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APO 45 U S ARMY

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758 U S Army
(Attn: Historian).

Transmitted herewith Historical Record of the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, this command, for the period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, inclusive.

For the Commanding General:

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**HEADQUARTERS
45TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 45, U. S. ARMY**

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Report

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U.S. Army (thru Channels).

MAP : FRANCE 1/100,000, WISSEMBOURG, Sheet V-2

PERIOD COVERED: 01 December 1944 to 31 December 1944.

PART I

SUMMARY

The beginning of the month this Battalion, (minus Company "B") employed two companies of towed Tank Destroyers (3 inch guns) in conjunction with our 3 inch SP's, supporting advance of the 45th Infantry Division on the drive to GERMANY.

The employment of towed 3" Tank Destroyers with the M-10 Tank Destroyers was an interesting problem. Despite our unfamiliarity with the towed guns and the type of training of their crews it is believed their maximum value is support of SP Tank Destroyers. By relieving M-10s in static positions, it was possible to keep active close support and AT defense of Infantry units. Also a mobile reserve was at all times available. Communication problems were easily worked out both by radio and telephone.

However, the night of the 2nd, towed guns of the 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, were relieved from control of this Headquarters, which greatly thinned out the employment of our Two-Company Tank Destroyer Battalion. On the 9th of December the arrival of our "B" Company from the NIEB area provided a chance for our "A" and "C" Companies to get a much needed rest.

After the taking of LANGENSCHULTZBACH and FROESCHWILLER, the Division sector narrowed down considerably, and less than two companies provided adequate support for the Infantry Regiments. The MAGINOT LINE, vicinity of LEIBACH, proved to be lightly defended, and at 1543A, 15 December 1944, the Tank Destroyers of this Battalion crossed the GERMAN border south of BOEENTHAL, commemorating the third anniversary of the Battalion's organization day.

The highlight proved to be the initial assault on the outer defenses of the SIEGFRIED LINE, with Tank Destroyers being employed as assault guns, firing on pill boxes. In some cases the T-105 fuze proved unsuccessful due to the thickness of the structures and the fact they were mostly built below ground level. However, Company "B" did reduce a cupola shaped dome to rubble using T-105 fuze shell and APCBDF. APCBDF succeeded in penetrating a few boxes, but due to the fact that ground being retained by the enemy, accurate results could not be obtained.

As in previous months, the Battalion set up indirect fire batteries, reinforcing fires of the 45th Division Artillery, with excellent results being obtained.

PART II

DAY BY DAY RECORD OF EVENTS

The 1st of December the Battalion, (minus "E" Company) with two companies 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion (towed) attached supporting advance of the 45th Infantry Division on their drive to GERMANY.

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Battle Report for Period 01 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 (continued)

"A" Company plus "A" Company 324th Tank Destroyer Battalion supporting advance of 157th and 179th Infantry Regiments in the ROTHBACH, ZINSWILLER, UHR ILLER sectors and "C" Company plus "B" Company 324th Tank Destroyer Battalion supporting advance of the 180th Infantry Regiment in the GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN, UTENHOFFEN, MERTZWILLER, and MIETESHEIM sector.

The towed 3" guns of the 324th Tank Destroyer Bn., usually occupied AT positions vacated by our 3" SPs which advanced with infantry elements. Reconnaissance Company reconnoitered road networks in the Dieffingen sector and maintained liaison between Infantry elements and TDs. Battalion Command Post located in ZUTZENDORF with wire and radio communication with all companies.

From 1230A to 1445A 2 guns 1st platoon "C" Company vicinity of 918-308 in support of the 3rd Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, fired 50 rounds HE at enemy OP, enemy MK V tank, personnel and a church steeple in the town of MIETESHEIM. Tank knocked out but under cover of darkness retrieved by the Germans.

On the 2nd "A" Company 324th Tank Destroyer Bn., detached and reverted back to control of the 100th Infantry Division. "B" Company remained attached and in AT reserve. During the 03rd at 1145A 1 gun "C" Company vicinity of 947308 fired a total of 20 rounds HE at enemy troops inflicting casualties. Reconnaissance Company maintained roving OPs and kept close liaison with forward Infantry elements. The 04th found little change in units. On the 05th "C" Company fired 25 rounds HE at enemy personnel and installations in northern edge of MERTZWILLER. At 1000A 2 guns vicinity of 918309 fired 4 APC and 6 HE at church steeple in REICHSHOFFEN. At 2300A company detached from this Headquarters and reverted to control of the parent unit.

