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**HEADQUARTERS
77th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403 US ARMY**

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SUBJECT: After Battle Report.

TO : CG, XX Corps. (thru channels)

The 77th TD Bn. (towed), attached to the 90th Infantry Division and further attached to the 3rd Cavalry Group had the mission of furnishing Anti-mechanized protection of the north flank of the XX Corps area from positions along the OPL at strategic points which the enemy would most likely use for an armored attack in this sector.

The Battalion with CP at Sierck-lesBains, France, Q004945, employed its Platoons as follows: 1st Platoon, Co. "A" at Borg, 1062008, 2nd Platoon, Co. "A" at Hellendorf, Q065983, 3rd Platoon, Co. "A" at Wochern, 1098012. Co. "B" 3rd Platoon, on high ground south of Eft, Q060973, 1st Platoon, Co. "B" in position at Buschdorf and Tunsdorf, Q087977, Q104979 and 2nd Platoon, Co. "B", vic. of Wehingen, Q112965. 1st Platoon, Co. "C", at Besch, 2nd Platoon, Co. "C", at Eft, 1012015, Q065982 and 3rd Platoon, Co. "C", at Apsch, Q013965. 1st Platoon, Ren, maintained an OP at Besch. 2nd Ren Platoon, in reserve in vic. of Bn. CP. Except for occasional enemy artillery and mortar fire and small enemy foot patrols the entire area remained very quiet.

On 7 January 1945 the 9th Infantry Division relieved the 90th Infantry Division and at that time the Battalion was relieved from previous attachments and attached to the 9th Infantry Division. The mission assigned the Battalion by the 9th Infantry Division was to continue to furnish Anti-Mechanized protection from the present positions.

On 10 January 1945 the 3rd Platoon, Co. "A" was relieved by Anti-Tank Platoon of the 376th Infantry and placed in position in vic. of Ferl, Q123979 thereby adding depth to the anti-tank defenses of the Division area.

On 21 January 1945 the 3rd Platoon, Co. "C", under the cover of darkness relieved a Platoon of the 607th TD Bn in Nenning, 1021043. AT 2000 the town of Nenning was counterattacked by German tanks and infantry. German tanks were estimated at 1 company and Infantry estimated at 1 Battalion. This attack came as a surprise and since friendly infantry was forced to withdraw it was necessary for this Platoon to defend its positions by small arms fire. After a short and bitter contact, 2 Gun Sections were forced to evacuate their positions on foot and retire in the face of the approaching enemy. It is felt that the presence of this Platoon in Nenning aided materially in repulsing the counter-attack and holding the village.

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On 24 January 1945 Co. "C", attached to the 3rd Cavalry Group, emplaced in indirect firing positions with a mission to support the fire of the 24 Field Artillery Battalion. Co. "C" remained in position and to the end of the period was fired 289 rounds HE and 12 rounds illuminating.

30 January 1945, 3rd Platoon, Co. "A" was moved into positions formerly occupied by Co. "C", in the vic. of Eft, Q060973.

31 January 1945, 2nd Recon Platoon established CP at Q100979 and 1st Recon Platoon was withdrawn to Battalion reserve at vic. of Battalion CP.

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