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HEADQUARTERS
703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

DWA/jgd

3 December 1944.

- A. Unit: 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- B. Attached Troops: None.
- C. Strength: 31 Oct 44: 34 Officers - 2 W.O. - 597 EM
30 Nov 44: 36 Officers - 2 W.O. - 602 EM
Increase: 2 Officers 5 EM
- D. Stations: Does not apply. (See narrative for locations).
- E. Marches: Does not apply (see narrative).
- F. Campaigns:
1. Western Germany.
2. 1 Nov 44 - 30 Nov 44.
3. Does not apply.
4. Does not apply.
- G. Battles: (See narrative).
- H. Battalion Commander : Lt Col Wilbur W. SHOWALTER.
"A" Company Commander: Captain John ...
"B" Company Commander: 1st Lieut George ... from [REDACTED]
1 Nov 44 to 24 Nov 44.
Captain Louis C. CAPELLE, from [REDACTED]
24 Nov 44 to 30 Nov 44.
"C" Company Commander: Captain Henry P. GOSCH.
"D" Company Commander: Captain Jack V. MURRAY.
Hq Company Commander: Captain Sydney S. SMITH.
- I. Losses in Action, Battle Casualties:
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
None
- "A" COMPANY
McGrant, Delmar J., 31064832 Sgt SEA
LOCKE, ... A., 01824482 2nd Lt SEA
Ness, Harvey L., 37285057 Cpl SEA
- "B" COMPANY
None
- "C" COMPANY
Hewson,, 33143869 Sgt SEA
- "D" COMPANY
Brent, Truman ... , 33152886 1st Lt SEA
- MEDICAL DETACHMENT
None

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J. Citations:

Troop 5 Vincent P. Biernacki 51064330, awarded the Soldiers Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 22 October 1944, in Germany.

K. Photographs: None.

For the Commanding Officer:

Donald W. Sribert
DONALD W. SRIBERT,
Capt., 703rd TD Bn,
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1. Narrative.
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944.

(Note: All coordinates listed are found in the World War grid system in the 500 kilometer square (). All letters preceding coordinates in this narrative designate the 100 kilometer square within the above outlined area).

1 Nov 44. - Location: Bn (less 1, 2) vic Balleid, Germany (R938379).
A Co (less 3d Plt) vic Balleid, Germany (R931408),
3d Plt vic Balleid, Germany (R913399).
B Co (less 1st & 3d Plts) vic Balleid, Germany (R923382). 1st Plt vic Balleid, Germany (R950418).
3d Plt vic Balleid, Germany (R933382).
C Co vic Balleid, Germany (R922371).

Assignment of Troops: A Co and 3d Plt are attached to C Command, 3d AB; B Co and 2d Plt are attached to C Command, 3d AB; Bn (less 1, 2, and two Plts) are attached to Division Reserve (C Command) 3d AB.

3d Plt of B Co, relieved the 1st Plt of C Co, at 1147 hours. 3d Plt B Co now located vic of Balleid (R950418). 1st Plt C Co returned to vic of Balleid.

2nd and 3rd Plts of A Co moved into positions for indirect firing at 1147 hours. 2nd Plt A Co vic (R905357), 3rd Plt A Co vic (R897357).

3rd Plt A Co fired 395 rds during period, in harassing and interdiction missions vic of Balleid, Germany (R9047).

2 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt and 3rd Plt A Co fired registration and harassing missions during period. 117 rds expended.

3rd Plt A Co fired 370 rds in on a mission to counter-battery missions.

During the period, two shellbombs were reported - one (1) wounded by enemy arty.

3 Nov 44. - 2nd and 3rd Plts A Co expended 240 rds. 3rd Plt A Co expended 181 rds.

Many planes were overhead at 2000 hours. One (1) wounded by falling flak.

4 Nov 44. - 3rd Plt A Co expended 329 rds.

Many planes overhead at 2200 hours, bombs were dropped--but none in vic of this unit.

5 Nov 44. - Heavy heavy artillery (150mm) fell in immediate vicinity of Bn at 2100 hours. No casualties.

3rd Plt A Co relieved by composite platoon of C Co at 1300 hours.

3rd Plt A Co returned to vic of Balleid.

A Co expended 160 rds.

2nd & 3rd Plts A Co expended 483 rds.

