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REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

10 Dec 44

FROM: 4 Dec TO: 10 Dec 44



ITEM	814 TD Bn (SP)		
	O	WO	EM
1. PERSONNEL			
A. Casualties			
(1) Killed	0	0	0
(2) Wounded	0	0	0
(3) Captured	0	0	0
(4) Missing	0	0	0
(5) Total	0	0	0
(6) Oper. Str.	36	1	584
B. REPLACEMENTS			
(1) Requisitioned	2	1	0
(2) Received	2	0	5
C. Prisoners			
(1) Captured	0	0	0

2. INTELLIGENCE			
A. VEHICLES DESTROYED			
(1) MK VI	0		
(2) MK V	0		
(3) MK IV	0		
(4) SP	0		
(5) Others	0		
B. MISCELLANEOUS			
(1) Guns AT	0		
(2) Guns ARTY	0		
(3) MG	0		
(4) Pillboxes	0		

3. OPERATIONS

A. Rounds Fired			
	APC	HE	SMK
(1) Direct	0	5	0
(2) Indirect	0	0	0
B. Short Summary of operations (see attached sheet)			

4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT

	On Hand		evac.	replaced
	Serv.	Unserv.		
A. M-10	6	1	0	0
M-36	28	5	0	0
B. M-20	14	0	0	0
C. M-8	6	0	0	0
D. 2 1/2-T	21	0	0	0
F. 1/4-T	39	0	0	0
F. Others	35	0	0	1

For the Commanding Officer:

Capt FA S-3

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

84 TD Bn (Atchd Div 7 AD) Location at end of Period: 724594

4-10 Dec: Remained in billets in GROOT HAASDAL, HOLLAND until 6 Dec when moved to billets in HOENSBROEK, HOLLAND closing there 1715. On 5 Dec received 11 additional M-36 TD's bringing total in Bn to 33 ("A" 9; "B" 12; "C" 12.) 3rd plat "C" Co rtd from CCB closed Fm area 1500, 7 Dec; 1st Plt. "C" Co. rtd "C" Co. control, closed vic PUFFENDORF, 1800 6 Dec

"A" Co. (atchd Div Trs 7 AD) Co. 727591 A1 727591 A2 727591 A3 727591

(CP Locations at end of Period)

4-10 Dec: Maintenance and training. 1 M-10 equipped with dozer blade. On 10 Dec had 2 M-10's, 7 M-36's op'n'l; 1 M-10, 2 M-36's non-op'n'l.

"B" Co. (atchd Div Trs 7 AD) Co 734592 B1 945655 B2 734592 B3 734592

(CP location at end of Period)

4-10 Dec: Maintenance and training. 1st Plat (M-36 remained in dug-in position on high ground overlooking LINDEPN-BRACHELEN-LINNICH, GERMANY. Rld by 2nd plat. crews 5 Dec. 2nd Plat crew rld by 3rd plat. 8 Dec. During afternoon 4 Dec, 1st Plat fired 5 rds (2 time, 3 HE) at AT gun 2800 yds away. AT gun was so well camouflaged that gunner could not identify it and all rounds were over. Plat ldr. using 20 power scope could see AT gun crew searching ridge for muzzle flash so discontinued firing. Arty rc'd in vic. first platoon every day but apparently was not directed at gun positions until 8 Dec when a single gun attempted to register with about 60 rds HE and AP between 0800-1100. No damage or casualties. Enemy batteries, tanks, and an AT Gun observed by TB personnel were reported to friendly arty throughout period. On 10 Dec Co. B had 2 M-10's, 10 M-36's op'n'l; 2 M-36's non-op'n'l.

"C" Co. (atchd CCB, 7 AD) Co 938632 C1 938632 C2 945655 C3 725587

(CP Locations at end of Period)

4-10 Dec: 2nd Plat in dug-in posns. SE of B1 rld by 3rd plat crews 5 Dec and were rld by 1st Plat. 9 Dec. No missions fired although on 5 Dec inf. requested fire on haystacks, tks that could not be seen, etc. Counterbattery fire on 155 guns near C Co. CP vic HUNSHOVFN landed near reserve platoon moved to area between PUFFENDORF and GERFONSWELER 5 Dec. 3rd Plat "C" Co. rld from CCB closed 814 TD area 1500 7 Dec; 1st Plat C Co. rtd C Co control, closed vic PUFFENDORF, 1800, 6 Dec. Ren for firing positions to support CCB attack on BRACHELEN by covering CCB left (north) flank made 7-8 Dec. Attack held up as BRACHELEN Dams not destroyed by Air Corps as planned. 2nd Plt ren rld "C" Co Security sections 8 Dec. On 10 Dec Co. "C" had 4 M-10's, 8 M-36's Op'n'l; 4 M-36 non-op'n'l.