Effective 0001A 05 December 1944 Battalion reverted to control of VI Corps from control of XV Corps, and 5th Tank Destroyer Group. The end of the period found OBERBRONN added to the list of liberated towns and "A" Company gun positions blocking roads leading in.

"A" Company's sector generally quiet on the 06th but 2 guns "C" Company 2 km east of MIETESHEIM fired 145 rounds HE at enemy personnel, reported tank activity and buildings in northern edge of MERTZ ILLER and road leading to the north. Reconnaissance Company continued road reconnaissance and maintained liaison between Infantry elements and Tank Destroyers. At 1430A Battalion Command Post moved to the town of OBERBRONN (909-381). At 1130A 07 December 2 Tank Destroyers "A" Company vicinity of OBERBRONN fired 7 APCBDF and 18 rounds HE at church steeple. 2 guns "A" Company supporting 179th Infantry 1 1/2 km north of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. During the period 2 Tank Destroyers east of MIETESHEIM fired 45 rounds at enemy positions on northern edge of MERTZWILLER. No change in Reconnaissance Company missions.

Before dawn "A" Company moved 3 guns north of OBERBRONN to support 157th Infantry attack on the town of NIEDERBRONN les BAINS. At 2000A "B" Company wheeled vehicles arrived in ZINSWILLER and reported M-10s enroute by rail. Company had been supporting the AIR-BORNE Division fighting in the Maritime Alps north east of NICE, FRANCE.

Due to change in sectors "C" Company provided AT defense in the 103rd Infantry Division sector for the period. Battalion Command Post and OP in OBERBRONN received intermittent artillery and mortar fire which scored 2 hits on the Command Post. The highlights of the 09th of December was the taking of NIEDERBRONN les BAINS by the 157th Infantry Regiment with Tank Destroyers of "A" Company in support. At 1730A 2 guns "A" Company 2 km north of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN were relieved by "C" Company's guns. At 1800A "B" Company reported M-10s had arrived in the Battalion area. By 2430A all "C" Company guns in the 103rd Infantry Division sector relieved and began movement to new positions to support attack of 157th Infantry Regiment.

Battle Report for the period 01 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 (continued)

The 10th "A" Company moved two guns 2 km up the JAEGERTHAL-NIEDERBRONN les BAINS road supporting advance of the 157th Infantry Regiment - tanks and Tank Destroyers could not move past 913412 due to enemy road blocks in that vicinity. "C" Company continued in support of 180th Infantry Regiment with 8 guns. At 1300A 2 Tank Destroyers move across river south of REICHSHOFFEN. 2 Tank Destroyers working south in NIEDERBRONN les BAINS- REICHSHOFFEN road held up by mines and enemy fire. At 1330A tank destroyers moved into GUNDERSHOFFEN. During the period Reconnaissance Company reconnoitered gun positions for M-10s and maintained liaison between infantry elements and guns. During the night two Sergeants from 2nd platoon "C" Company on foot reconnaissance ran into a enemy outpost vicinity of REICHSHOFFEN. After brief exchange of fire the Sergeants outflanked the outpost and captured machine gun and 4 enemy personnel.

The 11th further gains were made and 3 tank destroyers of "A" Company moved into the town of JAEGERTHAL, one gun remained blocking road to the NW and the other 2 moved on into NEHWILLER. At 0600A Company "B" relieved "C" Company's tank destroyers supporting 180th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company moved to assembly vicinity of ZUTZENDORF for rest, reorganization and maintenance on all vehicles. "B" Company moving with tanks and Infantry moved into the town of FROESCHWILLER at 1700A.

On the 12th, under cover of darkness "A" Company moved 3 guns into the towns of LANGENSOULTZBACH to block roads leading in. "B" Company fired 15 rounds HE at enemy personnel NE of FROESCHWILLER with good effect and "C" Company moved to assembly area vicinity of REICHSHOFFEN. At 0930A Battalion Command Post moved into NEHWILLER.

