

HEADQUARTERS  
703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 230

: INIT: :  
: DATE: 4 February 1945 :

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4 February 1945.

- A. UNIT: 703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION.
- B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:
1. Battalion (less "C" Co) attached to XVIII Corps (A/B), further attached to 82nd Airborne Division, from 1 Jan 45 to 2 Jan 45.
  2. Battalion attached to VII Corps, further attached Third Armored Division, from 2 Jan 45 to 31 Jan 45.
  3. "C" Company attached V Corps, further attached First US Infantry Division, further attached to 26th Infantry Regiment, from 1 Jan 45 to 2 Jan 45.
- C. STRENGTH: 31 Dec 44: 34 Officers - 2 W.O. - 596 EM  
31 Jan 45: 36 Officers - 1 W.O. - 584 EM  
INCREASE: 2 Officers  
DECREASE: 1 W.O. - 12 EM
- D. STATIONS: Does not apply (see narrative for locations).
- E. MARCHES: Does not apply (see narrative).
- F. CAMPAIGNS:
1. BRITAIN  
1 Jan 45 to 31 Jan 45.
- G. BATTLES: (see narrative).
- H. COMMANDING OFFICERS:
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| Battalion Commander :  | Lt Col Wilbur E. SHOWALTER. |
| "A" Company Commander: | Captain John W. COLE.       |
| "B" Company Commander: | Captain Louis C. CAPELLE.   |
| "C" Company Commander: | Captain Henry F. GOSCH.     |
| Rcn Company Commander: | Captain Jack V. MURRAY.     |
| Hq. Company Commander: | Captain Sydney S. SMITH.    |
- I. LOSSES IN ACTION: Battle Casualties

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

None

"A" COMPANY

Ishman, Mariel F., 36041695	Sgt	6 Jan 45	KIA
Goldberg, Nathan, 31064525	Tec 5	16 Jan 45	LWA

"B" COMPANY

Rumsey, Edward J., 36888217	Pvt	7 Jan 45	LWA
Layman, Andrew J., 32160294	Tec 5	7 Jan 45	LWA
Legters, George R., 32233569	Sgt	9 Jan 45	LWA
Frazier, Charles, 38095183	Cpl	13 Jan 45	KIA
French, William H., 36116980	Pfc	15 Jan 45	KIA

I. LOSSES IN ACTION: Battle Casualties (cont'd)

"G" COMPANY

Teates, Douglas O., 33629107	Tec 5	6 Jan 45	LWA
Pulissi, Anthony, 32214235	Pvt	6 Jan 45	LWA
Schaefer, Joseph J., 36036220	Sgt	6 Jan 45	LWA
Combetti, Charles L., 33153600	Pfc	6 Jan 45	LWA
Houk, Robert L., 33153298	Pvt	6 Jan 45	LWA
Mamoorian, Albert, 11063214	Sgt	15 Jan 45	LWA
Shymanski, Aloysius S., 42010268	Pfc	15 Jan 45	SIA
Grosbie, Garfield M., 37032894	Pfc	17 Jan 45	LWA
McCleary, Earl R., 35432540	Sec 5	19 Jan 45	MIA

Reconnaissance Company

None

Medical Detachment

None

NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Pace, Charlie E., W-2131269	WOJG	7 Jan 45	Disease Slight
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"A" COMPANY

Moody, William T., Jr., 33148788	Tec 5	10 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Dinella, Samuel A., 31369665	Pvt	8 Jan 45	Disease Slight

"B" COMPANY

Hill, Charlie, 34572506	Pvt	7 Jan 45	Self inflicted wound, slight
Solis, Samuel J., 32233834	Pfc	16 Jan 45	Self inflicted injury, slight
Janowicz, Peter J., 11064846	Opl	19 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Cimano, Anthony D., 31064207	Sgt	18 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Petrekovich, Frederick J, 36078041	S/Sgt	24 Jan 45	Disease Slight
SILVA, ERNEST P., 01012493	1st Lt	27 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Eggleston, Walter P., 32233775	Sgt	29 Jan 45	Injury Serious
Manry, William D., 33094352	Sgt	29 Jan 45	Disease, Slight
Cerrito, Joseph A., 32233588	Pfc	29 Jan 45	Disease Slight