Rcn Co. (Atchd Div. Trs 7 AD) Co. 725587 R1 725587 R2 937655 R3 926C14

(CP Locations at end of Period)

4-10 Dec: Maintenance and training. R3 atchd "C" Co. 814 TD (CCB) remained in reserve vic. HUNSHOVFN and PUFFENDORF. Swept C Co. assy areas for mines; reconnoitered alternate firing posns. vic. LINDEPN for M-36 TD's. 2nd Plt. rld. "C" Co. security sections outposting M-36 TD's

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Period 11 Dec 44 to 17 Dec 44



814 TD BN (atcd div TCS 7 AD) Location at end of period (724594)

- 11 Dec *C* Co (minus 3rd plat plus 1st plat B and 3rd plat Rcn) continued to maintain defensive posns (dug-in-M36) on high ground overlooking LINDERN-BRACHELIN-LINNICH, Germany. No targets fired on. Arty rcd vic GERONSWEILER during night of 10 Dec. No damage or casualties to TD's.
Bal. 814th TD BN remained in HOENSBROEK performing maintenance and training and preparations for coming operations.
- 12 Dec 814 TD (-) continued maintenance, training, and preparation for opns. to support Opn "DAGGER" between BEGGENDORF and WARICHEN (base piece locations, 8999760512; 89879-60543; 98633-60594) posns. to be previously prepared and occupied on M D minus 1; communication and survey to be responsibility of 489 FA BN.; ammunition to be hauled and dumped near plat posns by 7 AD.
Co. C plus 1 plat B maintained defensive posns on high ground NE GERONSWEILER with 8 dug-in M-36 TD's. No targets fired on. Arty rcd throughout period vic gun posns. but no damage or casualties to TD's. Co. prepared plans for support of CCB in Opn. DAGGER. Cont'd to rotate personnel to effect rehabilitation and rest. 2nd plat Co. B replaced 3rd plat Co. B night of 11-12 Dec. pion. plat, Rcn Co. rld 2nd plat Rcn as security for dug-in M-36 TD's; 3rd plat Rcn rtd to HOENSBROEK for showers 11 Dec.
- 13 Dec 814 TD (-) continued maintenance, training and preparation for opns. Co. A alerted to move to indirect fire posns on order 7 AD arty. one plat C Co (M-36 TD's) to be on temp duty w/A Co for indirect fire mission to provide 12 90mm guns. Co. A and 1/Rcn plat atcd CCA eff 110900 Dec 44. Poser from 33 Eng preparing indirect fire posns for Co A. FDC to be established in BEGGENDORF, GERMANY. Co C w/1 plat B Co atcd continued to maintain def posns on high ground NE GERONSWEILER w/8 dug-in M-36 TD's. No targets engaged. continued to rotate personnel to permit rehabilitation and rest prior to D-Day. crews currently manning dug-in M-36 TD's from 2nd plat B and 2nd plat C. pion plat providing local security.
2 pw's taken by 2nd plt B at 0730 13 Dec. Mission of enemy 4 man patrol was to capture Americans. 2 returned to enemy lines, other two cont'd on through American inf. line and gave themselves up. About 1500 12 Dec, German plane dropped 2 bombs (est. 100 lbs.) vic PUFFENDORF, landing about 200 yards from reserve plt, Co. C No damage or casualties to TD's.
- 14 Dec 814 TD (-) continued maintenance, training and preparations for opns. Co A alerted to move to indirect fire posns on order 7 AD
Co. C o/1 plat B Co atcd continued to maintain def posns on high ground NE GERONSWEILER w/8 dug-in M-36's. No targets engaged. continued to rotate personnel to permit rehabilitation and rest prior to D-Day. crews manning dug-in M-36 TD's from 2nd plat C and 1st plat B. pion plat continued to provide local security. 1st plat C to relieve 2nd plat C night of 14-15 Dec; 2nd plat Rcn to relieve pion. plt.

Summary of Operations continued period 11-17 Dec (4)

Dec NO. change. personnel manning 8 dug-in M-36 TD's on high ground
 NE GERONSWEILER:
 1st plat B co.
 1st plat C co.
 2nd plat Rcn co (employed as security sections)

16 Dec NO change. personnel manning 8 dug-in M-36 TD's on high ground
 NE GERONSWEILER:
 3rd plat B co.
 1st plat C co.
 2nd plat Rcn co. (employed as security sections)
 Heavy shelling 0300-0700 vic. S. GERONSWEILER.
 1 M-36 TD w/crew from 3rd plat, CO A rptd to S-3, COB, 1000 16 Dec
 for experiments in vehicular camouflage.

