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AFTER AFTER BATTLE REPORT
NO VIII

FROM: 010001 JANUARY 45
TO : 312400 JANUARY 45

UNIT: 823rd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
PLACE: GERMANZ, 836448
TIME: 031200 FEBRUARY 45

MAPS: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1/100,000
BELGIUM AND GERMANY, 1/25,000

01 JANUARY 45

82 rd TD Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division
Although not released from attachment until 010800 January 45, 8
90mm AAA guns of the 143rd AAA Battalion withdrew from their direct
fire AT positions under the cover of darkness 31 Dec 44 and all ad-
justments necessitated by this withdrawal were made by the 110th AAA
Battalion during this same period. All units enjoyed a special New
Years turkey dinner with elaborate trimmings. At 1500 headquarters
indirect battery moved to 689032 and during the period fired 3 con-
centrations together with 1 registration for a total of 118 rounds
reduced charge. One 3" gun from Hq battery became inoperative because
of recoil difficulties. Unit was informed that in the future only
reduced charge ammunition would be available for secondary missions.
One M-10 was evacuated to higher echelon.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion
Company units in indirect firing positions fired 3 concentrations
for a total of 210 rounds reduced charge and had 1 registration of
16 rounds normal.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion
B-1 at 1730 put 2 of the M-10s that had been at the company CP being
combat loaded into position at 010032 and the 1 towed guns at that
location were taken to the company CP.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion
C-2 made adjustments in positions moving into an area near 738028.
There was 1 NBI. A recon patrol sent out to inspect the vehicles
destroyed by C-3 discovered that the vehicle reported to be an M-10 was
not an M-10 but was a German Mk VI disguised as an M-10.

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823rd TD Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division
The Hq battery firing indirect under the supervision of 1st Lt JEFFERSON
fired 2 concentrations for a total of 100 rounds HE normal. Two EM
were transferred from "C" Co to Hq Co and unit received 1 replacement.
Lt CRIST was transferred from "B" Co to Rom Co.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion
Unit fired 1 registration for a total of 8 rounds reduced charge and
1 concentration for a total of 110 rounds reduced charge.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion
At 1800 B-3 taking the 2 towed guns turned in by B-1 the previous day
as surplus put that section at 765037. Although positions were dug
during the day occupying was impossible until just prior to dusk.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion
Two EM were transferred to Hq Co.

03 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division Battalion started extensive preparation for personnel and Co conversion to SP T/O. Hqs battery fired 2 concentrations of 135 rounds HE normal and 3 concentrations of 185 rounds reduced charge. Co received 1 replacement.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion

To effect a rotation of assignments, to test fire guns and to train all personnel in indirect firing with 2 M-10s, A-2 replaced A-1 in indirect fire positions with A-1 taking up an assembly position near the Company's forward CP. In order to allow the entire personnel of A-3 to go through a delousing unit security sections of A-2 and A-1 together with T/O surplus personnel manned A-3 guns during the period. Units in indirect firing positions fired 2 concentrations of 150 rds reduced charge. 1 M-10 of A-2 became non-operational because of broken parts.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion

To control and facilitate the performance of the feint attack of the 120th Inf. Rgt. radios of B-2 were put on channel of the 120th and the 526th Armored Infantry with a section being assigned to each to work under their control and direction. The section working with the 526th Armored Infantry was unable to negotiate the terrain because of the rubber tracks. After putting on grousers a late start put that section in HEDOMONT at 1230 on its objective on HUYER MOUNTAIN at 1700 and in their old position on the East edge of MALMEDY at 1830. The section with I Co, 120th Infantry reached its objective South East of OTALMONT at 1030 and returned to its positions in the South West section of MALMEDY at 2015. Although both section received considerable shell and mortar fire no casualties or damage was suffered. B-1 fired 58 rounds HE in support of this attack. 1 EM returned from the Hospital to duty.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion.

Two M-10s were delivered to "C" Co where they were assigned to C-3.

04 JANUARY 44

823rd Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division.

In accordance with 1st Army and XVIII Corps orders 5 towed guns and 3 half-tracks were turned in to 6th ordnance, 2 guns being furnished by "C" Co, 2 guns from Headquarters indirect Battery and 1 gun from "B" Co with all 3 half-tracks coming from "B" Co. To furnish the 2 guns Headquarters indirect Battery disbanded at 0800 after they had expended all their ammunition on 6 concentrations of 200 rounds reduced charge. Two 1 1/2 ton trucks were received as replacements. The Medical Detachment had 1 NBI.

"A" Co, 823rd Battalion.

A-2 in indirect firing positions fired 10 rounds reduced charge on 1 registration and 150 rounds reduced charge on 2 concentrations.

"B" Co, 823rd Battalion

1 B-1 towed gun was taken out of position at 1200 being replaced by an M-10 at 1240. The towed gun and half-track were turned in to ordnance. To give closer support to forward Infantry position

the North East section of B-3 at 1530 and 1800 put guns at 785032 and 789031.

"O" Co, 823rd Battalion

Two M-10s delivered to "C" Co during the previous period were sent to C-3, only one of which arrived at the platoon location at 1200. The other M-10, because of mechanical breakdown, was returned to the Co. CP. The two North C-3 guns were turned in to Ordnance. Unit had 1 BI and 1 AWOL returned.

05 JANUARY 44

823rd TD Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division.

