AFTER ACTION REPORT
1 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45 inclusive

PERSONNEL

1. Inspections: None
2. Casualties: One (1)
3. Prisoners of War: None
4. Replacements: Eighteen (18)
5. Officer and EM Gains and Losses:
   OFFICERS: 0
   EM: 0

6. Officer Promotions: Two (2)
7. Strength Return for End of Period:
   OFFICERS: 34
   WARRANT OFFICERS: 2
   EM: 608

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 BN Hq's and HQ Co and Rm Co Hq's with maps. Frequent inspection to see that Combat Command supplied TD Co's plus their Rm platoons with maps.
   b. Kept the BN Hq, HQ Co and Rm Co Hq's informed of the enemy situation and made frequent inspections of TD Co's to check the flow of information between Co's and Combat Command.
   c. Visited higher and lower hq's 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. En Hqs, Hqs Co and Ren Co (-) Vic HUCKELHOVEN, GERMANY (K939737)
   b. Co A plus 1st Ren Plat marching with CCA, 8th Arm Div
   c. Co B plus 2nd Ren Plat with CCB, 8th Arm Div
   d. Co C plus 3rd Ren Plat Vic LINNEN, HOLLAND (K746856)

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops: Not applicable

4. Operations for the Periods
   1 Feb to 7 Feb - En located at MAUCOMBLE, FRANCE (M381398). Equipment was being prepared for movement to SITTARD, HOLLAND
   8 Feb to 9 Feb - En march by Mtr from MAUCOMBLE, FRANCE to CHARLEROI, BELGIUM on the 8th Feb and arrived LUGER, HOLLAND at MR 1 and NU 3. At 1500, 9 Feb, the En was broken up as follows: Co A plus 1st Ren Plt attached to CCA, 8th Arm Div; Co B plus 2d Ren Plt attached to CCB, 8th Arm Div; Co C plus 3rd Ren Plt attached to CCB, 8th Arm Div. En (-) moved on to SIMPEVELD, HOLLAND (K765496)
   10 Feb to 18 Feb - Attachments remained the same, continued preparation for combat.
   19 Feb to 27 Feb - En Hq located Vic HERKELAAR, HOLLAND. Attachments remained the same and 8th Arm Div took over sector held by the 7th Arm Div (British). During this period Co's took part in action with their respective CC's.
   28 Feb - Co A had crossed Roer River w/CCA. En (-) crossed Roer River w/8th Arm Div Artillery and arrived in HUCKELHOVEN, GERMANY (K939737). Co's B & C preparing to cross with their respective CC's.

SUPPLY

1. Supply:
   a. Class I, III, and V supply for units of En attached to Combat Commands was handled by S-l's of Combat Commands. Supply was excellent.
   b. Class II supply, except Ordnance, for all units of En was handled thru En to Division. Supply was excellent.
   c. Class II Ordnance for all units of En was handled thru En to Ordnance installations outside of Division. Supply was only satisfactory owing mainly to difficulty of En and Ordnance units involved, maintaining contact.
2. **Transportation** The organic transportation of the Bn was not sufficient to handle Bn's basic load of gas and oil and ammunition without overloading. No re-supply to Bn was possible when Bn was moving.

3. **Evacuations**
   
a. **Personnel** - Bn was furnished with ambulance from 78th Med Bn Armd which was entirely adequate to handle all evacuation made thru Bn Aid station.
   
b. **Material** - From Bn to higher echelon without difficulty.

4. **Roads and Circulation**
   
a. Except for roads in Vic GEMPELVELE I, HOLLAND during early part of month roads were generally good.
   
b. Road nets established were always able to handle enough Bn traffic so that supply was not disrupted.

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

**COMMAND**

1. **Results of Operations**

   **Ammunition Expended (76mm)**

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   Concentration fired with 1 A Bns: 36
   Two OP's destroyed in ROERMUND (K776902)
   Unknown number of OP's, Brick houses, MG nests, destroyed by direct fire support for the Infantry
   No enemy tanks observed.

2. **Combat Efficiency** Co C has two (2) M-18's in Ordnance being repaired after running over Kiesel mines. All other vehicles in Bn in excellent condition.

3. **Comments on Employment of Unit**
   
a. Tank Destroyers have been used in co-ordination with the Armd Inf of the 8th Armd Div with excellent results in their secondary role (destruction of fortified positions by direct fire)
Tank Destroyer personnel must make a foot reconnaissance before moving into position to give direct fire support. Destroyers (M-18's) are not tanks and cannot neutralize armor piercing fire from exposed positions without receiving excessive losses.

In the absence of armored threat, the use of Tank Destroyers in their secondary mission (Indirect fire) has not been fully utilized.

Personnel of other branches of service must be trained in tank and armored identification. This Bn has encountered personnel that had not seen the M-18 tank destroyer or cardboard silhouette of same.

For the Commanding Officer

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