17 Dec All elms 814 TD BN reverted to BN control and closed in BN area
 0730, 17 Dec.
 814 TD moved in adm form (CP, A, B, C, Rcn, Hq) from HOENSBROEK,
 HOLLAND via VALKENBURG-VERVIERS to VIELSALM, BELGIUM. On arrival
 there CO A atchd COB vic ST VITH but could not move until 18 Dec
 because of lack of fuel. 3rd plat C and 3rd plat Rcn moved to road
 block posn at 010017 at 797744. Enroute ran out of gas and 1 M-36
 developed motor trouble; 1-track in security section turned over
 in ditch wounding 5. Trains lost. BN CP and Bal 814 TD (-) bivouaced
 3 Mi E of VIELSALM (736878).



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Report of Tank Destroyer Battalion

DATE:

PERIOD 18 Dec TO: 24 Dec 44



1. PERSONNEL			
	O	WO	EM
A. CASUALTIES			
(1) Killed	0	0	2
(2) Wounded	3	0	19
(3) Captured	0	0	0
(4) Missing	3	0	20
(5) Total	6	0	41
(6) Oper. Str. 29	1		517
B. REPLACEMENTS			
(1) Requisitioned	6	0	41
(2) Received	0	0	0
C. PRISONERS			
(1) Captured	0	0	0

3. OPERATIONS			
A. Rounds fired	APC	HE	SMK
(1) Direct			
a. 90mm	297	171	0
b. 3"	15	11	0
(2) Indirect			
	3	3	0
B. Short Summary of Operations (see atchd sheets)			

2. INTELLIGENCE			
A. VEHICLES DESTROYED			
(1) MK VI	8	(6) unidentified	6
(2) MK V	12		
(3) MK IV	6		
(4) SP	0		
(5) OTHERS	0		
B. MISCELLANEOUS			
(1) Guns AT	3		
(2) Guns Arty	0		
(3) MG	1		
(4) Pillboxes	0		
(5) Half Tracks	5		
(6) scout cars	3		
(7) Cargo trk.	5		

4. STATUS OF VEHICLES EQUIPMENT				
E.	On Hand		Fusc.	Repl.
	Serv.	Unserv.		
A. M-10	0	0	1	0
M-36	14	3	4	0
B. M-20	12	0	0	0
C. M-8	2	1	0	0
D. 2 1/2-T	21	0	0	0
E. 1/2-ton	33	0	0	0
F. 1 1/2-T	9	0	0	0
G. M/C	1	0	0	0
H. T-2	2	1	0	0
I. 3/4 WC CR	10	0	0	0
J. 10 TW	1	0	0	0
K. German	1	0	0	0
L. Aircomp	1	0	0	0

For the Commanding Officer:

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

period 18 dec 44 to 24 dec 44



18 Dec 44 814 TD (-) (atchd div TRS 7 AD)
 "A" CO plus 1st plat Rcn moved to CCB area w/o incident. Initially Rcn CO. (minus), CO B w/atchd C CO 33 Eng to form blocks vic POTEAU and VILL. VILLE DU BOIS. Later in day "B" CO atchd CCR and 33 Eng dtchd. 1 sect CO B and Rcn minus 1st and 3rd plats) to block and patrol road from VIELSAIN north to GRAND HALLEUX w/2 M-16 AAA Guns atchd. 1st plat Rcn lost 1 1/2-ton captured in POTEAU when took wrong route to join A CO w/CCB. 3rd plat Rcn and 3rd plat C rel'd of road block but communication failure prevented notifying them until 19 Dec 44.

"A" CO. (atchd CCB 7 AD)
 DPTd VIELSAIN, BELGIUM 0930 arrived ST. VITH, BELGIUM 1715 and attached to 38th AIB. 1st plt defensive position 880857; 2nd plt, HQ Sec; Rcn 879859; 3rd plt 873859. 2nd plt fired at enemy inf. concentration with .50 cal. machine gun.

19 Dec 814 TD (-) (atchd div TRS 7 AD)
 7 AD developed plans for withdrawal if necessary. 1 sect 3rd plat, Rcn, 1 sect 1st plat C CO. ordered to HOUFFALIZE to KO disabled German tank rptd there. Tk not there; on return trip vic SAMOUREN, TF ambushed; 2 CO's killed or missing, 1 M-36 TD abandoned when it slipped in ditch; 2 1/2-ton lost. HQ Cndt and 2 EM MIA trying to locate vehicles lost on march from HOENSBRÖEK.

"A" CO. (atchd CCB 7 AD)
 HQ. Sec and 1st plt Rcn CO moved to 879859; 1st plt moved to 841897 at 0800; 2nd plt moved to 849902 at 0730; 3rd plt moved to 863-863 at 0600. 2nd plt under direct and indirect Arty fire all day. 4 EM wounded, 3 of which were evacuated. fired 15 rds APC 27 HE which destroyed 3 MK V tanks and 1 ammunition half track. 1st plt under enemy Arty fire at different periods during day. One EM wounded and evacuated. tanks destroyed by 2nd plt were at ranges of 2000 to 2400 yards.