Two M-10s were delivered to this unit by Ordnance, but because of mechanical difficulties only one was accepted. At 1200 "B" and "C" Co, 110AAA Battalion were released from their anti-tank mission and attachment to this unit. To the extent the conversion of this unit permitted all organizations were reorganized under the new T/O and the Reconnaissance Company came into existence in fact and not just in theory. Unit had 2 NBI and 1 man returned from Hospital. A & D Batteries, 110th AAA Bn had no changes.

"A" Co 823rd TD Battalion.

On 2 concentrations A-2 fired 168 rounds reduced charge. Unit sustained 1 NBI.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion.

From the material left in No-Mans-land by B-3, Company recovered 1 1 1/4 ton, 1 1 1/2 ton 1 1 ton trailer, 1 half-track and 1 3" gun all being in fairly good condition. There were 3 NBI.

"C" Co 823rd TD Battalion

No change.

Rcn Co, 823rd TD Battalion

Although official conversion took place 18 Dec 44 and Company was established by Battalion order 3 Jan 45 because of tactical and administrative problems, the Rcn Co did not become an actuality until 5 Jan 45. Capt. CURTIS, Lts RANEY, BRUTON, PFAFF and CRIST, together with 110 MM EM, made up the initial roster. First, second and third Rcn platoon continued to work with "A" "B" and "C" Co.s while the pioneer platoon received special instructions under instructors from the 105th Engineers on powder, mines and booby-traps. The Co CP was established with the Battalion CP at 695120. Unit had 1 NBI.

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823rd TD Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division

14 M-20s were received and 1 EM returned to duty from the Hospital. A & D Batteries, 110th A A Bn had no change.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (793943)

Two concentrations of 93 rds reduced charge were fired. At 2100 A-3, 825th TD Battalion took over this unit's A-3s positions and at 2200 A-3 took up an assembly position at 793043.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (787052)

The last 3" gun of B-3 was removed from no-mans-land and found to be in good condition. New positions for B-3 were reconnoitered in area East of B-1s location where support fire for future operations might be furnished. Unit had 1 NBI.

"C" Co 823rd TD Battalion (738074)

Unit received 1 M-10. Although plane had been completed to withdraw C-3 from present locations to an assembly area, near the Co CP, delay on the part of TD units of the 630th TD Bn to take up positions South of the L'AMBELEVE RIVER prevented this withdrawal during the period. Unit had 1 nbi and 1 man return to duty from the Hospital.

Ron Co, 823rd TD Battalion (699117)
The pioneer platoon continued to receive instructions on mines, booby-traps and demolitions by instructors of the 105th Engineers, while the Ron Platoons continued normal duties.

07 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Battalion, attached 30th Infantry Division
Regrouping and manning of gun positions continued. 2 KM returned to duty from the Hospital. A & D Batteries, 110th AAA Bn, had no changes.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (793043)
Unit continued maintenance and working out of conversion problems. 3 half-tracks were turned in and 3 M-20s were received as security vehicle replacement.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (787052)
At 0800 the section of B-3 at 764036 was relieved by 2 guns of "A" Co, 825th TD Bn. and at 0920 that section took over B-1's position at 810032. At 1100 all SP units of B-1 took up covered positions on the South West side of MALMEDY, where they could do needed maintenance and continue their conversion. The section of B-2 relieved by the SP of B-1 moved to the vicinity of 784032 where they re-inforced one section of B-3. One section of B-2 at 2345 closed into positions vacated by the 825th TD Bn near 803037. The 4th M-10 of B-1 was received from Battalion maintenance. Unit turned in 3 half-tracks and received 3 M-20s as security vehicle replacements. Unit had 1 NBI.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (738074)
At 1400 one platoon of Company "A" 825th TD Bn, relieved C-2 which at 1530 closed into an assembly position at 743066. Because of the failure of the situation in the sector of the 112th Infantry to clarify itself the relief of C-2 was not made. Unit turned in 3 half-tracks and received 3 M-20s as security vehicle replacements.

Ron Co, 823rd TD Battalion (699117)
The pioneer platoon continued to receive special instructions from the 105th Engineers. 3 M-20s were received.

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823rd TD Battalion (699117), attached 30th Infantry Division
At 1515 upon arrival of the CO, Co. C, 772nd TD Bn, that unit was attached to this Hq for employment in the sector now held by the 630th TD Battalion, relief to be completed during the succeeding period. Reconnaissance was conducted to locate units of the 112th Infantry, the 650th TD Bn and for positions to be occupied by Co C, 772nd TD Bn and all tactical, supply and administrative problems of this unit were taken care of. Unit started general reorganization of all TD defenses in the Division sector. No change for A & D batteries, 110th AAA Bn.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (793043)
A-2 fired 2 concentrations of 112 rounds normal upon permission being received from higher Hq to expend certain surplus normal 3" ammunition that could not be returned to ammunition dumps. A-3 at 2045 took over the positions occupied by B-3 and B-2 on the hill South of MALMEDY (788032). "A" Co. had 1 BI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion (787052)
Upon relief of this unit by A-3 the section of B-3 took up a temporary assembly position at the Company CP. The section of B-2 relieved by A-3 at 2000 moved to 806038. Unit had 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (738074)
Reconnaissance was made for gun positions for C-2 in the vicinity of BURNENVILLE (763045).

Ron Co., 823rd Battalion, (699117)
Elements of 1st Ron performed reconnaissance in sector of the 112th Infantry for friendly front lines, TD gun locations and TD positions for future occupations by the 772nd TD Battalion.

