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3 March 1945.

SECTION I - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

Authority

1. In compliance with Par. 10 (C4), AR 345-105, this Report of Operations of the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the month of February 1945 is submitted.

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Introduction

1. a. During the period covered by this report the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, commanded by Lt. Colonel MAXWELL A. TINCHER, was attached to the 9th Infantry Division, Commanded by Major General LOUIS A. CRAIG. The 9th Infantry Division, from 1 Feb. to 17 Feb. 1945, was assigned to V Corps, Commanded by Major General LEONARD T. HUBNER. From 18 Feb. to 28 Feb. 1945 the 9th Infantry Division was assigned to III Corps, Commanded by Major General JOHN J. MILLIKEN. The V Corps and III Corps were in turn assigned to the First United States Army, Commanded by Lt. General COURTNEY B. HODGES.

b. During this period the following unit, for the date shown, was attached to this unit: 010001A February 1945 to 031800A February 1945, Company A, 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed), Commanded by Captain Stanley Lewis Evans, 0419757, attached per FO 51, Par. 3h., Hq. 9th Infantry Division, dated 271800A January 1945.

c. During the period the following maps were used by the Battalion: GTCG 4414, Sheets 5302, 5303, 5304, 5305, 5306, 5307, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5203, 5204, 5205, 5206, 5207; Scale 1/25,000; Central Europe, Sheet S1 and R1, Scale 1/100,000; Map, Scale 1/50,000, Sheets 20 and 40; Situation Maps, Scale 1/250,000 and Scale 1/1,000,000. Aerial photographs and terrain studies were also utilized.

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Report of Operations - Month of February 1945

Feb. 1, 1945 - Battalion attached to 9th Inf. Div., continued to attack East with objective vicinity Gemund, Germany.

Bn. CP located vicinity K927148 at Kalterherberg, Germany.

Co. A. in direct support of 39th CT. CP located vic K917147. The 1st platoon remained in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. and fired 476 rds HENC on 7 day and night harassing missions from positions vic K914137. The 2nd pltn remained in direct support of the 39th RCT in AT positions vic K931134 and K933132. The 3rd pltn in direct support of the 2nd Bn. 39th RCT continued to support the attack on F. Wahlerscheid, Germany and occupied AT positions vicinity F001126 during the hours of darkness.

Co. B. in direct support of 60th CT. CP remained in Hofen, Germany K952161. The 1st pltn was relieved from direct support of the 60th FA Bn. and placed in direct support of the 3rd Bn. 60th RCT. The pltn moved forward with the attack, carrying infantry, and occupied AT positions vic K999168. The 2nd pltn in AT positions in Widdau was relieved by elements of Co. C. 644th TD Bn. upon the change of the Div. boundry and returned to assembly positions in Hofen, Germany. The pltn was then placed in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. and occupied indirect fire positions vicinity K946174. The 3rd pltn in direct support of the 1st Bn. 60th RCT moved forward with the attack of the Bn. and at night fall occupied AT positions vic K993153.

Co. C. - The company remained in direct support of the 47th RCT. The RCT remained in active for the period and the company remained in an assembly area in Hofen, Germany. The Company CP remained at K926157.

Recn. Co. continued SOP reconnaissance missions in direct support of the gun companies. The company CP remained at K927184.

Hq. Co. remained in Eupen, Belgium vicinity K796270.

Co. A. 801st TD Bn. (attached per FO 51, Par. 3h, Hq. 9th Inf. Div., 271800 Jan. 1945). Company CP remained in Hofen, Germany (K951163). The 1st pltn remained in AT positions vic K958154. The 2nd pltn remained in AT positions vic K973176. The 3rd platoon remained in positions of readiness to move to an AT position vicinity K970151.

M-10's Operational - 35

3" Guns Operational - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 476 rds HENC (indirect)

Feb. 2, 1945 - The Bn. continued to support the attack of the Div. over rough wooded terrain. Maximum use of the destroyers to transport infantry was made. The RCTs met light and scattered resistance throughout the day.

Co. A. - The 3rd pltn continued to support the attack of the 2nd Bn. 39th RCT which captured F. Wahlerscheid during the day.

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1st pltn fired 39 rds HENC direct fire, assisting the infantry in clearing out log bunkers during the attack. The pltn occupied AT positions in the vic of F. Wahlerscheid at the close of the day. The 1st pltn in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. displaced forward to new firing positions vic K957159 (Hofen, Germany). No missions were fired. No change in 2nd pltn.

Co. B. - The company continued to support the attack of the 60th RCT toward Dreiborn, Germany. The 1st pltn in direct support of the 3rd Bn. occupied AT positions vic F025158. The 2nd pltn remained in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. fired 150 rds HENC and 50 rds HERC on 5 night harassing missions. The 3rd pltn continued to support the attack of the 1st Bn, 60th RCT and occupied AT positions vicinity F005161.

Co. C. - The company continued to support the attack of the 47th RCT in its attack toward Einruhr and Wollseifen. The 1st pltn in direct support of the 2nd Bn. occupied AT positions vic F028168. The 2nd pltn in direct support of the 1st Bn. occupied AT positions vic F008168. The 3rd pltn in Regtl. reserve remained in Hofen, Germany.

Ren. Co. - Ren. pltns no change. The pioneer pltn gave close support to the gun companies in mine removal. Indirect fire positions were swept and one section operated with Co. A. 801st TD Bn. and cleared mines in their position areas K968154.

Hq. Co. - No change.

Co. A. 801st TD Bn. - 1st pltn - No change. 2nd pltn - No change. 3rd pltn occupied AT positions vic K969152. One halftrack destroyed by enemy box mine at K969152.

M-10's Operational - 33

3" guns towed - 11

Vehicular Losses - One halftrack (801st TD Bn.) hit mine

Casualties - None

Enemy material destroyed - One enemy strong point (assisted by Inf.)