"B" CO (atchd CCR 7 AD)
 CO. minus 2nd part. atchd. to CCR. 1st and 3rd plats composed of 3 destroyers each in posns. K717898. 2nd plt on road block mission under BN control in vic. of VIELSAIN. 1st and 3rd plt. moved under cover of darkness from posn K717898. to a new posn in town of PETIT THIER, K742916. No activity reported. 2nd plt about 1 1/2 mi NW of VIELSAIN 695905. No activity reported in their sector.

20 Dec TF JONES formed to cover south flank of 7 AD from DEIFELD-CURTH-GOUVEY-CHERAM w/CP at BOVIGNY.

TF consisted of:

1 Rcn TP CO C 18th Cav	mortar plat, CO. D 40th Tk
F CO (13 Lt Tks) 18th Cav	2 plat CO A, 33 Eng.
CO. "C" 814 TD	CO G, 112 Inf
Rcn CO. 814 TD	
5 Assault guns, 18 Cav.	
6 medium Tks, 31st Tk Bn	
17 Tk Bn (minus 1 Med CO)	
440 FA Bn.	
D CO. 40th Tk Bn	

Weekly Summary of Operation period 18-24 Dec 44 cont'd

20 Dec

TF JONES (cont'd)

Defense established as follows:

DEIFELD -OURTH

9 Lt Tks, D-40

1 Squad, CO A, 33 Eng

1 plat TP C, 18 Cav

2 Lt Tks TP F 18 Cav

GOUVEY

EAST

7 Lt Tks D-40

1 Mortar Plt D-40

1 Sq. A CO 33 Eng

3 Assault guns, 18 Cav

WEST

1 plat TP C, 18 Cav

6 Lt Tks, TP F 18 Cav

2nd plat CO C, 814 TD

6 Med Tks, 31st Tk Bn

CHERAM

1 Plt CO A, 33 Eng

1 Plt TP C 18 Cav

2 Lt Tks TP F, 18 Cav

1 Sect CO C 814 TD

CO G 112 Inf.

Road blocks at 705785 and 719820; pion plat and 2nd plat Ren

Reserve vic COURTIL: 17 Tk Bn (-1 Med CO)

1 Sect CO C, 814 TD

1 Sect 1st plat Ren CO.

Enemy sedan knocked out at DEIFELD; major and cpl killed; opnl. maps captured. W force at GOUVEY fought its way to edge of GOUVEY but withdrew 1 mi. at darkness. captured 27 PW; lost 1 EM killed; 2 wounded. E. force at GOUVEY captured 1 PW (this force supported by 200 misc. service trs. who had been in GOUVEY since 106 Div collapsed.) force entering CHERAM captured 4 of enemy patrol on approaching town and destroyed enemy 1/2 track. At dark rec'd heavy mortar fire followed by inf. attack from south. CO G, 112 Inf participated in counterattack that drove enemy back by 2005. 440 FA supported C/A. CO G, 112 atchd TF JONES. 2 enemy AT guns destroyed during C/A.

"A" CO (atchd CCB 7 AD)

1st plt Ren CO rel'd of attachment and dptd 0730 per VOCO. Hq Sec moved into ST VITH because of arty fire in posn. 2nd plt rec'd enemy direct and indirect fire. fired 5 APC 12 HE destroying 3 Half tracks 1 cargo truck. 1st plt stopped an attack of 12 MK IV tanks at 1800 by destroying with 7 rds APC 5 MK IV tanks. The remaining 7 withdrew in the darkness. ranges fired were 50 to 400 yards. 3rd plt Sec. Sec dispersed enemy foot patrol with small arms and grenades at 1730. ST VITH under enemy arty at 20 minute intervals.

"B" CO (atchd CCR 7 AD)

1ST AND 3RD plt located in town of PETIT THIER, K717898. 2nd plt located 1 1/2 mi NW of VIELSAIN K695905. Hq plt moved to posn. near 2nd plt 697901. No enemy contact.

21 Dec TF JONES:

No enemy contact at DEIFELD. E force at GOUVEY entered town at noon found no Germans except dead and wounded. W force joined with E at 1430 and occupied high ground S of town. captured 11 PW's.

440 FA fired on suspected HD FA Btry but fog obscured results; continued to fire harrassing missions at night. force at CHERAM captured 2 PW vic STERPIGNY at 0730. CHERAM attacked by enemy column of trks. and track vehicles from south at dusk. driven off by mortar and arty defensive fires; extent of damage undetermined due to darkness. (4 Trucks 60 EM killed found next morning)

"A" CO. (atchd CCB 7 AD)

1st plt remained in same posn. received enemy arty at varying intervals. 2nd plt. fired one rd. HE and destroyed one car, armored, light at 1000. AT 1630 one M-36 and sec. sec jd 1st plt. Three M-36's moved to east side of ST. VITH AT 2330 dptd ST VITH. 3rd plt at about 1630 destroyed one scout car with cal 50 MG fire. enemy infantry began infiltrating 3rd plt positions at 1630. M-10's and M-36's fired HE at advancing infantry. Sec. Sec. engaged infantry with 30 and 50 cal. MG. side arms and hand grenades.