"C" COMPANY

Morris, Clarence E., 34168946	Pfc	3 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Mattar, Sprideon O., 31123971	Pvt	15 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Kubison, Paul J., 36118184	Pfc	17 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Rydock, Paul G., 33153143	Pvt	19 Jan 45	Disease Slight
Burgher, Frank T., 32155010	Tec 4	23 Jan 45	Injury Slight
Weller, Wilford W. 36507601	Sgt	22 Jan 45	Disease Ser.
Paquine, Dominico P., 11042871	Opl	25 Jan 45	Disease Slight

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

Lawler, Jessie C., 14043884	Pfc	18 Jan 45	Disease Slight
EDWARDS, JOHN E., 01824153	2nd Lt	29 Jan 45	Disease Slight

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

None

J. CITATIONS:

J. CITATIONS (cont'd)

- 1st LIEUT ERNEST P. SILVA, 01012493, awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 24 Dec 44.
- S/SGT Arville Coyle, 6295470, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 23 Dec 44.
- Sgt William J Crochetiere, 31064241, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 22 Dec 44.
- Tec 5th Douglas C Teates, 33629107, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 22 Dec 44.
- Pfc Frank Glod, 33153522, for heroic action against the enemy, awarded the Bronze Star, in action against the enemy in Belgium on 22 Dec 44.
- Pvt Warren Johnson, 33153438, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 22 Dec 44.
- Tec 5th Joseph E Nowiekaitys, 36037532, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 19 Oct 44.
- 2nd LIEUT CHARLES A. LOCKE, 01824482, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 Oct 44.
- Sgt Vincent P. Biernacki, 31064330, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 12 Dec 44.
- Sgt Benjamin J. Schwarz, 36041095, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 19 Oct 44.

K. Photographs:

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Merle L. Goodrich*  
MERLE L. GOODRICH  
Major, 703rd TD Bn  
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Incls: Five (5)

1. Narrative.  
Supplement No. 1, Operations of "A" Co - 1 Jan to 31 Jan 45  
Supplement No. 2, Operations of "B" Co - 3 Jan to 31 Jan 45  
Supplement No. 3, Operations of "C" Co - Month of Jan 45.
2. True copy of Unit Journal.
3. Operations with 82nd Airborne Division, 20 Dec 44 to 1 Jan 45.
4. Tank Destroyer Operations.
5. Medical Detachment Activities - Month of January 1945.
6. Compilation of Enemy Equipment Destroyed ending month of January 1945.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945.

(Note: All coordinates listed are found in the Nord De Guerre grid system in the 500 kilometer square (V). All letters preceding coordinates in this narrative designate the 100 kilometer square within the above mentioned area).

On the 31 December 1945 the Battalion was disposed as follows:

1. ATTACHMENTS:

Bn (- "C" Co)-----82nd Airborne Infantry Division.  
One Plat "A"-----325th Glider Infantry Regiment.  
Three Plats "A"----504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.  
One Plat "B"-----505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.  
Two Plats "B"-----508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.  
"C" Company-----1st US Infantry Division, further  
attached to 26th Infantry Regiment.

2. LOCATIONS:

Battalion CP vicinity NEUVILLE (K-573004).  
"A" Company CP vicinity (K-575002).  
1st Platoon----1 Section (P-555921)  
1 Section (vicinity Co CP).  
2nd Platoon----1 Section (vicinity Co CP).  
1 Section (P-614951)  
3rd Platoon----1 Section (P-587938)  
1 Section (P-575935)  
"B" Company CP vicinity (P-575998)  
1st Platoon----1 Section (P-642974)  
1 Section (P-669991)  
2nd Platoon----1 Section (P-630972)  
1 Section (P-622963)  
3rd Platoon----(P-573962)  
"C" Company with 1st Infantry Division vicinity (K-905066).  
Reconnaissance Company vicinity (P-573008).