Ammunition Expended - 189 rds HENC and 50 HERC

Feb. 5, 1945 - The Div. continued to attack East toward Gemund. The 60th RCT following a night attack captured Dreiborn. The 3rd Bn. 60th RCT attacked from Dreiborn and captured the RJ at Herhahn, F089183. The 39th RCT passed through the 3rd Bn. 60th RCT and captured Herhahn and surrounding high ground. The 47th RCT captured Einruhr, continued the attack in the early morning and captured Wollseifen.

Co. A - The company was attached to the 39th RCT at 1200 hrs. The pltns were further attached to Inf. Bns. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd pltns attached to the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Bns. respectively. The company moved forward with the CT. Infantry utilizing the destroyers for transportation to Dreiborn. The Co. CP moved to Hofen, Germany at K956159. All pltns in assembly area in Dreiborn.

Co. B - The company moved forward with the attack and assisted in the capture of Dreiborn and organized the AT defenses of the town. During the early hours of darkness the 2nd pltn was released from direct support of the 60th FA Bn. and placed in direct support of the 3rd Bn. The pltn moved forward with the Bn. in the attack on Herhahn. 3 M-10's hit enemy box mines after roads had been swept and one M-10 became tangled in cable.

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Co. C. - The Company continued to support the attack the 47th RCT through the Monschau Forest. The company assisted in the capture of Einruhr.

Rcn. and Hq. Co. - No change.

Co. A. 801st TD Bn. - No change in positions during the day. Reconnaissance continued for the displacement of the company. The company relieved from attachment at 1800 hrs and assembled at Kalterherberg prior to rejoining their Bn. On moving out of position, one gun hit an enemy AP mine, damaging the gun and wounding one E.M.

M-10s Operational - 34
3" guns towed - 10

Vehicular Losses - One 3" towed gun damaged by mine (801st TD Bn.)

Casualties - 3 EM WIA - 2 - 899th 1 - 801st

Enemy material destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 4, 1945 - The Div. continued to attack and by noon had captured Wollseifen, Ordensburg Vogelsang, Morsbach, Herhahn, and had elements on the West end of the Urft-Stausee Dam. Elements of the 3rd Pz. Gdr. Div. made a small counter-attack in vicinity Herhahn, F090183, with five or more tanks or SP guns and infantry about 0025 hrs. The attack was dispersed by artillery fire.

Co. A. remained attached to the 39th RCT and gave support to their attack. The 1st pltn took up AT positions vicinity F094182; the 2nd pltn occupied AT positions vicinity F086188; and the 3rd pltn occupied AT positions vicinity F062173. The company CP moved to vicinity F063170 in Morsbach.

Co. B. - Company in support of 60th RCT. The 1st and 3rd pltns remained in AT positions in Dreibern protecting the CT from armored attack. The 2nd pltn remained in direct support of the 3rd Bn. 60th RCT. Three of its M-10's were put back in action after hitting mines and occupied AT positions vicinity F089183. Company CP moved to F063170.

Co. C. - Company remained in direct support of the 47th RCT and supported their attack and capture of Wollseifen and Ordensburg Vogelsang. The 1st pltn occupied AT positions vicinity F074206; the 2nd pltn., after sending one section to support the attack on Ordensburg Vogelsang, occupied AT positions vic F086188; and the 3rd pltn remained in reserve vicinity F070211. The company CP moved to vicinity F088209.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None



Feb. 5, 1945 - The Div. made small local attacks, policing the area to the Urft River in the area around Gemund. The Bn. improved its positions in the Div. sector.

The Bn. CP moved to vicinity F043211.

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Co. A - No change in assignment. 1st pltn in AT positions vicinity F084188 and 085187; the 2nd pltn in positions vicinity F100178 F106190; and the 3rd pltn in positions vicinity F090183 and F085187. Company CP moved to vicinity F085187.

Co. B - Remained in direct support of the 60th RCT. Entire Company in reserve positions in Dreiborn.

Co. C - No change.

Hq. Co. - Hq. Company moved to Mutzenich, Germany vicinity K919193.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 6, 1945 - The Div. sector quiet today except for an increase in enemy artillery fire. Initial planning and reconnaissance conducted throughout the day for a contemplated crossing of the Urft River and the Urft-Stausee Dam at night.

No change in gun company positions or assignments.

Hq. Co. moved to vicinity of F041214.

M-10's Operational - 34

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - One (1) E.M. WIA (shell fragments)

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None



Feb. 7, 1945 - The river and dam crossing did not materialize and the day was quiet except for enemy artillery fire.

Co. A - Released from attachment to 39th RCT and placed in direct support of the CT. No change in positions.

Co. B - 1st and 2nd pltns remained in reserve positions in direct support of the 60th RCT in Dreiborn. The 3rd pltn was placed in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. and occupied indirect fire positions vicinity F073171. The pltn fired 150 rds HEBC and 50 rds HBNC on 4 night harassing missions.

Co. C - The 3rd pltn remained in same positions in direct support of the 47th RCT. The 1st and 2nd pltns were placed in direct support of the 84th FA Bn. and occupied indirect fire positions vicinity F071184 and fired 356 rds HEBC and 44 rds HBNC on 8 night harassing missions.

Hq. Co. moved to Einruhr, Germany.

M-10's Operational - 35

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 94 rds HBNC and 506 rds HEBC (indirect)

Feb. 8, 1945 - The Div. continued to defend the Gemund sector. Little enemy activity during the period. The enemy continued to interdict critical road junctions and troop concentrations.

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1945 - Cont'd.

Co. A. - The Company attached to the 39th RCT (attached to the 2nd Inf. Div.) No change in positions.

Co. B. - The company attached to the 60th RCT and made a night march with the CT to the Schmidt sector and made preparations for an attack to capture the Schmidt Dam. Co. CP moved to vic F041295.

Co. C. - The Company attached to the 47th RCT. 1st and 2nd pltns initially in direct support of the 84th FA Bn. fired 186 rds HENG and 314 rds HERC on 11 day interdiction missions. The company made a night march with the CT to the Schmidt sector.

