

FROM: 010001 MARCH 1945
TO : 312400 MARCH 1945

UNIT : 823d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
PLACE: GERMANY, 352392
TIME : 031200 APRIL 1945

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

01 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (104634), attached 30th Infantry Division
Capt HALL returned from PARIS pass and 2 EM left for that city.
Lt SWILLEY left for MAASTRICHT to attend a 3 day school at the
29th TAG.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (105633), attached 119th Inf Rgt
At 0330 A-3 had an M-10 hit by a round of enemy artillery estimated
to be 170. The explosion caved in the armor on the right side
of the TD, setting fire to and completely destroying it. Unit had
1 BI and 1 NBI for th period.

✓ "B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (178745), attached 120th Inf Rgt
At 1130 B-3 fired 50 rounds HE into GUSTORF, using suspected OPs
and enemy mortar positions as their targets. B-1 moved to 178744
closing at 1530. B-2 and B-3 moved to 183757 and 178745 respective-
ly, closing at 1430 and 1400. At 1720 the Co CP moved to GUSTORF
(178746). During the period unit captured 2 PWs.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (133628), attached 117th Inf Rgt
At 0630 C-2 assembled in BLERICHEN (182662) from where they took
up positions at 178572 and 183666 closing at 1100.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (124686)
2nd Rcn platoon moved with "B" Co. CP to 178746 where they closed
at 1720.

02 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (132748), attached 30th Inf Division
Bn CP moved to GARZWEILER (132748) closing at 0955. A Recov Veh
M-32 was recd and sent to "C" Co.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (117709)
"A" Co. CP moved to KAISHORE (117709) closing at 1025. Unit was
released from attachment to 119th Inf Rgt upon physical relief
by the 801st TD Bn. The Fwd CP moved to 166801 closing there
at 1930. A-1, A-2 and A-3 moved to 166799, 173808, and 178807
closing at 1845, 2000 and 1800. Entire unit, under battalion
control, is prepared to move on a moments notice to reinforce
any sector within the division zone.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (178746) attached 120th Inf Rgt
B-1 made the only moves of the period, closing into HEMMERDEN
(200812) at 1200, and from there to 178744 where they closed at
2230.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (199813), attached 117th Inf Rgt
The Fwd CP closed into HEMMERDEN (199813) at 1500, followed by
the remainder of the CP which closed into the same location at

1915. During the early part of the period C-3 moved to 174686 where they closed at 0015, a later move took them to 203814, closing was 2030. The close of the period found C-1 and C-2 still on the move. Unit captured 1 PW during the period. Unit received a Recov Veh, M- 32.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (124686)
2nd Ron platoon set up an OP in HEMMERDEN (202812) in support of B-1. All the platoons moved with their respective companies. 1st Ron is making thorough route reconnaissance for "A" Co into the 117th and 120th Regimental sectors.

03 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (166799), attached 30th Infantry Division
Bn CP moved to GIERATH (166799) closing at 0945.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (168791), attached 117th Inf Rgt
At 1203, upon Div order, unit reverted from Bn control to attachment to 117th Inf Rgt. Platoons moved to the following locations where they closed at 1400: A-1 199812; A-2 230843; A-3 221816. A-2 made a slight adjustment later and closed at 2120 into 234823.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (178746), attached 120th Inf Rgt
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (198791), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Co CP moved to HEMMERDEN (198791) closing at 0810. C-1 moved to 224814 where they closed at 0230. 1/2 of C-2 closed into 247838, the other half into 239827, both closing at 2230, the latter section moved again closing into 235823 at 1030. Unit had 1 M-10 non-operational during early part of the period, but Co maintenance returned it to the line at close of period. C-2 took 4 PWs during the period.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (198910)
Co CP moved to HERRERDEN (198910) where they closed at 1045.

