

602nd Tank Destroyer Bn.

Subject: Listing of "Attachments" and "Detachments", E.T.O.,
WW-II, Aug. 25, 1944 to Apr. 27, 1945. in Chronological Order.

Source: Bn. History & Co. A History.

Those entries with an asterisk (*) are taken from the company history. All others are from the Bn. history. In both cases, they are "quotations" taken from both records.

1944

Assigned to Third Army.

- Aug. 25. Unit disembarked at Omaha Beach.
29. Unit attached to XII Corps and further attached to 9th T.D. Gp.
- Sept. 7. Rcn. Co. and Co. A attached to 2nd Cav. Gp. Co. B attached to 4th Armored Div.
* We became attached to the 42nd Cav.
8. 1st plat. Rcn. Co. and one plat. of Co. C attached to 2nd Cav. Gp.
10. Co. B, plus 2nd plat. of Rcn Co., relieved from attachment to 4th Armored Div.
Plat. of Co. C used as security for XII Corps Hq. since Aug. 30 relieved -----and returned.
11. The Bn. was relieved from attachment to 2nd Cav. Gp. and reattached to 9th T.D. Gp.
13. * The 1st & 2nd plat's. went to Chamois where they were attached to the 8th Tank. Bn., 4th Armored Div.
19. Bn. attached to 2nd Cav. Gp.
27. * We officially escaped from the jurisdiction of Old Baldy, Col. Withers (9th T.D. Gp.). We are again attached to the 2nd Cav. Sq.
28. Co. A, plus 1 plat. Rcn. Co., attached to 2nd Cav. Gp.
29. Bn., less Co. A, which is attached to 2nd Cav. Gp., attached to 9th T.D. Gp.
- Oct. 4. Co. C, plus 1 Rcn. plat. attached; -----moved to vic'y Loisy to support 80th Inf. Div. Co. A remained attached to 2nd Cav. Gp.
7. Co. C is to support 80th Inf. Div. in attack scheduled for tomorrow.
8. Co. C supported 80th Inf. Div. in attack.
9. Co. A relieved from attachment to 2nd Cav. Gp.
Co. C supported 80th Inf. Div. in attack.
* We detached ourselves from the 2nd Cav. Sq.
10. Co. C continued mission of supporting 80th Inf. Div.
11. Co. C continued on mission of supporting 80th Inf. Div. One plat. Co. B attached to 4th Armored Div. to work with 2nd Cav. Gp.

Oct.

15. Co. A and Co B, less one plat., received missions of supporting field artillery units.
16. Co. A working with 738th F.A.Bn. Co. B working with 273rd F.A. Bn.
* Today the platoons were attached to A, B, C batteries of the 738th F.A.Bn. The 738th is Corps Arty.
27. Bn., less one plat. of Co. B which is attached to 2nd Cav.Gp., attached to 26th Inf. Div. One plat. of Co. B, plus one section of Rcn. Co. attached to 104th Inf Regt & 101st Inf Regt respectively.
* We are in reserve, in active support of Co. C. Co. C is attached to the 101 F. A. Bn.
28. * On our first concentration (No. 19, 101st F.A.Bn.,)we hit an ammo. dump.
30. Co. A relieved of F.A. mission
* We were detached from the 101st F. A. Bn. today.

Nov.

