

HEADQUARTERS
603D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : The Adjutant General, U S Army, Washington, D.C.
(Thru: CG, Sixth Armored Division, APO 256 US Army)

1. In accordance with AR 345-105, C-3, the following report is submitted.

1 DEC. This unit was assigned to Third US Army and attached to 6th Armored Division. Components of the battalion were detached as follows:

- a. Hq & Hq Co attached to Reserve Command.
- b. Rcn Co (less 3 platoons) attached to Reserve Command.
- c. Co A (reinforced) attached to Combat Command "A".
- d. Co B (reinforced) attached to Reserve Command.
- e. Co C (reinforced) attached to Combat Command "B".

Battalion Command Post was located at Vallerange along with Rcn Co (-) and Co B. Company A was located near Valette. Company C was located in St. Jean Rohrbach. No activity during this period. Company C received light artillery fire. Casualties: None.

2 DEC. 3d Platoon of Co A relieved from TF Kennedy and attached to Co C, 44th Armd Inf Bn at Henriville. Platoon leader LWA by artillery fire. Other casualties—None.

3 DEC. Preparation for attack. Company A attached to CC"A" and TF Brown and moved to assembly area North of Cappel. Company B attached to CC"A" and TF Wall and moved to Assembly area East of Cappel. Company C relieved from assignment to CC"B" and assigned to Reserve Command. Casualties (artillery fire): 1 EM SWA.

4 DEC. 1st platoon of Rcn Co attached to CC"A" Trains as security and guards. Company A supported attack of TF Brown commencing at 0800 hours and assisted in the capture of LeBuch Wald and Ebering. Company B supported the attack of TF Wall commencing at 0800 hours and assisted in the capture of Farschviller and Diebling. 2d platoon, Company B knocked out one Mark V Tank in vicinity of Diebling. Casualties: 1 EM LWA.

5 DEC. Company A transferred from attachment with TF Brown to TF Britton. Co A assisted in the capture of Cadenbronn and Rouhling. Company B assisted in the capture of Metzling, Nousseviller, and Munding. Casualties: None.

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6 DEC. Company A supported its Task Force in holding ground gained. Company B supported its Task Force in taking the towns of Ipping and Welferding. Battalion Headquarters moved from Vallerange to Hoste-Haut at 1000 hrs and from Hoste-Haut to Leyviller at 1600 hours. Casualties: None.

7 DEC. Company B closed in to Battalion area at Leyviller at 1200 hours. Co C moved to St. Jean Rohrbach to Altrippe. Co A temporarily attached to Reserve Command and in position. The entire Battalion was attached to CC"A" in Division Reserve. The 691st TD Battalion (Towed) was in process of relieving Company A. Casualties: None.

8 DEC. Co A closed into Battalion area at Leyviller at 0800 hours. Casualties: None.

9 DEC. Battalion engaged in 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance. 2d platoon of Rcn Co attached to Reserve Command in vicinity of Diebling with mission of patrolling Reserve Command sector. Casualties: None.

10 TO 17 DEC. No change. Casualties: None.

18 DEC. Companies B and C (reinforced) relieved the 691st TD Bn (Towed). Company B assigned to Reserve Command and moved to Diebling at 1530 hours. 1st platoon placed in close mobile reserve at Cadenbronn, 2d and 3d platoon and 2d Rcn platoon dismounted and used as infantry to secure Division right flank in vicinity of Welferding. Company C assigned to CC"B" and moved to Kochern at 1030 hours. One section of 1st platoon used to secure a roadblock at East end of Morsbach. Third Rcn platoon sent to Folchling. The second TD platoon sent to Theding. Casualties: None.

19 DEC. No change. Casualties: None.

20 DEC. Company A (reinforced) assigned to CC"A" and moved to Betting St. Avold at 1200 hours. CC"A" with Company A held on alert status in Division and Corps reserve. Remainder of Battalion assigned to Division Headquarters. Casualties: None.

21 DEC. 2d platoon of Company B was mounted and moved to Rouhling. 3d platoon of Company B was mounted and moved to Diebling. This action was taken due to the possibility of a tank attack from the vicinity of Grosblierstroff. Casualties: None.

22 DEC. 2d Rcn platoon relieved from security mission at Welferding and assigned a security mission in vicinity of Diebling. 2d platoon of Company C moved from Theding to Folckling. 3d platoon of Company C relieved the section from 1st platoon of Company C at Morsback. 3d platoon of Rcn Company had contact with enemy at Folchling during the night of 22-23 December. Enemy patrol was repulsed. Casualties: 2 EM SWA.

23 DEC. Division and Battalion relieved by 103rd Infantry Division. Hq & Hq Co, Rcn Co (-), and Co A (reinforced) moved to Metz at 2345 hours. Casualties: None.

24 DEC. Company B and Company C (reinforced) closed into Battalion area in Metz at 1700 hours. Casualties: None.

25 DEC. Company A (reinforced) with CC"A" cleared Metz at 2300 hours. Company C (reinforced) assigned to CC"B" remained in Battalion area. The remainder of Battalion assigned to Reserve Command. No contact with enemy. Casualties: None.

26 DEC. Company A (reinforced) closed into assembly area in vicinity of Angelsberg (P8730) at 0400 hours and closed into Medernach (P9136) at 1100 hours. 1st platoon went into position in vicinity of Eppeldorf. 2d platoon in reserve at Medernach. 3d platoon was put in position East of Ennsdorf. 1st Rcn platoon given mission of guarding CC"A" trains. Company C (reinforced) left Battalion assembly area at Stegen (P8738) at 1600 hours. 1st platoon placed in position in vicinity of (P8740). 2d platoon placed in reserve at Stegen. 3d platoon and 3d Rcn platoon placed in position in vicinity of (P8540). No contact with enemy. No casualties.

27 DEC. Remainder of Battalion with Reserve Command left Metz at 1440 and arrived at Eisenborn, Luxembourg (P8822) at 1700 hours. Other companies: No change. Casualties: None.

28 DEC. No change. Company C received light artillery fire. Casualties: 1 EM SWA.

29 DEC. Hq & Hq Co, Rcn Co (-), and Company B (reinforced) left Eisenborn for Meix-Devant-Virton, Belgium at 1630 hours and arrived at 2100 hours. Company A (reinforced) left Medernach with CC"A" and arrived at Thiaumont, Belgium (P55-25) at 1630 hours. Company C (reinforced) with CC"B" left Stegen for assembly area West of Leglise (P4336). Casualties: None.

30 DEC. Company A (reinforced) left Thiaumont and arrived in assembly area South of Sibert (P5350). Company C (reinforced) left Leglise and arrived in assembly area at (P5455). Casualties: None.

31 DEC. Company A supported the attack of CC"A" on a limited objective during the afternoon. Both Companies A and C received a considerable amount of artillery fire. Casualties: None.

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