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of operations 18-24 Dec 44 (continued)



21 Dec (continued)

Co. "A" (atcd CCB 7 AD continued)

A plt of 23 AIB, whom the third plt was supporting, withdrew at about 1730, leaving no protection for TD's which were also forced to withdraw. Two M-10's were mired in the mud and could not move under their own power. Enemy infantry in the positions prevented towing by other TD's, so they were abandoned. One abandoned M-10 was later destroyed by enemy direct fire. One M-10 and one M-36 withdrew to center of ST VITH and formed road block. One enemy tank observed stopped and out of action as result of hastily laid mines by sec sec.* At about 2330 the M-36 received enemy bazooka shell which put gun out of action with jammed turret, and damaged breech. M-36 withdrew. M-10 remained as road block and destroyed one MK V which blocked road so 7 accompanying enemy tanks could not proceed. M-10's track was damaged but crew replaced some duck bills and remounted track. At 1100 Hq sec dptd ST VITH for CROMBACH. Co Cdr remained with 3rd plt. * NOTE: 14 JAN - C.O. A Co informed by a Capt. of 23 AIB that two add'l. tks. (type unknown) went into same minefield and were put out of action.

Co "B" (atcd CCR 7 AD)

1st and 3rd plts on same mission. 3rd plt. moved to a new posn from 718898 to 743916. 1st plt. in same posn 718898. 2nd plt on road block in same posn 695905. No enemy activity reported.

22 Dec 44 TF JONES

1 plt D 40 dtcd from DEIFELD force and atcd GOUVEY. All trs GOUVEY and CHERAM evac from towns by 0830 for bombing by USAAF. Bombing did not materialize.

17th Bn &

Co C 814 TD dtcd TF JONES atcd CCB vic CROMBACH. CHERAM force pulled back to COURTIL. 100 EM, 16 whld vehs, Hq Btry 440 AAA; 125 EM, 7 whld vehs 89th QM Rhd Co; 30 EM, 3 wheeld vehs, HQ 92nd Ord (MAM) Co supported TF JONES after evacuating GOUVEY. En ptrl est 30 men entered GOUVEY 1330 but were driven off by med tks. Est 50 enemy vehs approached GOUVEY from south (direction of LIMERIE) at 1630. 440 FA fired but not no damage confirmed. Column turned west. Approx. half of GOUVEY force had been asgd to COURTIL to strengthen posns there. 440 FA Bn displaced from vic COURTIL to area west of GERREUX.

Co. "A" (atcd CCB 7 AD)

At 0230 Hq sec, with exception of driver and asst driver on each vehicle, Jd with similar elements of 23 AIB and foot marched to 1 mi N CROMBACH, BELGIUM, where they dug slit trenches and formed a defensive reserve line. At 1500 new positions were established about 1000 yds in advance of former position and near 1st plt position. From 1800 to 2130 they were under attack from enemy infantry which was repulsed by their small arms fire and fire of 489 FA which was directed within 25-100 yards of their position. 2nd plt at 0100 picked up remaining TD and sec sec of 3rd plt and moved to position 1000 yards E of NEUNDRF and remained there until 1000 where they grouped up with 1st plt. No contact with enemy. Removed to between NEUNDRF and CROMBACH and one M-36 of 2nd plt was hit and destroyed by enemy direct fire. Jd with 87 Cav Ren Bn and 31st Tk Bn in stopping and enemy attack which started at 1830. 1st plt No 1 gun destroyed 3 MK VI tanks by direct fire and one MK VI by indirect fire (observed by 23 AIB officer). Hq EM which were acting as infantry Jd TD plts and acted as security. Hq vehicles and evacuated M-36 moved with trains to VIELSAM. 2nd plt 1 1/2 ton was being repaired in ST VITH at time of departure and was abandoned. Hq Co 1/2 ton was loaned by Co Cdr to 23 Inf for evacuating wounded but became mired in evacuating. 3rd plt, 1 1/2 ton became mired in attempting to remove Hq 1/2 ton and was abandoned. Both vehicles were destroyed by burning before abandoning.

At about 2000 one 1st plt M-36 became mired. The crew destroyed it by placing incendiary grenades on breech and final drive. The M-36 was observed completely enveloped in flames.

