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825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION****RHM/GAW/jfs****AGO 655, U. S. Army  
3 February 1945****Subject: Monthly Report of Activities.****To: Commanding General, Special Troops, Twelfth Army Group, APO 655, U. S. Army**

In compliance with Section I, Administrative Bulletin Number 71, Headquarters, Special Troops, Twelfth Army Group, dated 24 October 1944, the following report is submitted:

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Until 28 January 1945, Headquarters, 825th TD Battalion remained in the City of Luxembourg with only minor changes occurring which are reflected in other portions of this report. An advance detachment departed for Namur, Belgium on 21 January to prepare for the projected move of the organization to that location. On 280900 January this Headquarters effected the change of station. Arrived at Namur, Belgium on 281600 January 1945.

Until 28 January 1945, Headquarters Company, 825th TD Battalion remained in the City of Luxembourg with minor changes as follows:

- 20 January 1945 Second Section, First Recon Platoon, moved from vicinity of Longwy France to Luxembourg.
- 21 January 1945 First Section, First Recon Platoon, moved from East of Luxembourg to Luxembourg.
- 25 January 1945 First Section, First Recon Platoon, departed Luxembourg to vicinity of Namur, Belgium. (Guard Duty).
- 28 January 1945 Headquarters Company moved from Luxembourg to Namur, Belgium.

At the beginning of the New Year Company "A" was still attached to "F" Force with its CP located in the vicinity of Malmedy, Belgium. On 060845 January 1945 orders were received from the Commanding Officer of the 823rd TD Battalion that the Company would occupy positions previously occupied by elements of the 823rd TD Bn and that the change would be effected within a forty-eight hour period. At 1700 hours the third platoon of Company "A" moved to and took up positions in the vicinity of Malmedy. Prior to this movement platoon leaders and Capt. Joseph H. Dibert, Commanding Officer, Company "A" met with the platoon leaders of the 823rd TD Bn who were already holding the positions, and a thorough reconnaissance was made. Contact with supporting infantry was arranged when occupation of positions was effected. At 2135 hours the third platoon reported position secured and communication established. On 7 January 1945 the first and second platoons took up new positions in the vicinity of Malmedy. The company CP was moved to Burneville, Belgium on 8 January 1945; this same date the first platoon reported they had fired eleven (11) rounds of HE at an enemy CP and that the fire had been effective and objective destroyed. On 10 January 1945 the Rear Echelon was relocated at St. Joseph's School, 8 Miles NW of Huy, Belgium, and was joined by the Company CP seven (7) days later. Meanwhile Captain Dibert assembled his three (3) platoons at Heiz, Belgium on 16 January and retired to a rest area on 20 January in the vicinity of Soliers, Belgium.

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Activities of Company "B" were confined mainly to the movement of small detached security units (with VHF radio stations) which are shown in detail below: Headquarters of Company "B" moved from City of Luxembourg to Namur, Belgium closing into new area at 311500 January 1945.

- 3 January 1945 Third Squad and one half of Security Section, Second Platoon moved from Luxembourg to vic of Beaufays, Belgium.
- 4 January 1945 Second Squad and one half of Security Section, First Platoon moved from vic of Tongress, Belgium to Anthelt, Belgium.
- 18 January 1945 First Squad of Third Platoon moved from Rockroi, France to vic of Gour, Belgium.
- 19 January 1945 Third Squad of Third Platoon moved from Rockroi, France to Chabreabex, Belgium.
- 20 January 1945 Third Squad and one half of Security Section, First Platoon Moved from City of Luxembourg to vic of Lengwy, France.
- 21 January 1945 Second Squad and one half of Security Section, Third Platoon moved from vic of Stenne, France to vic of Fraiture, Belgium.
- 21 January 1945 Second and Fourth Squads, Second Platoon moved from City of Luxembourg to vic of Grunenwald, East of Luxembourg.
- 27 January 1945 Headquarters Section relieved of M-20 patrol.
- 27 January 1945 Fourth Squad, Third Platoon relieved of Guard Duty in the vic of Sandwiler, Luxembourg.
- 27 January 1945 First Squad, Second Platoon moved from Signal Center in City of Luxembourg to Namur, Belgium and assigned guard duty Signal Center.
- 29 January 1945 Third and Fourth Squads of First Platoon moved from City of Luxembourg to Namur, Belgium.
- 29 January 1945 Assigned Guard Duty at Eagle TAG Air Strip, Temploux, Belgium.
- 30 January 1945 Assigned Guard Duty at Eagle TAG Garage in Namur, Belgium.
- 31 January 1945 Company "B" Headquarters plus fourth squad, Third Platoon moved from City of Luxembourg, to Namur, Belgium.