2. Co.C relieved from indirect fire missions with 101st F.A.Bn. and is in support of 104th Inf. Regt. One plat. of Co. B supporting 104th Inf. Regt. relieved and reverted to Co.control.
3. One plat., Co. B, attached to 101st Inf. Regt., remainder of Co. attached to 2nd Cav. Gp. Co. C,less one section, attached to 104th Inf. Regt. One section of Co. C attached to Hq. Co., 26th Inf. Div.
6. Unit attached to 26th Inf. Div. for administration.
7. Co. C relieved from attachment to 26th Inf. Div. and attached to 6th Cav. Gp.
8. Co. C relieved from attachment to 6th Cav. Gp. and reverted to Bn. control. One plat. of Co. B and one plat. of Co. A supporting 104th Inf. Regt.
9. Task Force "A", commanded by Lt. Col. Kopcsak, and consisting of 602nd T.D. Bn., less Co. B and one plat. of Co. A, plus 761 Tank Bn., less Co. A, plus Co. K 101st Inf. Regt., and one plat. of Co. C, 101 Eng'r. Bn., moved from -----.
10. CCA, composed of 761st Tank Bn. (less) and Co. A remained in Div. reserve. CCB, composed of Co. C 602nd T.D.Bn., and Co.C 761st Tank Bn. attached to 101st Inf. Regt.
12. One plat. Co. A attached to 328th Inf. Regt. Remainder of Co A attached to CCB. Two plat's. Co. B remained attached to 2nd Cav. Gp. One plat. Co. B remained attached to 104th Inf. Regt. Two plat's. Co. C attached to CCA. One plat. Co. C attached to 328th Inf. Regt.
13. Co. A attached to 101st F.A. Bn. for indirect fire.
* We are again attached to the 101st F. A.Bn.
14. "Task Force A", 26th Inf. Div., dissolved.
15. Co. A, less one platoon, remained -----attached to the 101st F.A. Bn.

Nov.

16. * In the meantime the second plat. as been attached to the 104th Inf. Regt., 328th Inf., and the Div. C.P.
17. One plat. Co. A attached to the 2nd Cav. Gp., one section attached to 26th Inf. Div. Hq., one section attached to 26th Inf. Div. Rcn Troop. One plat. in reserve. Co. B attached to 101st Inf. Regt. Co. C attached to 104th Inf. Regt.
* Shortly after noon the 1st plat. was suddenly alerted and sent to ----- to join the 2nd Cav. Sq. The 2nd plat. _____ its mission to protect the 26th Div. C.P. Late in the afternoon the 3rd plat. was alerted and sent to Obreck. (As a result of these moves, the 1st plat. is 16,000 yards as the crow flies from the 3rd plat. Both the 1st & 3rd are about 11,000 yards from the Hq. plat.) Sgt. Haynes' section of the 2nd plat. is with the 26th Cav. Rcn. unit.
19. * Lt. Considine's section of the 2nd plat. moved from Hampont to Whisse with the 26th Div. C.P.
21. Co. B relieved from attachment to 101st Inf. Regt. and attached to 328th Inf. Regt.
22. One plat. Co. A relieved from attachment to 2nd Cav. Gp. and reverted to Bn. control
* 1st plat. detached from F Troop, 2nd Cav. Sq. about 3 PM.
25. Co. C relieved from attachment to 101st Inf. Regt. and reverted to Bn. control. Co. A, less one plat., attached to 104th Inf. Regt.
27. Co. C attached to 6th Cav. Gp. Co. B, plus 1 plat. of Rcn. Co., attached to 2nd Cav. Gp. Remainder of Bn. attached to 9th T.D. Gp.
* We were officially detached from the 26th Div. at 1600 today.
30. Bn., less Co. C, Co. B, and one plat of Rcn. Co. relieved from attachment to 9th T.D.Gp. and attached to 26th Inf. Div.

Dec.

1. Co. A , plus one plat. of Rcn. Co., attached to 101st Inf. Regt. Co. B, plus one plat. of Rcn. Co., relieved from attachment to 2nd Cav. Gp. and reverted to Bn. control.
* We are attached to the 26th Inf. Div. The 1st plat. was attached to the 1st Bn. The 2nd plat. was in reserve. The 3rd plat was attached to the 3rd Bn.
2. Co. B attached to the 104th Inf. Regt.
* The 2nd plat. was attached to the 104th Inf.
3. One plat. of Co. B attached to 328th Inf. Regt.
4. * The 3rd plat. was detached from the 3rd Bn.
6. * This morning we reverted to active reserve of the 26th Inf. Div.
7. Co. A relieved from attachment to 101st Inf. Regt. and attached to 328th Inf. Regt. One plat. Co. B relieved from attachment 328th Inf. Regt. and attached to 104th Inf. Regt. Bn., less Co. C, attached to 9th T.D.Gp. and Gp. attached to 26th Inf. Div.

