with 1 section of 2nd platoon reinforcing Company A in support of attack of 329th Inf Regt. Remainder of Company in division reserve. Company C attached to 331st Inf Regt preparing to support the infantry in their attack upon Courtil, Belgium.

Weather: Very cold and cloudy.

CASUALTIES:

Lightly wounded in action:

Pvt Santos L. Ramirez

39279580

Co A

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 15 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 15 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Company A: Attached to 329th Inf Regt. 1st plat and 2nd plat supporting attack on Honyelez, Belgium. 2nd platoon fired 4 rounds H.E.

Company B: 1st Platoon attached to 331st Inf Regt supporting the attack on Courtil, Belgium. 3rd platoon reinforcing Co A in their support of 329th Inf Regt's attack.

Company C: Attached to 331st Inf Regt in direct support of the infantry in their attack towards Bovigny, Belgium. One enemy jeep full of PW's Captured.

Weather: Cloudy and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 16 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 16 January 1945
 Place Hierlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

- 1 1450 Company B departed for new assembly area at Sart, Belgium. Coordinates VP 652875. Arrived at new area at 1510.
- 2 1755 Msg (CO Co C to Bn Cmdr) 1 M-10, 1st plat knocked out at 1600 at coordinates VP 687809. Sgt Barnum and Pvt Zugnoni hurt slightly, not evacuated. Vehicle hit by light caliber (probably 37mm) AT gun. Vehicle did not burn. Can possible be towed out in a day or so.
- 3 1850 Msg (CO Co C to Bn Cmdr) 2 M-10s of 1st and 2nd plats respectively, knocked out at VP 702834 at 1740. Four men wounded of which three were evacuated.



Company A: Fired on enemy personnel in woods and destroyed 2 strongpoints in houses, one Mark IV, one half-track; fired on infantry assembling with these vehicles and fired on enemy vehicular column moving to the east. Company B: 1st platoon attached to 329th Inf Regt; both units in AT positions. Company C: 1st platoon fired on and neutralized one enemy strongpoint. 3rd platoon destroyed one MG nest protecting minefield. Company A expended 30 rounds HE, 12 rounds APC, BD, 3 rounds HV, AP, TA. Company C expended 29 rounds HE and 27 rounds APC, BD. Four M-10s hit and disabled by enemy tanks and AT gun fire.

Weather: Cloudy and Cold.

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CASUALTIES

Slightly Wounded in Action:

T/4 Ralph A. Schalk	36507859	Co A
Cpl William B. Sherlock	33579292	Co A
Pfc John Vance	42010297	Co A
Pvt Tony C. Leto	34788150	Co A



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 17 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 17 January 1945
 Place Heirlot, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Company A: All guns remained in defensive positions at Honyelez, Belgium, in support of 329th Infantry Regt. Company B: 1st platoon continued to support the attack of 331st Inf Regt. 2nd platoon continued to support attack of 329th Inf Regt. 3rd platoon in assembly area performing maintenance and care of equipment. Company C fired 22 rounds HE, 21 rounds APC, BD and 2 rounds HV, AP. One Mark V tank was destroyed, one house containing about 25 Infantry (enemy) was fired on causing unknown number of casualties.

Weather: Cloudy and cold.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 18 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 18 January 1945

Place Hierlot, Belg.

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 1115 Msg (OO Co. C to Bn Cdr) Tec 5 Daniels struck by vehicle at 1100. Injury not serious, evacuated to higher unit aid station.

2 1330 Company C departed for new assembly area at coordinates VP 649830. Arrived new assembly area at 1500.

Company A: Attached to 329th Infantry Regt remained in positions in support of Infantry Battalions. One gun in position of 324th FA for purpose of firing star shell. Company B: 1st and 2nd platoons attached to 331st and 329th Inf Regts, respectively. Company C attached to 331st Infantry Regt. Platoons in assembly position and road block defensive positions.

Weather: Light winds and cold.



The following named reinforcements rec'd per Special Orders, Hq 92d Repl Bn, 3d Repl Depot dated 16 Jan 1945.