Rcn. and Hq. Co. - No Change.

M-10's Operational - 35

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - One (1) E.M. WIA shell fragments

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 186 rds HENG and 314 rds HERC (Indirect)

Feb. 9, 1945 - After a nerve wracking and tiring night road march to the Schmidt sector via Dreiborn, F. Wahlerscheid, Hofen, Monschau, Imgenbroich, Simmerath to vicinity Schmidt, the Div. (less 39th RCT) attacked at 0500 hrs. to capture the Schmidt Dams. The 60th RCT attacked through elements of the 78th Div. just East of Schmidt and made considerable progress. The 47th RCT closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Simmerath during the morning.

Co. A. - No change.

Co. B. - The 2nd pltn attached to the 2nd Bn. 60th RCT supported the attack of the Bn. and occupied AT positions vicinity F090287. The 3rd pltn attached to the 3rd Bn. 60th RCT from initial assembly positions in Schmidt moved forward with the Bn. and occupied AT positions vicinity F090287. The 1st pltn attached to the 1st Bn. 60th RCT remained in assembly area vicinity F070297.

Co. C. - Company attached to the 47th RCT, closed in assembly area vicinity K990259.

Rcn. Co. - 1st pltn remained in direct support of Co. A. The 2nd and 3rd pltns remained in direct support of Co.'s "A" and "B" respectively and moved to vicinity of Schmidt with the companies. SOP reconnaissance missions continued throughout the period.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None



Feb. 10, 1945 - The 60th RCT continued to attack and captured Hasenfeld and sent patrols out on the Schmidt Dam.

Co. A. remained in attachment to the 39th RCT. 1st and 2nd pltns. no change. 3rd pltn occupied AT positions vic F089184 and F094183.

Co. B. remained in attachment to the 60th RCT. The 1st pltn attached to the 1st Bn. remained in an assembly area vicinity F075295, and under cover of darkness moved forward to vicinity F090277 to support the Bn. in crossing the Roer River. The 2nd and 3rd pltns continued to support the 2nd and 3rd Bn. respectively and took up AT positions in Hasenfeld. The two pltns fired 10 rds APC and one (1) rd HVAP in support of the attack on Hasenfeld. The pltns preparing to assist the Bn. in the river crossing.

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Co. C. - The company attached to the 47th RCT remained active during the period and remained in assembly area vicinity 990259. Prepared plans to assist the RCT in crossing the Ruhr-Staussee. Hq. Co. moved to Mutzenich, Germany via X919193.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 10 rds APC/BDF and 1 rd HVAP

Feb. 11, 1945 - No change in assignment within the Bn. The period marked by continuous reconnaissance to support the Div. in crossing the Roer River vicinity of the Schwammanuel Dam.

Co. A. - No change in positions. Remained with the 2nd Div. attached to the 39th RCT.

Co. B. - No change in attachments. 2nd and 3rd pltns remained in AT positions in Hasenfeld, Germany. 1st pltn in reserve vicinity 078294.

Co. C. - No change.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - One (1) E.M. (SIA)

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 12, 1945 - No change in assignments within the Bn. The Div. returned to the Gemund area.

Co. A. - No change in positions, remained attached to the 39th RCT which was returned to the Div.

Co. B. - Attached to the 60th RCT moved from vicinity of Schmidt to Dreiborn, Germany. The 2nd pltn remained with elements of the 60th RCT (in AT positions in Hasenfeld).

Co. C. - Attached to the 47th RCT returned with the CT to the Wollseifen area and occupied the same positions vacated by them on 8 Feb. 1945.

Hqn. Co. remained in direct support of the gun companies.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 13, 1945 - No change in assignments within the Battalion.

Co. A. - No change. The 2nd pltn captured 2 P/Ws vicinity F104178.

Co. B. - Remained in reserve positions in Dreiborn. The 2nd pltn moved from AT positions in Hasenfeld and joined company in Dreiborn, Germany.

Co. C. - No Change.

M-10's Operational - 32

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Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - None
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None 2 E/Ws captured
 Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 14, 1945 - The Bn. remained inactive during the period. Gun companies reverted to direct support of the respective Regiments.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - None
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None
 Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 15, 1945 - Feb. 17, 1945

No change in positions or assignments. All companies utilized the lull in activity for training purposes.

M-10's Operational - 33

Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - None
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None
 Ammunition Expended - None

Feb. 18, 1945 - The Div. (less the 30th RCT) preparing to move to vicinity Hurtgen, Germany in the III Corps sector.

Co. A. - Attached to 39th RCT., no change in positions.

Co. B. and C. - Released from direct support of their respective Regiments and reverted to Bn. control for the move to vicinity Hurtgen.

Rcn. and Hq. Co. - No change. Rcn. Pioneer Pltn. swept for mines in new area.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - None
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None
 Ammunition Expended - None



Feb. 19, 1945 - The Bn. less Co. A., moved with the Div. to III Corps vicinity Hurtgen. Bn. CP at F039356.

Co. A. - No change.

Co. B. - Moved with Bn. to Hurtgen and upon arrival reverted to direct support of the 60th RCT. Closed in assembly area vicinity F054346.

Co. C. - Moved under Bn. control to the Schmidt sector, and upon arrival reverted to direct support of the 47th RCT. Closed in assembly area vicinity F028292. CP located at F024307.

Rcn. Co. - Moved with Bn. Provided route reconnaissance and road guides. Closed in assembly area vicinity F023307.

Hq. Co. - Moved to assembly area vicinity K989325.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - None
 Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None
 Ammunition Expended - None

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Feb. 1945 - The Battalion making plans and reconnaissance for operations.

Co. A. - No change. 1st pltn fired 7 rds Star Shell in support of night operations of the C.T.

Co. B. - In direct support of the 60th RCT. 1 gun of the 3rd pltn in direct fire position vicinity F080339. Remainder of company no change.

Co. C. - No change.