"C" Co., 772nd TD Battalion, (636088)
Unit was attached to the 823rd TD Battalion upon the Company Commanders arrival at Bn CP at 1315. Instructions for employment in the present sector of the 8112th Infantry Regiment and in the sector of the 424th Infantry Regiment upon its relief of the 112th Infantry Regiment were given. Unit remained in an assembly area at BANSE-DESNIE (636088)

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823rd TD Battalion, (699117), attached 30th Infantry Division Unit resumed responsibility for the sector of the 424th Infantry Regiment at 1500 and during the period completed its reorganization of the AT defenses in the Division zone. Although sporadic shelling fell in D Battery, 110th AAA Bn sector, no damages or injuries were sustained.

"A" Co., TD Battalion, (793043)
A-2 fired 236 rounds HE normal in 2 concentrations on harassing fire missions. Reconnaissance for assembly positions West of the MALMEDY HILL and M-10 trafficability tests up the MALMEDY HILL were conducted. Unit had 2 battle injuries and 2 reinforcements in the guise of old man, one of which was injured and captured in Mortain, recaptured by the Canadians at ALENCON and processed through usual British channel, were received.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (787052)
The section of B-3 relieved by A-3 at 1000 took over B-1's positions at 810026 and the B-1 towed gun was withdrawn to the Co CP for turning in to ordnance as surplus. With the receipt during the previous period of their 4th M-10 and complete maintenance of all in the unit B-1 was ready for action as a SP platoon. Unit had 2 NBI and received an old man as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd Battalion, (738074)
C-2 at 0900 moved its assembly position to direct fire positions at 762046 and C-3 upon being relieved from its direct fire positions at 1730 closed into an assembly area at 740069 where they started conversion to SP and conducted necessary maintenance to get their M-10s in running order. Unit received 1 reinforcement in the guise of an old man returned to duty.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (699117)
Elements of the 1st Ron continued to assist "C" Co, 772nd TD Bn in their occupation of positions. The 4 men of the 705th TD Bn working with 2nd Ron were turned over to an officer of that unit who came to pick them up.

"C" Co., 772nd TD Battalion, (681986)
After reconnaissance, unit at 1200 started occupation of positions and assumed responsibility for sectors as follows: C-2 at 1430 at 710996, Co CP at 1500 at 681986, C-1 at 1500 at 697976 and C-3 at 1500 and 1830 put sections at 710796 and 700959. At 710976 2 German anti-tank guns, complete with sights and ammunition were found and these guns were manned at that location by security personnel.

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823rd TD Battalion, (699117), attached 30th Infantry Division
As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 the citations in General Orders No. 98 Hq 30th Inf Div, 12 Nov 1944, approved by the Commanding General European Theater of Operations was in War Department General Orders No. 91, 19 Dec 1944 confirmed under the provisions of Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department 1943 and in the name of the President of the United States, battle honors were awarded Company "A", 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (3rd Ron Platoon attached) and Company "B", 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (2nd Ron

Platoon attached) for their actions in the battles of MORTAIN and ST BARTHELEMY. Upon arrival of officers from Co. "A", 643rd TD Bn, who were to relieve "C" Co., 772nd TD Bn, they were oriented on the situation and conducted over the area and to the gun positions they were to occupy in the relief of the 772nd TD Bn.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (793043)

During the period the unit in indirect fire position fired 120 rounds HE normal for 2 concentrations, 62 rounds HE reduced in 1 concentration and fired 5 rounds star illuminating shell on harassing missions. To rotate duties at 1200, A-1 moved into the indirect fire positions at 793069 that A-2 had occupied and A-2 took up an assembly position at the Co forward CP. Unit had 1 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (787052)

An M-10 of B-2 at 1505 fired 15 rounds HE at a suspected German CP with the effect of the fire undetermined. A B-1 M-10, because of mechanical difficulties, became non-operative.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (738045)

No change.

Rom Co., 823rd TD Bn., (786045)

Company CP and 1st Rom moved to MALMEDY (786045) at 1430.

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823rd TD Battalion, (699117), attached 30th Inf Division Upon the taking over of the sector occupied by the 772nd TD Bn. by "A" Co., 643rd TD Bn., "C" Co., 772nd TD Bn. was relieved from attachment to this Hqs. A & D Batteries, 110th AAA Bn., had no change.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (793043)

38 rounds HE reduced charge on 2 concentrations and 5 rounds on 1 base point registration were fired. 1 old man returned to the unit as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (787052)

The Company maintenance 1/4 ton drove into a friendly mine field and was badly damaged although no casualties were suffered. 1 man returned to duty from the Hospital.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (738074)

Upon relief by a company of the 630th TD Bn. C-1 withdrew from positions in STAVELOT and at 0100 closed into an assembly position at the Co. CP. At 1700 C-2 relieved A-1 on its secondary mission taking over the same positions and FDC from "A" Co.

Rom Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (787045)

First Rom at 1415 took up an assembly position at the Co CP in MALMEDY. To enable B-2 to move its M-10s out of position the pioneer platoon performed its first mission which consisted of widening roads and building up river banks.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Inf Division To provide at CP location for the 7th Armored Division the XVIII Corps ordered the Bn to move out of their battalion CP, so at 1630 unit took up a new location in MALMEDY (787052).

