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614th Tank Destroyer Battalion

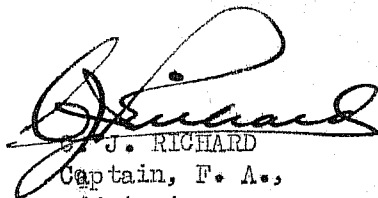
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

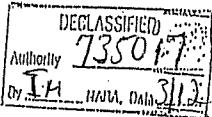
TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758 U. S. Army.
(Attention: Historian)

1. In accordance with Section IV, Circular 34, Hq. Seventh Army, dated 28 November 1944, the Unit History and supporting documents of this battalion for the month of February 1945, ~~are~~ forwarded.

For the Commanding Officer:


J. RICHARD
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NARRATIVE REPORT
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945--614TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

1 to 4 Feb. 45.

No enemy activity. Company Commanders continued improving gun positions and making reconnaissance for new ones.

5 Feb. 45.

A raiding party, consisting of 2 officers and 30 enlisted men, selected from the 1st and 2d Rcn Platoons, 614th TD Bn., with the mission of capturing enemy prisoners, raided an old mill located between Bishholtz and Muhlhausen, France. The entire raid was rehearsed for three days prior to the actual attack. Each officer and enlisted man was thoroughly instructed on every detail concerning the raid, not only of their individual job, but also the job of the other men participating in the raid. Maps were constantly checked, using air photos taken recently of the area as a supplement. The raiding party jumped off at 2000 hours, passed through the MLR without drawing any enemy fire. At the assembly point, previously selected and known to all personnel, the party met and were given last minute instructions. The commander of the raiding party, 1st Lt. Joseph L. Keeby, had telephone wire strung back to an OP, connected in with the artillery, so in case it was needed, fire could be brought to bear on the enemy trying to reinforce the small outpost holding the mill. The raid was carried out as planned, with a section of machine gunners setting up their weapon on either side of the mill, protecting each road leading into the mill. Two teams of raiders, consisting of six men each, then proceeded to enter the buildings, one team surrounding the house and the other entering. As a result of the perfect coordination and surprise, eight (8) enemy were killed, and six captured. The raiding party did not suffer a single casualty. One important lesson gained from this raid; that careful and exact planning meant the complete success.

8 Feb. 45.

During the day, no enemy activity was observed. Between the hours of 1930 and 2130 hours, the 1st and 2d Platoon of Co "A" were shelled by enemy mortar, causing no casualties. One EM from 3d Platoon of Co "B" was injured slightly by a rocket which landed in the platoon's area.

10 Feb. 45.

The three platoons of Co "A" received light enemy shelling during the day. No casualties suffered. Other than this, no enemy activity was observed.

14 Feb. 45.

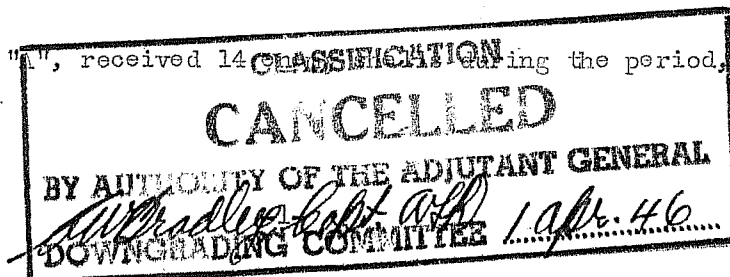
The 2d Section, 3d Platoon, Co "A" received 6 enemy shells around 1600 hours. No casualties.

17 Feb. 45.

Co "A" three platoons received enemy artillery fire during the period. No casualties inflicted. One EM from Co "B" was slightly wounded by mortar shell which fell in the vicinity of the Co. CP.

18 Feb. 45.

The 3d Platoon, Co "A", received 14 ~~casualties~~ during the period, but had no casualties.



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MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945--614TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (CONT'D)

19 Feb. 45.

The 3d Platoon Co "A" received 15 rounds enemy mortar fire during period.
No casualties.

25 Feb. 45.

The 1st Rcn Platoon was assigned the mission of patrolling the roads in the Division Area. The area was broken up into sectors, with each patrol charged with patrolling the roads in their area.

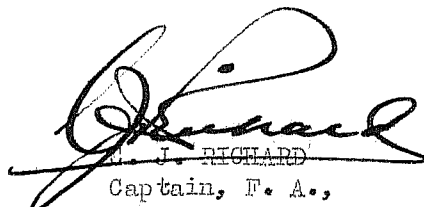
26 Feb. 45.

One 3" gun from the 1st Platoon Co "C" was assigned to the 411th Inf, to fire on an enemy SP gun which had been appearing at various intervals during the month, when our tanks were in the area. This force failed to locate the SP gun and returned to gun positions perviously occupied.

27 -28 Feb. 45.

No enemy activity observed.

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1ST LT. MILTON B. DEAS
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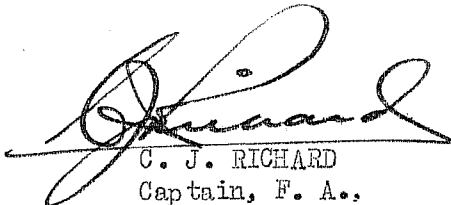
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M/Sgt Willard L. Hill	M/Sgt Stonewall Jackson
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T/Sgt Charles E. Terry	T/Sgt Richard Irvin
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S Sgt Chester Perry	S Sgt William Danner
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