Ren. Co. - Reconnoitered for positions to support the river crossing. Pioneer platoon built ford vicinity of Simonskall and cleared mine field in Vossenack.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - None

Ammunition Expended - 7 rds Star Shell



Feb. 21, 1945 - Period marked by reconnaissance to support future operations of the Div. M-36's started arriving. B and C companies each receiving one. Intense training conducted by both companies.

Co. A. - No change in positions.

Co. B. - 1st pltn in indirect fire positions in support of the 60th F.A. Bn. to fire star shells, fired 17 rds HENC for registration. One gun 3rd pltn fired (from positions in Bergstein) 37 rds APC and 16 rds HENC at enemy dugout and installations vicinity F094349. Rest of company no change.

Co. C. - 2nd pltn occupied indirect fire positions vicinity F052313 in support of 84th F.A. Bn. Rest of company no change.

Ren. Co. - Ren. pltns continued in direct support of the gun companies. The Pioneer pltn swept for mines via F020001.

M-10's Operational - 32

M-36's Operational - 2

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - 1 Officer WIA (booby trap); 2 E.M. KIA (enemy mine)
1 E.M. SWA (Artillery)

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 dugout destroyed OP neutralized

Ammunition Expended - 37 rds APC and 33 rds HENC

Feb. 22, 1945 - M-36's continued to arrive and intense training conducted by all companies. Bn. continued to perfect plans to support the Div. in future operations.

Co. A. - Attached to the 39th Inf. Regt., released from attachment to the 2nd Inf. Div. and moved with the RCT to vicinity Vossenack, Germany and rejoined the Div.. The company released from attachment and placed in direct support of the Regt. Cp vic F023307.

Co. B. - 1st pltn in indirect fire positions vicinity F054345 in support of the 60th FA Bn. 2nd and 3rd pltns in direct support of the 60th RCT. One section from each pltn from positions in Bergstein fired 19 rds APC and 37 rds HE direct fire destroying 2 enemy strong points in houses.

Co. C. - No change.

Ren. Co. - No Change.

M-10's Operational - 30

M-36's Operational - 10

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 2 strong points (Inf.)

Ammunition Expended - 19 rds APC 37 HENC

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1945 - Bn. continued to convert to the M-36 TD and intense training continued by all companies. Reconnaissance continued to scout plans to support the Division in future operations.

Co. A - 1st and 2nd pltns in direct support of the 9th RCT and 3rd pltn in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. in indirect fire positions vicinity F077308.

Co. B - 1st pltn in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. fired 100 rds HENC on 6 night harassing missions. 2nd pltn in direct support of the 60th RCT fired 20 rds APC and 2 rds HENC at enemy earthen bunkers and installations, results unknown. Fired from positions in Bergstein. 3rd pltn in direct support of the 60th RCT fired 6 rds 90mm HE destroying enemy strong point vicinity Nideggen, Germany.

Co. C - 2nd pltn in direct support of the 84th FA Bn. fired 100 rds 3" HE on 4 night harassing missions. 3rd pltn moved to assembly positions vicinity F082312.

Ron. Co. - No change.
 M-10's Operational - 10
 M-36's Operational - 16

Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 strong point (Inf.) direct fire. Results of indirect fire unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 20 rds APC and 2 rds HE 3" (direct fire)
 6 rds 90mm HE direct fire
 200 rds 3" HENC indirect fire

Feb. 24, 1945 - Bn. continued to convert to the M36 TD. All companies continued intensive training on the new vehicles.

Co. A. - No change in positions or assignments. The 1st platoon fired 20 rds 90mm HE test firing.

Co. B. - No change in positions or assignments. 1st platoon fired 160 rds 3" HENC on 4 night harassing missions. 2nd pltn fired 4 rds 90mm APC and 1 rd 90mm HE direct fire destroying one enemy bunker.

Co. C. - No change in positions or assignments. 2nd pltn fired 150 rds 3" HENC on 6 night harassing missions.

Ron. Co. - No change.
 M-10's Operational - 19
 M-36's Operational - 16

Vehicular Losses - None
 Casualties - 2 E.M. SWA (mines)

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 bunker destroyed. Results of indirect fire unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 4 rds APC and 20 rds HE (90mm) and 310 rds 3" HENC

Feb. 25, 1945 - Bn. - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A - 2nd pltn fired 160 rds 3" indirect on 15 night harassing missions.

Co. B - 1st pltn fired 185 rds 3" HENC indirect on 5 night harassing missions. 3rd pltn fired 45 rds 3" APC direct fire destroying one bunker (log and earthen).

Co. C - 2nd pltn fired 153 rds 3" HENC on 6 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 13
 M-36's Operational - 23

Vehicular Losses - None Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 bunker - Results of Ind. Fire, unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 45 rds. 3" APC 498 rds. 3" HENC



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1945 - Co. A. - Company attached to 39th ROT as of 1200 hrs. moving with the ROT to assembly area vicinity Winden (F1038), preparatory to passing through elements of the 1st Inf. Div. and attacking south to capture Nideggen, Berg, Thum, and Thuir. 2nd pltn during the night 25-26 Feb. fired 132 rds 3" HEHC indirect on 9 harassing missions.

Co. B. - 3rd pltn fired 150 rds 3" HEHC indirect on 4 harassing missions during night of 25-26 Feb. 1st pltn attached to 1st Bn. 60th ROT and further attached to 39th ROT, moved with the 1st Bn. 60th ROT to assembly position vicinity Winden (F1038). 2nd pltn moved behind 39th ROT to assembly position vicinity Winden.

Co. C. - 2nd pltn in indirect fire positions fired 182 rds 3" HEHC on 6 harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 13

M-36's Operational - 26

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 464 rds 3" HEHC

Feb. 27, 1945 - The Div. started their long awaited attack. The 39th ROT (Reinf.) passed through elements of the 1st Inf. Div. and attacked Nideggen, Thum, and Berg to permit the crossing of the Roer River by the rest of the Div. The Bn. supported the attack.