At 1600A 13 December 1944 "C" Company relieved "A" Company's guns supporting advance of 157th Infantry Regiment and moved to assembly area vicinity of NEHWILLER for reorganization.

At 1140A, 14 December 1944, Tank Destroyers of "B" Company moved with Infantry elements thru the Maginot Line town of LEMBACH where 6 PWs were taken by the crews. Tank Destroyers fired 25 rounds HE at enemy personnel to the north east and enemy was observed picking up the dead and wounded.

After breaking up resistance in that sector, Tank Destroyers moved on with advancing Infantry into the town of WINGEN. "C" Company continued in support of the 157th Infantry and at 1130A moved two Tank Destroyers into the town of MATTSTALL. Reconnaissance Company continued road reconnaissance in Division sector and maintained liaison between Infantry elements and Tank Destroyers. At 1400A, Battalion Command Post moved into the town of LANGENSOULTZBACH.

The 15th of December, third anniversary of the Battalion's organization day, was celebrated by moving two Tank Destroyers of "B" Company across the GERMAN BORDER, north east of WINGEN at 1543A. At 1515A a reconnaissance party consisting of platoon commander and four enlisted men went to vicinity of 057498, from the town of POINT WINGEN, where they received mortar and artillery fire. Enroute they encountered estimated twelve man enemy combat patrol. In the ensuing fight two enemy were killed and four wounded. Reconnaissance party suffered one casualty (slightly wounded).

On the 16th "C" Company moved tank destroyers into NOTHWILLER, GERMANY at 1700A and at 1615A "B" Company moved into BOBENTHAL, GERMANY, the first German town to be taken on this front.

On the 17th the outer defenses of the SIEGE LINE, consisting mostly of pill boxes and tank traps were reached. "B" Company moved one gun up to within 600 yards of a cupola shaped pill box north of BOBENTHAL and fired 28 rounds APCBDF and 5 rounds HE with T-105 fuze, reducing the structure above ground to rubble. Extent of damage to underground section not known. "C" Company's action for the day consisting of moving 3 tank destroyers to vicinity 037497 and Command Post to NOTHWILLER, GERMANY. Reconnaissance Company continued reconnaissance of roads in Division sector. At 2035A Company (one pltn) alerted to assist "B" Company 120th Engineers (C) Battalion in construction of Division road from WINGEN to BOBENTHAL. "A" Company moved to new assembly area vicinity of LEMBACH (045466).

The 18th found no change in tank destroyers position. Reconnaissance Company assisting "B" Company 120th Engineers (C) Bn., "B" Company fired at pill boxes vicinity of 073543 and 079542. A total of 45 APCBDF and 6 HE were fired. A few holes were punched in the structure but extent of damage unknown. In the 19th "C" Company moved two guns south of stream running south of BUNDENTHAL and fired 7 HE with T-105 fuses and 9 HE at enemy pill box located on hill side north east of BUNDENTHAL. Effect unknown. Reconnaissance Company assisted Engineers constructing Division road and also reconnoitered for OP positions on the Division front. During the period "A" Company made preparation to establish indirect fire batteries. "C" Company continued in support of 157th Infantry Regiment providing AT defense and "B" Company supported 180th Infantry Regiment providing AT defense in sector.

On the 20th tank destroyer companies juggled guns for better positions to improve fields of fire. At 1330A "C" Company's 2 tank destroyers south of BUNDENTHAL fired 17 APCBDF and 11 HE at enemy pill boxes on slope north of BUNDENTHAL. Several holes were punched in the structure but extent of damage beyond that, could not be ascertained. Guns received a small amount of large caliber counter-battery. (estimated 170mm). Reconnaissance Company assisting Engineers. Also established OP on hill north west of NOTHWEILER (041533).

On the 21st Reconnaissance Company conducted reconnaissance for additional OPs on Division front. All but one platoon relieved from mission of building road.

At 1700A on the 22nd "A" Company's tank destroyers relieved "B" Company in the BOBENTHAL sector and 2 guns moved to indirect fire positions and AT reserve 2 km west of WISSENBURG. "A" Company providing AT defense in 179th infantry regiment sector on right flank of 180th infantry regiment sector north of BOBENTHAL.