Dec.

7. * This morning the 1st & 3rd plat's. were attached to the 328th Inf. Regt. The 1st 1st & 3rd plat's.were attached to the 2nd & 3rd Bn's. of the 328th Inf. Regt.
9. One section of Co.A attached to Div. Hq. to guard Div. C.P. One plat. Co. B attached to 26th Cav. Rcn Tp.
* S/Sgt. Haynes had one of his sections assigned to guard to guard the Div. C.P.
11. Co. B, less one plat., attached to 26th Rcn Tp., relieved from attachment to 104th Inf. Regt. and supporting 346 Inf. Div. of 87th Inf. Div.
12. * One section of Sgt. Haynes' plat. is still with the Div.C.P.
13. * The 87th today relieved the 26th . The 1st & 3rd plat's. are now supporting the 2nd & 3rd Bn's. of the 347th Regt.
14. Co. B relieved from attachment to 346th Inf. Regt. & reverted to Bn. control.
15. Co. A relieved from attachment to the 345th Inf. Regt. and reverted to Bn. control.
* The 3rd plat. was relieved at 1620. The 1st plat., though officially relieved at 1620 stayed with the Inf till 1800.
20. Bn.,(less C) attached to V111 Corps upon arrival in new zone.
21. * We are attached to 8th Corps and the 28th Penna. Div.
24. Bn.(less B & C) attached to 28th Inf. Div. Co. B attached to 7th T. D.Gp.
29. Bn. (less Co. C) attached to 11th Armored Div. Co. A, and 1st plat. of Rcn. Co.,to work with CCB. Co. B, with 2nd plat. of Rcn. Co., to work with CCA.
* We were detached from the 28th today and immediately assigned to the 11th Armored Div., CCB.

1945

Jan.

4. Co. A, with 1st plat. Rcn. Co., was sent to aid 101st Airborne.
* At about noon, the company was alerted amd attached to the 101st Airborne.
5. Co. A, with 1st plat. of Rcn. Co., sent to aid 17th Airborne Div., V0CG V111 Corps. No change in attachment to 11th Armored Div.
* At noon today our allegiance was changed from 101st Airborne to the 513th Parachute Inf. Regt., 17th Airborne Div.
8. 513 Regt. was taken out of line and replaced by the 507th. Co. A was loaned to the new Regt. and continued in linw with no rest. Co. B was moved from its position in reserve alert status and was committed with CCA, 11th Armored Div. in support of attack by 17th Airborne Div.
* We are now with the 507th Regt.
9. Written order was not received, but at 1400 hrs word was received from Corps A.T.O. that the Bn. (less C) was attached to the 17th Airborne Div. Co. A stayed with the 507th. Co. B went to 193rd Regt.
10. Bn. attached to Corps for administration.
12. Word was received at noon that the Bn. was attached to the 11th Armored again. Three hours later the order was countermanded.

Jan.

14. Bn. assembled on Corps order at 1400 and again was attached to 11th Armored Div. Co. A attached to CCB and Co. B attached to CCA.
15. * We went to the 11th Div. in the afternoon and attached to CCB.
16. At 2000 hours Ln. Off. reported with Div. plan. CCA and CCB are to be withdrawn for rest & maintenance. CCR is to be put on the line and our 2 companies are to be attached to CCR without rest and without maintenance.
20. Companies were notified that they would revert to control of CCA and CCB when they attacked the next day.
* Changed to CCB.
22. 11th Armored was pinched off and pulled out of line.
27. Bn. (less C) attached to 87th Inf. Div. at 1800.
28. * Rudely awakened at 6 AM with the news that we were alerted once again and were attached to the 87th Inf. Div.
29. 345 Inf. Regt. with Co. B in support made progress east of St. Vith. At 2000 plans were made at Div. to send a "Combat Team" north into the zone of the 84th Div. in order to outflank opposition in front of the 87th Div. Co. A, without Rcn Plat., was made part of this "Combat Team".
* At 12 midnight Altergott's plat. was sent out in support of the 3rd Bn. of the 345th Inf.