6 Nov 44. - A Co expended 217 rds. 2nd and 3rd Plts A Co expended 295 rds.

7 Nov 44. - A Co expended 200 rds. 2nd and 3rd Plts A Co expended 497 rds.

8 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt C Co relieved 3rd Plt C Co at 1100 hours. 2nd Plt now at vic (A950418) via STALBERG, Germany. 3rd Plt C Co returned to vic of Company B.
2nd Co expended 472 rds HE.

9 Nov 44. - 2nd Co expended 435 rds HE. 2nd & 3rd Plts B Co expended 408 rds HE.

10 Nov 44. - 2nd Co composite platoon relieved of mission at 1030 hours and returned to vic of Co B.

Received T.F. NO. 16, Bq 3d AB at 1300 hours.

2nd Co held meeting of Co Comdrs and Staff Officers at 1400 hours to discuss T.F. No. 16.

2nd & 3rd Plts B Co expended 500 rds HE.

1st Plt C Co moved to vic STALBERG (A962413) at 1300 hours.

2nd Co to support attack of 3rd Bn, 3rd AD. 1st Plt C Co attached to

2nd Bn, 33rd Armd Regt, 2nd Plt C Co attached to 1st Bn, 33rd Armd Regt,

3rd Plt C Co in Combat Command Reserve.

3rd Plt C Co moved to vic of STALBERG (A958412) at 1500 hours.

11 Nov 44. - 2nd and 3rd Plts B Co expended 255 rds HE. 1st Plt B Co relieved 3rd Plt B Co at 1300 hours. 3rd Plt B Co returned to vicinity of Company B.

12 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt C Co attached to T.F. HANNA (Div Res, 3d AD, but remained at indirect firing position until ordered to assemble with the Tank Force.

3rd Plt C Co attached to T.F. KANE (Div Res) and is also awaiting orders to assemble.

1st Plt C Co will fire 500 rds HE on harassing missions the night of D Day.

2nd Co expended 503 rds HE.

13 Nov 44. - 2nd Co expended 39 rds HE.

14 Nov 44. - 2nd Co expended 200 rds HE.

15 Nov 44. - No activity - awaiting orders to attack.

16 Nov 44. - Received message that H Hour was 1245 hours. VII Corps attacked after heavy air and artillery preparations.

2nd Plt C Co joined T.F. HANNA at 1540 hours, assembled at STALBERG, Germany (A972435).

3rd Plt C Co joined T.F. HANNA at 1600 hours, assembled at STALBERG, Germany (A962411).

Combat Command B, 3d AD, pushed out rapidly to gain the objective (A97-440).

1st Plt C Co (A970440), 2nd Plt C Co (A978430), 3rd Plt C Co (A984449), 4th Plt C Co (A992430). Right column had secured its objective by 1400 hours, but left column was slowed down by mine field and had to by-pass to the east.

At close of period 1st Plt C Co was located vic of STALBERG (A95-425), 2nd Plt C Co vic of STALBERG (A952421), 3rd Plt C Co vic of STALBERG (A975431).

1st Plt C Co fired 500 rds HE on harassing missions during hours of darkness 16 - 17 Nov 44, plus 121 rds fired prior to H-hour on the 16th.

17 Nov 44. - 1st Plt B Co assembled at 0800 at 1700 hours.

At 1200 hours 2nd Co's platoons had reached the following locations:

2nd Plt vic (A964428), 1st and 3rd Plts (A977435).

By 1400 hours 1st Plt C Co had reached vic of STALBERG (A983447)

and at 2000 hours were located vic of STALBERG (A970440). 2nd Plt

was located vic of STALBERG (A973441), 3rd Plt C Co located vic of STALBERG (A975430).

No orange remainder of Battalion.



18 Nov 44. - All three platoons of C Co located vic of WERTH (K978-436) at 1200 hours.
 1st Plt C Co knocked out one (1) PzKw V at range of 3200 yds, and one (1) S.P. Gun (75mm Howitzer on Half-track chassis) at 3300 yds. Expanded 2nd Plt C Co destroyed one (1) towed A.T. Gun (75mm ?) at 600 yds range. One (1) HK wounded and evacuated. Total ammo expended by 1st Plt & 2nd Plt C Co was 100 rds APCBDW plus 89 rds HK.

19 Nov 44. - No change.

20 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt A Co joined T.P. "Y" (3rd Bn, 32nd Armd Regt) in vic of BREINIG, Germany (K948392) at 0800 hours.
 2nd Plt C Co moved to vic of HASTENRATH (K976445) during period.