Summary of operations cont'd

22 Dec 44 cont'd

CO "B" (atcd CCR 7 AD)

Plts. disposed in defensive posns as follows; 1st plt to cover cross rds and all possible routes K718898; 3rd plt employed the same K749916; 2nd plt on road block mission located 695905. At 0300 hrs., 22 Dec, enemy arty layed a barrage for the remainder of morning, wounded 3 ~~mm~~ ^{no} enemy contact with TPs reported.

CO "C" (atcd CCB 7 AD)

Reported to CCB, 1500 CROMBACH 1 and 2/C/814 asgd TF Boylen; 3/C/814 asgd TF ERLENBUSCH. posns; 1/C-DRAW N of CROMBACH to cover up valley towards ST VITH; 2/C-1 sect hull defilade posns. NE HINDERHAUSEN. 1 sect in reserve at HINDERHAUSEN; 3/C north of RR cut at CROMBACH to cover valley to west of HINDERHAUSEN. some arty rec'd during night; movement of armor could be heard. 2000 3/C alerted to meet tks rptd moving east down RR cut. 3/C w/assault guns and 57 AT gun moved to cover cut. 2200 enemy shelled RR bridge and en inf. attacked. Assault guns, AT gun and supporting friendly infantry withdrew. CO cmdr notified by TF BOYLEN of inf-tk breakthrough from E and was ordered to pull 3/C back. 3/C was now in contact w/en inf and receiving S/A and bazooka fire; they fought off inf w/50 cal ~~mm~~ s and hand grenades. during withdrawal through town inf surrounded them and the TPs crushed them under their tracks. CO cmdr, C 814 and CO 17 tk bn organized defense of town and by combining forces held out until morning.

plan of general withdrawal was announced at 0700, 23 Dec. 3/C/814 to pull back first to high ridge to SW overlooking CROMBACH. remainder CCB withdrew through this posn. 3/C rec'd S/A and 88 direct fire from SE; 3/C kos'd 1 tk (type unknown) and fired HE at waves of approaching en inf. that were moving into town of BRAUMLAUF to rear of 3/C. When CCB cleared ridge 3/C fell in as rear guard and fought way through BRAUMLAUF in spite of heavy SA and bazooka fire towards MALDINGEN. 3/C moved from MALDINGEN to BEHO where atcd TF JONES and employed as rearguard. 2 towed guns, 630 TD BN atcd to 3/C.

1/C executed the withdrawal w/o enemy contact.

2/C w/mission of covering withdrawal found CROMBACH route had been cut by en nite attacks so used alternate route. At close range they repulsed an enemy tank attack on HINDERHAUSEN. with the loss of #2 M-36, the first section KO'd 3 MK VI's and 1 MK V. 2/C then withdrew SW 2000 yds to wooded high ground. plat sgt rptd they were being encircled to the right rear by en tks and inf. #3 was ordered to COMMANSTER while bal plat covered withdrawal CCB. when bal plat withdrew to COMMANSTER, town was attacked by en tks. #3 knocked out 2 MK V's and was destroyed itself; #1 destroyed a MK VI. on order to withdraw moved back to civ NEUVILLE (730878) and established a block there with inf and Rcn. remained here until 1900 and were subjected to friendly and enemy arty. withdrew to HARZE without further incident.

23 Dec 44

TF JONES:

1 plat CO C 814 TD atcd. plan for withdrawal consisted of leapfrogging from defensive posns. at BEHO CR, BOVIGNY and CERREUX following withdrawal of 7 AD. 1 bn 112 inf Rgt to cover east flank. withdrawal started at 1430. All misc elements had been previously withdrawn. enemy column including tks again rptd moving from LIMERLE towards GOUVEY and then west. 440 FA fired on column w/o results.

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 (weekly summary of operations continued)

23 Dec 44 TF JONES CONTINUED

TF JONES withdrew from blocks at DELFELD and GOUVEY 1300 23 Dec and maintained blocks at BOVIGNY, COURTIL and BEHO RJ until 1430. Blocked at BOVIGNY and GERREUX until 1600. Upon being ordered to withdraw started movement through SAIM CHATEAU. Ambush at 695860 destroyed 1 Lt Tk 32nd Cav with bazooka. 2 Lt Tks, D 40 Tk Bn destroyed in SAIM CHATEAU by 88 (?) fire. 2 MK V (?) Tks destroyed by B Co 814 TD M-36 via GERREUX. Column withdrew to 1 1/2 mi south SAIM CHATEAU at 1700. 112 Inf attempted to clean out town with attack at 1930. Rcn for alternate route six vic. ST MARIE (685869) completed; column moved out 2030 as resistance in SAIM CHATEAU continued. Rear of column atkd by en tanks from G and E. TD's knocked out six (type unknown due to darkness). 4 M-36 TD's in rear guard destroyed by enemy Tks; other vehicles destroyed; 1 M8; 1-T, Rcn Co, 814 TD; 1 med Tk, 440 FA, 2 towed guns 630 TD Bn. No report from 32nd and 18 Cav available. Majority of personnel escaped on foot. Head of column had difficulty in creeks W. of ST MARIE attempting to bypass ambush roadblock; 1 M8; 3 1/2-Tons, 1 M-20, Rcn Co 814 TD destroyed in ambush; reports not available from other units. 2 MK IV Tks attacked part of column vic 865692; destroyed 3 1/2-Tons, 1 M-20, 1 M8 Rcn Co 814 TD; part of column attempted to move towards PROVEDREUX and met enemy column of unknown strength; lost 1 M-20; bal of vehicles negotiated creeks (2 1/2-Tons; 1 M8 mired and abandoned) and moved on road north from ST MARIE until reached road SAIM CHATEAU - SART where contact made with OPL 82 AB. B Co atchd CCA; C Co atchd CCB 24 Dec. Units TF JONES reverted to unit control 24 Dec. 44.

