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6430 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
470 335, U. S. ARMY

3 April 1945

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6430 BT: Action Against Enemy Reports, After/After Action Reports.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. (Form channels).

1. In compliance with the provisions of AR 345-106, the following information on activities of this unit for the days in action against the enemy during March 1945, is submitted.

- a. Original Unit: 6430 Tank Destroyer Battalion. No change
- b. Changes in organization: Assigned Ninth U. S. Army, attached

III Corps and 9th Infantry Division.

- c. Strength: 1 March 1945 54 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers  
702 enlisted Men.  
31 March 1945 55 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers  
688 enlisted Men.

- d. Stations: See Appendix I. No permanent station.
- e. Marches: See Appendix I.
- f. Campaigns: 1. Battle of Germany '2.  
2. Duration not announced by War Department.  
3. Purpose: Destroy German Army.  
4. Authority Ordering: Ninth U. S. Army.

- g. Battles: See Appendix I.
- h. Commanding Officer for entire period: Lt Colonel Thrille

W. Farr.

- i. Losses: See Appendix II.
- j. No citations received.
- k. Photographs: None
- l. Copies of Unit Journals for days in action attached as

Appendix III.



BUNELL E. FARR  
Lt. Colonel, Cavalry  
Commanding.

3 Incls:

- Incl #1-Appendix I
- Incl #2-Appendix II
- Incl #3-Appendix III

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HEADQUARTERS  
643D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 538, U. S. ARMY

Narrative 1 - 31 March 1945

The period covered with units engaged with the enemy supporting the drive of the 83d Infantry Division towards Neuss, Germany. Zone of action along left bank of left River. Company A was attached to 329th Infantry, Company B the 330th Infantry and Company C the 331st Infantry. Each company had one platoon of self-propelled and two towed. Company C engaged in battle 1 March 1945, in Hommerden, Germany, knocking out one Mark IV tank and aiding in the repulse of an enemy counter-attack.

The second of March at 0200, the third platoon (SP) of Company C reached the Rhine River at Obermassel, Germany. They were the first TD unit to reach the Rhine in the Ninth and First Army fronts. The second platoon of Company C was ambushed near Kapellen, Germany on 2 March 1945 losing most of their equipment and 30 men killed, wounded or missing. Company A was in Loveling, Germany, Company B was in Grofrath, Germany and Company C was in Holsheim, Germany during the final assault of Neuss, Germany. The self-propelled platoons entered Neuss, Germany with the leading infantry elements and assisted in clearing the city. The unit moved into Neuss, Germany the 3 - 4 March 1945 after all enemy opposition had been overcome.

During the period 5 - 20 March 1945 the unit completed its conversion to self-propelled concurrently with the firing of long range interdiction and harassing fire into Dusseldorf, Germany from positions in Neuss, Germany. Conversion to self-propelled was completed 13 March 1945. During the period targets of opportunity were also engaged firing across the Rhine River into Dusseldorf, Germany from positions on the west bank of the Rhine River.

The unit left Neuss, Germany, 21 March 1945 under artillery fire and moved to Cangel, Germany for training and maintenance. Five men were wounded by the fire. The period 21 - 26 March 1945 was spent on necessary repairs to material, refresher training, and firing in Cangel, Germany.

Alerted on the 26th and moved on the 27th to Anrath, Germany. Moved from Anrath, Germany the evening of the 29th, crossed the Rhine River south of Wesel, Germany and billeted in Friedrichsfeld, Germany. Left for Hiltorn, Germany early the morning of the 31st. Departed Hiltorn, Germany the same evening and billeted in the vicinity of Ludinghausen, Germany.

The period closed without any contact with the enemy east of the Rhine River, although the pursuit was carried as far as orders permitted.

