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HEADQUARTERS, 817TH TD BATTALION

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

January 7 45

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From: 0800 Dec 31 1944 To: 0800 January 7 45

ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HE SMK			
	WO	EM	SMK		Star	She	1	
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>				<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>				
A. Casualties				A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)				
(1) Killed				(1) Direct	0	0	0	
(2) Wounded			3	(2) Indirect	0	25	10	
(3) Captured				B. Short Summary of Operations	(Reverse Side)			
(4) Missing								
(5) Total			3					
(6) Operation Str	34	2	717					
B. Replacements				<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>				
(1) Requisitioned				ON HAND	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED
(2) Received	0	0	5					
C. Prisoners				A. M-10				
(1) Captured				M-18				
				M-36 75-mm PAW	3			
				B. M-5 Gun	39			
				C. M-3 Primemover	36			
				D. M-20	10			
				E. M-8	4			
				F. 2-1/2 T	16			
				G. 1/4 T	58		1	2
				H. Others	18			
				I. Motorcycles	11			
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>								
A. Vehicles Destroyed								
(1) MK VI								
(2) Mk V								
(3) Mk IV								
(4) SP								
(5) Others								
B. Miscellaneous								
(1) Guns, AT								
(2) Guns, Arty								
(3) M.G.								
(4) Pill Boxes								
(5) _____								
(6) _____								

COMMENTS:

- Two EM wounded by fragments of HE.
- no ton damaged by fragments of HE in the VESSEWACK area.
- no EM wounded by a mine.



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Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

BATTALION: (Atchd 317th) Location at end of Period: 8 Inf Div (080370  
Coordinates)

Bn CP moved to a new location. Continued work on defense of area. Received two additional 75-mm PAK's. Changed a few gun positions slightly to improve fields of fire. No other changes in positions or missions.

"A" COMPANY: (Atchd 28 A) Co. 023385 A1 027376 A2 017322 A3 017322  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Continued work on defense of area. Improved gun emplacements. Placed 13th 3" gun & one 75-mm PAK into position. Surveyed & registered in one 3" gun. Fired 10 rds of Star Shell on SCHMIDT area. No other changes.

"B" COMPANY: (Atchd 13 Inf) Co. 055375 B1 085376 B2 052366 B3 078366  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Continued work on defense of area. Placed 13th 3" gun in position. Surveyed & registered one gun to fire Star Shell. Moved two 3" guns to improve fields of fire. No other changes in positions or missions.

"C" COMPANY: (Atchd 113 Cav) Co. 073307 C1 007308 C2 087309 C3 097308  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Continued work on defense of area. Improved gun emplacements. Dug in and prepared eight alternate 3" gun emplacements S of GUY. Placed 13th 3" gun in position. No other changes.

"RCN" PLATOONS: (Atchd       ) RL 052368 R2 043310

(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Continued operation of outposts. Sighted 10-man patrol in vic 07153175. Placed M-8's into position. Moved 2nd platoon CP. Placed 75-mm PAK into position. No other changes.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK H. H. HANNER  
Major, Infantry  
TITLE S-3

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REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

January 14 45

Daily Report Number 4

From: 0800 January 7

To: 0800 January 14

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ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HEAVY			
<b>1. PERSONNEL,</b>	0	WO	EM	<b>3. OPERATIONS,</b>				
A. Casualties				A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	<b>Star Shell</b>			
(1) Killed				(1) Direct	0	0	0	
(2) Wounded				(2) Indirect	0	0	5	
(3) Captured				B. Short Summary of Operations	(Reverse Side)			
(4) Missing								
(5) Total	0	0	0					
(6) Operation Str	34	2	719					
B. Replacements				<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>	<b>ON HAND</b>			
(1) Requisitioned					SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED
(2) Received				A. M-10				
C. Prisoners				M-18				
(1) Captured				M-36				
				B. M-5 Gun	45			
				C. M-3 Primemover	36			
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>				D. M-20	9	1		
A. Vehicles Destroyed				E. M-8	4			
(1) MK VI				F. 2-1/2 T	16			
(2) Mk V				G. 1/4 T	59			3
(3) Mk IV				H. Others	18			
(4) SP				I. Motorcycles	11			
(5) Others								
B. Miscellaneous								
(1) Guns, AT								
(2) Guns, Arty								
(3) M.G.								
(4) Mill Boxes								
(5) _____								
(6) _____								