24 Dec 44

"A" Co. (atchd CCB 7 AD) reld of attachment to CCB and rtd Bn control 0035. 1st Lt VIGGO K GRUY assumed command of company per VOCCO. 3 TD's and 29 EM atchd to Co C 814 TD at 1645. Dptd for FAYS arriving at 1715.

"B" Co. (CCR 7AD)

Co. minus, 3rd plt still atchd to CCR 7 AD, divided into task force 1, 2, and 3. task force #1 w/Lt ROSE in command composed of 2 TD's, 2 squads inf. and 1 squad of engr. task force #1 to defend crossings and bridge at K428998 E of BONAL. task force #2 composed same as TF #1 at K452979; task force #3 composed same as TF 1, 2 w/Lt BRAY in command, used as reserve K464005, town IZIERE. 3rd plt atchd to CCA as of 0830 hrs. At 1600 hrs 24 Dec., plans changed company released from CCR and attached CCA 7 AD. plts encountered enemy Tks in town of MAYHAM losing two TD's. complete crew and 2 security men missing of 3rd plt. the remaining plts joined the 3rd plt in MAYHAM. 2 MKV Tks KOID before 2 TD's destroyed.



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AUTH: CO 814 TD BN

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DATE: 31 Dec 44

814 TD BN

Report Of Tank Destroyer Operations



FROM: 25 Dec 31 Dec 44

ITEM	814 TD BN (SP)		
	O	WO	EM
1. PERSONNEL			
A. CASUALTIES			
(1) Killed	0	0	0
(2) Wounded	1	0	0
(3) Captured	0	0	0
(4) Missing	0	0	0
(5) Total	1	0	0
(6) Oper. str.	31	1	514
B. REPLACEMENTS			
(1) Requisitioned	1	0	0
(2) Received	0	0	0
C. PRISONERS			
(1) Captured	0	0	0

2. INTELLIGENCE	
A. VEHICLES DESTROYED	
(1) MK VI	0
(2) MK V	0
(3) MK IV	0
(4) SP	0
(5) OTHERS	0
B. MISCELLANEOUS	
(1) Guns AT	0
(2) Guns Arty	0
(3) MG	0
(4) pillboxes	0

3. OPERATIONS			
A. Rounds fired			
	<u>APC</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>SMK</u>
(1) Direct	0	0	0
(2) Indirect	0	0	0
B. Short summary of Operations (see atchd sheet)			

4. STATUS OF VEHICLES EQUIPMENT:				
	<u>On Hand</u>		<u>Evac.</u>	<u>Replaced</u>
	<u>Serv.</u>	<u>Unserv.</u>		
A. M-10	1	0	0	0
M-36	20	1	1	0
B. M-20	14	0	0	0
C. M-8	2	1	0	0
d. 2 1/2-T	21	0	0	0
E. 1-T	32	0	0	0
F. 1 1/2-T	9	0	0	0
G. MC	1	0	0	0
H. T-2	2	1	0	0
I. 3/4 WC-10	10	0	0	0
CR				
J. 10 TW	1	0	0	0
K. German	0	0	0	0
L. Aircamp	1	0	0	0

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

PERIOD From: 25 TO 31 Dec 44

25 Dec 44:

814 TD (Bn Hq. & Hq. Co., Rcn Co, A Co (minus 3rd Plt atchd C Co, CCB 7 AD)) remained in billets in HARZE, BELGIUM. Units performed maintenance of equipment and vehicles and rehabilitation.

"B" Co.

Co atchd to CCA 7 AD at 1300 hrs. CCA Task Force attacked MAYHAM.

1st Plt in support of 424 Inf; 3rd Plt. in support of 23 Inf. Upon achievement of objective, 1st and 3rd Plt to establish Rd Blocks in town, MANHAY, BELGIUM. Objective failed. Final disposition: Hq Plt 537947, 1st and 2nd Plt 523907; 3rd Plt. 533916.