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (797043)

After being relieved by C-2, A-1 at 0400 left their old indirect fire position and at 0515 closed into an assembly position at the Co CP. To effect a consolidation of CPs "A" Co forward joined "A" Co rear in MALMEDY. 2 men returned to duty from the Hospital. Unit suffered 3 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (787052)
In a 1/4 ton accident, B-1 had 1 BI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (738074)
C-2 fired 99 rounds reduced charge and 1 round normal charge (by mistake) for 2 concentrations. The company maintenance 1/4 ton was damaged in an accident caused by slippery roads. 4 men returned to duty and Lt DEROSA was evacuated as a NBI.

Rom Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (786045)
No change.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Infantry Division Battalion personnel conducted routine duties. A & D Batteries 110th AAA Bn., no change.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (793043)
After being on the move for the greater part of the period, following infantry and tanks, A-2 and A-1 at 1630 and 1700 took up positions at 786022 and 779022. A-2 at 2230 moved to 788028. A-1 in a support role fired 10 rounds HE and to knock out a machine gun nest expended 5 rounds HE and 1 round AP. Unit had 1 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (787052)
In order to get in position for the attack, B-2 at 0500 left its former positions closing into an assembly area in the vicinity of WEISMES at 0600; while B-1 at 0745 entered an assembly area near 837045 where it was prepared to follow the advancing infantry into THIRIMONT. From that location B-1 fired 150 rounds HE into ONDEN in the sector of the First Infantry Division in an attempt to neutralize enemy fire flanking our forces from that direction. A-3 from their direct fire positions fired 75 rounds HE in support of the initial stages of the attack. Because enemy small arms and mortar fire made occupation of planned positions impossible, B-3 at 1730 moved 1 section to 819023 and at 1800 made a slight displacement of 1 gun. At 2200 a B-2 M-10 received a direct hit from an artillery shell with no noticeable damage but the jar caused extensive damage to the motor putting it out of commission.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (765046)
Unit moves for the period are as follows: "C" Co. OP at 1215 to position South of BURNENVILLE (765046). C-2 at 1315 to 795039, C-3 at 1530 to 791044 and C-1 at 1730 to 784045. In order to fully expend all ammunition the firing of which permission had been secured from higher headquarters, 1 concentration of 30 rounds reduced and 2 concentrations of 267 rounds HE normal were expended after which the Co. FDC dissolved until the completion of the present operation.

Rom Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (786045)
In its first operation Rom performed exceptionally well with units supporting each TD Co in the location of routes, positions, liaison with infantry, tank and engineer units, security, maintenance and repair of roads and assisting engineer and infantry mine removing crews. A 1st Rom 1/4 ton was damaged by enemy mortars.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Inf Division
With all units attached Battalion exercised merely supervisory duties over the gun companies. In a move in sections the 1st part of the rear echelon completed its move from SPA to MALMEDY (784043)

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (793043), attached 119th Inf Rg A-2 at 0730 moved to 795020. About 1000 am "A" Co forward OP was established at 790033 and at the same time A-3 took up positions at 795021 though at 1500 it moved to 797013. A-1 at 1130 put 1 gun at 774004 and at 1630 A-2 completed the moves for the period entering positions at 791900. A-1 starting with 3 M-10s had 1 put out of commission by a mine and another fall by the wayside because of mechanical failure. Although one A-1 M-10 was straddled by bombs dropped by friendly planes, the TD was not damaged but personnel losses were 3 injured, 2 requiring evacuation.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (787052), attached 120th Infantry Rgt. B-1 and B-2 moved at 1330 taking up assembly positions at WEISMES. Because of the M-10 of B-2 out of action because of mechanical failure during previous period, and 1 M-10 being damaged by a mine at 0700, 1 section of B-1 and the 2 remaining guns of B-2 were sent by a circuitous Western route to THIREMONE closing at 1700 at 833003. 1 of the B-2 M-10s became stuck at 821006 and because of lack of recovery vehicles, at the close of the period had not been retrieved. During a strong enemy counter-attack between 1800 and 2000 from THIRIMONT West, B-1 destroyed 1 Mk IV tank.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn (765046), attached 117th Inf Regiment At 1030 "C" Co was attached to the 117th Infantry Regiment, and after moving by bounds all day, C-3 at 1915 took up positions near LIGNENVILLE, (804991) while C-1 at 1700 closed at 807027.

Recon Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (786045) Unit continued its routine reconnaissance of routes and gun positions and the pioneer platoon did some mine sweeping and road maintenance.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Inf Division Batteries A & D, 110th AAA Bn. were relieved from attachment at 0800 reverting back to their own unit for primary mission employment. Supervisory control over gun Companies continued to be exercised. Capt. TENDALL was received as a reinforcement, being assigned to Hq Co as an assistant S-4.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (793043) attached 119th Inf Reg. A-2 by 1100 took up positions at 793983 (North of PONT); A-1 at 1530 stepped there one remaining M-10 at 775982 and a short time later moved to 773890; a forward "A" Co OP was established at 1515 at 799015; A-2 at 1500 stopped temporarily at 803992 and at 1745 closed at 775991 (South of PONT) while A-3 at 1800 moved to 784999. 2 old men returned to unit as reinforcements. The EM listed as KIA from air-bombing during previous period as now listed as DOW.