04 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (166799), attached 30th Infantry Division
One officer and 2 RM left for PARIS as 2 RM returned from that city. All units instituted a maintenance program. The rear echelon moved to EISEN (186776) closing at 1030. "B" Co reverted to battalion control for the purpose of regrouping and maintenance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (168791), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Lt GOSSARD, a former officer of "C" Co, returned from the hospital and was assigned to "A" Co.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (178746)
Unit returned to battalion control at 1500, moving B-1 near the Co CP (179751) at 1710 to facilitate maintenance. One old man returned as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (199812), attached 117th Inf Rgt
C-2 closed into 231844 at 1830 for the only move of the period. Unit had 1 NBI and 1 old man returned as a reinforcement.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (198810)
Unit exercised a vigorous maintenance program to bring their vehicles to top operating condition.

05 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (166799), attached 30th Infantry Division
Battalion quartering party at 0700, left for BIRGDEM (823688) (Sheet No.48, SITTARD, 1/50,000) to find billets for the battalion

and await its arrival. A 2 1/2 ton truck was lost to the battalion through the alertness of some passerby. The truck, containing "C" Co's basic load of ammunition, became stuck in the mud, and during the absence of the driver, some one recovered it. A very good USO show was enjoyed by the battalion.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (168791), attached 117th Inf Rgt
"A" Co. claims one Mk V Tank, knocked out at 147712 on the 27th day of Feb. Unit continued maintenance and had 1 NBI for the period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (178746)
Unit continued maintenance and had time out for much needed rest and reorganization.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (199812), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Continuation of maintenance program was the only activity for the period. Unit had one NBI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (198910)
Unit had one NBI for the period.

06 March 45

823rd TD Bn., (166799), attached 30th Inf Division
Unit was relieved from attachment to XIX Corps and 2nd TD Group and attached to XVI Corps and 12th TD Group. "A" and "C" Cos reverted to battalion control being relieved from attachment to 117th Inf Rgt. Plans were completed for movement to a new area during the following period. 2 EM left for PARIS pass and 2 EM left for pass to BRUSSELS. One M-10 was evacuated to ordnance and the "boomless" T-2, which has been with battalion maintenance was also evacuated. All units continued maintenance and a gun and weapons inspection was held under the auspices of battalion headquarters.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (168791)
Capt CRISSINGER was evacuated as a NBI because of burns received while firing a German Bazooka. Maintenance and inspections were held, and unit, at close of period, was fully prepared for the next days movement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (178746)
Weapons inspections and maintenance were the order of the day. Unit is in readiness for movement during the next period.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (199812)
Inspections, both personal and weapons, maintenance and preparation for the move to a new area, kept the unit busy during the period. The "C" Co. M-10 in battalion maintenance was evacuated to ordnance.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (198810)
After personal and weapon inspections were held, unit prepared to mark the route for the next days movement.

07 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 20th Infantry Division
Unit moved by motor march through BARZWILERS, JACHERATH, JULICH, ALDENHOVEN, PUFFENDORF, GAIENKRIESEN, GANGEIT, closing in BIRGDON (823688) at 0915. Hq Co closed into the same location (822692) at 1100. 2 EM returned from PARIS. One 2 1/2 ton truck was received for the one lost on "moonlight" requisition.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
Unit closed into BIRGDON (816683) at 0915. Unit received one old man as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)
"B" Co has done M-10 and one M-20 fail mechanically on the march to their present location (817687) where they closed at 0930. Unit had one NBI and received one old man as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)
Unit closed into their new location (814681) at 1000. 2 old men were received as reinforcements.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
Unit marked battalion route from ALDENHOVEN to BIRGDON, where the Co closed (822689) at 1015. Unit received one old man as a reinforcement.

08 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit sent one officer and 2 EM to ENGLAND. One M-20 motor was received and "B" Cos M-20 is expected to be back in action shortly. Bn spent period unloading, segregating, cleaning and re-loading vehicles. Maintenance and a shower schedule were carried out. Capt SITZ left for a three day school at 29th TAC.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814631)
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
No change.

09 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division
One M-32 and 2 M-10s were received from ordnance, the M-32 going to "A" Co with one M-10, the other M-10 was sent to "B" Co. The "B" Co. M-10 in battalion maintenance was turned in to ordnance. All units continued maintenance and training schedule with passes and showers completing the program.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
Unit received one M-32 and one M-10 bringing their total of operational M-10s to 12.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)
Unit received one M-10 bringing their total to 11 operational.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
No change.