Co. A. - Attached to 39th ROT provided close support for the ROT. 1st pltn attached to 2nd Bn. 39th ROT. 2nd pltn attached to 3rd Bn. and the 3rd pltn attached to the 1st Bn. 39th ROT. Platoons took up AP positions as follows: 1st pltn vicinity F125358 and F143347; 2nd pltn vicinity F115335; 3rd pltn vicinity F116334. 3rd pltn fired 5 rds 90mm HE at enemy entrenchments. One M36 damaged by mortar fire. 2 E.M. wounded.

Co. B. - 3rd pltn fired 200 rds. 3" HEHC indirect on 4 harassing missions. 1st pltn attached to 1st Bn. 60th Inf. Regt., occupied AP positions vicinity F105346. 2nd pltn in direct support of the 2nd Bn. 60th ROT moved to assembly area vicinity F107343. Remainder of company moved to vicinity F104360.

Co. C. - 2nd pltn fired 227 rds 3" HEHC on 8 night harassing indirect missions. 3rd pltn fired 34 rds 90mm APC and 43 rds 90mm HE in support of the 39th ROT (Reinf.)

M-36's Operational - 31

M-10's Operational - 9

Vehicular Losses - None (1 damaged, repairable)

Casualties - 2 E.M. WIA

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 427 rds 3" HEHC indirect

34 rds 90mm APC and 48 rds 90mm HE direct

Feb. 28, 1945 - 9th Div. resumed the attack and captured Berg and the high ground in its vicinity. Bn. continued to give close support to the Division.

Co. A. - Released from attachment 39th ROT and reverted to direct support. No change in platoon assignments. Platoons continued to give close support to the Bns. 2nd pltn destroyed one (1) Mk III Assault gun vicinity (F1403407).

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Report of Operations - Month of February 1945.

28, 1945 (Cont'd.)

Co. B. - 1st pltn released from attachment to the 1st. Bn. 60th Inf. and reverted to company control. Company in direct support of the 60th RCT. 1st pltn in direct support of the 1st Bn. 60th RCT destroyed 2 Mk III assault guns vicinity F140340 and F148339.

Co. C. - Moved across Roer River with the 47th RCT. 2nd pltn released from indirect fire mission. Company in direct support of the 47th RCT closed in assembly area vicinity F118317.

Remainder of Bn. - No change.

M-36's Operational - 33

M-10's Operational - 7

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - 1 Officer (KIA) 2 E.M. (WIA) 1 E.M. (SIW)

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 3 Mk III Assault Guns (burned)

Ammunition Expended - 48 rds APC 90mm and 54 rds HE 90mm

For the Battalion Commander:



Harley N. Miller
 HARLEY N. MILLER,
 Captain, 899th T. D. Bn.,
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4 March, 1945

REPORT: Action Against Enemy: Period 210001 Feb., to 222400 Feb., 1945.

SECTION IV
SUPPLY AND EVACUATION



Map: Central Europe 1:100,000, Sheet BONN, S.1.

1. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations:

- a. Rear Echelon located 800273 Vic Eupen, Belgium, beginning of period.
- b. Rear Echelon moved to 921193 Vic Putzenich, Germany, on or about 3 February 1945.
- c. Forward detachment of Rear Echelon moved to 041217 Vic Ruhr, Germany, on or about 3 February 1945. This detachment consisted of supply echelon only.
- d. Rear Echelon consolidated at 921193 Vic Putzenich, Germany, on or about 12 February 1945.
- e. Rear Echelon moved to 988330 (in Hurtgen Forest) on or about 23 February 1945, where it remained at close of period.

2. Status of Supply:

a. Class I:

(1) Rations drawn daily from 9th Infantry Division, Q.M. Two days 10 in 1 rations reserve maintained for all companies except Hq. Co. Hq. Co. maintained one days reserve rations.

b. Class II and IV:

(1) All items of equipment and supplies for all services except Ordnance, drawn thru and maintained by V Corps until 23 February 1945. By III Corps for balance of period.

(2) During period 21 February 1945 to 23 February 1945, this unit received 23 ea. Carriage Motor, 90mm Gun, M-36 (of which 11 ea. were of type M-36M1) thru V Corps channels 23 ea. Carriage motor, 3" gun, M-10 were turned in through same channels. 19 ea. M-10's were turned in as serviceable, 3 ea. as unserviceable, and one evacuated as combat loss after being damaged by approximately three or four German land mines.

(3) Vehicle tires were in great demand during period with replacements being slow.

c. Class III

(1) The following amounts were drawn from 9th Infantry

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Division Q.M. to replace basic load.

23,865 gallons gasoline
 10 gallons oil #10
 295 gallons oil #30
 25 gallons oil #50
 50 pounds grease #1

(3) The following amounts were drawn thru Corps channels.

9,330 gallons diesel fuel.

d. Status of

(1) The following amounts and types of ammunition were drawn during period, thru Corps ASP's, for purpose of replenishing basic load and for indirect fire missions. Ammunition drawn and not fired was returned to ASP.

2270 rounds 3" HE, M-48
 1267 rounds 3" HEHC, M-48
 92 rounds 3" HVAP, T4
 384 rounds 3" Star illumination, shell
 593 rounds 90 mm APC w/BDF.
 609 rounds 90 mm HE, M-48



3. Status of Transportation:

Type	On Hand 01 Feb.	Gains	Losses	Total on hand 28 Feb.	
				Serviceable	Unserviceable
Motorcycle, solo	15		15		
Trailer, 1/4 ton	6			6	
Trailer, 1 ton	24			24	
Truck, 1/4 ton	26	13	3	45	1
Truck, 3/4 ton	8			8	
Truck, 1 1/2 ton	14	1	2	13	
Truck, 2 1/2 ton	22	1	1	23	
Truck, wrecker M-1	1			1	
Recovery, L-2	3			3	
Car, armored light M-8	6			6	
Car, armored light M-30	23	6	1	30	
3" gun, M-10	36	1	24	13	
90mm gun, M-36	0	23	1	21	1
Halftrack, M-3	1			1	
Trailer, M-10	3	1	1	3	

a. Replacement expected. 1 ea. 1/4 ton truck and 1 ea.