"B" Co 823rd TD Battalion (787052), attached 120th Inf Regt. At 0530 the one section of B-1 in WEISMES moved to 826003 and when the attack was launched for THIRIMONT, B-1 and the one M-10 of B-2 led the way closing in THIRIMONT (830004) at 0600. In the action that followed 1 B-1 M-10 was put out of commission by a mine and although movement was impossible, its location was such, that it continued to cover a field of fire. In reducing all resistance in the town the 3 remaining guns of B-1 and the 1 gun of B-2 expended 50 rds APC, 200 rds HE, 4000 rounds 50 cal MG and 6000 rounds 30 Cal ammunition. This ammunition expended was, to a considerable extent, instrumental in the capture of the town. German Mk IVs attacking from the North, East and South suffered 3 casualties from the guns of B-1 and 1 from the gun of B-2 and in addition to this tanks numerous Germans were killed and the fire of these M-10s was responsible for the surrender of

large numbers of enemy troops. As it is impossible to take prisoners with M-10s, those surrendering as a result of TD fire were taken into physical custody by the Infantry and of the total taken only 15 were listed in the TD credit column. During this action Lt MALCOLMSEN platoon leader of the 2nd platoon of "B" Co was killed by a sniper's bullet while personally directing the actions of this M-10s. "B" Co's forward CP set up at 813022 at 1105.1 old man returned to the unit as a reinforcement.

"C" Co 823rd TD Battalion (765046) attached to 117th Inf Regt. At 0900 C-1 set up at 802983 and 809984 with C-2 taking up positions at 803992 while at 1405 "C" Co set up a forward CP at 799015.

Ron Co, 823rd TD Battalion (786045)
One section of the 2nd platoon at 1105 closed at 815021 and the 1st platoon at 1630 closed at 772005. In assisting in the removal of a half-track abandoned by the Germans the pioneer platoon removed 15 American mines and 3 German booby-traps. To effect the removal of a B-2 M-10 stuck in the mud the TD was dug out and a corduroy road was built to the vehicle by the pioneer platoon. This platoon also assisted in the delivery of ammunition to B-1. At 1515 3rd Recon set up at 803992. At 1700 a 1st Recon 1/4 ton hit a mine with extensive damage to the vehicle and minor injuries to a EM.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Inf Division
Battalion rear completed its move to MAIMEDY.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (793043), attached 119th Inf Regt.
The one M-10 of A-1 in operation during the first part of the period at 1100 moved to 767963 and upon an additional M-10 becoming operational at the close of the period it also went into position at the location.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (787052), attached 120th Inf Regt
All operational M-10s of B-1 and B-2 in THIRIMONT withdrew about 1130 and took up assembly positions in WEIMES (842042) about 1215 where they did maintenance and reorganized after previous attacks. The B-2 M-10 previously reported stuck in the mud was recovered and put in operation. Unit had 2 NBI.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (799016), attached 117th Inf Regt
At 0900 C-2 took over C-1's position in LIGNENVILLE while C-1 took up an assembly position at that location. A short time later C-2 moved to 797977 while at 2050 C-1 put 1 section at 808963 and 1 M-10 at 805970. At 0900 "C" Co moved their CP to the forward CP Location (799015). One M-10 of C-1 had its radiator damaged by mortar fire but damages were slight. Unit had 1 NBI.

Ron Co, 823rd TD Battalion (803993)
At 1330 Ron Co CP was established at 803993 while later in the period 2nd Recon moved in with "B" Co's forward CP.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Infantry Division
Lt. Gatlin in a search through the debris of the battle field found a M-3 half track lost by B-3 at ST BARTHELEMY that the Germans had taken and abandoned still in operating condition with all "B" Co tactical signs legible and only a few of the interior compartments modified to meet German needs.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (775993), attached 119th Inf Regt.
At 1200 "A" Co CP was established at 775993 and at 1600 A-1 moved to 781952. An "A" Co 1/4 ton was badly damaged when icy conditions caused it to run into a tree. All non-operational M-10 were repaired and returned to front-line positions. Unit had 1 battle injury.

"B" Co 823rd TD Battalion, (812996), attached 120th Inf. Regt.
"B" Co CP at 1130 moved to 812996 and between 1745 and 1815 B-3 put one gun at 803982, one gun at 802984 and a section at 811982.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (799015), attached 117th Inf Regt. Unit had 1 NBI and Lt GO SARD was evacuated as a NBI.

RCN Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (803993)
2nd Recon moved to 813996 at 1315.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Infantry Division 2 new M-10s and 1 M-36 were received from ordnance but 30 minutes after their arrival XVIII Corps notified this Hq that the issuing of the M-36 to the 823rd TD Battalion was a mistake on the part of First Army and that it would be necessary to turn it over to another unit during the succeeding period, however an agreement was made that the unit receiving the M-36 would deliver a replacement M-10 at the same time it picked up the M-36.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (7759937, attached 119th Inf Regt The 2 M-10s of A-1 that became operational during the previous period took over the positions held by the other section of A-1 and the section of A-1 relieved returned to the Co CP for maintenance. Shell fire damaged 1 M-20 slightly.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt. B-1 and B-2 at 1230 moved to the Co CP where they took up an assembly position until the clearance of roads would allow them to occupy their next position. When it became evident that the German road-block would not be removed during the period, B-2 at 1540 took up an assembly position at LIGNENVILLE (803993) and B-1 at 1730 put one section in LIGNENVILLE at 801987 and a gun at 814981 and 808978.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (799015), attached 117th Inf Regt By 0700 C-1 had moved one section to 811959 and 815959. In an attempt to flank the German road-block, holding up the advance of the 117th, Lt. MCINNIS called for artillery fire upon the road block. After adjusting 4 rounds and being assured additional rds were on the way, Lt MCINNIS, believing the anti-tank guns in the German road-block would be neutralized during the artillery barrage and his left flank would therefore be protected, moved out into an exposed position in an attempt to destroy a Mk IV Tank. The M-10 fired 8 rounds APC with results undetermined while numerous short rounds were fired by the German tank without injuring the M-10. Instead of a barrage only 2 additional rounds of artillery were fired and 1 of the German self-propelled assault guns put 3 rounds through the engine and fuel compartments of the M-10. The M-10 was backed to a defilade position where it remained during the balance of the period under all types of heavy fire. A mortar shell landed in the turret of the other C-1 M-10 exploding a couple rounds of 3" ammunition, killing the gun-commander with no other damage or casualties being inflicted. In order to make plans for future operations C-3 which at 1200 had taken up positions at 802956 and 788956 overlooking RECHT withdrew at 1730 to an assembly position at the Co CP. 1 M-10 returned from Ordnance and upon being assigned to C-3 brought that platoon to its full T/E strength. Unit had 1 NBI in addition to the 1 KIA.