"B" Company detached from this Headquarters and attached to TASK FORCE HUDELSON on the left flank of the 45th Infantry Division. "C" Company continued in support of 157th Infantry regiment sector and at 1340A moved 2 guns to indirect fire positions and AT reserve 2 kms south of NOTHWEILER. Reconnaissance Company established a new OP vicinity of 072532 (2 kms NE of NOTHWEILER). One platoon Reconnaissance Company detached from this Headquarters and attached to the 157th Infantry Regiment for operations. Entire company relieved from road construction. The 23rd found no change in dispositions. On the 24th indirect batteries registered by Reconnaissance Company OPs and fired at enemy personnel. Under cover of darkness 2 guns "C" Company moved from 056543 and took up AT positions vicinity of 945437. Only action up to the 26th proved to be the firing of "A" and "C" Companies batteries, which fired on enemy personnel and vehicles and many harassing missions on enemy supply routes during the night. Reconnaissance Company OPs did most of the observing.

At 2000A on the 26th December '44 2 guns moved to vicinity of DAMBACH to support 157th Infantry Regiment. Battalion continued providing AT defense along 45th Infantry Division front in support of all 3 Infantry Regiments and indirect fire batteries reinforcing fires of Division Artillery. For the period up to and including the 31st batteries continued to harass the enemy night and day. Most of the observed targets were adjusted by Reconnaissance Company who maintained a total of 5 OPs on the Division front. Also extensive reconnaissance was conducted by all companies for defensive positions in conjunction with Division plan to establish defensive positions along MAGINOT LINE running through LEMBACH.

Richard L. Rusten
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Lt. Col. Field Artillery
Commanding

Annex "A" - Administrative Report
Annex "B" - Report of Firing

Includes
Unit Journals
Diagrams
Sketches

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Subject: Administrative Functions, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for the period 1 December 1944 - 31 December 1944.

To : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army.

I. Narrative

1. December was a busy month from an administrative point of view. In addition to routine matters, the thirty-one days featured many events of star studded importance. Perhaps of greatest interest to enlisted personnel of the Battalion, was the departure of six men for the Zone of Interior on temporary duty, the 6 December per Par 3, S.O. #326, 45th Infantry Division.

a. On the 8th day, word was received that 2nd Lieutenants FRED A. MERRITT and WENDELL C. WITALIS JR were now 1st Lieutenants, under authority contained in S.O. #255, Headquarters Seventh Army.

b. Lieutenant CHESTER P IRBY JR reported back for duty from the hospital on 9 December 1944, only to suffer an immediate relapse and re-hospitalization the following day.

c. 1st Lieutenants JOSEPH P DION and ROBERT V MANES were relieved from further temporary duty with the 1st Armored Drivers and Gunners School at RAMBERVILLERS, and reported back for duty on 10 December 1944.

d. For the first time since leaving the United States, the organization enjoyed the religious services of it's own chaplain with the arrival of Capt ROBERT S. BAZZELL on two weeks of temporary duty from Headquarters 1st Armored Group on 11 December. On the same day, Capt WILLIAM A. OITTO and Capt EDWARD T NAUGHTEN exchanged commands, Capt Oitto going to Company C and Capt Naughten to Headquarters Company.

e. Directives continued to pour in with a Seventh Army Memorandum dated 16 December suspending action on the customary submission of efficiency reports at the close of the year, until further notice.

f. The twentieth day was a busy one, eighteen enlisted replacements and four officers arrived from the 3rd Replacement Battalion to be assigned and made acquainted with their new organization.

g. Work continued to pick up as the end of the month neared. On the 23rd, word was received that S/Sgt Thomas E Dobry had received his commission via the Battlefield Appointment route. Authority - S.O.#268, Seventh Army.

h. In compliance with Memorandum #7, 45th Infantry Division, all Unit Funds in excess of \$50.00 were turned into the Division Finance Officer. Receipts were issued for all deposits. 26 December 1944.

i. Another officer joined on the 23th, 1st Lt FREDERICK W. SOUTHERN, his orders contained in S.O.#49, 3rd Replacement Battalion.

j. Seventh Army authority to promote within the organization, to fill long dormant rotation vacancies, was received on the 29th. Captain BAZZELL, the chaplain, departed the same day, having received orders from 1st Armored Group Headquarters.

k. As the curtain started to fall on the old year, 1st Lieutenant FRED A HURDMAN was given a change in assignment, being shifted from Executive Officer, Company C, to the same position in Headquarters Company on the 30th.

l. The final act of the year was the submission of papers for the discharge of Private First Class David Hamilton under the provisions of Section V, AR 615-360.