Pvt Gifford Coon	35430975
Pfc John S. Jubina	33255250
Pvt Harry F. Kapuscinski	36631311
Pvt Damon M. Ryenolds	35679917
Pvt Adam F. Befort	37364001
Pvt Kendall B. Cardwell	35086723
Pvt Robert P. Geiser	37594791
Pvt Lester H. Hagler	38655889
Pvt Larry Krause	37595020
Pvt George C. Sipe	33845717
Pvt Travis E. Raney	35722984
S/Sgt Ernest L. Taffoni	33036236
Cpl John J. McKenna	32024072

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 Place Hieriot, Belgium

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The following named enlisted men awarded the Silver Star per Sec I, CO No. 5, Hq 83rd Infantry Division, dated 18 January 1945:

CAI James K. Kohns	35582249	Co B
T/5 James D. McDevitt, Jr.	35720640	Co E

The following named enlisted man awarded the Bronze per Sec III, CO No. 5, Hq 83rd Inf Division, dated 18 January 1945:

T/4 George Makinson	32306262	Rcn Co
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 Place Sart, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
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1 0830 Msg (Bn Motor Officer to Bn Cadr) Inventory of M-10s in ordnance:

Co A: 1st Plat: 1 - return approx 20 January 1945
2nd Plat: 1 - " " 23 "
3rd Plat: 1 - " " 19 "

Co B: 1st Plat: None
2nd Plat: None
3rd Plat: 2 - return approx 20 or 21 January 1945

Co C: 1st Plat: None
2nd Plat: None
3rd Plat: 1 - return approx 23 January 1945.

2 0915 C.P. Group departed for new assembly area in Sart, Belgium. Coordinates VP 653874. Arrived at new area at 1130.

3 1330 Hq Co and Med Det departed for new assembly area at Hierlot, Belgium. Coordinates VP 615921. Arrived at new assembly area at 1430.

4 1400 General Montague, 83rd Infantry Division Artillery Commander, arrived at C.P. for presentation of the Bronze Star to the following enlisted men:

M/Sgt Ralph E. Lemmon	T/4 Wilbur Walters
T/4 Lemuel F. Watkins	S/Sgt John Mahoy
T/4 Leonard Shoemaker	



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Company A: Advanced on Bovigny, Belgium in support of Infantry but were unable to enter the town and returned to positions in Honyelez, Belgium. 2nd plat continued to occupy road block positions for 3rd Bn, 329th Inf Regt. 3rd plat remained in position in Honyelez, Belgium. Company B; 1st plat remained in direct support of 331st Inf Regt. 2nd and 3rd platoons continued to support 329th Inf Regt. Co C continued to support 331st Infantry Regt.

CASUALTIES

LIGHTLY INJURED IN ACTION:

Pvt Edwin F. Smart 311467022 Co B



AWARDS

The Bronze Star awarded to the following enlisted men by General Montague, 83rd Div Arty Cndr:

M/Sgt Ralph E. Lemmon	T/4 Wilbur Walters
T/4 Lemuel P. Watkins	S/Sgt John Mahoy
T/4 Leonard Shoemaker	

Lt. Col. Glen Cole (Bn Cndr) awarded the Bronze Star per Sec IV, G.O. 81, Hq V Corps, dated 17 December 1944.

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From: (Date and hour) 0001 20 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 20 January 1945

Place Sart, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Company A: 2nd platoon fired 2 rounds HE, 1 round APC, ED, knocking out one pillbox, captured 1 PW. Company A plus attached 2nd plat of Company B, attached to 329th Inf Regt. Co B minus 2nd platoon in assembly area preparing to move to new assembly position vicinity of Deux Rys, Belgium. Company C relieved of attachment to 331st Infantry Regt and assembled near Langair preparing to move to rear assembly position vicinity of Deux Rys, Belgium. Battalion preparing to move to rear assembly area as soon as all unit relieved from attachment to the Infantry.

Weather: Heavy winds with light snow.



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From: (Date and hour) 0001 21 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 21 January 1945
 Place Sart, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 0800 Company B departed for new assembly area at Coord. VP 474958 in vicinity of Deux Rys, Belgium. Arrived at new area at 1040.