RCN Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (803993)
2nd Recon had 1/4 ton damaged by mortar fire, but it was repaired and returned to action.

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823rd TD Battalion, (787052), attached 30th Infantry Division The M-36 secured by this unit through a mistake in orders by higher headquarters was delivered to the 814th TD Bn in exchange for a M-10 making the total of M-10s assigned to this unit 30. Personnel from all Companies took baths in the SPA Mineral Bath Health Center and 4 men and 2 officers left the unit on passes to

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (775993), attached 119th Inf. Regt. The M-20 previously reported as damaged was repaired and returned to action. Unit had 1 NBI and received an EM injured at MORTAIN as a reinforcement.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt. About 1500 one section of B-3 attached one platoon 57mm AT guns were held up at 822952 pending the sweeping of the roads to their objective but at 1710 they closed into 830946, while B-2 at 1605 set up at 825939. Although 4 different routes were tried none were found passable to 813930 so at 1730 B-1 entered an assembly area at 805936 and after Engineers had cleaned the blown and mined underpasses at 2330 closed into 811930. Two B-3 towed guns were sent to Ordnance to have the oil in the recoil mechanism changed from summer to winter grade. A replacement M-10 was delivered to B-2 during the period, but remained at Co maintenance for final checks. One man returned to duty from the Hospital and an old man was received as a reinforcement.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (794977), attached 117th Inf Regt. At 1120 C-3 moved to 798945; at 1330 "C" Co CP Moved to 794977; at 1600 1 section of C-2 moved to 819939 and at 2300 1 section of C-1 entered an assembly area at 799944. A replacement M-10 was delivered to C-1, and it, together with the M-10 received by C-3 during the previous period, remained in an assembly position at the Co CP for final checks before going into combat. C-1 M-10 threw a track and was temporarily out of action. The maintenance 2 1/2 ton was sent to Ordnance for repairs. 1 3" gun was turned in as surplus.

Recon Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (803993)
1st Recon at 1635 moved to 880941. All units performed their usual duties in support of the gun Companies and the pioneer platoon had what amounted to a dry run on mine sweeping for B-3.
Lt CRIST was evacuated as an NBI.

20 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Battalion, (804989), attached 30th Infantry Division. Only by using the tactics of putting representatives in a building occupied by another organization to hold it for this unit upon the occupation moving out was this Hq able to secure a new CP and at 1445 it closed into LIGNENVILLE (804989). 1 6x6 and 1 M-20 were deadlined for mechanical failures. 2 towed 3" guns and two half-tracks were turned into ordnance as surplus weapons and vehicles.

"A" Co, 823rd TD Battalion (775993), attached 119th Inf. Regt. A-1 and A-2 during the morning hours moved to assembly positions near 780910; A-3 at 1545 moved to 778915; A-2 at 1600 moved to 786897; a forward Co CP was established at 1730 at 794932 and A-1 at 1920 closed at 776888.

"B" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt. The only moves made during the period were the establishment of a forward CP at 1430 at 800945 and the movement of B-2 at 2100 to 827939. "B" Co received their 9th M-10 and it was assigned to B-3 for the first issued to that platoon. A B-1 1/4 ton suffered slight damages from artillery fire. One 3" towed gun sent to Ordnance during the previous period for a change of recoil oil was returned. Unit had 1 BI.

"C" Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (794977), attached 117th Inf Regt. C-1 at 1200 entered an assembly position at 798921 and C-1 at 2030 closed into 809904. Although C-2 had planned to occupy positions near those now held by B-1 failure of B-1 to move further forward during the period prevented this occupation.

Recon Co, 823rd TD Battalion, (803993)
2nd Recon at 1430 moved with "B" Co forward CP to 800945 and 1st Recon at 1730 moved with "A" Co forward CP to 794932. Unit had 1 BI.

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823rd TD Battalion, (804989), attached 30th Inf Regt
1 M-10 was sent to ordnance for repairs and 1 old man returned to duty as a reinforcement.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (775993), attached 119th Inf Regt
At 0115 A-2 established 1 section at 793899 and the other section at 898895. A-1 at 1630 put a section at 788882 and at 1930 the other section went in at 778878 while 1 section A-3 at 2300 set up at 784896. 1 old man returned to duty as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt
B-2 assisted the advance and consolidation of the 117th Inf Regt by firing 25 rounds APC support fire which covered and protected the advancing tanks. The unit had 3 NBI, took 5 PWs and killed 7 Germans.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (794977), attached 117th Inf Regt
At 1030 1 section of C-2 was established in the South West and the other section in the South East parts of RECHT while C-1 at 1400 made slight adjustments in positions putting a section at 810900 and individual guns at 810986 and 803897. Unit had 1 NBI and received 2 old men as reinforcements.