10 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division
One officer and 2 EM returned from PARIS pass and 2 EM left for pass to that city. Capt SITZ returned from DS with the 29th TAC. A new motor was installed in "B" Cos M-20 returning it to duty. Unit spend period on maintenance, physical training, indirect fire instruction and orientation. A "C" Co. 1/4 ton was evacuated to battalion maintenance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)
One M-20 returned from battalion maintenance.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)
Unit had a 1/4 ton truck involved in an accident resulting in one NBI and the loss of the vehicle to battalion maintenance.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
No change.

11 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division Battalion history for the calendar year 1944 was completed and forwarded. Unit continued training, with church services and a picture show being included. Col DETMER, Capt SWANSON, Lt KIMBALL and the 2nd platoon of "C" Co, attended a celebration given in MAASTRICHT by the grateful people of that city to show appreciation to their liberators, the 117th Inf Rgt, which the 2nd platoon was supporting. Bn received one M-10 from ordnance, which was sent to "C" Co.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)

No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)

Unit had one AWOL.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)

One M-10 was received making a total of 12.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822682)

Unit had 2 NBI and one 1/4 ton was sent to battalion maintenance.

12 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division Unit continued maintenance, training and passes for the period. The practice river crossing was postponed. Chaplain H.C. MCCARREN, of the 12th TD Group, arrived to spend a few days, Capt MCINNIS assumed command of "A" Co., with Lt RANEY taking over Ron Co.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)

Unit received one old man as a reinforcement. 12 M-10s operational.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)

"B" Co sent the entire battalion quota of passes, enjoying a Company party in HEERLEN. One AWOL returned to duty, one old man was received as a reinforcement and unit had one NBI. 11 M-10s operational.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)

No change. 12 M-10s operational.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)

No change.

13 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division Col DETMER received the CROIX DE GUERRE, with palm, for the splendid job he did toward effecting the liberation of FRANCE. 2 KM returned from PARIS with 2 more leaving to take their place. Two 1/4 tons were evacuated to ordnance. Unit had one NBI. An extensive drivers training program was conducted to facilitate coordination between gun commander and driver on backing the M-10 into a confined space.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)

Unit had a party with entertainment being provided by a very lovely songstress from HEERLEN, HOLLAND. 58 rounds HE were expended test firing and training gunners on the M-10s. Unit had one NBI for the period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)

Unit test fired carbine rifles to zero in the new modified rear sight. Unit received one old man as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)

One M-10 was evacuated to battalion maintenance.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)

Unit test fired carbine and carried on a regular training schedule. Lt CRIST set up an excellent small arms range in an old sand pit and is conducting the battalion firing.

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823rd TD Bn., (822688), attached 30th Infantry Division Col DETMER left for a three day pass to ENGLAND. General HOMBS presented 4 officers and 15 men with the BRONZE STAR. "C" Co conducted a test on loading an M-10 into a LCM with very good results, the Bn will conduct similar training tomorrow. Unit continued training schedule with "B" and "C" Cos utilizing the 3" gun range, expending 105 rounds HE normal. Unit had one NBI for the period.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
Unit expended 800 rounds Carbine ammunition zeroing in their Carbines. 2 M-10s were sent to the training site on the MEUSE river. Unit had one NBI for the period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817616)
Unit fired 65 rounds HE normal and 10 rounds 81mm Mortar for training purposes. One old man returned as reinforcement. 2 M-10s and the M-32 were sent to the training site on the MEUSE River to be used in tomorrow's training.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817681)
Unit expended 40 rounds HE normal in training. 2 M-10s were used as an experiment in loading on LCMs with very good results. The 2 TDs were left at the training site for tomorrow's use.

Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
No change.

15 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division 6 M-10s, 2 per Co., participated in the practice loading on LCMs. It was found that 1 1/2 to 2 minutes are required to load an M-10 on an LCM. The procedure was watched by all members of gun crews. The Co "C" M-10 in Bn maintenance was evacuated to ordnance. Men not attending the trial loading carried out maintenance, house cleaning and washing of vehicles. App personnel attended a movie with the late performances being reserved for the participants in the loading trials.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)
The "C" Co M-10 sent to ordnance by Bn maintenance did not change the units total of 11 operational TDs.

Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
No change.

16 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division One officer and 2 EM left for PARIS while 3 EM returned from ENGLAND. Maintenance and training was carried on during the period.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (816683)
Unit had 3 NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)
Unit fired 15 rounds 81mm Mortar ammunition in training.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)
The M-32 was evacuated to ordnance because of mechanical failure.
Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)
One M-8 and 3 1/4 tons in Bn maintenance.

18 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (823688), attached 30th Infantry Division 2 EM left for BRUSSELS on pass. Unit spent the morning on maintenance and the afternoon on recreation with a Protestant and a Catholic service being available. 4 1/4 tons were evacuated to ordnance as battle field recovery and one was stolen from parking lot in LIEGE.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (916683)

Unit had one NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (817687)

No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (814681)

No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (822689)

Units M-8 was received from Bn maintenance.

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823rd TD Bn., (On the move), attached 30th Infantry Division 2 EM left for PARIS on pass. Inspection of maintenance of vehicles and materiel was conducted by battalion which revealed a decided improvement. During latter part of the period Bn started a move by motor march to vicinity HORSTGEN (119245) and was still on the move at the close of the period.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move)

No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move)

No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move)

No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move)

No change.

20 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (110245) attached 30th Infantry Division Bn moved by motor march from BIRGDON to vicinity HS HEIDELUST (110245) with Bn CP closing at 0115 and Hq Co closing at 0330, into 121245. One 1/4 ton truck stolen in LIEGE was returned to the unit. "A" Co had one M-10 fail mechanically and it was placed in Bn maintenance. Col DETMER returned from a short visit to ENGLAND and one EM returned to duty from the hospital.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (110228)

Unit has one M-10 and a medical 1/4 ton in Bn maintenance for repair. At 0300 unit closed into OERMTON (110228). Unit had one NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (119245)

Unit closed into HORSTGEN (119245) at 0310. 2 old men were received as reinforcements.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (120244)

After an absence of almost 4 months in the hospital Lt WEIGHT returned to duty with "C" Co. At 0115 unit closed into HORSTGEN (120244).

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (122244)

Unit marked the Bn route into HORSTGEN where they closed at 0315. One old man was received as a reinforcement.

21 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (110245), attached 30th Infantry Division Unit spent period maintenance, and loading of vehicles for the coming operation. Co Commanders contacted regiments with which the work and plans are being made for the crossing and supply of their units. A neighboring artillery unit extending the

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (110228)
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (119235)
Unit had one NBI for the period.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (120244)
Unit had 2 NBI for the period.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (122244)
No change.

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823rd TD Bn., (110245), attached 30th Infantry Division Route reconnaissance as instituted by all Companies to forward assembly areas. 4 Ducks were attached to the Bn. and will carry HE ammo, diesel, .50 and .30 cal. as resupply for the assault units. One M-32 returned from ordnance, one M-20 in the pioneer platoon was replaced with an M-2 half-track. One Officer and 2 EM returned from PARIS pass and 2 EM returned from pass to BRUSSELS. Two more 7/4 ton trailers were received making a total of 7.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (110228)
"A" Co received its M-10 from battalion maintenance giving them a full complement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (119245)
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (120244)
7 EM were evacuated as NBI due to bad water they had been drinking. M-32 recovery vehicle returned to the unit.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (122244)
Unit had one NBI for the period.

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823rd TD Bn., (110245), attached 30th Infantry Division Bn forward CP moved to ALPON (152316) closing at 1315, with Col DETTMER leaving from this location for the traffic control point. One M-10 was received from ordnance making the Bn operational strength 35.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move), attached 119th Inf Rgt At 2200 the platoons, minus security, with the Co Fwd CP, began the move into a Fwd assembly area (144286). Unit had one NBI for the period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move), attached 120th Inf Rgt At 2000 "B" Co., in its entirety, started the move to their Fwd assembly position 197283. Unit received one M-10 during the period, giving them a full complement to start operation.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move), attached 117th Inf Rgt At 2100 unit began movement to Fwd assembly area, (158288). 7 EM returned to duty from the hospital. Unit left a rear CP at the old location (120244).