21 Nov 44. - All units planning for future operations.

22 Nov 44. - No change.

23 Nov 44. - No change.

24 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt A Co moved out with T.P. "Y", C Comd "A" to assemble in vic of HOPFBERG (K985464) at 1400 hours. This force attacked at 1445 hours to secure the high ground between LANGERKHE (P030475) and FRENZ (P018497) and had reached vic of (P001474) by 1700 hours. Heavy opposition consisted of minefields, A.T. Arty and small arms fire. Attack was to be resumed at 250830.
 At 0930 hours 3rd Plt B Co moved to vic of STELBURG (K938422) at 1700 hours.
 Remainder of Battalion no change.

25 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt C Co moved forward in attack with T.P. "Y", C Comd A and reported its position at 1700 hours, to be, vic of WEIS-ELFER (P001474).
 Remainder of Bn no change.

26 Nov 44. - 2nd Plt A Co continued supporting attack of T.P. "Y", C Comd A and was in position at vic of WEIS-ELFER (P012482) at 1130 hours. From this position they are to protect right flank of Task Force and provide covering fire for advance of tanks to objective. Plt Ldr and two (2) TK of 2nd Plt A Co were wounded—one HK remained for duty—remainder evacuated.
 Remainder of Bn no change.

27 Nov 44. - T.P. "Y", C Comd A, was relieved on its objective by elements of 1st Infantry Division. 2nd Plt "A" Co assembled at vic BREINIGBERG (K948392) at 1215 hours.
 Remainder of Bn no change.

28 Nov 44. - No change.
29 Nov 44. - No change.
30 Nov 44. - No change.

Miscellaneous:

Replacements: following Officers and SA returned to this Battalion on dates shown:

OFFICERS:

Name	Rank	Date
McNair, William G., 0453262	Capt	25 Nov 44
McNair, William G., 01169103	1st Lt.	25 Nov 44
McNair, William G., 01177070	2nd Lt.	25 Nov 44

SA's:

teinhart, Ralph D., 32299933	Sgt	15 Nov 44
Minero, Walter J., 31064554	Sgt	15 Nov 44
Montreau, Frank J., 31064581	Sgt	15 Nov 44

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Miscellaneous (cont'd)

Replacements: (EM Cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Date</u>
Haselriek, Joseph, 31064105	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Englestone, Walter W., 32233775	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Blum, Joseph W., 30061060	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Wandt, Florence W., 36183954	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Szwed, Milton W., 31064254	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Wagner, Robert W., 12085586	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Barreca, Lawrence, 32094056	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Blackmore, John W., 32350223	Pvt	15 Nov 44
Wotil, Roland W., 31 64188	Pvt	17 Nov 44
Corbalinero, Benjamin, 32157595	Pvt	20 Nov 44
Arschault, Edward W., 31064224	Pvt	20 Nov 44
Czajkowski, John, 11064853	Pvt	20 Nov 44
White, Leslie W., 35141385	Pvt	20 Nov 44
Daniel, Stanley W., 36158855	Pvt	25 Nov 44
Worsh, Carl W., 31039323	Pvt	25 Nov 44

Vehicle Accidents: Formerly vehicles were damaged in action:
 1-- 36, 300, clutch trouble.
 1-- 36, 300 final drive housing damaged by direct hit.

Promotions: Following officers were promoted during period:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>
WIRTH, WILLIAM W., 01012121	1st Lt	Capt	1 Nov 44
WILSON, MARION W., 01012708	2nd Lt	1st Lt	1 Nov 44

Equipment: Received nine (9) M-20's by authority, of new M-1-- assigned one (1) per platoon.

Assignments as of 30 Nov 44:

1st (less 1st and 30's)	Company 1st Lt.
2nd Lt 30	Company 1st Lt, 3d Bn 33d Inf.
3rd Lt 30	Company 1st Lt, 1st Bn 32nd Inf.
2nd Lt 30	Company 1st Lt, 3rd Bn 32nd Inf.
3rd Lt 30	Company 1st Lt, 2nd Bn 32nd Inf.
1st (less 1st and 3rd Lts)	Company 1st Lt, 1st Bn 33rd Inf.
2nd Lt 30	Company 1st Lt, 2nd Bn 33rd Inf.
30 (less 1st and Lts)	Company 1st Lt Reserve.

of the commanding officer:

Donald W. Seibert
 Capt., 73rd Recon.,
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