II. Casualties

1. Casualties for the month were very light with a total of three, one enlisted man and one officer lightly wounded in action and one officer seriously injured in action. However, it is worthy of note that casualties for November totalled three enlisted men and two officers, making a combined total of four enlisted men and four officers for the two month period. Considering proportion, the officer casualty percentage is extremely high.

III. Roster of Key Personnel

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lt Col EDWARD L. AUSTIN, O-311026 | Commanding Officer |
| Major JOHN C. NIEHAUS, O-333318 | Executive Officer |
| Major PAUL W PRICR, O-994217 | S-3 |
| Capt JAMES H. LEGENDRE JR, O-454767 | S-2 |
| Capt WILLIAM M. WESTFALL, O-205588 | S-4 |
| 1st Lt JOHN J. SNYDER, O-1165958 | S-1 |

IV. Promotions

1. Copies of Special Orders as pertains to promotions during the month of December, attached as inclosure #1.

V. Decorations and Awards

None

VI. SUMMARY

1. No unusual administrative problems were encountered during the month. However, considerable difficulty has been experienced in preparing forms for the promotion of officers due to frequent changes in construction. An acceptable form for one promotion is disapproved for the next. This results in injustice and unnecessary delay to the officer concerned. It is recommended a standard form be adopted and continued.

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645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 45, U S ARMY

4 December 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS:

NO. 112 :

1. The following promotions and reduction are announced effective this date:

TO BE REDUCED

T/5 Cyrus C. Parsons, 35292411, Co B, reduced to the grade of private.

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl Peter E. Castellano, 31103768, Co C, vice vacancy.

Cpl Ianier J. Nickel, 13071964, Co C, vice vacancy.

TO BE CORPORAL

T/5 Henry S. Gilbert, 31111931, Co B, vice vacancy.

T/5 Walter A. Jordan, 31100815, Co B, vice vacancy.

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE 5

Pvt Nelson McGillem, 32263766, Co B, vice vacancy.

Pvt Theodore J. Shuttlesworth, 33280189, Co B, vice vacancy.

By order of Lt Col AUSTIN:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN J. SNYDER
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645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 45, U S ARMY

19 December 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS:

NO. 114:

1. The following promotions and reductions are announced effective this date:

TO BE REDUCED

S/ Sgt Vance E. Pettierey, 20833672, Co A, reduced to the grade of private.
Col Thomas M. Hudson, 38017915, Co A, reduced to the grade of private.
T/5 Michael F. O'Neill, 32263783, Co A, reduced to the grade of private.
T/5 Walton G. Jones, 38017988, Co A, reduced to the grade of private.

TO BE SERGEANT

Pvt Vance E. Pettierey, 20833672, Co A, vice vacancy.

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE 4

T/5 Dale E. Haggadis, 37511041, Co A, vice vacancy.

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE 5

Pvt Joseph Covey, 31294635, Co A, vice vacancy.
Pvt William C. Kearns, 37554541, Co A, vice vacancy.

By order of Lt.Col.AUSTIN:

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HEADQUARTERS
645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 45, U S ARMY

21 December 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS:

NO. 116:

E X T R A C T

1. The following promotions are announced effective this date:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt Russell H. Lilly, 38017898, Co G, vice vacancy.

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl Andrew Bomberowitch 33178137, Co G, vice vacancy.

Cpl Walter P. Flaszak, 31095946, Co G, vice vacancy.

Cpl George A. Sturk, 31103672, Co G, vice vacancy.

TO BE CORPORAL

PTC James E. Molt, 38394716, Co G, vice vacancy.

PTC Robert L. Gest, 36296790, Co G, vice vacancy.

PTC Leroy N. Nickerson, 35292445, Co G, vice vacancy.