"C" Co. (atchd CCB 7 AD) in mobile reserve vic FAYS (503978)

26 Dec 44

814 TD (-) No change. Continued maintenance and rehabilitation.

"B" Company (atchd CCA 7 AD) Plts in same defensive position; 1st Plt located K523907, 3rd Plt K533916. Task Force planned to attack at 2200 hrs. During barrages, plts to move to new defensive position. 1st Plt in support of the 23rd Armd Div and 3rd Plt in support of 424 Inf.

"A" Co. 3rd Plt atchd C 814th TD, CCB 7 AD (503978) employed as road blocks in the vicinity of FAYS. Bal of Co. remained in HARZE under Bn control.

Continued maintenance and rehabilitation.

"C" Co. Co Hq and 1st Plt atchd to CCB 7 AD in mobile reserve posn vic FAYS (503978) prepared to repel any en armor in sector. 2nd and 3rd Plt remained under Bn control vic HARZE (531064) performing maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

27 Dec 44

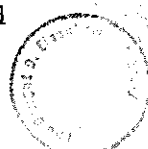
814 TD (-) (atchd Div Trs 7 AD)

Bn Hq. and Hq. Co, Rcn Co, "A" Co. (minus 3rd Plt atchd "C" Co.) remained in billets vic HARZE continuing maintenance and rehabilitation.

"B" Co. (atchd to CCA 7 AD) "B" Co. w/"C" Co. (-) 820 TD atchd maintained road blocks vic VAUX CHAVANNE and CHAMP DE HARRE. Pion Plt prepared dug-in M-36 posns. No enemy contact. Some mortar fire received vic 545916 and 525914 through out period.

"C" Co. (atchd CCB 7 AD)

Co Hq, 1st Plt plus 3rd Plt "A" Co. in mobile reserve posn vic FAYS prepared to repel en armor in sector. 2nd and 3rd Plt remained under Bn control vic HARZE.



28 Dec 44

814 TD Bn (-) (atchd Div Trs 7 AD)

No change. Continued maintenance and rehabilitation.

"A" Co. (atchd CCR 7 AD) Co Hq, 1st Plt, 2nd Plt dptd HARZE, BELGIUM 1300 arrived AYWAILLE, BELGIUM 1330 hrs. Adm march, distance traveled 5 miles

"B" Co. (atchd to CCA

"B" Co. w/C Co (-) 820 TD Bn No change. 1st Plt posn. shelled all day by enemy arty. One M-36 in VAUX CHAVANNE damaged by arty (possibly friendly) and evac. to Bn maintenance.

Summary of Operation 25-31 Dec 44

Dec Cont'd

"C" Co. (attd CCB 7 AD)

"C" Co. established blocks on trails through forests w/3 TD's vic 510665. 3 TD's remained in FAYS in mobil reserve.

29 Dec 44

814 TD (-) Bn. No change continued maintenance and rehabilitation

"A" Co, 3rd Plt and 29 EM rtd of attachment to Co C and rejd Co at 1700 hrs. Co Cmr rtd and assumed command 1700.

"B" Co

Plt's in same posn. 1st Plt still under enemy arty. barrages, but no damage or casualties reported. 1st Plt in support of the 25rd Inf. posn K546916
3rd Plt divided into 2 sections. 1 section in posn defending Rd crossings w/30 men as security of the 424 Inf. K543925. The other section of 2 TD 's in same dug posn. K533916.

C Co. (attd CCB 7 AD)

No change. Continued to maintain assigned road blocks

30 Dec 44

814 TD Bn attd 75 Inf Div for tactical employment and to 7 AD for administration. Hq. Co, Rcn Co and Rear CP remained at HARZE. Adv. CP 814 TD Bn opened FAYS 1800.

"A" Company 814 TD alerted to move to vic DEUX-RYS (487958)

"B" Co.

Co C, 829 TD rtd B Co in posns at 546916, 543925, 533916 1900 hrs.

C Co, 820 TD (5 towed 3" Guns) reverted to 820 Bn control 1500 hrs. Moved to BELLE CROIX (5209) 1600 hrs.

One $\frac{1}{2}$ -Ton, B Co 814th TD dsgd by arty fire in VAUX CHAVANNE. 1st plt ldr SWA vic VAUX CHAVANNE

"C" COMPANY

"C" Co 814 withdrew 1 TD from roadblock at 505918. 2 TD's dug-in vic GRANDMENIL. (525906) not relieved.



31 Dec 44

814 TD Bn in mobile reserve for 75 Inf Div. Made route and Position Reconnaissance. A Co closed DEUX-RYS 1515; 2nd Plat Rcn Co closed FAYS 1515; 2 M-36 TD's, Co C dug-in vic GRANDMENIL (525906) withdrew to reserve posn vic FAYS 1600.