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HEADQUARTERS FIRST TANK DESTROYER GROUP
APO #230 U. S. ARMY

1 January 1945

COMBAT REPORT

Month of December



1. ORIGINAL UNIT - Completed 1943. (No change)
2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC. -
 - a. At 2400 30 November 1944, First Tank Destroyer Group was composed of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Tank Destroyer Group.
 - b. Effective 161500A December 1944, the 6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies) was attached to First Tank Destroyer Group. Auth: Opns Memo 132, Hq VII Corps, 16 December 1944.
 - (1) First Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:
 - Hq & Hq Co, First Tank Destroyer Group
 - 6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies)
 - c. Effective 212400A December 1944, the 6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies) was relieved from attachment to VII Corps. Auth: Opns Memo #135, Hq VII Corps, 21 December 1944.
 - (1) First Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:
 - Hq & Hq Co, First Tank Destroyer Group.
 - d. Effective 261200A December 1944, the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) (less Company "C" and 2 Platoons of Company "A") was attached to First Tank Destroyer Group. Auth: Opns Memo #141, Hq VII Corps, 29 December 1944.
 - (1) First Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:
 - Hq & Hq Co, First Tank Destroyer Group
 - 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (less Co "C" and 2 Platoons Co "A").
 - e. At 312400A December 1944, First Tank Destroyer Group consisted of units as listed in Par 2 d (1) above.

3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED -

<u>1 December 1944</u>		<u>31 December 1944</u>		<u>Net Increase</u>		<u>Net Decrease</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
13	57	13	56	0	0	0	1

4. STATIONS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY) -

- a. 1 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, vicinity KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY (904377)
- b. 23 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, vicinity MAFFE, BELGIUM (P300998)
- c. 26 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, vicinity BORSU, BELGIUM(K284016)

5. CAMPAIGNS -

- a. Germany Campaign.
 - (1) Duration - 14 September 1944 to present date.
 - (2) Purpose - Continued offense against the German forces.
 - (3) 1st Tank Destroyer Group operated under orders of Commanding General, VII U. S. Corps. 1st Tank Destroyer Group remains in Corps reserve as per FO #11, VII Corps, 13 September 1944.

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6. BATTLES - None (See Narrative).
7. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS -
 - a. 1st Tank Destroyer Group - COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS, Inf, 012187.
8. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND MEN -
 - a. Master Sergeant Ralph J. Glaser, 35126071, wounded in Germany, 18 December 1944.
9. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION - None.
10. PICTURES - None.



B. G. STEVENS,
Colonel, Inf, 1st TD Group,
Commanding.

- 2 Incls:
Incl #1 - Narrative.
Incl #2 - Appendix #1 (Asgnd Anti-Airborne Mission and Security Mission.)

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NARRATIVE

1. On 22 December 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, moved by vehicle in two (2) convoy groups from vicinity of KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY (904377) to vicinity MAFFE, BELGIUM (300998). The leading vehicle cleared KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY at 1030A and the new Command Post opened vicinity MAFFE, BELGIUM 1800A. Complete convoy closed in new area 2030A. The roads were wet and slippery. The weather was overcast and murky. Authority for movement: VCGG, VII Corps, 21 December 1944. Order of movement: Letter, VII Corps, subject, Movement of Command Post, dated 21 December 1944.

2. On 25 December, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, moved by infiltration from vicinity MAFFE, BELGIUM (900998) to vicinity BORSU, BELGIUM (284016). Closed old Command Post at 1400A and opened new Command Post at 1440A. The condition of roads was good. The weather was cold and clear. Authority for movement: VCGG VII Corps, 24 December 1944. Order of movement: Letter, Headquarters Company, VII Corps, subject, Movement of Sections to Supply Echelon, dated 25 December 1944.



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APPENDIX #1

ANTI-AIRBORNE AND SECURITY MISSIONS

1. Anti-Airborne -

a. On 16 October 1944, the Commanding Officer, Hq 1st Tank Destroyer Group was charged with the mission of organizing the local defense against airborne attack in the Corps rear area, and coordinating this defense with that of adjacent Division and Corps areas. Auth: VCGG, VII Corps, 16 October 1944, and letter, Headquarters VII Corps, subject, VII Corps Anti-Parachute Defense, dated 17 October 1944.

b. Colonel BUR OWES G. STEVENS, 012187, Infantry, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, was announced Anti-Parachute Defense Officer, VII Corps, per Par 1, General Order #70, Hq VII Corps, 19 October 1944.

c. Period of mission - 16 October 1944 to present date.



2. INTERNAL SECURITY OF CORPS AREA -

a. Colonel BURROWES G. STEVENS, 012187, Infantry, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, was designated Security Commander, VII Corps, per Par 3a, Opns Memo 128, VII Corps, 8 December 1944.

b. Mission - Colonel BURROWES G. STEVENS, 012187, Infantry, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, is responsible for organizing and supervising the area in rear of the division rear boundaries and forward of the Corps rear boundary to provide for local security at supply installations, units in rear areas, and lines of communication against airborne attack, enemy patrols, guerrillas, snipers, sabotage and other small scale enemy activities. Coordination between areas in the Corps Area and between the Corps Area and Division Areas is a Corps responsibility.

c. Period of mission - 8 December 1944 to present date.

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