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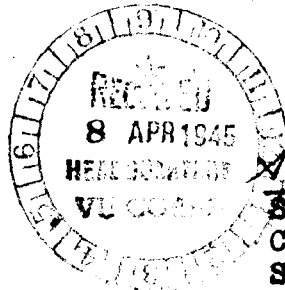
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of After Action Reports.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.
(Through Channels).

1. Enclosed herewith the "Action Against the Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports" of this organization for the month of March 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:



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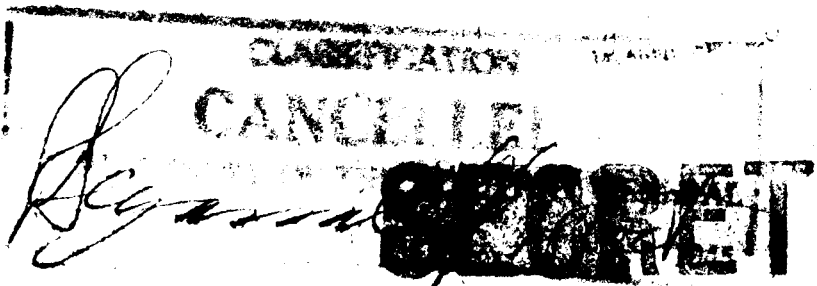
HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS, APO 307, U.S. Army,

8 APR 1945

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C. (THRU: Commanding General, First United States Army (Rear), APO 230, U.S. Army).

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. The 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion was operational from 1 March to 31 March inclusive. The Battalion was assigned to the First U.S. Army during the entire month. From 1 March to 16 March inclusive, the Battalion was attached to the III U.S. Corps. From the 17 March to 31 March inclusive they were attached to the VII U.S. Corps. During the entire month, the 893d T.D. Battalion was further attached to the 78th Inf. Div.

As the month opened, Co "A" was attached to the 309th Inf. Regt.; Co "B" attached to the 14th Cavalry Group; and Co "C" attached to the 311th Inf Regt. Co "A" remained attached to the 309th Inf Regt during the periods 1 March to 17 March inclusive, 19 March to 22 March inclusive, and 24 March to 31 March inclusive. On the 18th and 22nd of March, Co "A" reverted to Bn control. On 1 March, Co "B" was released from attachment to the 14th Cavalry Group and reverted to Bn control. From 2 March to 8 March inclusive, Co "B" had six M-10 destroyers attached to the 903rd F.A. Bn for indirect fire missions. From 10 March to 31 March inclusive, Co "B" was attached to the 310th Inf Regt. From 1 March to 21 March inclusive, and from 26 March to 31 March inclusive, Co "B" was attached to the 311th Inf Regt. At the close of the month, Cos "A", "B", and "C", plus the first, second, and third reconnaissance platoons respectively were attached to the 309th, 310th and 311th Inf Regts.

2. a. Company "B" was in indirect fire action during the month.

b. Total number of concentrations fired was 48.

c. Total number of rounds fired was 495 H.E.

d. Types of missions fired:

Registrations - 6 concentrations
Harrassing fire - 24 concentrations
Interdiction fire 6 concentrations
Counterbattery fire - 12 concentrations

e. Results of indirect fire: All firing unobserved.

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3. The first of March found the Battalion attacking eastward across the Roer River with the 78th Inf (Lighting) Division. Cos "A" and "C" crossed at Nideggen in support of the 309th and 311th Inf Regts. Co "B" crossed at Kreuzau with the 14th Cavalry Group but immediately reverted to Bn control and returned to the 78th Division sector. Resistance proved scattered and light, and the attack went along quite rapidly. The Companies all found good targets and greatly increased lists of damage inflicted on the enemy. They closed up against the west side of the Rhine on 7 March and Companies "A" and "C" crossed the Remagen railroad bridge with the leading elements of the 78th Division. On the following day, Co "B" crossed with the 310th Inf Regt. The 78th Division attacked toward the north and east and expanded the bridgehead to the Seig River on the north by 21 March. Cos "A", "B", and "C", took up defensive positions in the Seig River Valley and assisted the 78th Division in holding the Seig River line while the remainder of the VII U.S. Corps attacked toward the north and east.

During the month, the following vehicles were lost or damaged due to enemy action:

- 1 - 1/4-ton truck (captured)
- 1 - M-8 Armored car (burned as a result of direct fire from Mk IV tank)
- 1 - M-8 Armored car (damaged by artillery fire but repaired)
- 4 - M-10 Tank destroyers (damaged by direct fire but repaired)

The following are casualties among our personnel for the month:

- 25 - Lightly wounded in action
- 2 - Captured
- 8 - Seriously wounded in action
- 2 - Lightly injured in action
- 2 - Killed in action

During the entire month, a total of 1135 rounds of HE, 210 rounds of APC and 16 rounds of HVAP were fired in direct fire. The results of the fire are as follows:

- 303 - Prisoners captured
- 429 - Enemy killed
- 22 - Machine gun nests destroyed
- 29 - Strongpoints neutralized
- 149 - Fortified houses neutralized
- 2 - Pillboxes neutralized
- 5 - O.P.'s destroyed
- 2 - 75MM A/T guns (towed) destroyed
- 1 - Ammunition dump destroyed
- 3 - Mortar positions neutralized
- 1 - Locomotive destroyed

- 5 - Half-tracks (Personnel Carriers) destroyed
- 9 - 20MM AA guns destroyed
- 14 - General purpose vehicles destroyed
- 9 - SP guns destroyed
- 1 - Mk III Tanks destroyed
- 7 - Mk IV Tanks destroyed
- 2 - Mk V Tanks Destroyed
- 4 - Mk VI Tanks destroyed

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