90mm M-36.

4. Status of Evacuation: See After Action Report, 9th Infantry Division.

5. Condition of roads and status of circulation: Very poor in area immediately West of Roer river.

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B. Salvage and Captured Material.

a. Various types of American and German "battle field salvage" were recovered in small quantity lots and evacuated to Division supply service.

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Capt., 899th T. B. Co.
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SECTION V -- Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

Part I

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

	OFFICERS			Enlisted Men		
	Assigned	Gain	Loss	Assigned	Gain	Loss
February 1, 1945	36			604		
February 28, 1945	33	0	3	596	0	8

Reinforcements Received: 3

Temporary Duty:

Officers: 1
Enlisted Men: 16



Part II

CASUALTIES

Name	Rank	ASN	Type Casualty	Date of Wound
Hinsberg, Jerome H.	2nd Lt	01823111	KIA	28 Feb 45
Calhoun, Jack B.	Pvt 1st	37539336	LWA	28 Feb 45
Fitzpatrick, Paul F.	Opl	37169865	SWA	21 Feb 45
Hargraves, Raymond (MCI)	Tec 5	31281727	LWA	27 Feb 45
Martin, G. W. (I.O.)	Opl	31525209	LWA	28 Feb 45
Milts, Adrian J.	Pvt	37168646	LWA	27 Feb 45
Kroll, Elmer R.	Opl	31397621	SWA	24 Feb 45
Lewis, Jr., Joseph W.	Pvt 1st	32760356	LWA	6 Feb 45
Lynch, Jerome H.	Pvt 1st	36211222	KIA	21 Feb 45
Martin, Jr., Roy G.	Tec 5	33513597	LWA	4 Feb 45
Merideth, William (MCI)	Pvt 1st	35181645	KIA	21 Feb 45
Patrick, Thomas R.	Pvt	35399402	LWA	4 Feb 45
Sanders, John W.	Pvt 1st	36729116	LWA	8 Feb 45
Staffen, John P.	Tec 5	20618082	SWA	24 Feb 45

Part III

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS, UNIT CITATIONS

SILVER STAR

Name	ASN	Rank	Authority
Adams, Leonard R.	17011069	Sgt	OO 26, Hq, 9th Inf Div, 13 Feb 45
Skinner, Roy E.	35181108	Sgt	OO 32, Hq, 9th Inf Div, 27 Feb 45

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Part III
AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (Continued)

BRONZE STAR

NAME	ASN	RANK	AUTHORITY
Adkins, Clyde (NMI)	31826661	Pvt	GO 24, Hq, 9th Inf Div, 9 Feb 45
Dresser, Kenneth E.	39327383	Tec 5	GO 24, Hq, 9th Inf Div, 9 Feb 45
Gallagher, Patrick M.	37039952	S/Sgt	" " " " " "
Hawkes, Joyce H.	33511757	Cpl	" " " " " "
Horton, Stanley N.	37115296	Cpl	" " " " " "
Kieschick, Wilbert A.	37186166	Sgt	" " " " " "
Neaseth, Herman J.	37168356	Tec 4	" " " " " "
Archuer, Casper D.	37039869	Sgt	GO 26, Hq, 9th Inf Div, 13 Feb 45
Bloodins, Fridtjof T.	37039703	Tec 4	" " " " " "
Boyd, Merritt L.	37039637	T/Sgt	" " " " " "
Danco, Don (NMI)	35201815	Cpl	" " " " " "
Doll, Norman J.	37019122	Cpl	" " " " " "
Greaterex, Robert L.	39151175	Tec 4	" " " " " "
Larson, Rudolph A.	37170137	Pvt 1st	" " " " " "
Lowary, Samuel (NMI)	33122830	Pvt 1st	" " " " " "
Long, Michael (NMI)	33116350	Pvt	" " " " " "
Paps, Gordon C.	16015029	1st Sgt	" " " " " "
Ruzinski, Leo J.	35010999	Sgt	" " " " " "
Heuter, Francis G.	37170101	Tec 4	" " " " " "
Sears, Richard H.	37039984	S/Sgt	" " " " " "
Strauss, Howard C.	39600614	Sgt	" " " " " "
Woods, Earl R.	36017608	Tec 5	" " " " " "
Wojdan, Thaddeus (NMI)	36127092	Cpl	" " " " " "

PURPLE HEART

None.

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

Name	ASN	RANK	AUTHORITY
Pawelak, Casimir J.	01823052	1st Lt	GO 3, Hq, 899th TD Bn, 1 Mar 45

For the Battalion Commander:

OTTO J. GRIGGIRE
WOJG USA
Personnel Officer



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SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

ANNEX II - Supporting Documents.

Field Orders # 2, 3, & 4, this Headquarters, attached.

For the Battalion Commander:



Harley N. Miller
HARLEY N. MILLER,
Capt., 899th T.D. Bn.,
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Hq. 899th TD Bn
In the Field
181200, Feb. '45.



PO No. 2.

MAPS: Germany, 1/50,000, Sheet 20.

1. a. S-2 Estimate (not applicable).
- b. III Corps regroups to continue the attack to the East.
2. a. This Div. (Less the 39th RCT)
 Attached: 899th TD Bn.
 746th Tk Bn.
 376th AAA Bn.