2 0800 Company C departed for new assembly area at Deux Rys, Belgium. Coordinates VP 491960. Arrived at new area at 1315.

3 1245 Recon Co departed for new assembly area at Deux Rys, Belgium, Coordinates VP 499965. Arrived at new assembly area at 1345.

4 1600 Recon platoons attached to firing companies relieved of attachments as Battalion moves to assembly area.

Company A: Reinforced by one platoon of Company B attached to 329th Infantry Regt. Unit remained in defensive positions. Upon being relieved by 638th T. D. Bn, unit will move to vicinity Deux Rys, Belg. Company B less one platoon and Company C in assembly area vicinity of Deux Rys, Belgium, prepared to spend all possible time on maintenance and care of equipment and training of new personnel.

Weather: Light winds and cold.



JOURNAL

Battalion Journal

Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 22 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 22 January 1945
 Place Deux Rys, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

- 1 0900 C.P. Group departed for new assembly area at Deux Rys, Belgium, coordinated VP 488958. Arrived at new assembly area at 1120.
- 2 1055 Company A departed for new assembly area at Deux Rys, Belgium. Coordinates VP 487959. Arrived in new assembly area at 1330.
- 3 1330 Hq Co departed for new assembly area at Deux Rys, Belgium, coordinates VP 488958. Arrived at new assembly area at 1510.

Remaining units of Battalion moved to assembly area in vicinity of Deux-Ryx, Belgium. All units engaged in maintenance and care of equipment and training of drivers and gunners to replace recent losses.

Weather: Cloudy and Cold



JOURNAL

Battalion Journal

Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 23 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 23 January 1945

Place: Deux Rys, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Received one Replacement (10 da casual) per par 72, SO 22, Hq 92d Repl Bn, 3rd Repl Depot, dated 22 January 1945:

T/5 Edwin Whittbecker 20347095

Entire battalion in assembly area performing maintenance and care of equipment and training of new personnel. Ordnance inspection of small arms and optical instruments to be made by 128th Ordnance.

Weather: Cold with sporadic sunshine.



AWARDS

The following named EM of Company B awarded the Silver Star Posthumously per Sec I, GO No. 9, Hq, 83rd Inf Div, dated 23 January 1945:

Cpl	John R. Aprilante	32633083
Pfc	Lael C. Barber	11085693
Sgt	Joseph A. Blatnik	33036419
Pfc	George C. Maringer	35683706
T/5	James H. Koitzler	33117505
Cpl	Homer D. Kenager	34580598
Sgt	Edward P. Tunas	33415769

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Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0901 23 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 23 January 1945

Place Deux Rys, Belgium

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

AWARDS (cont'd)

The following named EM of Company B awarded the Silver Star per Sec II, CO No. 9, Hq 83rd Inf Div, dated 23 January 1945:

Pfc Vincent DeFalco, Sr.	31148360
T/4 Henry E. Johns	33036258
T/5 Victor Mahoney	33036222
Pvt Walter P. Saumenig	33008995
Pfc Thomas K. McCreery	37422184

The following named EM of Company C awarded the Bronze Star per Sec III, CO No. 9, Hq 83rd Inf Div, dated 23 January 1945:

Sgt Lawrence Loeffler	33036008
Sgt James W. Richardson, Jr.	34154276



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 Organization -- ~~629th Tank Destroyer Battalion~~
 From: (Date and hour)
 To: (Date and hour) 0001 24 January 1945
 Place 2400 24 January 1945
 Deux Hys, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Received one replacement (10 dy casual) per
 VCOG 3rd Kopl Depot:

Pvt. George L. Furstenberg, 33191769

Entire battalion in assembly area performing maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment. Training of new personnel being conducted.