1 Jan 45 - The battalion was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division with one (1) Plat of TD's attached to each of four (4) Regiments. "C" Co was still attached to the 1st US Infantry Division, vicinity of NIDRUM at (K-910046) at this date. The Battalion CP was located vicinity of CHEVRON at (K-572006).

Notice was received from Major LAWRENCE A.T.O. of XVIII Corps that the Battalion would return to the parent unit, the Third Armored Division, upon relief by the 628th TD Bn. The 628th TD Bn started to arrive at 1700 hours to effect the relief of this unit, gun for gun, during the hours of darkness, and upon completion of the relief, this Bn would be attached to the 3rd Armd Div.

The Battalion Commanding Officer sent an Liaison Officer to each Combat Command of the 3rd Armd Div at 1730 hours. Lt HUGH reported to C Comd "A", Lt BROWN to C Comd "B" and Lt BURKETT to C Comd "R" (C Comd HOWSE).

A meeting of the Staff and Company Commanders of "A", "B" and Recon Companies was held to outline the plan of operations with the 3rd Armd Div. Company "A" was to be attached to C Comd "A", Company "B" to C Comd "B" and this Battalion (less "A" and "B" Co's) to operate with C Comd "R", but under the control of Division Artillery. One Recon Plat would be attached to each TD Company. The 3rd Armd Div was to move to assembly areas on 2 Jan 45, the Companies



2 Jan 45 - Notice was received that "C" Company of this battalion had been relieved from the 1st Infantry Division as of 0800 hours and was enroute to join the battalion at GINEY. Recon Plat was dispatched to intercept them and to guide them into assembly area, vicinity of WERBOMONT, where they could join C Comd "R" of the 3rd Arm Div on its arrival.

The Bn CP moved from (P-573004) vicinity NEUVILLE to new location at (K-492024) vicinity of FERRIERES. Company "A" moved from (P-575002) vicinity NEUVILLE to assembly area (P-507978) vicinity SODELHEID. Company "B" moved from (P-575998) to assembly area vicinity BUNOTONE (K-511001). Company "C" moved from BUTGENBACH (K-912047) arrived in assembly area (P-546008) vicinity of WERBOMONT. All movements completed by 1700 hours. Reconnaissance Company (less 1st and 2nd Plts) and Headquarters Company remain in the vicinity of CHEVRON (K-573007).

P.O. No. 20, Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 1 Jan 45, was received giving the following information: 3rd Arm Div with attached units to attack 030830A Jan 45 to block the roads in the BOVIGNY (7082) CHERAIN (6677) area and prevent enemy movement to the North or North-west and will by flanking action from the North, assist the 2nd Armored Division in the capture of HOUFFALIZE (6172) if necessary.

From C Comd "R" received P.O. No 1, Hq C C "R", dated 1 Jan 45 which assigned the platoons of "C" Company of this unit, as follows:

- 1st Platoon "C" Co---Task Force KANE.
- 2nd Platoon "C" Co---Task Force HOGAN
- 3rd PLATOON "C" Co---Combat Command "R" Reserve  
(Company Control).

3 Jan 45 - This Battalion CP moved to a new location during the day in the vicinity of HARRE (P-522967).

"A" Company this battalion attached to C Comd "A" assigned 1st Platoon in C Comd "A" Reserve under company control. 2nd Platoon attached to T.F. "Y", and the 3rd Platoon to T.F. "X".

"B" Company this battalion attached to C Comd "B" attached its TD Platoons as follows: 1st Platoon to T.F. McGEORGE, 2nd Platoon as C Comd "B" Reserve, under company control, and 3rd Platoon to T.F. LOVELADY.

Notice was received that the 3rd Platoon of Company "C" was attached to elements of the 83rd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion to support the defense of the 3rd Armored Division C.P.