COMMENTS:

1. Received four (4) more 3" guns and transferred 75-mm PAK's to Infantry.



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Report of Tank-Destroyer Operations (cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

**817th BATTALION:** (Atchd **8 Inf Div**) Location at end of Period: **029378**

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Rcn was made & positions (Coordinates) selected for switch positions in defense of Div sector in case of an attack fr the N or fr the S. Positions were also selected along a line **MULARSHUTTE - BREINIG - STOLBERGZ**

"A" COMPANY: **Support 28 & 121 Co.** **023335** A1 **027326** A2 **017322** A3 **043310**  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Placed 2 more 3" guns into position in **VOSSENACK** area. Fired 5 rds of Star Shell in **SCHMIDT** on request of 119 FA Gp. No other changes.

"B" COMPANY: **Support 13 Inf** Co. **055375** B1 **067368** B2 **052368** B3 **078326**  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Placed 1 more 3" gun into position in **KLEINHAU** area. No other changes.

"C" COMPANY: **Support 113 Cav** Co. **073397** C1 **097388** C2 **088399** C3 **097388**  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Placed 1 more 3" gun into position in **LANGENBRUIH** area. No other changes.

"RCN" PLATOONS: (Atchd ) RL **052368** R2 **043310**

Maintained & continued to operate (CP Locations By Coordinates) outposts. OP #1 was pushed back by an enemy attack in 309 Inf area. Ground was regained and OP remanned. No other changes.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required).

OFFICIAL:

**HARNER**  
S-3

NAME WILLIAM H. BARDES  
RANK Lieutenant-Colonel  
TITLE Commanding

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January 21 45

SECRET  
Auth: **CG-8 Inf Div**  
Init:  
Date: **Jan 21 1945**  
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Report Number **5** From: **0800 January 14** To: **0800 January 21** 45

ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HE				
	O	WO	EM						
1. PERSONNEL.				3. OPERATIONS.					Shell
A. Casualties				A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)					
(1) Killed				(1) Direct					0 0 0
(2) Wounded				(2) Indirect					0 0 0
(3) Captured				B. Short Summary of Operations					(Reverse Side)
(4) Missing									
(5) Total									
(6) Operation Str				34 2 723					
B. Replacements				4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.					
(1) Requisitioned									
(2) Received									
C. Prisoners									
(1) Captured									
2. INTELLIGENCE.									
A. Vehicles Destroyed				A. M-10					
(1) Mk VI				M-18					
(2) Mk V				M-36					
(3) Mk IV				B. M-5 Gun					13
(4) SP				C. M-3 Primemover					36
(5) Others				D. M-20					10
B. Miscellaneous				E. M-8					4
(1) Guns, AT				F. 2-1/2 T					16
(2) Guns, Arty				G. 1/4 T					39
(3) M.G.				H. Others					18
(4) Pill Boxes				I. Motorcycles					11
(5)									
(6)									

COMMENTS:



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Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

817th BATTALION: (Atchd 8 Inf Div ) Location at end of Period: 029378

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Further run of area was made for positions on N & S of Div sector in case of a penetration from flanks. Fired 6 Star Shell missions. No changes in positions or missions. (Coordinates)

Supports 28 &

"A" COMPANY: ~~xxxxx~~ 121 Inf ) Co. 023335 A1 033326 A2 017322 A3 032351

( CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Fired 3 Star Shell missions for Granite & Grapefruit & Grindstone respectively. Observed fire for Greenback on enemy truck & trailer recorded 4 hits. No other changes.

