

HEADQUARTERS  
899TH TANK DEPLOYED BATTALION  
APO 230 U.S. ARMY

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3 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

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

1. In compliance, per. 10, AR 345-105, as changed by Changes No. 3; and letter, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 13 July 1944, same subject; and letter, Headquarters V Corps, dated 28 December 1944, same subject, the following Action Against Enemy, Report After/After Action Report for the month of December 1944 is submitted:

- a. Original Unit: 899th T.D. Bn.
- b. Changes in Organization - None
- c. Strength:

Beginning of Period: 34 Officers  
1 Warrant Officer  
590 Enlisted Men

End of Period: 33 Officers  
1 Warrant Officer  
589 Enlisted Men

Net Decrease: 1 Officer  
1 Enlisted Man

- g. Stations: See Appendix I.
- h. Marches: See Appendix I.
- i. Campaigns: See Appendix I.
- j. Battles: (See Narrative Report, Appendix No. I.)
- k. Commanding Officers in important engagements: No Change.
- l. Losses in Action: See Appendix II.
- m. Members Distinguished in Action: See Appendices III & IV
- n. Photographs: None.
- o. Inclosures: (Supporting Documents)  
(1) Unit Journal - See Appendix V.



For the Battalion Commander:

*Harley H. Miller*  
HARLEY H. MILLER,  
Captain, 899th T.D. Bn.,  
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Incl:

- Appendix I - Report of Operations - 5 copies
- Appendix II - Casualty Report - 5 copies
- Appendix III - Members Distinguished in Action - 5 copies
- Appendix IV - Battle Honors - 5 copies
- Appendix V - Unit Journal - 1 copy

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## APPENDIX I - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

Report of Operations - Month of December 1944

- Dec. 1, 1944 - Battalion attached 9th Inf. Div.  
Bn. (less Co. C.) in assembly area vicinity Robertville, Belgium. During the day Co. G. relieved from attachment 47th CT vicinity Nothberg, Germany moved to Bn. assembly area. Co. B. attached to 60th CT moved from Bn. Assembly area to vicinity of Rotgen, Germany, one platoon occupied defensive positions in vicinity of Mutzenich, Germany.  
No enemy contact reported.  
M-10's Operational - 34
- Dec. 2, 1944 - Bn. (less Co. B.) continued maintenance and training in assembly area vicinity Robertville, Belgium.  
B Company - No Change.  
No enemy contact reported.  
M-10's Operational - 33
- Dec. 3 & 4, 1944 - No Change.
- Dec. 5, 1944 - Bn. (less Co's A & B) remained in assembly area vicinity Robertville, Belgium.  
Co. A. attached 39th Inf. CT moved from vicinity Robertville, Belgium to vicinity of Volkenrath, Germany. 2nd Pltn. Co. A. moved out with 2nd Bn. 39th Inf.  
Co. B attached 60th CT - No Change.  
No enemy contact reported.  
M-10's Operational - 34
- Dec. 6, 1944 - Bn. (less Co's A, B & C) moved to Eschweiler, Germany. Co. A. attached 39th CT located vic Volkenrath, Germany, 2nd pltn Co. A. in support 2nd Bn. 39th Inf. in Jungersdorf, Germany. Co. B. atchd 60th CT moved from Rotgen and Mutzenich, Germany to Company assembly area vicinity Nothberg, Germany. Co. C. attached in place at Robertville, Belgium to 47th CT scheduled to move South of Eschweiler on Dec. 7, 1944.  
No enemy contact reported.  
M-10's Operational - 34
- Dec. 7, 1944 - Bn. (less Co. C) - No Change.  
Bn. CO met with Div. Comdr. for the purpose of making recommendations for the employment of TD's during the next offensive action. Following this discussion, C.O. conferred with gun company Commanders, making detailed plans for execution by respective companies, including the employment of the Reconnaissance platoons supporting them during the operation.  
Co. C. motor marched with 47th CT from Robertville, Belgium to assembly area South of Eschweiler, Germany. 2nd platoon moved under cover of darkness to A.P. positions in Luchem, Germany.  
No enemy contact reported.

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(2) - Report of Operations - Month of December 1944

Dec. 8, 1944 - No change in attachments or locations. All Companies engaged in perfecting and coordinating their part of the Div. plan for offensive action to be taken when ordered, i.e., A thrust by 3rd Arm'd. Div. thru the towns of Obergeich, Geich, Bonte, Mariaweller-Hoven followed by 60th CT to consolidate, "mop up", and hold the gains as they were taken. 47th Inf. to commit one battalion and advance East from Luchem to fill a gap that would occur between the right flank of the 104th Div. and the left flank of the 60th CT. 39th CT w/attachments to attack simultaneously with armor, seize the town D'horn, Schlich and Merode, keeping abreast of the attack of the 60th CT and securing the Div. right flank until vulnerability was alleviated by the advance of the 83rd Div.

