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802d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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SUBJECT: Reports After/After Action Reports, for this Command, Covering
Period 1-31 December 1944.

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

Forwarded herewith, action against enemy, reports after/after action
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JOHN H. MONTGOMERY JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Commanding.

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Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action
Report, Headquarters, 802d TD Bn

Period: - 1 - 31 December 1944

1. Original unit: 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed). (No change)
2. Changes in organization: None
3. Strength:
 - A. 1 December 1944 - 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, 719 Enlisted men.
 - B. 31 December 1944 - 33 officers, 2 warrant officers, 704 Enlisted men.
 - C. Net Change: 2 officers gained, 15 enlisted men lost.
4. Station: (See narrative report)
5. marches: (See narrative report)
6. Campaigns: (Operations for period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944)
7. Battles: (Not classified)
8. Commanding Officers:
 - a. Battalion Commander - Lt Col John H. Montgomery, Jr - 0-20754
Headquarters Company - Captain Charles G. Wagner - 0-1168123
Company "A" - Captain Jean M. Varda - 0-413637
Company "B" - Captain William R. Kessler - 0-410053
Company "C" - Captain James J. Boyle - 0-1821967
Medical Detachment - Captain Samuel M. Posnock - 0-492366
 - b. Indicate here if any changes in command occurred: None
9. Losses in action: (Battle casualties)
 - A. Officers: None
 - B. Enlisted men:
 - S/Sgt Stephen A. Stathes, 32047318 - LIA
 - Sgt John R. Chiesa, 16170729, - LWA
 - Tec 5 William E. Nipper, 33213924 - LWA
 - Tec 5 Weldon E. Osborne, 34645195 - LIA
 - Tec 5 Charles W. Barger, 38324625 - LWA
 - P Pfc William T. Grimes, 35596921 - LIA
 - Pfc James A. Sullivan, 33787865 - LWA
 - Cpl Joseph A. Iacangelo, 35198159 - LWA
 - Pvt Jerome S. Routman, 16122268 - LIA

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10. Awards: Lt Col John H. Montgomery, Jr, O-20754 (Bn Commander) awarded the Bronze Star per Section I, GO #82, Headquarters, 80d Infantry Division, dated 14 December 1944

11. Photographs: None

SUMMARY:

A. For the month of December 1944, this organization was attached to the following organizations:

1-6 December attached to the 80d Division Artillery
7-12 December attached to the 422d FA Group
13-16 December attached to the 4th Division Artillery
17-23 December operational attachment to 803d TD Bn
24-31 December attached to 4th Division Artillery

During the period of 1 December through 16 December the front supported by this Battalion was comparatively quiet. The firing companies were occupied mainly with indirect-fire missions of harassing nature, with primary positions prepared and occupied for possible tank threats. The indirect firing was coordinated and controlled through attachments with artillery battalions.

From 17 December to 31 December the companies were in support of Infantry Regiments and occupied primary gun positions for possible enemy tank attacks, with secondary positions prepared for individual platoons to fire indirect-fire missions in support of artillery Bns.

During the period 17 to 31 December the enemy became active, counter-attacks supported by heavy artillery and mortar fire caused our thinly held front lines to withdraw several kilometers, but after reinforcements arrived, we again pushed the enemy back to almost the same position from which he launched his first counter-attack.

B. Combat efficiency - Morale excellent.

Total casualties for period: 9 Battle casualties and 49 non-battle casualties.

C. Enemy material destroyed - None confirmed

D. Recommendations: None