4 Jan 45 - Reconnaissance Company (less 1st, 2nd & 3rd Plts) moved to FAGNE (P-527977). Headquarters Company moved to vicinity of HARRE (P-522967). Company "A" (less 2nd & 3rd Plts) moved from the vicinity of SODELHEID (P-507978) to the vicinity of ERA (P-575935). No change in "B" and "C" Co's CP locations. Platoons continued to support the attack of the Task Forces.

The 1st Platoon of "B" Company destroyed two (2) enemy A.T. Guns and a Nebelwerfer position in the woods west of LIERNEUX (P-618890). Eleven (11) rounds of HE and four (4) rounds of APCBDF were used. One TD of 1st Platoon of "B" Company hit a mine, damaging the track and bogie wheels.

5 Jan 45 - No change in locations of C.P.'s. Platoons continued to support assigned Task Forces in the attack.

"A" Company reported that an M-20 Armored Car of the 3rd Platoon was hit by a mortar shell, which luckily was a "dud".

6 Jan 45 - Received report from "A" Company that one (1) TD of the 3rd Platoon struck an enemy mine. One (1) EM killed and two (2) EM wounded. The 1st Platoon of "B" Company neutralized an enemy C.P. in LIERNEUX. The 3rd Platoon of "B" Company fired four (4) rounds of HE, to destroy a full-track vehicle believed to be a S.P. Gun on a Mk IV chassis. 3rd Platoon "B" Company also fired from position.

6 Jan 45 (cont'd)  
in woods (P-575869) at horse-drawn wagons, results of firing unknown.

Company "C" reported one (1) TD of the 2nd Platoon was hit by enemy A.F. fire, burning the TD, and wounding five (5) EM. This action occurred South of MANHAY.

"A" Company (less 2nd & 3rd Plts) moved with Combat Command "A", to vicinity of JEVIGNE (P-6090).

7 Jan 45 - "B" Company reported that one (1) TD of the 3rd Platoon hit an enemy mine. This mine was believed to be a new type, or that several mines were joined together, as all bogie supports on one side were damaged, the engine was damaged and the gun was jammed, with the barrel forced to maximum elevation. One (1) EM was wounded and four (4) EM injured.

The battalion began to exchange the steel tracks on the TD's for rubber block type. This change was found necessary due to lack of mobility of the steel tracks on frozen snow in hilly terrain.

One (1) TD of the 2nd Platoon "C" Company was damaged by mortar fire. No personnel were injured.

8 Jan 45 - No change.

9 Jan 45 - Company "A" with 1st Platoon, moved to the vicinity of LIENNEUX (P-612188) with C Comd "A" Headquarters. "B" Company's C.P. moved to the vicinity of BANREUX (P-592894).

Company "C" reported that the 3rd Platoon relieved the 2nd Platoon with T.F. HOGAN

Received P.O. No 21, Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 082000A Jan 45, which stated the Division would defend a line until passed through by elements of 83rd Infantry Division, and to prepare for further operations to be executed on order.

10 Jan 45 - "C" Company C.P. moved vicinity VILLETRES (P-595942). No change in Bn, "A" and "B" Company C.P.'s.

Received P.O. No 22 Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 102000A Jan 45, which instructed that the Division would attack 130800A Jan 45 to secure CHERAIN (P-664774) and cut the roads in that locality. Bn (less 3 TD Co's) was attached to C Comd "A" for administration.

No change in attachments of platoons to Task Forces.

Company "B" reported one (1) EM of 1st Platoon was wounded by enemy artillery.

11 Jan 45 - Bn CP moved to new location vicinity LIENNEUX (P-619893)

"C" Company reported that the 1st Platoon was relieved from Task Force KANE of C Comd "R", 3rd Arm Div, and attached to 83rd Arm Div Hon Bn, 3rd Arm Div with the mission to support the attack of the 83rd Arm Div Hon Bn. 2nd Platoon of "C" Company was attached to T.F. KANE and moved to T.F. KANE'S Assembly Area. The 3rd Platoon of "C" Company remained attached to T.F. HOGAN. (The 3rd Plat of "C" reported they destroyed one (1) Mk V Tank, this date).

