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701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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1 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Washington 25, D.C. (Thru Channels)

1. Submitted herewith Operations Report of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion for the period 1 - 31 January 1945, inclusive, in compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, dated 10 March 1945.
2. This operations report is taken from the Unit Journal and Unit Diary and supporting documentary evidence is attached thereto.
3. Operations report covering period through 31 December 1944 submitted previously.

For the Commanding Officer:

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JOHN E. DOOLEY,
1st Lt., 701st TD Bn.,
Adjutant.

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OPERATIONS OF THE 701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Period: 1 January - 31 January 1945.

Location of 701st TD Bn. beginning of period:

MAPS: 1/50,000, Sheets 104 I, II, GSGS, Italy.
Bn CP - Q144796. Bn. Trains - Q139798.

A Co CP - Q141792

B Co CP - Q143795

C Co CP - Q144798

Rcn Co CP - Q004774. 1st Plat. - U993769; 2d Plat. - U988792; 3d Plat. - U999730; Pioneer Plat. - Q004773.



The period opened with the battalion (-Rcn Co) in assembly area vicinity Q144796. Rcn Co continued coastal patrols from Viareggio south to mouth of Serchio River. (U998731)

1 to 11 Jan. - Battalion (-Rcn Co) in assembly area carried out rigorous training and maintenance schedule. Physical conditioning and maintenance of vehicles were stressed. Training for this period included, gun drill (all weapons), care and cleaning of 3" gun, .30 cal, and .50 cal machine guns, small arms training - position, trigger squeeze, range procedure. Range firing of small arms and 3" guns. Direct and indirect fire drill, FDC procedure, radio procedure and operation, training and use of map reference point code and AF code. Battalion and Company CPXs and critique of CPXs. (Platoon discussion on tactical employment of a platoon). Driver instructions and range driving were also given. Weekly I & E lectures to battalion. Inspection by company commanders in company formation of small arms and personal equipment. Inspection of company area by battalion staff officers, and physical inspection of the battalion.

12 Jan. - Battalion detached from I AD and attached to IV Corps at 1725A.

13 - 24 Jan. - Continuation of training schedule and maintenance of all vehicles.

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25 Jan. - Rcn Co relieved in position by 91st A.F.A. Bn. 1200A and prepared for movement to vic Campolo (L670183). Remainder of battalion continued training program.

26 Jan. - Rcn Co began movement at 211130A enroute at close of period to vic Campolo (L-670183). Remainder of battalion carrying out training schedule.

27 Jan. - Rcn Co closed at 261825A Jan at L668183. Attached to II Corps and further attached to 81st Rcn Sq. Movement completed without incidents. Training and maintenance of vehicles carried out by remainder of battalion.

28 Jan. - Rcn Co conducting mortar school. Necessary garrison duties for remainder of battalion.

29 Jan. - Bn (-B&Rcn Cos) made reconnaissance in BEF sector vic L580118.

B Co made reconnaissance of 92d Div sector vic Motrone (U954905).

30 Jan. - Bn (-Rcn Co) prepared for movement.

Rcn Co made reconnaissance of area vic L677196.

31 Jan. - A, B, and C Cos preparing for movement.

A Co began movement at 311000 Jan enroute at close of period to vic Porretta Terme. (582120)

B Co began movement at 311400A Jan enroute at close of period to vic Motrone (U954887).

C Co began movement at 311100 Jan enroute at close of period to vic Porretta Terme (L582120).

Rcn Co - No Change.

Positions at close of period:

Bn CP - Q144796. Bn. Trains - Q139798.
 A Co enroute to vic Porretta Terme (L582120)
 B Co enroute to vic Motrone (U954887).
 C Co enroute to vic Porretta Terme (L582120).
 Rcn Co CP - L668183.



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ANNEX TO OPERATIONS REPORT OF 701ST TD BN FOR PERIOD 1 - 31 JANUARY 1945.

1. During the period 1-31 January 1945, the battalion suffered no personnel battle casualties.

2. The following awards were announced:

- a. Silver Star:

S/Sgt. William A. Blankenship	6985393	Co. "B"
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- b. Bronze Star Medal:

Sgt Matthew Dixon (Posthumously)	34088201	Co. "C"
1st Lt. Walter E. Loveless	01823546	Co. "C"
Sgt Henry O. Olson	37095765	Co. "A"
Cpl Mercedes Garule	38011592	Co. "A"
M/Sgt Quentin Johnson	35213590	Hq & Hq Co
Tec 5 George W. Wachter	33553309	Co. "A"

- c. PURPLE HEART:

Pvt Woodrow Smith	34134114	Ren. Co.
Tec 5 Russell W. Brashner	36302259	Co. "C"
Sgt Lawrence F. Biggs	34333008	Co. "C"
1st Lt Robert J. Jackson	01822010	Ren. Co.
Pvt James E. Tweedy	38084398	Co. "A"
Pvt Vernon E. Welch	37603502	Co. "A"
Pvt Robert Fee	15053822	Co. "C"

- d. 1ST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART:

1st Lt Robert J. Jackson	01822010	Ren. Co.
Pvt Robert Fee	15053822	Co. "C"

- e. 2ND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART:

1st Lt Robert J. Jackson	01822010	Ren. Co.
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