Will, after being relieved in present positions by elements of the 2nd Inf. Div., relieve the 82nd A/B Div. in the area West of Nidaggen (See Overlay).

b. This Bn. (less Co. "A" plus the 1st Recon. pltn.) will move to the Hurtgen area and support the attack of the 9th Inf. Div.
Bdrys; zone of action - See Overlay
Routes: - See Overlay

3. a. Co. "A" (plus 1 Recon. pltn., atchd) released from direct support and attached to the 39th CT (attached to the 2nd Inf. Div.) will remain in present area with the RCT.

b. Co. "B" -
(1) Will move from Dreilborn under Bn. control, 19 Feb. '45, and upon arrival in Germeter will revert to direct support of the 60th CT.
(2) Will assemble with the RCT vicinity Germeter.

c. Co. "C" -
(1) Will withdraw from Wollseifen-Vogelsang area under cover of darkness, night of 17-18 Feb. '45 and assemble vicinity of Einruhr.
(2) Will move under Bn. control, 19 Feb. '45 and upon arrival in Schmidt will revert to direct support of the 47th CT.
(3) Will assemble with the RCT vicinity Schmidt.

d. Recon. Co. -
(1) Place one Recon. pltn in direct support of Co. "A".
(2) Will (less 1 Recon. pltn. atchd Co. "A") assemble vicinity Hurtgen, 19 Feb. '45 under Bn. control.
(3) Will upon arrival in new area conduct SOP reconnaissance in direct support of Co's "B" and "C".
(4) (a) - Will mark route from present area to IP.
 (b) - Will mark route for Bn. from Germeter to assembly area.
 (c) - Will mark route for Co. B. from Germeter to assembly area.
 (d) - Will mark route for Co. C. from Imgenbroich to assembly area.

e. Hq. Co. -
(1) Will initially remain in present area.
(2) Will upon notification of this Hq. move to assembly area as shown on overlay.

f. (a) Air Recognition Panels will be displayed in accordance with Operations Memo. No. 4, First U.S. Army, dated 21 Jan. '45.

18 - 22 Feb. 45 - GEMISE (Red) Panel - Singly.

(b) Be especially on the alert for mines and booby traps in new areas.

4. Supply - SOP

5. a. See Current SOI.
- b. Bn. CP vicinity Hurtgen.
- c. Div. CP vicinity Hurtgen.

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DISTRIBUTION: 1 Each Co. 5 Each Bn. 1 Div

Incl: March Table and Overlay.

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SECRETHqrs. 899th TD Bn
Hurtgen, Germany
231300 Feb. 1945.

F.O. No. 3.

Maps: Germany, 1/25,000; Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305.

1. a. The enemy is known to be occupying defensive positions on the East side of the Roer River. These positions consist of three belts of prepared defenses, consisting of trench systems, dugouts, etc. which have no doubt been supplemented by barbed wire, mines, and booby traps. Enemy activity has been slight in recent days, but the 353rd, 85th, and 3rd Para. Divs. may all be encountered on the bridgeheads. Defensive mortar and artillery fire can be expected to be directed on crossing sites, O.P.'s, routes of approach, and exposed personnel. No Panzer Divisions are known to be in reserve opposite us, but the 3rd Pz. Gren. Div., now believed disposed from HEIMBACH to GEMUND is available for counterattack on our crossing and is known to have new assault guns and Jagdpanzers.

b. III Corps atks to the E. The 1st Inf. Div, on our left, atks to the E within zone. The 78th Inf Div, on our right, will remain on present line and will demonstrate in conjunction with the atk of the remainder of the Corps.

The 9th Inf Div, the 60th RCT on the left and the 47th RCT on the right and the 39th RCT in Div reserve, atks to the E on D-Day and will establish Bridgehead No. 1 across the Roer River prepared to renew atk to the E to establish Bridgehead No. 2.

2. This Bn

a. will protect the Div against enemy armored attack

b. will illuminate the Bridgehead on call

Bridgeheads, bdrys, zones of action - see overlay.

ID - Roer River.

D-Day and time of attack - to be announced.

3. a. Co. A - Two (2) platoons in direct support of the 39th Inf. Regt, and one (1) platoon in direct support of the 26th FA Bn.

(1) will be in Div TD reserve with the 39th RCT.

(2) will be prepared to cover the crossing and deployment of Co's. "B" and "C".

(3) will be prepared to cross the Roer River with one or more platoons on order this Hq, to assist the repelling of any enemy armored attack in the Div. sector.

(4) will protect the rear of the Div against enemy armor.

(5) will cross Roer River on Order 39th Inf Regt in the event (3) above does not materialize.

Upon completion of the indirect fire mission the platoon in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. is released to Company control.

b. Co. B - Two (2) platoons in direct support of the 60th Inf Regt and one (1) platoon in direct support of the 60th FA Bn.

(1) will protect the 60th Inf Regt and the left flank of the Div against enemy armored attack.

(2) will cross the Roer River on order 60th Inf Regt.

(3) will provide assault gun missions as necessary to support the crossing.

(4) will be prepared to assist Co. C. in repelling enemy armored attack in the sector of the 47th Inf with one or more platoons on order this Hq.

(5) will illuminate crossing sites on order 60th FA Bn.

Upon completion of illumination mission the platoon in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. is released to company control.

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Co. C - Two (2) platoons in direct support of the 47th Inf Regt, and one (1) platoon in direct support of the 84th FA Bn.

- (1) will protect the 47th Inf Regt and the right flank of the Div against enemy armored attack.
- (2) will cross the Roer River on order 47th Inf Regt.
- (3) will provide assault gun missions as necessary to support the crossing.
- (4) will be prepared to assist Co. B. in repelling enemy armored attack in the sector of the 60th Inf Regt with one or more platoons on order this Hq.
- (5) will illuminate crossing sites on order 84th FA Bn.

Upon completion of illumination mission the platoon in direct support of the 84th FA Bn. is released to company control.

d. Ron. Co. -

- (1) will conduct SOP reconnaissance in direct support of the gun companies.
- (2) will establish and maintain sufficient OPs to cover the Div front with interlocking fields of vision and report movements of enemy armor direct to this Hq with "URGENT" classification.
- (3) will cross platoons with respective gun companies.

e. Hq. Co. - Per Bn. SOP.