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (189343)
Ron Co CP moved to 189343, with pioneer platoon in the same location closing at 1945. The Pioneer platoon was standing by to give assistance to any Company that may need it in order to lead.

24 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (152316), attached 30th Infantry Division After getting off to a slow start, the Bn got all of its TDs across with the last platoon crossing at about 1700. The Companies moved out in support of their regiments and have experienced no action as yet. Remainder of the Bn CP closed into ALPON (152316) with the Fwd at 1030.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (188343), attached 119th Inf Rgt
After a very uneventful stay in the Fwd assembly area, the unit moved down to cross the river with A-1 temporarily halting at 233363 and 235365 at 1830 and later moving to 234360. A-2 made a temporary halt at 235365 later moving to 250373 and stopping for the night at 248375, closing there at about 2000. A-3 moved directly into position at 247362 closing at 1725. "A" Co Fwd CP moved to 188343 at 1115 thence to 223350 closing at 1540. CP is located at 188343 closing at 1500.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (188294), attached 120th Inf Rgt
At 1415 B-2 made the crossing, minus one destroyer which was returned to them as the period closed. They followed the attack closing into position at 303343 at 1735. B-3 closed into their position on the east bank of the RHINE (275336) at 1600. B-1 followed close behind closing into 259332 at 1800. The Fwd CP was set up at 230314 closing at 1430.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (120244), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Fwd CP moved into 224354 closing at 1845. C-2 moved directly into position at 228342 closing at 1730. C-3 also moved into one location 267348 closing at 2045. C-1 moved to vicinity of Co CP and are on the move at the present time for positions in the vicinity of 283356.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (189343)
Unit had foot elements cross over to make foot reconnaissance for routes until such time as their 1/4 ton vehicles could be ferried across, this was accomplished by sending them on LCPs.

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823rd TD Bn., (152316), attached 30th Infantry Division
Fwd CP left for new position at 0930 and at 1200 closed into 309343. Bn less "C" Co. was attached to the 120th Inf Rgt and later became a part of TF Hunt. Bn message Center Chief and his driver, returned from delivering a message with 2 PWs.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (199343), attached 120th Inf Rgt
All platoons moved to assembly area of TF Hunt (300340) and moved out with the TF about 1600. At close of the period the only location available was A-1 which closed into 354351 at 2000. A-1 overran and destroyed one enemy AT gun at 1600, expending 50 rounds HE. "A" Co expended 4 rounds AP and KO'd 2 Mk IV tanks and 1 AT gun at 1130. During the period A-2 and A-3 moved to 273376 and 264375 where they closed at 0330 and 0124. A late report place these 2 platoons at 351353 where they closed at 2000. "A" Co. Fwd CP set up at 223350 closing at 1300. An M-10 of A-1 hit a mine and is now at Bn Fwd CP awaiting parts for repair.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (188294), attached 120th Inf Rgt
A Fwd CP was set up at 230314 closing at 1430. Moves for the period were as follows: B-1, 309346 closing at 0730 to 321364 closing at 1035 and finally to 355354 where they closed at 2000. B-2 moved to 363355 closing at 2030. B-3 moved, from 309342 where they closed at 0730 to 352348 closing there at 2100. 17 rounds of HE and 6 rounds AP resulted in the KO of one enemy AT gun and one 150mm artillery piece at 1800. Unit fired 55 rounds HE in a support fire role and accounted for a MG nest and one PW. B-2 KO'd one Mk IV.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (224354), attached 117th Inf Rgt
A Fwd CP was set up at 278345 where they closed at 1230 while the balance of the CP moved to 224354. Each platoon made one move for the period, C-1 closing into 324375 at 1500, C-2 to 288368 where they closed at 1000 and C-3 into 283358 at 1225. Units 6x6 ammo truck was hit by enemy artillery fire and completely destroyed with contents. C-1 is credited by the Infantry with destroying 3 AAA positions of 20mm Flak guns, also 2 known CPs were knocked out. Unit had one BI.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (246356)
Co CP closed into 246356 at 0830. The platoon continued route reconnaissance for the Companies.