No offensive action taken - moderate enemy activity thru-out the day.

M-10's Operational - 32



Dec. 9, 1944 - No change in attachments or positions. Co. A - Platoons moved to positions of readiness. Reconnaissance of routes and positions continued by all Companies.

Light enemy activity reported, mostly artillery fire with some enemy air activity and occasional direct fire from enemy held positions on high ground.

M-10's Operational - 33

Dec. 10, 1944 - No change in missions or attachments.

1st Pltn. Co. A. supported 1st Bn. 39th Inf. with direct fire in a feint and patrol activity toward Merode, platoon also covered the advance of the 2nd Bn. 39th Inf. with flanking fire across their front while they advanced from Jungersdorf to D'horn. 2nd platoon supported the advance of the 2nd Bn. to D'horn from direct fire positions in Jungersdorf. 3rd platoon moved from reserve positions Southwest of Jungersdorf along main axis of advance to the North, then Southeast and took up direct support of the 2nd Bn. in D'horn. 2nd platoon assumed reserve status.

Co. B - 1st Platoon moved to Bonte supporting advance of infantry and armor of 1st Bn. 60th CT. 2nd platoon moved to A.T. positions in Obergeich giving close support to the 2nd Bn. 3rd platoon remained in position of readiness in Langerwehe ready to move on call as the situation developed.

Co. C - 1st platoon (less 3 guns) remained in reserve position vicinity Co. CP. 2nd platoon occupied A.T. positions in Luchem. 3rd platoon delivered indirect fire in support of 84th P.A. Bn. expending 968 rds. MERC on town of Konzendorf for the purpose of discouraging enemy activity of any consequence from that point during execution of the Division plan. Platoon computer operated directly from 84th PA Bn. FDC.

M-10's Operational - 33

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 55 rds APC 123 rds H.E. 968 rds. MERC

## Report of Operations - Month of December 1944

Dec. 11, 1944 - A Co. - 1st platoon continued to support the attack of the 1st Bn. 39th Inf. on Merode moving behind the advance of the Infantry to A.T. positions in the town gaining protection from piles of rubble and heavily constructed buildings. 2nd platoon moved to A.T. positions in D'horn maintaining a reserve status and being prepared to assist in repelling possible counter-thrust. 3rd platoon moved behind attack of 2nd Bn. 39th Inf. supporting the advance whenever possible, occupied A.T. positions in town of Schlich covering approaches generally from South and Southeast.

B Co. - 1st platoon occupied A.T. positions in Echts, encountered considerable enemy artillery fire but no close contact with enemy armor. 2nd platoon held A.T. positions in Obergeich under relatively the same conditions. 3rd platoon moved behind infantry advance towards Rauthaus, occupied and held A.T. positions closely supporting infantry.

C Co. - 1st platoon (less 3 guns - 2 in Ord., 1 in Bn. Maint.) remained in reserve position. 2nd platoon from positions near Eastern edge of Luchem supported advance of 1st Bn. 47th Inf. as they moved forward between 60th Inf. and the 104th Inf. Div. (tied in with A.T. defense of 692nd T.D. Bn. on the left). 3rd platoon continued to occupy indirect fire positions in support of 34th P.A. Bn. vicinity of Luchem, Germany.

Recon. Co. - One section, Pioneer Platoon captured 3 Prisoners and killed 1 enemy while sweeping road of mines for 1st platoon Co. A. in advance on Merode.

M-10's Operational - 30

Vehicular Losses - 3 M-10's, due to enemy action - 2 recovered and repairable, 1 not recovered, not repairable.

1 1/4 T truck destroyed by enemy artillery fire.

Casualties - 1 Officer KIA, 1 Enlisted Man KIA, 3 Enlisted Men WIA

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 AT gun, 2 M/G's, 7 POW captured.

Ammunition Expended - 62 rds APC 112 rds HE

Dec 12, 1944 - A Co. - 1st Platoon fired 7 rds APC, 42 rds HE in support of attack by 1st Bn. 39th Inf against enemy strong points, also shot down one (1) ME 100 with concentrated 50 Cal. M/G fire. 2nd Platoon remained in reserve positions in D'horn. 3rd platoon remained in A.T. positions at Schlich. 1st and 3rd platoons both waiting for mines to be removed before advancing.

