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HEADQUARTERS, 704TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 403, US Army  
22 March 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report for 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945.

TO : Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.

On 1 January 1945 the battalion (-) was at Radelange, Belgium, "A" Co was at Hompre attached to CCA, 4th Armored Division. "B" Co at Brunon attached to CCB and "C" Co (-) at Removille attached to RC. One platoon of "C" Co was attached to the 25th Cavalry Squadron at Hompre. The mission of the battalion (-) with attached troops consisting of elements of the 188th Engineer Battalion and 24th Armored Engineer Battalion was to screen the area around Division Headquarters, 4th Armored Division. Reconnaissance Company (-) was at Warnach and was engaged in screening the right flank of the division.

On 3 January 1945, "C" Co minus one platoon was attached to the 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne and "C" Co moved eleven miles to Savy. These positions remained the same with "C" Co supporting local attacks made by the 101st Airborne Division until 9 January 1945. When "B" Co minus one platoon was also attached to the 101st Airborne Division and went into position NE of Bastogne.

On 11 January 1945, "C" and "B" Company's were relieved from attachment to 101st Airborne Division and were attached to RC and CCA, 4th Armored Division respectively. The battalion (-) "A" and "B" Companies left Hadelange at 1230, moved south east 43 miles through Belgium and Luxembourg and closed in billets at Volmerange, France at 1730. The battalion minus "A" and "B" Companies were now attached to RC 4th Armored Division. "A" Co moving with CCA, was billeted at Etange, and "B" Co, moving with CCB was billeted at Itzig. The division was now in reserve and during the period 11 January to 18 January 1945, a schedule of training of reinforcements, maintenance, and as much recreation and rest as possible was put into effect. On 14 January 1945, "A" Co moved to Zoufftgen and "B" Co to Beaufort, both in Luxembourg.

On 18 January 1945, the battalion was attached to XX Corps reserve and further attached to Fourth Tank Destroyer Group. On 19 January, the battalion left its billets at 0730 and moved 28 miles E to Bouzonville closing at 1100. The battalion minus "A" and "B" and "C" Companies was billeted at Bouzonville. "A" Co was billeted at Brettanch, "B" Co at Vandreching, and "C" Co at Anzeling. At 1430, 19 January 1945, "B" Co moved to the vicinity of St Avold in support of the Fifth Ranger Battalion closing at 1700.

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On 20 January 1945, "A" Co moved to an assembly area at Halstroff in support of 301st Infantry Regiment. On 21 January 1945, "A" Co CP and 1st platoon moved to Waldwisse, the 2nd platoon to Obernaumen, and the 3rd platoon to Bushdorf, still in support of the 301st Infantry Regiment.

These positions remained the same until 24 January 1945. On 23 January, the battalion was relieved its then attachment and attached to the 94th Infantry Division. "B" Co moved N joining the battalion at Bouzonville on the morning of 24 January and at 1205 the battalion minus "A" Co moved out. The battalion moved 28 miles N and the battalion (-) closed in billets at Oberperl, Germany at 1530. "B" Co was billeted in Besch with one platoon in position at Nenning and one platoon in position at Weiss. "C" Co was billeted at Oberperl with one platoon in position at Tettingen and one platoon in position at Wochern. These positions remained substantially the same until the end of the month.

During the month Captain Lamb was transferred out of the battalion. Captain Wilson, Lieutenant Leonard, and Lieutenant Doughty were wounded and evacuated. Captain Buchanan returned to duty from LWIA and two officer reinforcements, Lt. Mc Keown and Lt. Matheson were received.

One Silver Star and seven Bronze Stars were awarded to Officers and Enlisted-men during the month.

Three officers and eight EM were wounded during the month.

Reinforcements received were: Two officers and fifty-six EM.

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Strength as of 31 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 1945 was:

OFFICERS  
35

WO  
1

ENLISTED MEN  
553

For the Commanding Officer:

*William L. Kline*  
WILLIAM L. KLINE  
2nd Lt., FA (TD)  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, 704TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 654, U.S. Army  
3 February 1945

BATTALION HISTORY - 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 1 January  
to 31 January 1945

On 1 January 1945 the battalion (-) was at Radelange, Belgium, "A" Company was at Nompre attached to Combat Command "A", 4th Armored Division, "B" Company at Brunon attached to Combat Command "A" and "C" Company (-) at Remoiville attached to Reserve Command. One platoon of "C" Company was attached to the 25th Cavalry Squadron at Nompre. The mission of the battalion (-) with attached troops consisting of elements of the 188th Engineer Battalion and 24th Armored Engineer Battalion was to screen the area around Division Headquarters, 4th Armored Division. Reconnaissance Company (-) was at Warrach and was engaged in screening the right flank of the division.

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On 11 January 1945 "C" and "B" Companies were relieved from attachment to 101st Airborne Division and were attached to Reserve Command and Combat Command "B" 4th Armored Division respectively. The battalion minus "A" and "B" Companies left Radelange at 1230, moved south east 42 miles through Belgium and Luxembourg and closed in billets at Volmerange, France at 1730. The battalion minus "A" and "B" Companies were now attached to Reserve Command 4th Armored Division. "C" Company moving with Combat Command "A", was billeted at Stange, and "B" Company, moving with Combat Command "B" was billeted at Itzic. The division was now in reserve and during the period 11 January to 18 January 1945 a schedule of training of reinforcements, maintenance, and as much recreation and rest as possible was put into effect. On 12 January 1945, "A" Company moved to Lornitzen and "B" Company to Bettenbourg, both in Luxembourg.

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For the Commanding Officer:

*John B. Tytus*  
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Capt., Cav.  
Adjutant

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