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823rd TD Bn., (310353), attached 30th Infantry Division
Fwd CP moves to 328344 closing at 1045. The remainder of the Bn CP closed into 310358 at 0845. Hq Co closed via VORGE (269338) at 0830. Bn maintenance repaired the "A" Co M-10 and returned it to action at 1400. One M-10 was received from ordnance bringing total to 36, this was decreased by one as "A" Co lost one due to mine action at the close of the period.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (322328), attached 119th Inf Rgt
At 1200 unit was attached to the 119th Inf Rgt with the mission of securing the right flank. A-1 moved to 329353 at 1030 in reserve, A-3 to position at 355333 closing at 1255. Bn maintenance returned the M-10 giving them a full complement with which to start the operation to the North. About 1630 unit moved out and at close of period leading elements were at 386403. One M-10 was put out of action by a mine.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (330314), attached 120th Inf Rgt
Unit CP moved to 330314 closing at 1300. At 1000 B-1 occupied positions at 360355. B-2 occupied assembly positions at 353353 at 1300. B-3 occupied positions, with one section at 377348 closing at 1630, and the other section 375353 closing at 1750. At the close of the period B-1 and B-3 riding the advance elements of a night attack, had closed into the general vicinity of 405355. B-2 is moving to occupy positions vacated by B-3. Unit had one WIA.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (332384), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Units Fwd CP moved to 330376 at 1100, thence to 332384 at 1130. C-1 occupied firing positions at 356384 at 0600, later on moving to 375378, closing at 1815. 4 horse drawn artillery pieces complete with horses were destroyed with expenditure of 10 AP and 51 rounds HE. C-2 moved to 395376 closing at 1110. C-3 closed into 319370 at 0945. One M-10 was received from ordnance giving the unit a full complement. Units CP closed with the Fwd at 333384 at 1300.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (347363)
Unit CP moved to 347363 closing at 1245. 3rd Rcn platoon captured 8 PWs while making route reconnaissance. Unit had one NBI for the period.

27 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (310353), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit received 2 M-10s from ordnance as battle-field replacements. Lt NEEL returned from DS in the UNITED STATES with the report that there is beaucoup bourbon. Medics evacuated 4 men that were wounded in "C" Co. Lt MARTIN was wounded and evacuated when his M-10 struck a mine.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (322328), attached 119th Inf Rgt
Unit had an extreme amount of difficulty due to M-10s miring in the mud and mine fields. 3 M-10s were damaged by mines, 2 non-repairable. One M-10 damaged by a direct hit of artillery, but is repairable. A-1 was at 393408 at 0900 and at 1930 had buttoned up at 406412. A-2 expended 23 rounds HE assault fire and closed into 409410 at 2030. A-3 was located at 391401 at 0820, KOd one Mk V tank, expending 17 rounds HE and 7 AP, at 2025 A-3 had closed into 405402. Fwd CP located at 354390. Unit had one EM KIA and one EM WIA.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (364354), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit experienced some difficulty on the night attack, having 2 M-10s break their elevating mechanism by sliding into deep ditches. One M-10 received a direct hit by a Nebelwerfer, suffering no damage and proving that sand bags do help. At close of period all M-10s had been repaired and were back on the line. One section of B-2 located at 405355, closing at 1830, the other at the Co CP 363353, closed at 1820. One old man returned to duty from DS Reinforcement system and unit had 1 BI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (332384), attached 117th Inf Rgt C-1 moved to 399363 closing at 0600. C-2 to 420385 closing at 0900. C-3 419372 closing at 0600. Unit received one M-10 and had one destroyed by burning. As a result of hits scored by direct fire 4 EM were WIA. The direct fire came from a Sherman Tank in German hands. The delay in identity enabled the Germans to get off the first shot.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (347366). Pioneer platoon, assisted "A" Co in removal of mines. Unit had one 1/4 ton destroyed with the result of one man KIA and 3 WIA. One EM returned from hospital to duty.