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Battalion Journal

Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 25 January 1945
 To: (Date and hour) 2400 25 January 1945
 Place Deux Rys, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
		1	1500	General Montague, Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division Artillery arrived at C.P. for presentation of award to the following named officers and enlisted men:	
				T/5 James L. McDewitt	35720640 Co B Silver Star
				1st Lt. Anthony G. Belak	01175639 Co B Bronze Star
				1st Lt. Horace W. Lamb	01824330 Co C Bronze Star
				Sgt. James W. Richardson	34154276 Co C Bronze Star
				Sgt. Lawrence Loeffler	33036008 Co C Bronze Star
				2d Lt. Chester T. Yachna (S Sgt at time of act)	01999869 Co B Bronze Star
				T/4 George Makinson	32306262 Ren Co Bronze Star
<p>Entire Battalion in assembly area performing maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment. Training of new personnel being conducted.</p> <p>Weather: Cold with sporadic sunshine.</p>					



JOURNAL

Battalion Journal

Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 26 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 26 January 1945

Place Bour Mys, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Entire battalion in assembly area performing maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment. Training of new personnel being conducted.

Weather: Light snow and cold.



JOURNAL

Battalion Journal

Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 27 January 1945
To: (Date and hour) 2400 27 January 1945
Place Deux-Bois, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Entire battalion in assembly area performing maintenance and care of cleaning of equipment. Training of new personnel being conducted.

Weather: Snowing and Cold.



JOURNAL

Battalion

Journal

629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Organization ----- 0001 28 January 1945

From: (Date and hour) 2:00 28 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2:00 28 January 1945

Place

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Entire battalion in assembly area performing maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment. Training of new personnel being conducted. Unit preparing to move to XVIII Corps Sector on 30 January 1945.

Weather: Cloudy and cold.



JOURNAL

Battalion Journal

Organization 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: (Date and hour) 0001 29 January 1945

To: (Date and hour) 2400 29 January 1945

Place Deux Iys, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

Unit alerted and prepared to move to new assembly area in vicinity of Ligneuville, Belgium. Unit not in contact with enemy.

Weather: Cloudy and cold.



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Battalion
Organization

From: (Date and hour) Battalion

To: (Date and hour)

Place

0001 30 January 1945

2400 30 January 1945

Recht, Belgium

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

- 1 1000 Msg (VOCG, 1st US Army to Bn Cdr) 629th T. D. Bn. released from attachment to 83rd Inf. Div and VII Corps and attached to XVIII Corps.
- 2 1000 Bn Co departed for new assembly area at Coord. VP 808986 in vicinity of Ligneuville, Belgium. Arrived at new assembly area at 1345.
- 3 1020 Co E departed for new assembly area at Coord VP 805993 in vicinity of Ligneuville, Belgium. Arrived at new assembly area at 1300.
- 4 1020 C.P. Group departed for new assembly area at Coord. VP 798946 in Recht, Belgium. Arrived at new assembly area at 1300.
- 5 1030 Co A departed for new assembly area at Coord VP 806984 in the town of Nigeuville, Belgium. Arrived at new assembly area at 1400.
- 6 1045 Hq Co and Med Det departed for new assembly area at Coord VK 775005 in vicinity of Belle Veux, Belgium. Arrived at new assembly area at 1430.
- 7 1045 Co C departed for new assembly area at coord. VK779006 in Belle Veux, Belg. Arrived at new assembly area at 1515.



Bn moved from Deux Rys, Belg. to assembly area, coord VP 799945, vicinity of Ligneuville, Belg. Units at present are in Corps Reserve. Maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment being conducted

Weather: Snowing and Cold.

JOURNAL

Battalion

Journal

629th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Organization ----- 0001 31 January 1945

From: (Date and hour) 2400 31 January 1945

To: (Date, hour, and location)

Place

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				

1 1420 Msg (CG XVIII Airborne Corps to Bn Cdr) Effective at 1500, 31 January 1945, the 629th T. D. Bn is attached to 32nd Airborne Division. Send representative to HQ 32d Division for orders.

Battalion moved from assembly position vicinity of Hignouvillie, Belgium to forward positions supporting the attack of the 82d Airborne Div on German position vicinity of Siegfried Line. Company A with Attached Recon Platoon attached to 505th Para Inf Regt and subsequently to the 325 Glider Infantry Regt. Company B attached to the 508th Para Infantry Regt. Company C attached to the 504th Para Infantry Regt.

Weather: Snowing and cold.