1st Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn, (803993)
1st Ron at 1330 moved to 796944.

22 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Battalion, (804989), attached 30th Inf Div
1 M-10 evacuated to ordnance was sent to 5th echelon and thereby lost to the 4 M-40 battalion, so the number of M-10s unit is accountable for was reduced to 29.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (775993), attached 119th Inf Regt
During the period moves were made as follows: A-2 at 1830 to 797877; A-3 at 1145 put a section at 797878 and the other section at 794876 while A-1 at 1800 put guns at 796878, 790877 and 784873. A forward, forward OP was established at 788879. At 2000 the moves for the period were completed by 1 section of A-1 setting up at 796875 and 787868. 1 M-10 of A-1 returned to company maintenance for minor repairs. Unit fired 55 rounds AP and 3 rounds HE at houses, vehicles and personnel but the range was so great that the results were unknown.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt
B-1 at 1815 put a section at 837908 and 8289904 for the only moves of the period. B-1 during the above movement into position fired upon destroyed 4 Mk IV tanks. The firing was done at ranges varying between 1800 and 2400 yards which required an expenditure of 15 rounds HE and 100 rounds APC although some of the ammunition was expended on the destruction of buildings. The "B" Co M-20 returned to action in the form of a replacement vehicle.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (800945), attached 117th Inf Regt
Moves for the period are as follows: C-3 at 0900 to 812899; "C" Co CP between 1030 and 1400 to 800945 and C-1 at 2030 to 823893. C-3 while moving into RODT destroyed 1 German anti-tank gun North and East of RODT and from a position in RODT destroyed 1 Mk IV tank South of town with an ammunition expenditure of 20 rounds HE and 10 rounds APC. 2 rounds APC and 20 rounds HE were expended on support fire missions during the covering of the Infantry advance. The Co 2 1/2 ton maintenance vehicle was repaired and returned to action. Unit had 1 BI.

1st Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn, (803993)
At 1230 1st Ron moved to 792908; at 1415 at forward OP was established at 792908, and at 1600 3rd Ron set up at 811889. A 3rd Ron platoon 1/4 ton was damaged by rocket fire but no casualties were inflicted.

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823rd TD Bn, (804989), attached 30th Infantry Division
2 M-10s in ordnance were lost to the battalion when they were
evacuated to a higher echelon reducing the battalion total to
27. Unit had 1 NBI.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (803940), attached 119th Inf Regt
"A" Co. CP at 1300 moved to 803940; at 1445 and 1715 1 section
of A-2 and A-3 each set up at 812857 and 818861 while at 8730
A-1 closed at 804853. One man returned to duty from the hospital
and unit had 2 BI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt
At 0830, 0900 and 0930 B-2, "B" Co forward CP and B-1 returned
to the rear CP where they took up assembly positions, while at
0900 B-3 took over B-1's old position at 838908. At 1200 B-2
was relieved from attachment to the 120th Inf Regt being attached
to Division Artillery for secondary mission and at 1915 took
up indirect fire position at 788881. B-1 took 1 PW and unit had
2 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (811894), attached 117th Inf Regt
C-2 at 1200 put guns at 827887 and 818890 and a section at
823894; "C" Co CP at 1230 moved to 811894; C-1 at 1300 took up
an assembly position at 820899; C-3 at 1600 took up positions
near 830861 while at the close of the period (2215) C-1 moved
to 833863. Unit had 1 NBI.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (803973)
Rcn Co and 2nd Rcn assisted B-2 in getting into indirect fire
positions and Rcn Co supervised the setting up of the FDC.

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823rd TD Bn, (804989), attached 30th Infantry Division
One additional M-10 in ordnance was lost to the battalion by
its evacuation to higher echelon decreasing the total in the
battalion to 26.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (799878), attached 119th Inf Regt
"A" Co CP at 0715 moved to 799878 and after A-3 had made slight
adjustments in positions at 2000 A-1 moved a section to 803844.
From their overwatching positions A-3 fired 16 rounds APC and
26 rounds HE at enemy tanks and infantry. An enemy tank, believed
to be a Mk IV or self-propelled gun, was hit, stopped and seen
to smoke while its crew was destroyed by HE. Another tank was
hit but as it was in the woods it was impossible to determine
the extent of the damage. A 3rd tank was fired upon with the
results being unknown. All firing was at distances of between
29 and 33 hundred yards. Unit captured 1 PW.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (812996), attached 120th Inf Regt.
B-2, attached to division artillery, from indirect fire positions,
fired 300 rounds normal and 450 rounds reduced charge on 5 con-
centrations.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (811894), attached 117th Inf Regt.
At 1215 C-1 put 1 section at 826864 and the other section at
830862 while at 2125 1 section of C-2 moved to 834878 where they
attempted to trap a German tank.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn, (803973)
Lt ORIST returned to duty from the hospital.