BEVERAGE OF BATTALION HEADQUARTERS WHICH WERE NOT ENGAGED IN MISSIONS

1 - 3 March 1945	Husselweiler, Germany
4 - 20 March 1945	Neuss, Germany
21 - 26 March 1945	Cangel, Germany
27 - 28 March 1945	Anrath, Germany
29 - 30 March 1945	Friedrichsfeld, Germany
31 March 1945	Ludinghausen, Germany



LOSS IS INFLECTED ON THE ENEMY DURING THIS PERIOD

1 Mark IV Tank	1 airplane, ME 109
2 Mark V Tanks	1 pillbox
14 prisoners of war and an unknown number of killed and wounded.	

APPENDIX I

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**HEADQUARTERS  
9450 TANK DEPARTMENT BATTALION  
APO 339, U. S. ARMY**

**REPORT CASUALTIES FROM PERIOD 1 MARCH 1945 TO 31 MARCH 1945, INITIALS IV**

**KILLED IN ACTION**

Hirner, Paul J.	32036296	Sgt	28 Feb 45 (Not previously rptd).
Janton, John J.	31042791	Sgt	2 Mar 45
Young, Leverett I.	20148520	Sgt	2 Mar 45
Call, Eugene V.	31043198	Tec 5	2 Mar 45
DeFallo, Ernest	31066500	Tec 5	2 Mar 45
Auricenna, Sidney	32641151	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Cass, Theodore	32640248	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Reynolds, Roy M.	35745761	Pfc	3 Mar 45
Giordano, Joseph G.	20183245	Sgt	24 Dec 44 (Previously rptd MIA)

**MISSING IN ACTION**

Itzkowitz, Murray M.	32640074	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Jacobson, Marvin L.	32640486	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Kanouse, Angelo C.	32225017	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Minor, Maxie B.	35628704	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Spurgeon, Floyd W.	36618374	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Benfiglio, Samuel J.	32085682	1st Sgt	2 Mar 45
Wolynk, George	32233722	Sgt	2 Mar 45
Stasik, Andrew L.	6897728	Sgt	2 Mar 45
Tancallo, Harry	35332225	Tec 4	2 Mar 45
Karaszyn, Julius	32641097	Cpl	2 Mar 45
Henderson, Raymond B.	20146991	Cpl	2 Mar 45
Erwood, James H.	20133000	Cpl	2 Mar 45
Harrison, Craig H.	31086496	Tec 5	2 Mar 45
Olive, Timothy P.	6892113	Tec 5	2 Mar 45
Cross, Harrison H.	31095723	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Goldman, Milton F.	32640902	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Quether, William F.	32641461	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Tafferman, Leo W.	32640819	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Whitley, George A.	31093396	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Tosus, Angelo	32641368	Pfc	2 Mar 45

**DIED OF WOUNDS**

Stowers, William G.	01322922	1st Lt	12 Mar 45
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**WOUNDED IN ACTION (HOSPITALIZED)**

Hess, Bernard J.	36537426	Tec 5	28 Feb 45 (Not previously rptd)
Brown, Benjamin	42017403	Tec 5	1 Mar 45
Czolisniak, Thadous	31095737	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Henderson, Albert F.	20146991	Pfc	2 Mar 45



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WOUNDED IN ACTION (HOSPITALIZED) (CONT'D)

Salmon, John A.	31073528	Tec 5	4 Mar 45
Contarak, Victor A.	32641185	Pfc	3 Mar 45
Vissar, Paul W.	17002701	S Sgt	2 Mar 45
Ryan, Frederick J.	11081874	Tec 5	2 Mar 45
Papai, Frank J.	38764238	Pfc	2 Mar 45
Johnson, Duroll	14008668	Sgt	2 Mar 45
Coffe, Edwin A.	11083497	Tec 5	4 Mar 45
Fordall, Floyd L, Jr	13087508	Tec 4	21 Mar 45
Dallargoon, Alfred J.	31073499	Cpl	21 Mar 45
Christensen, Maurice	31073632	Cpl	21 Mar 45
Richards, Leslie S.O.	31086474	Cpl	21 Mar 45
Erul, Bruno	35163451	Tec 5	21 Mar 45

RETURNED TO DUTY (FROM HOSPITAL)

Manley, Clyde W.	35450622	1st	22 Mar 45 (Pr IFA 4 Jan 45 to 27 Mar 45)
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APPENDIX II

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