28 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (352392), attached 30th Infantry Division Bn maintenance had a very busy time with very good results as Bn now has 34 M-10s operational. Bn went on a semi-inactive status, due to the 8th Armored taking the baton and carrying it on.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (397413), attached 119th Inf Rgt Unit received one replacement M-10 and is still short one in Bn maintenance for repair. At 2330, A-3 moved to 410405, where they stayed until 1525, at which time they closed into 431438. 2 EM returned to duty from the hospital.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (364354), attached 120th Inf Rgt One section of B-1 located at 424347 closing at 1235, the other section is at 421346 closing at 1235. B-2 closed into positions 421357 at 2300. The section of B-3 that was with the Co CP joined the remainder of its platoon 405355 at 1800. All the units M-10s returned to them by Bn maintenance. Unit had one EM returned to duty from the hospital.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (396362), attached 117th Inf Rgt "C" Co. CP moved to the airfield at 396262 closing at 1225. One M-10 and one M-32 are in Bn maintenance. Unit had NBI, 2 DI and 2 EM returned to duty from the hospital.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (347363) At 1130 Pioneer platoon took up 6 REGAL mines at 402413. 2 EM, Berry and Paul, listed as AWOL, are now carried as MIA.

29 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (352392), attached 30th Infantry Division On orders from Div the Bn was prepared to continued East with the mission of moping up behind the 8th Armored Div, at about 1130 word was received by liaison officer to the effect that the Div was placed in Corps Reserve. Due to poor housing facilities, Cos assembled in present location making use of whatever shelter they occupied. Ground work was started for recreation and cleaning facilities for the Bn.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn. (397413), attached 119th Inf Rgt The Co left all platoons in the positions they occupied and the men spent the afternoon on maintenance and recuperation. Unit has one M-10 in Bn maintenance.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (433353), attached 119th Inf Rgt Unit OP moved to 433353 closing at 1400. B-3 made a move to 428363 closing at 1830. Unit also spent time on maintenance and recuperation.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (396363), attached 117th Inf Rgt Unit remained in position doing maintenance and gathering themselves together. 12 M-10s operational. One old man received as a reinforcement. 2 EM missing in action in MALMEDY, BELGIUM 25 Dec 44, were found in the ruins left by the Allied planes.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (347363)
Unit spent latter part of the period on maintenance of both vehicles and personnel.

30 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (352392), attached 30th Infantry Division Companies were released from attachment to Regimental Combat Teams and reverted to Bn control. Bn with 30th Inf Div, attached to XIX Corps 300600 March 45 and is now back with their old friends 2nd TD Group, 30 March 45. Lt SWILLEY, somewhat daze returned from a jolly old leave in ENGLAND. Unit spent period on maintenance and rehabilitation, with a shower SHAFUing.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (397413)
2 EM returned to duty from the hospital and one old man was received as a reinforcement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (433356)
One EM returned from pass to ENGLAND and unit had one NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (393363)
One EM returned from pass to ENGLAND.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (347363)
No change.

31 MARCH 45

823rd TD Bn., (352392), attached 30th Infantry Division Period was spent on maintenance and obtaining a reserve of fuel and ammo for the forthcoming operation. A shower detail of 200 men accomplish their mission. One M-10 was received from ordnance. Lt DEU PRKE and a billeting party, consisting of 1 section of 3rd Ron platoon, left at 2030 for 2nd TD Group Hq. Battle-field losses of M-10s being evacuated to ordnance. Hq Co moved to 353390 closing at 1000. Unit had one NBI.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (387413)
Period was spent in preparation for the forthcoming operation.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (433356)
Period was spent in preparation for the coming operation.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (396363)
Preparations were made for the coming operation. Lt PARLEY was transferred to the Ron Co. The M-32 was received from BN maintenance

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (347363)
2nd platoon moved to 346362 closing there at 0940. One section of 3rd Ron, under the command of Lt DEU PREB, left for 2nd TD Group.

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