12 Jan 45 - Company "B" C.P. moved to vicinity of REGNE (P-612875). Company "C" forward C.P. moved to vicinity of REGNE (P-615856).

P.O. No 23, Hq 3rd Arm Div, dated 122000A Jan 45 was received. This order stated that the Bn (- 3 TD Co's) is attached to C Comd "A" for Administration, and march control. "B" Company is attached to C Comd "B" in support of attack, "C" Company is attached to C Comd "R" (C O HOWZE) in support of attack. Division is to attack from present assembly areas on 130800A Jan 45 to secure CHERAIN (P-664774)-VAUX (P-656768)-RJ (P-639761)-SOMMERRAINE (P629-753) and high ground in vicinity (P-625762). The attack will be Combat Commands abreast, with C Comd "R" on right, and C Comd "B" on the left.

12 Jan 45 (cont'd) The 1st Platoon of "C" Company in support of the 83d Arm'd Recon Bn destroyed one (1) Mk IV Tank with two (2) rounds. One TD of 1st Platoon "C" Company was hit by one (1) round of enemy 75mm A.T. but remained in operation.

Report was received from "B" Company that the 3rd Platoon was relieved from T.F. LOVELADY by the 2nd Platoon, "B" Company. The 3rd Platoon went into G Comd "B" Reserve in position at HEBRONVAL (P-632861). The track of one (1) TD of the 1st Platoon of "B" Company was damaged by enemy mine.

13 Jan 45 - The 1st Platoon of "C" Company destroyed a Mk IV Tank at (P-632756). One TD of 1st Plat "C" Co, out of operation due to mechanical failure. The 2nd Plat of "C" Co fired twenty-two (22) rounds of APG at targets of opportunity from position N.W. of MONT-LE-BAN (P-638788).

The 1st Plat "B" Co reported one (1) EM KIA vicinity of (P-664-804) by enemy artillery. The 2nd Plat "B" Co destroyed one (1) enemy A.T. Gun vicinity (P-648810).

14 Jan 45 - "B" Co C.P. moved to the vicinity of HEBRONVAL (P6385). Company "C" C.P. moved to vic BIHAIN (P6284). Reconnaissance Co (less 3 Plats) moved to the vicinity of VILLETRES (P6094). The 1st Plat "B" Co destroyed two (2) Mk V Tanks in the west edge of AV-TILLEUL during the attack on BAOLAIN (P-665750).

15 Jan 45 - Company "A" C.P. moved to the vicinity of HEBRONVAL (P-632862). The 1st Plat moved to vicinity (P6475) to join the 83rd Arm'd Recon Bn in the attack and establishment of roadblocks.

"B" Co C.P. moved to vicinity of LOMBE (P641807) one (1) TD of 1st Plat was hit by three (3) rounds of enemy A.T. and burned while supporting T.F. YEMANS (83d Arm'd Recon Bn) but was able to destroy one (1) Mk IV Tank at (P-645753) before it was hit.

The 1st Plat of Co "B" reported one (1) EM KIA by direct HE fire. The 2nd Plat of "B" Co destroyed two (2) Assault Guns on Mk IV chassis which were moving from CHERAIN toward BAOLAIN.

Operational Memo No 20, 3rd Arm'd Div, dated 14 Jan 45, arrived at 0800 hours which confirmed oral orders of G.O. 3rd AD:-- G Comd "A" will assemble vicinity MONT-LE-BAN (P-645785) BAOLAIN (P-665791) to protect rear of Division and secure Division's right flank. G Comd "R" will seize VANX (P-656769) BRISY (P-655750) area. G Comd "B" complete mopping up operations in BAOLAIN and secure CHERAIN (P-664774)-STERPIGNY (P-677779)-RREPIGNY area. 83rd Arm'd Recon Bn will defend present location using road block with attached one (1) Medium Tank Company and one (1) Infantry Company from G Comd "R". During this period T.F. RICHARDSON of G Comd "A" (with 2nd Plat "A" Co attached) was attached to G Comd "B" in support of the attack of G Comd "B".

