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

1 February 1945.

COMBAT REPORT

Month of January



1. ORIGINAL UNIT:

a. Completed - 1944 - (No Change)

2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC:

a. On 1 January 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group and 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (less Company "C" and 2 platoons of Company "A"). The 1st Tank Destroyer Group was assigned to First United States Army, and attached to VII Corps. Authority: Letter, 322/83, First United States Army, 10 December 1943, subject "Troop Assignment #12".

b. Effective 2 January 1945, 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (less Company "C" and 2 platoons of Company "A") was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #143, VII Corps, 2 January 1945.

(1) On 2 January 1945 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group.

3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

<u>1 January 1945</u>		<u>31 January 1945</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	56	13	56	0	0	0	0

4. STATION (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY):

a. 1 January 1945 to 4 January 1945, BORSU, BELGIUM (K284016)

b. 4 January 1945 to 31 January 1945, BOMAL, BELGIUM (P427997)

5. MARCHES:

a. Motor march, 4 January 1945, from BORSU, BELGIUM (K284016) to BOMAL, BELGIUM (P427997) by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order Commanding General, VII Corps, 4 January 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 15.1 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Wet and alippery.
- (4) Weather: Cold and snowing.

6. CAMPAIGNS:

a. 1st Tank Destroyer Group continued in role of VII Corps Security Section with COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS, 012187, INFANTRY, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Destroyer Group designated Security Commander, VII Corps, per paragraph 3a, Operations Memorandum #128, VII Corps, 8 December 1944.

(3) Award: Certificate of Merit for exceeded normal
 Combat Rpt of Hqs. Co. 1st TD Group, from 28 March 1944 to 3 May 1944.

Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 14 January 1944, subject, "Presentation of Certificate of Merit".

7. BATTLES:
 None.

8. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:
 a. (1) Engagement: Continental Operation.
 (2) Name: 1st Tank Destroyer Group - COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS.
 and Commanding Officer:

9. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND MEN:
 a. CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. CALDECOTT, 0383389, INFANTRY, wounded. (Copy of orders attached)

GUILBERT R. LITTLE,
 Major, 1st TD Group,

10. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:
- a. (1) Name: LT COLONEL ALLEN H. FOREMAN, INFANTRY, 1019913.
 (2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 28 March 1944 to 27 April 1944.
 (3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.
 (4) Authority: Section III, General Order #2, VII Corps, 16 January 1945.
 - b. (1) Name: MAJOR GUILBERT R. LITTLE, INFANTRY, 0232909.
 (2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 1 January 1944 to 4 June 1944.
 (3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.
 (4) Authority: Section III, General Order #2, VII Corps, 16 January 1945.
 - c. (1) Name: MASTER SERGEANT EARL BRAYE JR, 37141399.
 (2) Act: For outstanding performance of duties and thoroughness of work, and with initiative and resourcefulness rendering valuable service from 1 January 1944 to 4 June 1944.
 (3) Award: Certificate of Merit.
 (4) Authority: Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 14 January 1945, subject, "Presentation of Certificate of Merit".
 - b. (1) Name: TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE WILLIAM E. SNIDER, 37189491.
 (2) Act: Distinguished himself by maintaining a high standard of quality and accuracy of work when requirements for exceeded normal demands, from 28 March 1944 to 3 May 1944.
 (3) Award: Certificate of Merit.
 (4) Authority: Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 14 January 1944, subject, "Presentation of Certificate of Merit".

11. PICTURES:
 None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GUILBERT R. LITTLE,
 Major, Inf, 1st TD Group,
 Adjutant.

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**HEADQUARTERS
50TH MEDICAL BATTALION
A.P.O. 307**

25 January 1945



E X T R A C T

GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 1)

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 18 May 1944, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is award to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. CALDECOTT, 0383389, Infantry, First Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action, on 4 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAVES:

PHILBURN FRIEDMAN
WOJG USA
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/s/ Philburn Friedman
/t/ PHILBURN FRIEDMAN
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A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

GUILBERT R. LITTLE,
Major, Inf, 1st TD Group,
Adjutant.