B Co. - 1st platoon position of readiness in Echts, waiting to move to Hoven. 2nd platoon moved thru Echts to area immediately West of Mariaweller-Hoven behind advance of 2nd Bn. 60th Inf. 3rd platoon held A.T. positions S.W. of Konzenndorf.

C Co. - 1st platoon relieved 3rd platoon from indirect fire positions vicinity Luchem attached to 34th P.A. Bn. 2nd platoon attached 1st Bn. 47th Inf. maintained overwatching A.T. positions in Luchem. 3rd platoon attached 1st Bn. 60th Inf. and moved to A.T. positions in Echts and Konzenndorf.

Recon Co. - Recon platoons were engaged in continuation of SOP route, position and visual reconnaissance. Pioneer section attached to Co. A. engaged in sweeping routes for destroyers.

M-10's Operational - 28

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Report of Operations - Month of Dec. 1944.

Dec. 12, 1944 - Cont'd.

Vehicular Losses - 1 M-10 due to enemy action - not recovered, unrepairable.  
Casualties - 1 E.M. KIA  
Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 Enemy plane (ME 109)  
Ammunition Expended - 7 rds APC 42 rds HE 150 rds HERS (indirect)

Dec. 13, 1944 - A Co. - 1st platoon remained in A.T. positions in Herode. 2nd platoon, 1 section in reserve at D'horn and 1 section occupied A.T. positions in Schlich. 3rd platoon, 1 section remained in position of readiness in Schlich prepared to move to Derichsweller, 1 section moved to and occupied A.T. positions in Derichsweller.  
B Co. - 1st platoon in A.T. positions in Echts, prepared to move to Hoven. 2nd platoon occupied A.T. positions in Mariaweiler-Hoven. 3rd platoon in A.T. positions along railroad track North of Derichsweller. 1st platoon relieved 3rd platoon Co. C. in vicinity of Hoven.  
C Co. - 1st platoon attached 84th F.A. Bn. vicinity Luchem. 2nd platoon in reserve AT positions in Luchem attached to 1st Bn. 47th Inf., later moved to A.T. positions in Echts. 3rd platoon originally in A.T. positions.  
M-10's Operational - 31

Vehicular Losses - None  
Casualties - None  
Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 2 pillboxes  
Ammunition Expended - 3 rds APC 40 rds HE



Dec. 14, 1944 - A Co. - No Change. B Co. - 3rd platoon moved into Mariaweiler-Hoven under cover of darkness, took up A.T. positions in Western part of town.  
C Co. - 1st platoon attached 84th F.A. Bn. expended 18 rds HERS interdiction fire, 150 rds HERS expended on harassing missions. 2nd and 3rd platoons remained in AT positions vicinity Echts.  
M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None  
Casualties - None  
Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 F/W - Unknown amount of damage done by indirect fire  
Ammunition Expended - 168 rds HERS (indirect)

Dec. 15, 1944 - A Co. - 1st and 2nd pltns. - No Change. 3rd platoon all in A.T. positions in Derichsweller.  
B Co. - No Change.  
C Co. - 1st platoon continued indirect fire missions expending a total of 150 rds on interdiction missions, 1 rd Star Shell fired with excellent results reported by the Infantry. 2nd platoon remained in A.T. positions on Northeast edge of Echts. 3rd platoon moved to reserve positions in Langerwehe.  
M-10's Operational - 33

Vehicular Losses - None  
Casualties - 1 Officer MIA, 1 Enlisted Man WIA.  
Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
Ammunition Expended - 150 rds HERS (Ind.) 1 3" Star Shell, Fuse M54 (Ind.)

Report of Operations - Month of December 1944.

Dec. 16, 1944 - No change in A.T. positions or missions.  
 1st platoon Co. C. fired 150 rds HE/RC on 10 interdiction missions. Enemy paratroopers reported landing in rear areas - no contact made by our units.

M-10's Operational - 33

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None.

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 150 rds HE/RC (indirect)

Dec. 17, 1944 - A Co. - 1st platoon moved along railroad track North of Gursenich in support of attack by 3rd Bn. 39th Inf. for the purpose of cleaning out small pocket created by shifting of Div. boundary. 2nd platoon remained in reserve positions, 1 section in D'horn and 1 section in Schlich. 3rd platoon remained in A.T. positions, 1 section in Gursenich and 1 section in Schlich.