Supports

"B" COMPANY: ~~xxxxx~~ 113 Inf ) Co. 036372 B1 067368 B2 052368 B3 063344

( CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Fired 3 Star Shell missions on request of Grindstone. No other changes.

Supports

"C" COMPANY: ~~xxxxx~~ 113 Cav ) Co. 073397 C1 097388 C2 088399 C3 097388

( CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. No other changes.

"RCN" PLATOONS: (Atchd \_\_\_\_\_ ) RL 042370 R2 017322

( CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Continued to operate OP's. 2nd Platoon moved its CP to 017322 & moved one M-8 from vic 043310 to vic 017322.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required).

OFFICIAL:

HARNER  
S-3

NAME WILLIAM H. BARDES  
RANK Lieutenant-Colonel  
TITLE Commanding

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28 January 45

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

SECRET  
Auth: 00 8 Inf Div  
Init:  
Date: 28 Jan 1945

Report Number 6

From: 0800 January 21 To: 0800 January 28 45

ITEM	TD BN ( )			ITEM	APC HE <del>SMK</del>				
	0	WO	EM						
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>					<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>				
A. Casualties					A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76) <b>13 Star Shell</b>				
(1) Killed					(1) Direct <b>0 0 0</b>				
(2) Wounded					(2) Indirect <b>0 140 9</b>				
(3) Captured					B. Short Summary of Operations (Reverse Side)				
(4) Missing									
(5) Total									
(6) Operation Str									
B. Replacements									
(1) Requisitioned									
(2) Received									
C. Prisoners									
(1) Captured									
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>					<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>				
A. Vehicles Destroyed					ON HAND				
(1) MK VI					SERVICABLE				
(2) Mk V					UNSERVICABLE				
(3) Mk IV					EVACUATED				
(4) SP					REPLACED				
(5) Others									
B. Miscellaneous					A. M-10				
(1) Guns, AT					M-18				
(2) Guns, Arty					M-36				
(3) M.G.					B. M-5 Gun <b>45</b>				
(4) Pill Boxes					C. M-3 Primemover <b>30</b>				
(5) _____					D. M-20 <b>10</b>				
(6) _____					E. M-8 <b>1</b>				
					F. 2-1/2 T <b>15</b>				
					G. 1/4 T <b>63</b>				
					H. Others <b>3</b>				
					I. Motorcycles <b>0</b>				

COMMENTS:

1. Turned in eleven motorcycles under new 1/E.
2. One M1 wounded by fragmentation and evacuated.
3. Ammunition destroyed by enemy artillery fire: 14 rds HE (80); 7 rds APC, 3 rds Smoke; and 750 rds Cal. .30.



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817th BATTALION: (Atchd 8 Inf Div) Location at end of Period: 029378  
(Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Fired 3 Star Shell indirect fire missions. Received two more 3" guns. Placed two additional guns into indirect fire positions. No other changes.

"A" COMPANY: <sup>Supports 28 &</sup> ~~2833rd~~ 121 Inf Co. 023335 A1 031326 A2 017322 A3 032351  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Fired 7 rds of Star Shell & 18 rds of HE(RC) on request of Div Arty. No other changes.

Supports

"B" COMPANY: (~~2833rd~~ 13 Inf) Co. 036372 B1 067368 B2 052368 B3 063344  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Fired 130 rds of HE(RC) on order of Div Arty. Placed one additional gun into position. No other changes.

Supports

"C" COMPANY: (~~2833rd~~ 113 Cav) Co. 073397 C1 097388 C2 088399 C3 097384  
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Placed one additional gun into position. CP of 3rd Platoon moved. No other changes.

"RCN" PLATOONS: (Atchd \_\_\_\_\_) R1 042370 R2 017322

(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Maintained & improved defenses of area. Continued to operate OP's. No changes.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required).

OFFICIAL:

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NAME	<u>WILLIAM H. BAHRIS</u>
RANK	<u>Lieutenant-Colonel</u>
TITLE	<u>Commanding</u>