16 Jan 45 - During the period T.F. LOVELADY (w/2nd Plat "B" Co attached) was detached from G Comd "B" and attached to G Comd "A" and moved to assembly area in order to reorganize, conduct maintenance of equipment and rehabilitation.

The 2nd Plat "C" Co fired sixty-three (63) rounds at three (3) enemy tanks and one (1) A.T. gun. One (1) Mk IV Tank was destroyed from positions vic (P-645764). One (1) TD of 2nd Plat was damaged by artillery fire.

The 3rd Plat "C" Co destroyed one (1) Mk IV and two (2) Mk V's from positions on high ground (P-645772).

17 Jan 45 - Reconnaissance Company (less 3 Plats) moved to LIERNEUX (P-645889).



18 Jan 45 - The Bn C.P. moved to HEBRONVAL (P-630860). Bn Rear CP and Hq Co remained at LIERNEUX (P-619893). The 1st Plt "A" Co reverted to C Comd "A" Reserve being relieved from 83d Armd Ron Bn. This platoon went into position in BACLAIN (P6679). The 1st Plt of "C" Company was relieved from 83d Armd Ron Bn to C Comd "R" Reserve in position at MONY-LE-BAN (P-640788).

The 2nd Plt "C" Co reported one (1) EM KIA due to enemy artillery. The 2nd Plt "B" Co reported one (1) TD hit enemy mine northeast of STERPIGNY damaging the track.

Received Operational Memo No 22, Hq 3rd AD, dated 18 Jan 45 at 1900 hours---Division to continue attack as follows: On 190830A Jan 45, C Comd "R" ("C" Co attached) will attack thru CHERAIN and secure town of BRISY (P-655750), C Comd "A" with T.F. LOVELADY attached (2nd Plt "B" attached to T.F. LOVELADY) to attack on 190830 A to secure high ground S.E. of RENGLER (P-680759) and town of RETTIGNY (P-675760). Co "A" (less 2nd Plt) remains attached to C Comd "A"---C Comd "B" with T.F. RICHARDSON attached (2nd Plt "A" attached T.F. RICHARDSON) to defend CHERAIN (P-664774)-STERPIGNY (P-678778) area and reorganize for further action. The Bn (less "A", "B" & "C" Co's) reverts to Division control.

19 Jan 45 - Company "C" reported that the 3rd Plt destroyed one (1) enemy A.P. Gun on 16 Jan 45 that was not reported.

"A" Company (Pwd) C.P. moved from HEBRONVAL to (P-675778) vicinity STERPIGNY.

20 Jan 45 - Received O.M. No 23, Hq 3rd Armd Div, confirming oral orders of C.G. 3rd Armd Div:---Elements of 4th Cav Grp will relieve elements of C Comd "R" and C Comd "A", 20 Jan 45 -- C Comd "R" when relieved will assemble in BACLAIN and BIHAIN areas -- C Comd "A" secure part of Div Zone, will maintain contact with 4th Cav Grp on right of Div Zone and 335th Inf Regt at (P-702785)---C Comd "B" remains in CHERAIN-STERPIGNY areas, maintain contact with elements of 329th Inf Regt (P-700810) and C Comd "A" at (P-702785). All artillery of the Division will support defensive positions within Div Zone -- 83d Armd Ron Bn, no change.

At 1400 hours received overlay showing assembly areas of 3rd Armd Div, dated 20 Jan 45. Information received that Battalion would move on 21 Jan 45 with the 3rd Armd Division to new area shown on above overlay. The Bn Ex C and S-3 left for recon of new area and reservation of billets as of 1430 hours.

Company "B" reported that 1st Plt was replaced by 3rd Plt. 3rd Plt support of T.F. McGEORGE and 1st Plt went into C Comd "B" Reserve.

