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 HEADQUARTERS 817th T.D. Bn.

Dec 24/44

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

Weekly Report Number 2

From: 1200 Dec. 17 To: 1200 Dec 24/44

ITEM	TD Bn ()			ITEM	APC HE SMK				
	O	WO	EM						
1. PERSONNEL.				3. OPERATIONS.					
A. Casualties				A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)					
(1) Killed					(1) Direct	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
(2) Wounded					(2) Indirect	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
(3) Captured					B. Short Summary of Operations				(Reverse Side)
(4) Missing									
(5) Total									
(6) Operation Str				<u>33</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>723</u>			
B. Replacements				4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.					
(1) Requisitioned				<u>0</u>					
(2) Received				<u>0</u>					
C. Prisoners									
(1) Captured									
2. INTELLIGENCE.									
A. Vehicles Destroyed									
(1) Mk VI				<u>0</u>					
(2) Mk V				<u>0</u>					
(3) Mk IV				<u>0</u>					
(4) SP				<u>0</u>					
(5) Others				<u>0</u>					
B. Miscellaneous									
(1) Guns, AT				<u>0</u>					
(2) Guns, Arty				<u>0</u>					
(3) M.G.				<u>0</u>					
(4) Pill Boxes				<u>0</u>					
(5)									
(6)									
				A. M-10					
				M-18					
				M-36					
				B. M-5 Gun					<u>36</u>
				C. M-3 Primemover					<u>36</u>
				D. M-20					<u>10</u>
				E. M-8					<u>4</u>
				F. 2-1/2 T					<u>16</u>
				G. 1/4 T					<u>59</u>
				* H. Others					<u>18</u>
				m/cycles					<u>11</u>

COMMENTS:

* Other vehicles listed include 9 1 1/2 ton trucks and 9 3/4 tons trucks.



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Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)

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

817^C BATTALION: (Atchd 8^A Inf) Location at end of Period: 000342
 Bn attached 5^A Inf. Div. ~~Co. A was supporting 311th RCT. Co. B was~~ ^(Coordinates)
~~covering approaches~~ protecting the division sector against
 attack by armor. There were no changes in missions. Bn
 continued to improve its ~~gun~~ gun positions and continued
 preparations for forthcoming action.

"A" COMPANY: (~~Atchd~~ ^{Supporting} 28th R) Co. 004314 A1 027326 A2 017312 A3 003314
 (CP Locations By Coordinates)

Company A was supporting 311th RCT. Two platoons
 covered approaches from South and one platoon
 covering immediate approaches into the Vossenaek area.
 Gun positions were changed in some instances to
 improve fields of fire and gun emplacements were
 continually improved. Co now supports 28th RCT in same
 sector.

"B" COMPANY: (~~Atchd~~ ^{Supporting} 13th Regt.) Co. 063346 B1 075335 B2 076337 B3 078336
 (CP Locations By Coordinates)

Co B (plus one platoon of Co C) in support of 13th RCT. Three
 platoons covering approaches into Bergstein and one
 platoon in depth along Brandenburg-Bergstein road.
 Gun emplacements were improved constantly.

"C" COMPANY: (~~Atchd~~ ^{Supporting} 121st Regt) Co. 055375 C1 055374 C2 082338 C3 054368
 (CP Locations By Coordinates)

Co C (less one platoon) in support of 121st RCT in
 covering approaches from North, East and South in
 the Kleinhan area. Gun emplacements were
 continually improved.

"RCN" ^{Platoons} COMPANY: (~~Atchd~~ ^{817^A} B.N.) Co. 00342 R1 063346 R2 006342 R3 ---
 (CP Locations By Coordinates)

One platoon patrolled rear area in vicinity of Rott
 for enemy paratroops. The second platoon was
 operating outposts in Kleinhan, Bergstein, and
 Vossenaek area.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required).

NAME H.H. HANNER
 RANK MAJ. INF.
 TITLE S-3

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HEADQUARTERS, 817TH TD BATTALION

Dec 31 44

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REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

Report Number 2

From: 0800 Dec 24 To: 0800 December 31 44

ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HE SMK				
	O	WO	EM						
1. PERSONNEL					3. OPERATIONS				
A. Casualties					A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)				
(1) Killed			2	(1) Direct	0	0	0		
(2) Wounded			3	(2) Indirect	0	0	0		
(3) Captured				B. Short Summary of Operations (Reverse Side)					
(4) Missing									
(5) Total			5						
(6) Operation Str	34	2	721						
B. Replacements					4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT				
(1) Requisitioned									
(2) Received	2	0	3						
C. Prisoners									
(1) Captured									
2. INTELLIGENCE									
A. Vehicles Destroyed									
(1) MK VI				A. M-10					
(2) Mk V				M-18					
(3) Mk IV				M-18 75-mm PAK	1				
(4) SP				B. M-5 Gun	39				
(5) Others				C. M-3 Primemover	25		1		
B. Miscellaneous					D. M-20	10			
(1) Guns, AT				E. M-8	4				
(2) Guns, Arty				F. 2-1/2 T	15				
(3) M.G.				G. 1/4 T	57	1	1		
(4) Pill Boxes				H. Others	18				
(5) <u>MB 109</u>			1	I. Motorcycles	11				
(6)									

COMMENTS:

1. One 1/2-ton demolished by a mine. Occupants suffered only minor cuts.
2. One primemover damaged by a mine.
3. One 1/2-ton damaged by shrapnel.
4. One EM wounded by shrapnel.
5. One EM wounded and two killed by a mine.
6. Received three more 3" guns and one 75-mm PAK.