25 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Battalion, (804989), attached 30th Infantry Division
1 M-10 was returned from ordnance and was assigned to B-3.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (799878), attached 119th Inf Rgt A-2 took up an assembly position at 804839, A-3 made slight adjustments in positions and A-2 at 1900 closed at 804839. Lt SPRINGFIELD, riding in a 1/4 ton, that hit a mine, suffered a broken left leg (amputation was required later) and other undertermined injuries and was evacuated as was his driver. The 1/4 ton was completely destroyed and only minute pieces were found after a detailed search of a very large area. Unit had 1 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (812996), attached 120th Inf Rgt. B-2, attached to division artillery, fired 6 concentrations of 423 rounds reduced and 1 concentration of 27 rounds normal. Co received 1 M-10 returned from ordnance and it was assigned to B-3.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (811894), attached 117th Inf Rgt. Effective 16 Jan 45, Lt MCINNIS and Lt DEROSA were promoted to the rank of Captain and 1st Lt. Capt MCINNIS was transferred from "C" Co. to Hq Co where he became Headquarters Co commandant. The tank that C-2 attempted to trap succeeded in escaping during the night and at 1200 C-1 took up an assembly position at the Co OP and C-3 made slight adjustments in position.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn, (803973)
No change.

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823rd TD Bn, (804989), attached 30th Infantry Division
No change.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (799878), attached 119th Inf Rgt. A-3 expended 11 rounds HEA and AP in assault fire and long distance harassing fire and destroyed 1 general purpose vehicle. Unit had 1 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (612996), attached 120th Inf Rgt After being relieved from attachment to division artillery at 0800 and reverting to battalion and company control, B-2 at 1430 took up an assembly position at 805988. B-3 turned in 1 3" gun and half-track, which were evacuated to ordnance as a surplus weapon and vehicle. Unit had 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (811894), attached 117th Inf Rgt.
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn, (803973)
No change.

27 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Bn, (804989), attached 30th Infantry Division
One groupe of officers and EM returned from PARIS passes.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (799878), attached 119th Inf Rgt.
No change

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (625840)
Moving at 0900, "B" Co at 1115 closed into a assembly position at BIHAIN (625840) at which time it reverted to battalion control for reorganization, maintenance and training. 1 B-2 M-10 developed mechanical trouble during the road march and became non-operational.

"C" Co. 823rd TD Bn, (811894), C-3 attached 117th Inf Rgt Upon release by the 117th Inf Rgt, C-1 and C-2 at 1600 moved to assembly positions in FRAITURE (686862) closing at 1830 at which time they reverted to battalion control.

Ron Co., 823rd Bn, (622839)
At 1500 Ron Co moved to an assembly position in BIHAIN (622839) where they closed at 1630.

28 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Bn, (621839), attached 30th Infantry Division at 1230 rear closed into REGNE (612857) and at 1305 Bn CB closed into BIHAIN (621839). 1 M-10 was evacuated to ordnance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (623840)

"A" Co moving at 1030, under the control of the 419th Inf Rgt, closed into BIHAIN (623840) at 1930 at which time and place the Co reverted to battalion control.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (625841)

Unit conducted maintenance and cleaning living quarters.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (585862)

Co hqs and C-3 closed into FRAITURE (585862) at 1300 and at that time balance of unit reverted to battalion control.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Battalion, (823839)

Unit conducted maintenance and improved the conditions of their living quarters. Personnel of 2nd Ron left one of their Jeeps stuck in the snow while they went for assistance, and upon their return found the 1/4 ton gone. A thorough search finally found the vehicle in the possession of the 84th Infantry Division.

29 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Bn, (621839), attached 30th Infantry Division In response to our requisition for combat 2nd lts, higher headquarters sent another Capt., when Capt GIBSON joined the unit. As there was no position vacancy for a Capt., no assignment to T/O position could be given so he was assigned to headquarters Co and declared surplus.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (623840)

Unit conducted all types of maintenance and inspected equipment. Three old men returned to unit as reinforcements.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (625841)

1 M-10 of B-1 became non-operational because of clutch housing failure and unit was sent to battalion maintenance. All types of maintenance and inspection of equipment was held and conducted. Unit had 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (585862)

Unit conducted all types of maintenance and held equipment inspections. One old man returned to duty and Lt KIMBALL rejoined the unit.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn, (623839)

All units conducted maintenance. The pioneer platoon with the power driven saw and jack-hammer cut wood for fuel and dug sump pits for garbage.

30 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Bn, (621839), attached 30th Infantry Division One officer and 5 EM returned from PARIS passes. Under near blizzard conditions all units conducted maintenance of weapons, vehicles and personnel. Unit had 1 NBI.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (623840)

No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (625841)

Unit had 1 BI and 1 NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (585862)

Unit had 1 NBI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn, (623839)

The wood sawing project was temporarily discontinued when the cold caused the moisture to condense and the compressor to cease to function. Lt WALTER WHITE joined the battalion and was assigned to Ron as executive officer. Unit had 1 NBI.

31 JANUARY 45

823rd TD Bn, (621839), attached 30th Infantry Division
After the cold and snow of the previous day the period was noted
for a thaw and considerable rain. One officer and 3 EM left on
PARIS passes. Men from all units attended a moving picture show.
Unit received 1 reinforcement.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (623840)

All types of maintenance were continued. 1 A-1 M-10 was sent to
ordnance for mechanical failure.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (625841)

Lt JEFFERSON and a B-1 M-10 put on a lecture and demonstration
covering M-10 characteristics, tactics and infantry-tank-TD
cooperation for the 2nd Bn, 120th Infantry Regiment. 1 new M-10
was received and was given to B-2 as a replacement. Maintenance
was continued.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn, (585862)

Unit continued maintenance. 2 M-10s were test fired with an
expenditure of 6 rounds HE. Refresher firing on machine guns and
all small arms was started. Maintenance was continued.

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