21 Jan 45 - At 1100 hours received O.M. No 24, Hq 3rd Armd Div - Route and Plan of movement to assembly area.

At 1200 hours received O.M. No 25, Hq 3rd Armd Div, dated 20 Jan 45, confirming oral orders that T.F. LOVELADY reverts to C Comd "B"---T.F. RICHARDSON (w/2nd Plt of Co "A" attached) is attached to 84th Inf Div---T.F. DOAN (w/3rd Plt "A" Co attached) will continue on present mission until relieved.

"A", "B" and "C" Companies of this Bn will move with the Combat Commands to which they ~~xxxx~~ are attached. At 1300 hours the Bn C.P., Hq Co and Ron Co (less 3 Plats) closed in assembly area vic PALENGE (P-367987).

Co "C" moved from REGNE to assembly area of C Comd HOWZE vicinity MONTEUVILLE (P-340930) at 1700 hours. "B" Company moved to vicinity of COQUIER (K-336023) with C Comd "B". "A" Company less 2nd & 3rd Plts, moved with C Comd "A" to vicinity (P-395898).



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21 Jan 45 - Company "C" ordered to move to assembly area in Bn area vicinity WARRE (P-386987).

22 Jan 45 - Company "J" moved to vicinity WARRE (P- 386987). The 3rd Plat "A" Co with T.F. DOAN relieved from attachment to 84th Inf Div and moved to C Comd "A" Assembly Area. The 2nd Plat of "A" Company remained with T.F. RICHARDSON assembled in vicinity of GOUVX (P7177).

23 Jan 45 - C.P. of "A" Co (plus 1st & 2nd Plts) moved from NY to WARRE, closing at 1030 hours. The 2nd Plat "A" Co relieved from T.F. RICHARDSON arrived at WARRE at 2200 hours.

This Bn began maintenance of vehicles and weapons and rehabilitation.

CONCLUSIONS:

During the period 24 Jan to 31 Jan 45 inclusive, the battalion went under a period of maintenance of vehicles and weapons, including 6,000 mile checks on all wheel vehicles.

A training program covering the following subjects were covered by all Companies:

- a. 90mm Gunnery.
- b. Physical Training.
- c. Driving Instructions.
- d. First Echelon Maintenance.
- e. Radio: Operation and Procedure.
- f. Combat First Aid.
- g. Service practice was conducted with 90mm and 37mm guns
- h. Supply Discipline.

For the Commanding Officer:

MERLE L. GOODRICH  
Major, 703rd TD Bn  
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SECRET

Incl No. 5, to A A/A Report, Hq 703d TD Bn, dated 4 Feb 45

**MEDICAL ACTIVITIES: Month of January 1945.**

The Medical Detachment, as a unit, has not functioned in direct support of the men in combat. This has been handled through the Aid Men. There are three (3) such men and a 1/4 ton (peep) supporting each line company, and one (1) with Headquarters and Reconnaissance Companies. The remainder of the Detachment has maintained a Dispensary at all times.

Health of the command is excellent for this season. During the severe cold there were 21 frostbite cases, all mild. The men found the G.I. shoes unsatisfactory and devised various types of footgear using blanket material, wearing these under their overshoes, they seemed to lick the frostbite problem.

During the month, 101 patients were treated for a total of 394 treatments. The conditions treated were:—

Upper Respiratory Infections.....	29
Frost-bite.....	21
Stomach and Intestinal Upsets.....	20
Non-Battle Injuries.....	11
Battle Casualties (emergency).....	3
Allergy and Skin Disorders.....	7
Minor Surgery.....	3
Infections.....	6
Exhaustion.....	2

There were 11 quarters-patients and 77 patient-days in quarters during the month. There were also 14 men evacuated through this dispensary, of whom all but five (5) have since returned to duty. In addition, there were about sixty (60) civilians treated and about eighty (80) prisoners of war examined at the Omaha enclosure. On the 30th and 31st of January, the bat allyon was given a stimulating dose of Typhoid vaccine; and through arrangement with VII Corps the dental needs of the battalion were being cared for.

*W. G. Lynch*  
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Capt, M.C.  
Bn. Medical Officer.