

HEADQUARTERS 893D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, US Army

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4 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Action against the Enemy, Reports
After/After Action Reports.

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

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. The 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion was operational from 1 January to 31 January 1945 inclusive. The Battalion was assigned to the Ninth US Army and attached to XIX Corps and further attached to Division Artillery of the 78th Infantry Division for the entire period. Company "A" was in direct support of the 311th Infantry Regiment from 1 January to 28 January 1945 inclusive. From 29 January to 31 January 1945 inclusive they were attached to the 311th Infantry Regiment for operation only. Company "B" minus one platoon was in direct support of the 310th Infantry Regiment from 1 January to 28 January 1945 inclusive. One platoon of Company "B" was in direct support of the 309th Infantry Regiment from 1 January to 28 January 1945 inclusive. From 29 January to 31 January 1945 inclusive Company "B" was in direct support of the 309th Infantry Regiment. Company "C" - one platoon was in indirect fire positions tied in with the 309th Field Artillery Battalion from 1 January to 28 January 1945 inclusive. One platoon of Company "C" was in direct support of one Battalion of the 311th Infantry Regiment from 1 January to 28 January 1945 inclusive. Company "C" was in direct support of the 310th Infantry Regiment from 29 January to 31 January 1945 inclusive.

The First, Second and Third Reconnaissance Platoons were attached to "A", "B" and "C" Companies respectively during the entire month of January 1945.

2. a. Two platoons of Company "C" and one platoon of Company "B" were in indirect fire action during the month.

b. Total number of concentrations fired was 1200.

c. Total number of rounds fired was 1031 HE, 4003 HERC.

d. Types of missions fired:

Registrations - 9 concentrations.

Harrassing fire - 1141 concentrations.

Interdiction fire - 50 concentrations.

e. Results of enemy fire: All firing was unobserved.

f. The Battalion fired a total of 35 rounds of 3" Illuminating Star Shell with very satisfactory results reported by 78th Infantry Division Artillery Forward Observers.

3. Throughout the entire month of January the Line Companies were supporting the 78th Infantry Division either from indirect fire positions, by close-in anti-tank support, or by direct fire assault positions. The first twenty-nine days of the month were spent in entirely defensive roles. On 30 January two platoons of the Battalion supported the 78th Infantry Division attack by indirect fire and Companies "A" and "B" supported the attack on Kesternich, Huppenbroich, Konzen and Imgenbroich

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by direct fire on targets of opportunity, enemy strong points and fortified houses. The attack of the 78th Infantry Division was very skillfully executed and well coordinated by all supporting arms. All objectives were gained on time as planned.

During the month there were no vehicles lost due to enemy action.

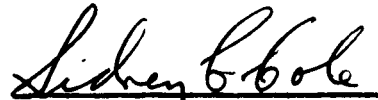
The following are casualties among our personnel for the month:

- 10 lightly wounded in action.
- 3 seriously wounded in action.
- 2 killed in action.
- 1 died of wounds.

During the entire month a total of 162 rounds of HE and 86 rounds of APC were fired in direct fire. The results of the fire are as follows:

- 86 prisoners taken.
- 20 enemy killed.
- 10 machine gun nests destroyed.
- 4 fortified houses neutralized.
- 3 pillboxes neutralized.
- 1 OP demolished.
- 1 ME - 109 (Category one shared with adjacent unit).

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