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809 TD Bn  
 Via GREFRATH, GERMANY  
 9 March 1945

AFTER ACTION REPORT  
 1 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45 inclusive

PERSONNEL  
 CLASSIFICATION  
**CANCELLED**  
 AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
*Warrant Class Col A 211*  
 DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 28 Aug 46

1. Inspections: None
2. Casualties: One (1)
3. Prisoners of War: None
4. Replacements: Eighteen (18)
5. Officer and EM Gains and Losses:

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>EM</u>	
0	0	10	0

6. Officer Promotions: Two (2)
7. Strength Return for End of Period:

OFFICERS: 34      WARRANT OFFICERS: 2      EM: 608

INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period: Not applicable
2. Enemy Operations During Period: Not applicable
3. Section Operations:
  - a. Drew and supplied the Bn Hqs and Hq Co and Ron Co Hqs with maps. Frequent inspection to see that Combat Command supplied TD Co's plus their Ron platoons with maps.
  - b. Kept the Bn Hq, Hq Co and Ron Co Hqs informed of the enemy situation and made frequent inspections of TD Co's to check the flow of information between Co's and Combat Command.
  - c. Visited higher and lower Hqs for information, also adjacent units.
4. Weather and Terrain: Not applicable.

OPERATIONS

1. Front Lines at End of Period: Not applicable



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**2. Location of Troops:**

- a Bn Hqs, Hqs Co and Rcn Co (-) Vic HUCKELHOVEN, GERMANY (K939737)
- b Co A plus 1st Rcn Plat marching with CCA, 8th Armd Div
- c Co B plus 2nd Rcn Plat with CCB, 8th Armd Div
- d Co C plus 3rd Rcn Plat Vic LINNE, HOLLAND (K746856)

**3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops: Not applicable**

**4. Operations for the Periods:**

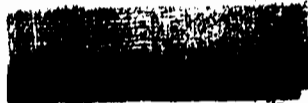
- 1 Feb to 7 Feb - Bn located at MAUCOMBLE, FRANCE (M384398). Equipment was being prepared for movement to SITTARD, HOLLAND
- 8 Feb to 9 Feb - Bn march by Mtr from MAUCOMBLE, FRANCE to CHARLAROI, BELGIUM on the 8th Feb and arrived HEER, HOLLAND BJ NR 1 and NU 3. At 1500, 9 Feb, the Bn was broken up as follows: Co A plus 1st Rcn Plat attached to CCA, 8th Armd Div; Co B plus 2d Rcn Plat attached to CCB, 8th Armd Div; Co C plus 3rd Rcn Plat attached to CCR, 8th Armd Div. Bn (-) moved on to SIMPELVELD, HOLLAND (K765498)
- 10 Feb to 18 Feb - Attachments remained the same, continued preparation for combat.
- 19 Feb to 27 Feb - Bn Hq located Vic BERKELAAR, HOLLAND. Attachments remained the same and 8th Armd Div took over sector held by the 7th Armd Div (British). During this period Co's took part in action with their respective CC's.
- 28 Feb - Co A had crossed Roer River w/CCA. Bn (-) crossed Roer River w/8th Armd Div Arty and arrived in HUCKELHOVEN, GERMANY. (K939737). Co's B & C preparing to cross with their respective CC's.

**SUPPLY**

**1. Supply:**

- a Class I, III, and V supply for units of Bn attached to Combat Commands was handled by S-4's of Combat Commands. Supply was excellent.
- b Class II supply, except Ordnance, for all units of Bn was handled thru Bn to Division. Supply was excellent.
- c Class II Ordnance for all units of Bn was handled thru Bn to Ordnance installations outside of Division. Supply was only satisfactory owing mainly to difficulty of Bn and Ordnance units involved, maintaining contact.





2. Transportations The organic transportation of the Bn was not sufficient to handle Bn's basic load of gas and oil and ammunition without overloading. No re-supply to Bn was possible when Bn was moving.

3. Evacuations

a Personnel - Bn was furnished with ambulance from 78th Med Bn Armd which was entirely adequate to handle all evacuation made thru Bn Aid station.

b Material - From Bn to higher echelon without difficulty.

4. Roads and Circulation

a Except for roads in Vic SIMPELVELD, HOLLAND, during early part of month roads were generally good.

b Road nets established were always able to handle enough Bn traffic so that supply was not disrupted.

5. Salvage and Captured Material

a Salvage - Only small quantities of Class II items were salvaged during month.

b No material was captured.

COMMAND

1. Results of Operations

Ammunition Expended (76mm)

	<u>HE</u>	<u>APC</u>	<u>SMOKE</u>	<u>HV APC</u>
Direct	166	126	0	1
Indirect	656	0	3	0
Total	1,122	126	3	1

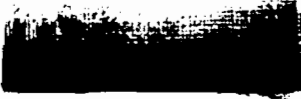
Concentration fired with FA Bns: 36  
 Two OP's destroyed in ROERMOND (K776902)  
 Unknown number of OP's, Brick houses, MG nests, destroyed by direct fire support for the Infantry  
 No enemy tanks observed.

2. Combat Efficiency: Co C has two (2) M-18's in Ordnance being repaired after running over Riegel mines. All other vehicles in Bn in excellent condition.

3. Comments on Employment of Unit

a Tank Destroyers have been used in co-ordination with the Armd Inf of the 8th Armd Div with excellent results in their secondary role (destruction of fortified positions by direct fire)





- b** Tank Destroyer personnel must make a foot reconnaissance before moving into position to give direct fire support. Destroyers (M-18's) are not tanks and cannot neutralize armor piercing fire from exposed positions without receiving excessive losses.
- c** In the absence of armored threat, the use of Tank Destroyers in their secondary mission (Indirect fire) has not been fully utilized.
- d** Personnel of other branches of service must be trained in tank and armored identification. This Bn has encountered personnel that had not seen the M-18 tank destroyer or cardboard silhouette of same.

For the Commanding Officer

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