In City of Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, Company "C" assigned four men to guard Lt. Max Brahm and Lt. Joseph Michels at 37 Rue Joseph II. These officers were placed under strict arrest by order of Lieutenant General Bradley. They were legitimate allied Officers here incognito. Under the same conditions, four men were assigned to guard Lt. Eitel Kreip at 21 Rue Goethe. These Officers were turned over to GIC Representative Smith at 061730 January 1945. Orders were received to establish security for SHANP Mission on 9 January 1945, and six (6) men of this company were detailed for that duty. At 101435 January 1945 Company "C" was alerted when an enemy breakthrough was reported Southeast of the City of Luxembourg. The Company was attacked.

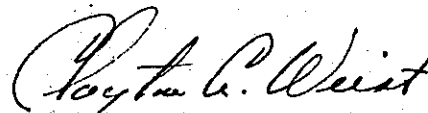
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to Task Force "REK" at Montfort, Luxembourg for operational control. Responsibility for the Security of SHARP Mission and functions of the Emergency Reconnaissance Squad were assumed by the Commanding Officers of Company "B" and Headquarters Company respectively. Captain H. Townsend Hader, Commanding Officer of Company "C" reported to the Commanding Officer of Task Force "REK" who assigned him the mission of reconnoitering and occupying primary firing positions for the purpose of covering all probable tank approaches, road nets, valleys, etc. from the East and Northeast. The plan for the reconnaissance was to reconnoiter for direct firing positions for one platoon in the vicinity of Niederanven on Highway 1; to reconnoiter for direct firing positions for one section in the vicinity of Schutrange and Munsbach; to reconnoiter for direct firing positions for one section in the vicinity of Seckersige and to reconnoiter for direct firing positions for one platoon in the vicinity of Oetrange and Centern. A reconnaissance was to be also made for secondary gun positions on a line from Montfort-Syren Weiler for coverage of probable tank approaches from the East and Southeast. The two northernmost platoons were to occupy firing positions immediately after reconnaissance and the southern most platoon to occupy indirect firing positions 1 mile east of Oetrange previously prepared by Field Artillery units for the purpose of performing secondary mission of indirect fire. The first and second platoons of Company "C" occupied firing positions on 11 January 1945, the first platoon in the vicinity of Senningerberg, and the second platoon 1 mile east of Oetrange, Luxembourg. At 120830 January 1945 Company Headquarters and the third platoon departed the Episcopal Convict, Luxembourg to establish the Company CP two miles south of Sandweiler and occupy gun positions at Schutrange, Luxembourg. Captain Hader rotated his platoons throughout the remainder of the month expending a total of 1461 rounds in harassing and interdiction indirect fire missions from the position east of Oetrange, Luxembourg. The second platoon fired their first rounds into German 11 January 1945. On 27 January 1945, the first platoon Company C was moved from its indirect fire position one mile east of Oetrange, Luxembourg. The third platoon moved from its implaced positions at Senningerberg, Luxembourg at 1700 hours to positions on West bank of Moselle River at Nanternach, Luxembourg. The second platoon moved from its positions one mile east of Oetrange to positions occupied by the third platoon covering the main approach to the City of Luxembourg from the East. The first and third platoons were subjected to intermittent artillery, mortar and machine gun fire until relieved of the mission. They received an estimated 125 rounds of artillery and 350 rounds of Mortar fire. Company "C" was relieved of its attachment to Task Force "REK" on 31 January 1945. The platoons were moved out of their positions under cover of darkness, and the Company assembled in the City of Luxembourg prepared to move to Namur, Belgium the morning of 1 February 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:



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