B Co. - 1st platoon remained in A.T. positions vicinity Hovea. 2nd platoon plus 1 sec 3rd platoon remained in A.T. positions vicinity Mariweiler-Moven. 1 section 3rd platoon moved to indirect fire positions vicinity of Luchem to support the fires of the 60th P.A. Bn.

C Co. - Attached to 47th Inf. CT moved with them under cover of darkness to V Corps sector to assist in stopping break-thru South of Kalterherberg, Germany in 99th & 106th Div. sectors.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - 1 EM WIA

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None.

Ammunition Expended - None.



Dec. 18, 1944 - A Co. - Attached 39th Inf. CT. 1st platoon captured 2 prisoners, fired 1 rd HE, 22 rds APC direct fire at enemy OP - results unknown but enemy fire believed to have been controlled from OP ceased to fall with same precision in former target areas. Company moved with 39th CT to vicinity Kalterherberg, Germany to assist in stopping German counter-offensive in that sector.

B Co. - Attached 60th Inf. CT - No change. 3rd platoon fired 8 rds HE and 16 rds APC at enemy flak tower - tower destroyed. C Co continued to occupy and improve defensive A.T. positions in sector 47th CT.

Recon Co. - 1st and 2nd platoons with attached pioneers combed assigned area for paratroops and suspicious civilians. Area reported clear.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 2 POW captured, 1 OP neutralized, 1 flak tower.

Ammunition Expended - 38 APC 9 HE

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Dec. 19, 1944 - Bn. (less A, B, & C Co's) moved to V Corps sector vicinity Sourbrodt, Belgium.  
 A Co. - 2 platoons in A.T. positions direct support 39th Inf. 1 pltn direct support 26th F.A. Bn.  
 B Co. - Remained with 60th CT in VII Corps sector.  
 C Co. - Attached 47th Inf. CT in AT positions vicinity Monechau and Kalterherberg, Germany.  
 Recon Co. - 1 platoon each in direct support of Companies A and C.  
 M-10's Operational - 32  
 Vehicular Losses - None.  
 Casualties - 1 Officer WIA  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None  
 Ammunition Expended - None.

Dec. 20, 1944 - No Change. Liaison established with adjacent units.  
 M-10's Operational - 32  
 No contact made with the enemy.

Dec. 21, 1944 - Bn CP moved to area about 2 miles East of Eupen, Belgium. Recon CP and reserve platoon in same vicinity. Hdqrs. Co. and rear echelon moved to Eupen, Belgium.  
 A Co. - No Change  
 B Co. - No Change  
 C Co. - No Change, except 2nd platoon moved into in-direct fire positions in support of 84th FA Bn.  
 No contact made with the enemy.  
 M-10's Operational. - 32

Dec. 22, 1944 - A Co. - No Change, except 2 M-10's in reserve position prepared to fire Star Shell in front of 39th Inf. sector.  
 B Co. - Moving South with 60th CT.  
 C Co. - No Change. 2nd platoon fired 8 rds Star Shell with results reported as excellent by Infantry, also expended 212 rds HERC on 3 interdiction missions.  
 M-10's Operational - 32  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - None  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 212 rds HERC 8 rds Star Shell



Dec. 23, 1944 - A Co. - No Change.  
 B Co. - Arrived in assembly area approximately 4 miles West of Eupen with 60th CT.  
 C Co. - 2nd platoon fired 200 rds on 3 interdiction missions.  
 M-10's Operational - 32  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - None  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 200 rds HERC (indirect)

Report of Operations - Month of December 1944.

Dec. 24, 1944 - A Co. - No Change.  
 B Co. - Moved to assembly area vicinity Mutzenich.  
 C Co. - 2nd platoon fired 100 rds HERC interdiction  
 fire on 3 missions.

M-10's Operational - 31  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - None  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 100 rds. HERC

Dec. 25, 1944 - A Co. - No Change.  
 B Co. - 1st platoon moved to reserve A.T. positions.  
 2nd and 3rd platoons remained in indirect fire positions West of Mutzenich, Germany.

C Co. - 2nd platoon expended 100 rds HERC on 3 interdiction missions.  
 M-10's Operational - 31  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - None  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 100 rds. HERC

Dec. 26, 1944 - No change in missions or attachments.  
 Light enemy air activity thru-out the day.

M-10's Operational - 31  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - 2 E.M. WIA  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 254 rds HERC



Dec. 27, 1944 - No changes in missions.  
 Light enemy air activity thru-out the day.  
 AT and indirect fire positions maintained.

