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HEADQUARTERS 893D TANK DESTROYER BATTAL  
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

o March 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of After Action Reports.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.  
(Through Channels).

1. Enclosed herewith the "Action Against the Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports" of this organization for the month of February 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:

*Sidney S. Cole*  
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Capt 893d TD Bn  
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Enclosed-1 S-5 Journal

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HQ III CORPS, APO 303, U. S. Army, 7 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, First U. S. Army, APO 230, U. S. Army.

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AFTER ACTION REPORTS

1. The 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion was operational from 1 February to 28 February inclusive. At the beginning of February the Battalion was assigned to the Ninth U.S. Army, attached to XIX Corps, and further attached to Division Artillery of the 78th Inf Div. On 3 Feb, the Battalion, still attached to 78th Inf Div was relieved from assignment to the Ninth U.S. Army, assigned to the First U.S. Army and further attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps. On 12 Feb 1945, the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the XVIII Airborne Corps and attached to the III Corps, still retaining it's normal attachment to the 78th Inf Div.

With the 78th Inf Div, the Battalion, on 1 Feb, had Co "A" attached to the 311 Inf Regt and Co's "B" and "C" in direct support of the 309 Inf Regt and 310 Inf Regt respectively. On 4 Feb Co "A" was relieved of attachment and reverted to Bn control. On 27 Feb, Co "B" was attached to the 14th Cav Gp and Co "C" was attached to the 311 Inf Regt and they remained in that status for the remainder of the month.

The first, second and third Reconnaissance platoons were attached to "A", "B" and "C" Companies respectively during the entire month of February 1945.

2. a. Three Companies, "A", "B" and "C" were in indirect fire action during the month.

b. Total number of concentrations fired was 242.

c. Total number of rounds fired was 3858 HE and 1412 HERC.

d. Types of missions fired:

Registrations-26 concentrations

Neutralization fire-1 concentration

Harrassing fire-198 concentrations

Interdiction fire-14 concentrations

Preparation fire-3 concentrations

e. Results of indirect fire: All firing unobserved.

f. The Battalion fired 8 rds of 3" Illuminating Star Shell on the request of front line infantry troops.

3. Throughout the entire month of February the line companies plus attached Recon platoons were supporting the infantry either from indirect firing positions or by close-in anti-tank support in direct fire positions. From the 1st to 13 Feb the Battalion supported the attack of the 78th Inf Div toward the east and assisted in the seiz-

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ing and holding of Strauch, Schmidt and the Schwarzenauel Dam. During the period, 14-27 Feb inclusive, the Battalion took up the defensive in anti-tank positions and also fired one Company on it's secondary mission(indirect fire). On the 28th Feb the Battalion with the 76th Inf Div and Co "B" with the 14th Cavalry Group resumed the attack toward the Cologne Plains across the Roer River.

During the month the following vehicles were lost due to enemy mines:

- 1 M-10 Tank Destroyer
- 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton truck

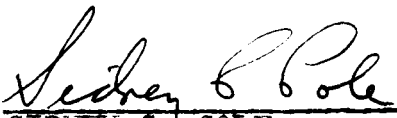
The following are casualties among our personnel for the month:

- 16 lightly wounded in action
- 1 lightly injured in action
- 1 seriously wounded in action
- 1 seriously injured in action
- 2 killed in action


During the entire month a total of 387 rds of HE, 86 rds of APC and 2 rds of HVAF were fired in direct fire. The results of the fire are as follows:

- 22 Prisoners taken
- 59 enemy killed
- 3 Machine gun nests destroyed
- 2 Strongpoints neutralized
- 4 Pillboxes neutralized
- 1 OP demolished
- 2 75mm AT guns(towed) destroyed
- 2 Tanks, Mark V (Panther) destroyed
- 1 Tank Mark IV destroyed

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