AFTER ACTION REPORT
1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, Inclusive

1. Inspections: None

2. Casualties:
   a. KIA - 10, 2 EM
   b. Battle casualties - 30
   c. Non-battle casualties - 16

3. Prisoners of War: None

4. Replacements: 10, 15 EM

5. Officer and EM Gains and Losses:

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6. Officer Promotions: Four

7. Strength Return for End of Period:

   - Officers: 35
   - Warrant Officers: 2
   - EM: 589

INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period: Not applicable

2. Enemy Operations During Period: Not applicable

3. Section Operations:
   a. Drew and supplied the En Hqs and Hq Co and Rcn Co Hqs with maps. Frequent inspection to see that CC supplied TD Co's plus their Rcn Plt with maps.
   b. KEpt the En Hq, Hq Co and Rcn Co Hqs informed of the En situation and made frequent inspections of TD Co's to check the flow of information between Co's and CC's.
   c. Visited higher and lower Hqs for information, also adjacent units.

4. Weather and Terrain: Not applicable.

OPERATIONS

1. Front Lines at End of Period: Not applicable.
2. Location of Troops:
   a. Divisional Hqs, Hqs Co and Btn Co (---) Vic SELM (A815449)
   b. Co A plus 1st Btn Flat - Marching with CCA, 8th Arm Div to Vic SELM.
   c. Co B plus 2nd Btn Flat - Marching with CCB, 8th Arm Div to Vic SELM.
   d. Co C plus 3rd Btn Flat - Marching with CCR, 8th Arm Div to Vic SELM.

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops:
   One TD Co plus their respective Btn Flat attached each CC of 8th Arm Div. Hqs, Hqs Co, Btn Co (---) attached 8th Arm Div Arty.

4. Operations for the Period:

   1 Mar to 11 Mar

   At beginning of the period, troops were attached to the 8th Arm Div Arty and were located at HUCKELHOVEN (KG37115). 2 Mar moved to KLEINKEM (K962831). 3 Mar moved to HINDENBECK (K966051) and closed in GEFRAUTH (A035055). 6 Mar. During entire period, this portion of the Div assisted the CC in supply and administration of the TD Co's and their attached Btn Flat.

   Co A plus 1st Btn Flat

   At the beginning of this period, troops were attached to CCA, 8th Arm Div and were located in GEFRAUTH (K957772). As CCA adv, the 1st Btn was in action at TELFRAUTH (K959681) destroying one Mk V tank. Co continued to adv thru SILVER BEEK, WALDHEIM (K969075), AMERN-ST. GEORG, and met resistance at LORSERICH (K985020). On 2 Mar, assisted in the attack on LORSERICH, passing thru town at 0900. 2 Mar. The march continued thru HINDENBECK to WANKUM (A0051.25). After clearing WANKUM, CCB relieved CCA and the CC occupied billets in WANKUM at 1800. 3 Mar. In March, Co moved to ALDERHEIM (A081635) with CCA and on 6 Mar had closed in HOERBERGEN (E975065). Co rested, re-organised and continued maintenance and training for future operations thru out the rest of the period.

   Co B plus 2nd Btn Flat

   At the beginning of the period, Co was moving with CCB, 8th Arm Div, passing thru HESSECK, BRUGGEN, KALDRINNICHEN, and arrived HERGEN at 0300. 3 Mar. In March, Co assisted in taking ALDERHEIM (A08165). 5 Mar, Co, along with CCB, passed to operational control of 35 Inf Div and preceded on in the attack of HESSBERG (A213293) on 6 March. 9 Mar Co took part in the attack on HESSBERG (A199302) and destroyed one Tiger tank in that town. Platinum Ldr of 1st Btn was killed in action and five (5) EM wounded in action. Continued to adv on the 10 Mar and closed with CCB on their objective WALLACH (A197338) at 1100. 10 Mar. During afternoon 10 Mar, Co was relieved along with CCB and closed in GEFRAUTH (A035055) at 1900. 11 Mar.
Co C plus 3rd Ren Plat

Co attached to CGA and was moving at the beginning of the period. As CGA was the reserve CG and followed CGE, Co saw no action until it reached SCHAUPHUSEN (A130169) 14 Mar where they destroyed two SP 88mm Guns and destroyed most of houses in the town. Co moved to GRAFTH (A035055) 5 Mar and spent rest of the period training and preparing for future operations.

12 Mar to 24 Mar

- During this period, the TD Co's were under the operational control of the BN. They remained in the CG's area Vic. GRAFTH (A030055). All TD Co's trained for direct fire at night. Conducted small arms target practice and night crossing of trellisway bridges. Assisted in guarding bridges in 8th Arm Div area. BN passed to operational control of the 79 Inf Div with Co A under operational control of 315 Inf Regt, Co B under operational control of 313 Inf Regt. Gun positions were selected and prepared on the Western dyke of the RHINE River in the 79 Inf Div sector. At close of period Co A, B, and C were in assembly areas. BEBBER EVRASTEL (A255205), LOHERLING (A255213), RÖNNER (A265232). HQ Co remained in GRAFTH (A030055). Ren Co remained under 8th Arm Div control.

24 Mar to 31 Mar

- Hq, Hq Co (-), Ren Co (-)


Co A plus 1st Ren Plat

At the beginning of the period occupied direct fire positions on the W dyke of RHINE River during the initial crossing. Ordered CoA 0200 hrs, 27 Mar. Crossed RHINE River, engaged in action and at end of period was located just S of DORSTEN (A314332).

Co B plus 2d Ren Plat

Occupied direct fire positions at beginning of period, Vic GRASSE on Western dyke of RHINE River. Joined CGB at 1515 hrs, 27 Mar. Crossed RHINE River and was located at KIRCHHEIM (A314345) at close of period.

Co C plus 3rd Ren Plat

Occupied direct fire positions at beginning of period, Vic BAUF (A265223). Joined CGR at 0215 hrs, 27 Mar and crossed RHINE River, was in action Vic WESTERGASE with CGR at close of period.
SUPPLY

1. Supply: Class I, III, and V supply for units of BN attached to CG's was handled by 3-A's of CG's. Supply was excellent.

2. Transportation: The organic transportation of the BN was not sufficient to handle their basic load of gas and oil and ammunition without overloading. No re-supply to BN was possible when BN was moving.

3. Evacuation:
   a. Personnel - BN was furnished with ambulance from 28th Med BN Area which was entirely adequate to handle all evacuation made that BN Aid station.
   b. Material - From BN to higher echelon without difficulty.


5. Salvage and Captured Material:
   a. Salvage - Only small quantities of Class II items were salvaged during month.
   b. No material was captured.

COMMAND

1. Results of Operations:

   Ammunition Expended
   
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   Concentrations fired: 150 - with FA Bns.
   Vehicles lost by enemy action: 3 M-18's, 1 Trk 7.5 ton Indy
   Enemy material destroyed: 2 Tks Mark V
   1 Tk Mark VI
   4 SP 88mm Guns
   1 German Halftrack
   1 Locomotive
   1 Captured - 47

2. Combat Efficiency: The 3 M-18's destroyed by enemy action had not been replaced, and 2 others were in Ordnance. BN total - 31 operational.

3. Comments on Employment of Unit: None

For the Commanding Officer

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LOUIS R. FAUSSE, Major, 809 TD BN

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