M-10's Operational - 31  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - 1 E.M. WIA  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 153 rds HERC

Dec. 28, 1944 - No changes in missions.  
 Entire Battalion continued to improve on positions previously selected. Reconnaissance for new possible locations maintained.

M-10's Operational - 31  
 Vehicular Losses - None  
 Casualties - None  
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.  
 Ammunition Expended - 150 rds HERC



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Dec. 29, 1944 - A Co. - 3rd platoon fired 51 rds for registration and 104 rds on 3 interdiction missions.

B Co. - Fired 4 rds registration, 150 rds on 7 interdiction missions.

C Co. - 1 platoon in reserve, 2nd and 3rd platoons in A.P. positions.

Recon Co. - Improved OP's and Anti-tank warning system within the Division sector.

M-10's Operational - 34

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None.

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 309 rds HRC

Dec. 30, 1944 - A Co. - 1st and 2nd platoons - No Change. 3rd platoon fired 90 rds HRC on 3 interdiction missions.

B Co. - 1st platoon - No Change. Combined guns of 2nd and 3rd platoons in indirect fire positions fired 20 rds HRC for registration.

C Co. - No Change.

Recon Co. - No Change.

M-10's Operational - 34

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None.

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 110 rds HRC

Dec. 31, 1944 - Battalion Missions - No Change.

B Co fired 3 Star Shell with excellent results reported by the Infantry.

M-10's Operational - 34

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 255 rds HRC, 3 rds Star Shell.

For the Battalion Commander:

*Harley N. Miller*  
 HARLEY N. MILLER,  
 Captain, 899th T. D. Bn.,  
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Casualty Report for Month of December 1944.

36303293	Harvey, Mike A.	S/Sgt	LWA	1 Dec	h4
01822576	Johnson, Benjamin O.	1st Lt	KIA	10 Dec	h4
35010542	Markovich, Walter	Sgt	LWA	10 Dec	h4
33233510	Newslinger, Robert H.	Sgt	KIA	11 Dec	h4
37186466	Kieschnick, Wilbert A.	Sgt	SWA	11 Dec	h4
36303381	Hughes, John	Pvt	LWA	11 Dec	h4
33319445	Leary, Daniel V.	Pvt 1cl	LIA	11 Dec	h4
33416350	Long, Michael	Pvt	LWA	11 Dec	h4
34509112	Yates, John T.	Pvt	KIA	12 Dec	h4
32604054	Kerner, Steve	Pvt 1cl	LWA	14 Dec	h4
01824552	Zanoya, Burton W.	2d Lt	SWA	15 Dec	h4
38181576	Cook, Benjamin F.	Sgt	LWA	17 Dec	h4
35161942	Pouch, Stanley	Cpl	LWA	18 Dec	h4
01822386	Florence, James S.	2d Lt	SWA	19 Dec	h4
18068599	Rice, Marion L.	Pvt 1cl	SWA	26 Dec	h4
37019102	Jacobson, Albert G.	Cpl	LWA	26 Dec	h4

For the Battalion Commander:

*Kirk E. Adams*

KIRK E. ADAMS,  
Captain, 899th T. D. Bn.,  
Adjutant

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Decorations Awarded during Month of December 1944.

INDIVIDUAL DECORATIONS

			<u>DECORATION AWARDED</u>	<u>DATE AWARDED</u>
0389042	Hackethorn, Clarence A.	Major	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
0419391	Garretson, Jr., Herman J.	Captain	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
0419401	Miller, Harley N.	Captain	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
0342540	Oborn, Eugene T.	1st Lt.	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
37039894	Peltz, Raymond H.	T/Sgt	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
37039989	Hansch, Edwin E.	S/Sgt	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
33233422	Garman, J. H.	Sgt	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
37035995	Shere, John H.	Tec 4	Bronze Star	6 Dec lll
36303242	James, George E.	S/Sgt	Silver Star	27 Dec lll
37078114	Fisher, Fonda B.	Sgt	Silver Star	27 Dec lll
37039931	Jackson, Andrew A.	Tec 4	Silver Star	27 Dec lll

UNIT DECORATIONS

BATTLE HONORS, Company "A", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
 BATTLE HONORS, Company "C", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
 Company "A" and Company "C" cited for extraordinary heroism and  
 outstanding performance of duty in action on 11 July 1944 in  
 FRANCE per General Order Number 107, Headquarters, Ninth Infantry  
 Division, APO #9, U. S. Army, dated 11 December 1944.



For the Battalion Commander:

*Kirk E. Adams*  
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 Captain, 899th T. D. Bn.,  
 Adjutant.

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