Pvt Glenn D. Hanes, 37513302, Co G, vice vacancy.

Pvt Thomas F. Fitzgerald, 31095970, Co G, vice vacancy.

TO BE TECHNICIAN GRADE 5

Pvt Morace J. Warner, 32748956, Co G, vice vacancy.

By order of Lt Col AUSTIN:

JOHN J. SNYDER
1st Lt., F. A.,
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**HEADQUARTERS
645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 45, U S ARMY**

27 December 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS:

NO. 118:

E X T R A C T

2. The following promotions and reduction are announced effective this date:

TO BE REDUCED

Sgt. Garmon J. Dora. 36130754, Co A, reduced to the grade of private.

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt. Franklin T. Archaebault. 35111537, Co A, vice vacancy.

TO BE SERGEANT

Sgt. Robert W. Edwards. 33532264, Co A, vice vacancy.

TO BE CORPORAL

Pvt. Edward E. Sturckels. 12077305, Co A, vice vacancy.

By order of Lt Col AUSTIN:

JOHN J. SNYDER
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Subject: Report of Firing, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for the Period
01 December 1944 - 31 December 1944.

To : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U. S. Army.

ASSAULT FIRING

| DATE | COMPANY | TARGET (COORDINATES) | ROUNDS | RESULTS |
|------------|---------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Dec 1 | C | Enemy Mk V Tank, OP, personnel and church steeple in MIETESHEIM. | 50 mixed HE & APCBDF | Tk knocked out but later retrieved by enemy. Hits on steeple & casualties inflicted on personnel. |
| 2. Dec 3 | C | Enemy pers vic 920347 | 33 HE | Effect unknown |
| 3. Dec 5 | C | Enemy installations vic MERTESWILLER. | 25 HE | Effect unknown |
| 4. Dec 6 | C | Same as above. | 145 HE | Area well covered |
| 5. Dec 7 | A | Church steeple & town of REICHOFFEN. | 18 HE 7 APCBDF | Hits on steeple |
| 6. Dec 7 | C | Enemy installations in MERTESWILLER. | 45 HE | Effect unknown |
| 7. Dec 12 | B | Enemy pers vic 994417 | 15 HE | Casualties inflicted |
| 8. Dec 14 | B | Enemy pers vic 049457 | 25 HE | Enemy obs picking up casualties. |
| 9. Dec 17 | B | Enemy pill box and pers vic 090535 | 12 HE 28 APCBDF 5 T-105 | Cupola-shaped dome reduced to rubble. Casualties inflicted |
| 10. Dec 19 | B | Pill box vic 073543 | 4 HE 27 APCBDF | Effect unknown |
| 11. Dec 19 | C | Pill box vic 054553 | 9 HE 7 T-105 | Effect unknown |
| 12. Dec 19 | B | 079542 (Pill box) | 2 HE 18 APCBDF | Effect unknown |
| 13. Dec 20 | C | Enemy pill boxes vic 055553 | 11 HE 17 APCBDF | Several holes obs but extent of damage not ascertained. |
| Dec 31 | C | Estimated coy of enemy inf, some within range of 50 feet vic DAMBACH. | 20 HE | Hvy casualties inflicted. |
| Dec 31 | C | Enemy pers in houses | 41 HE 40 APCBDF | Inflicted hvy casualties. Chased enemy out of houses and MG's inflicted hvy casualties |

TOTALS: 455 HE
137 APCBDF
12 T-105

Subject: Report of firing, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for the Period
01 December 1944 - 31 December 1944.

ANNEX "B" (CONTINUED)

INDIRECT FIRING

(From 23 December to 31 December)

1. Number of rounds expended:

| | | |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| HE.... | 2,468 | rounds |
| SMOKE.... | 137 | " |
| TIME SHELL.... | 4 | " |

2. Targets:

Enemy personnel and vehicles
Enemy entrenchments, pill boxes
Road junctions, towns
Harassing fires on enemy supply routes

3. Types of Targets:

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Observed missions | 21 |
| Unobserved missions | 68 |

4. General Results:

Accurate adjustments were made on all observed missions except in the case of poor visibility. Areas reported well covered by OP's. The majority of fires were harassing missions on enemy held road net work, towns, and reported troop concentrations.