Feb.

2. Bn. was notified that upon physical relief by 607th T.D. Bn. we would revert to control of 11th Armored Div.
* We were attached from 346th to 347th and back to 346th in 7 minutes.
4. At noon Co. B was alerted for movement with CCR of 11 Armored Div.
* The platoons were relieved about noon and attached to the 11th Armored Div.
13. Co. A replaced Co. B in the line with CCR.
* The entire company moved out at 3 PM to relieve Co. B who have been supporting CCR of the 11th Armored (63 Inf.)
22. The 11th Armored Div. reached their final abjective and was pinched out. By Corps order Co. A was attached to the 90th Inf. Div.
23. Co. A moved deeper into Germany with "Task Force" commanded by CO of 773rd T. D. Bn. attached to the 90th Inf. Div.
25. Bn. was detached from 11th Armored Div. and put under 7th T.D. Gp. control. Co. A was attached to the 6th Cav.
* Late today we were attached to the 6th Cav.
28. Co. B and Co. C continued advance to east under 6th Cav. Gp.

Mar.

11. At 1915 word was received that the Bn. was attached to X11 Corps.
12. Bn. attached to 89th Inf. Div. Co. A is to be attached to the 353 Inf. Regt., Co. B to the 354 Inf. Regt.
* ----- attached to the 89th Inf. Div.

Mar.

15. Bn., less C, attached to 353 Inf. Regt. Co. C attached to 354th Inf. Regt.
16. Co. C, with 3rd plat. Rcn. Co., was attached to 355th Inf. Regt, prepared to move with 11th Armored Div., through zone of 89th Inf. Div.
17. Bn., less Co. A & Co. C, was attached to 354th Inf. Regt. Co. C with 355th Inf. Regt. followed 11th Armored Div. in their attack to the east.
19. Bn., less C, attached to Div. again with mission of protecting Div. & Corps roght flank.
21. Co. C ----- was detached from 355th Inf. Regt.
23. * We were transferred to the 8th Corps again along with the 89th.
25. Co. A attached to "Task Force Ingell". B & C Co's. attached to "Task Force Johnson".
26. * A combat team of our T. D.'s and the 89th Rcn. unit was made up ----- .
28. At 2000 hours the two task forces, having completed their missions, were disbanded. A was attached to the 355th Inf. Regt., B to 354th Inf. Regt., C to 353rd Inf. Regt. for the next day's operation.
31. * ----- the Co. was placed in Corps reserve.

Apr.

1. Div. remained in Corps Reserve.
2. At dark, Co.A with the 353rd Regt. and Co. C with the 355th Regt., moved out ----- .
3. Co. B with the 354th Regt.----- . Div. began relief of 90th & 65th Div. elements.
4. Co. C with 355th Regt. ----- and was placed under operational control of the 4th Armored Div.
6. Co. C with 355th Inf. Regt. were put back under operational control of the 89th Div.
11. "Task Force Crater" was formed made up of Co. A, 602nd T. D. Bn., Co. A of the 707th Tank Bn., a Bn. of Inf., and a Co. of the 314th Engrs.
12. * Lt. Whitman held a Hq. Plat. meeting and told us plans in regards to "Task Force Crater".
14. "Task Force Crater" was dissolved and Co. A remained in place. At 1700 a field order was received from Div. directing the committment of all 3 Regt's. Co. A with 353, Co. B with 354, Co. C with 355.
18. Rcn. Co. was assembled and placed directly under Corps control.
19. Rcn. Co. received a mission of protecting Corps C.P.
23. VIII Corps passed to control of First Army.
27. Troop assignment list was received, assigning 602nd T. D. Bn to First Army as of Apr. 22nd.

May

6. Field order received from Division called for preparation of plans for resumption of attack to the east if the enemy in front of us did not surrender.
8. The official announcement of V.E. Day came -----.

End