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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: 000342
(Coordinates)

Reorganized defense of area. Changed gun positions in all sectors. 36 guns in position. Emplacements being dug for four additional guns.

"A" COMPANY: (Atchd _____) Co. 023335 A1 027326 A2 017322 A3 017322
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Supports 28th Inf & 121st Inf. Reorganized defense of sector. Dug in all crew-served weapons. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Now have eight 3" guns in GERMETER-VOSSENACK area and four guns in depth between GERMETER and HURTGEN.

"B" COMPANY: (Atchd _____) Co. 055375 B1 072374 B2 052368 B3 078336
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Supports 13th Inf. Reorganized defense of sector. Dug in all crew-served weapons. Now have four guns in BERGSTEIN area, four in KLEINHAU-BRANDENBURG area, and four in OBERMAUBACH area.

"C" COMPANY: (Atchd _____) Co. 073397 C1 097388 C2 088399 C3 097388
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Supports 113th Cav. Reorganized defense of sector. Dug in all crew-served weapons.

TRUCK PLATOONS: (Atchd _____) Pl. 052368 R2 019323
(CP Locations By Coordinates)

Established and operates four outposts. Dug in M-8's and man them constantly. Shot down one attacking German ME 109.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required).

NAME _____
RANK _____
TITLE _____

H. H. HANSEN
Major, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS, 817TH TD BATTALION

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

January 7 45

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Date: Jan 7, 1945

Weekly Report Number 3

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

ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HE SMK				
	WO	EM	SMK		Star	She	1		
1. PERSONNEL.					3. OPERATIONS.				
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				4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.					
(1) Requisitioned				ON HAND					
(2) Received	0	0	5	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED		
C. Prisoners									
(1) Captured									
2. INTELLIGENCE.									
A. Vehicles Destroyed				A. M-10					
(1) MK VI				M-18					
(2) Mk V				M-36 75-mm PAW	3				
(3) Mk IV				B. M-5 Gun	39				
(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	68	1	2		
(3) M.G.				H. Others	18				
(4) Pill Boxes				I. Motorcycles	11				
(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 January 14 45

Daily Report Number 4 From: 0800 January 7 To: 0800 January 14 45

ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HEAVY			
	0	WO	EM		Star	Shell	Side	Other
1. PERSONNEL.				3. OPERATIONS.				
A. Casualties				A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)				
(1) Killed				(1) Direct	0	0	0	
(2) Wounded				(2) Indirect	0	0	5	
(3) Captured				B. Short Summary of Operations				
(4) Missing								
(5) Total	0	0	0					
(6) Operation Str	34	2	719					
B. Replacements				4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.				
(1) Requisitioned					ON HAND			
(2) Received					SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED
C. Prisoners				A. M-10				
(1) Captured				M-18				
				M-36				
				B. M-5 Gun	43			
				C. M-3 Primemover	36			
				D. M-20	9	1		
				E. M-8	4			
				F. 2-1/2 T	16			
				G. 1/4 T	59			3
				H. Others	18			
				I. Motorcycles	11			
2. INTELLIGENCE.								
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) Mill Boxes								
(5) _____								
(6) _____								

COMMENTS:

- 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:

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NAME WILLIAM H. BARDES
RANK Lieutenant-Colonel
TITLE Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 817TH TD BATTALION

January 21 15

SECRET
 :Auth: **CG-8 Inf Div**
 :Init:
 :Date: **Jan 21 1945**

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

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From: **0800 January 14** To: **0800 January 21** 15

ITEM	TD BN (T)			ITEM	APC HE			
	O	WO	EM		Shell			
1. PERSONNEL.				3. OPERATIONS.				
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								
(1) Mk VI				A. M-10				
(2) Mk V				M-18				
(3) Mk IV				M-36				
(4) SP				B. M-5 Gun	13			
(5) Others				C. M-3 Primemover	36			
B. Miscellaneous				D. M-20	10			
(1) Guns, AT				E. M-8	4			
(2) Guns, Arty				F. 2-1/2 T	16			
(3) M.G.				G. 1/4 T	39			
(4) Pill Boxes				H. Others	18			
(5)				I. Motorcycles	11			
(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:

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NAME WILLIAM H. BARDES

RANK Lieutenant-Colonel

TITLE Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 817TH TD BATTALION

28 January 45

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

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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 SMK				
	0	WO	EM						
1. PERSONNEL.					3. OPERATIONS.				
A. Casualties					A. Rounds Fired (3" or 76) 13 Star Shell				
(1) Killed					(1) Direct 0 0 0				
(2) Wounded					(2) Indirect 0 140 9				
(3) Captured					B. Short Summary of (Reverse Side)				
(4) Missing					Operations				
(5) Total									
(6) Operation Str									
B. Replacements									
(1) Requisitioned									
(2) Received									
C. Prisoners									
(1) Captured									
2. INTELLIGENCE.					4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.				
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 45				
(4) Pill Boxes					C. M-3 Primemover 30				
(5) _____					D. M-20 10				
(6) _____					E. M-8 1				
					F. 2-1/2 T 15				
					G. 1/4 T 23				
					H. Others 3				
					I. Motorcycles 0				

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

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: ^{Supports 28 &} ~~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>