- x. (1) Gun companies will each carry 25 rds 90mm APC and 25 rds 90mm HE in armored trailer to accompany platoons on crossing.
- (2) All captured enemy documents, maps, overlays, and letters will be forwarded to this Hq marked "URGENT"
- (3) All reports of enemy armor will be radioed in the clear and classified "urgent".
- (4) Air recognition panels will be displayed in accordance with Opn. Memo No. 4, 1st U.S. Army 21 Jan. '45 as follows:

23-28 Feb. '45 CERISE (Red) panel in combination with Yellow panel on each armored vehicle.

- (5) All companies will have recovery vehicles at crossing sites to assist their vehicles across if necessary.
- (6) Vehicles with non-standard tread will not attempt to cross bridges.

4. Supply - Bn SOP and per ADM. O. 36, Hq. 9th Inf. Div. 23 Feb. '45.

5. a. See current SOI

b. Bn. CP vicinity F039355

Company CPs to be reported

c. Div CP vicinity F041355



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- 1 ea Inf Regt
- 1 ATO 9th Inf Div
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- 1 Opn. Overlay

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S E C R E THdQRS. 899th TD Bn
Hurtgen, Germany
251900 Feb. 1945.F.O. No.4.

Maps: Germany 1/25,000; Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305.

1. a. G-2, 9th Inf. Div. states that it is becoming increasingly apparent that the enemy is more interested in preventing our reaching the Ruhr than he is in holding territory West of the Rhine and for this it is felt that he will swing to a delaying action, making use of his prepared lines of defense, withdrawing the bulk of his forces to the East of the Rhine and to the approaches to the Ruhr Valley and Northern German Plains.

The Ninth Panzer Division has been identified in fighting near DUREN, and the Pz. Rcn. Bn. of 11th Pz. Div. has been identified on the front of the 9th U.S. Army. 3rd Pz. Gren. Div. remains out of contact, though it is believed to have moved from the HEIMBACH-GEMUND area. 85th Div. has been reported by a P.W. to have been relieved by 3rd Para. Div., which later may be expected to have received numerous reinforcements. 2nd Pz. Div. was last reported near TRIER, on 3rd Army front; 17th SS Pz. Gren. "G.V.B." was last in contact on 7th Army front; and 116th Pz. Div. and 15th Pz. Gren. Divs. were last reported in the KLEVE-GOCH sector on the front of 1st Canadian Army.

The 506th Hvy. Pz. Bn. (Royal Tigers) is expected to appear in the DUREN area. It was last contacted vicinity PRUM on the 4th Inf. Div. front.

b. III Corps attacks to the East. The 1st Inf Div, on our left, passes through the 8th Inf Div and attacks South then East within zone. The 78th Inf Div remains on present line and demonstrates in conjunction with the attack of the remainder of the Corps.

The 9th Inf Div, will upon seizure of final objectives by the 1st Inf Div, pass through the 1st Inf Div, attack to the South to seize Objective Lines No.1 and No.2, prepared to renew the attack to seize Final Objective Line (See overlay). The 39th RCT (Reinf) will upon seizure of final objective by the 1st Inf Div, pass through the 1st Inf Div, attack to the South to seize objective lines No.1 and No.2, and will be prepared to continue the attack to seize Final Objective line. The 60th RCT (less one Bn.) will initially defend present sector and upon seizure of nose at FO95335 by the 39th RCT (Reinf), will cross the Roer River and be prepared to attack to the East in conjunction with the 39th RCT (Reinf) to seize final objective. The 47th RCT will defend present sector and be prepared to cross the Roer River on order.

2. This Bn

(1) will defend the Div against armored attack.
(2) will, with one platoon, illuminate the bridgehead area on call.

Bdrys, Zones of Action, ID - See Overlay
Time to Cross ID - To be announced

3. a. Co. A - Attached to the 39th Inf Regt.

b. Co. B - One platoon attached to the 1st Bn. 60th Inf Regt, one platoon in direct support of the 60th Inf Regt, and one platoon in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. Upon crossing of ID by the 39th RCT (Reinf) the platoon with the 60th FA Bn. reverts to Company control.

(1) will defend the RCT against armored attack.
(2) will cross the Roer River on order of the 60th

Inf. Regt.

(3) will upon crossing be prepared to assist Co.A. with one or more platoons in repelling armored attacks in the sector of the 39th ~~on order this Hq.~~



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(2) - FO No. 4.

- b. (4) will provide assault gun missions as necessary across the front of the 39th RCT (Reinf)
- (5) will support the fires of the 60th FA Bn.
- c. Co. C - Two platoons in direct support of the 47th RCT and one platoon in direct support of the 84th FA Bn.
 - (1) will be in Div TD reserve with the 47th RCT.
 - (2) will be prepared to cross the Roer River with one or more platoons on order this Hq to assist in repelling armored attacks in the bridgehead area.
 - (3) will protect the rear of the Div against armored attack.
 - (4) will illuminate the Bridgehead area on order the 84th FA Bn.
 - (5) will cross the Roer River on order the 47th Inf Regt in the event (2) above does not materialize.
- d. Rcn. Co. -
 - (1) will conduct SOP reconnaissance in direct support of the gun companies.
 - (2) will establish and maintain sufficient OPs to cover the Div front and flanks with interlocking fields of observation.
 - (3) will cross platoons with the respective gun companies.
- e. Hq. Co. - Per Bn SOP
- x. (1) Air Recognition Panels will be displayed in accordance with Opn Memo No. 4 1st US Army 21 Jan. '45 as follows:
 - 23-28 Feb. '45 CERISE (Red) Panel in combination with Yellow Panel on each armored vehicle.
 - (2) FO No.3 this Hq dated 23 Feb. '45 rescinded this date.
- 4. Per Bn SOP and Adm C No.37, Hq 9th Inf Div.
- 5. a. See current SOI.
- b. Company CP's to be reported.
- c. Bn. CP vicinity FO39355.



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3 March 1945.

SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.
ANNEX III - S-2 Report of Operations for Month of February 1945.

In February 1945, the 899th T.D. Bn. assisted the 9th Inf. Div. in its attacks from Monschau area to the Urft Reservoir, from Schmidt to the Schwammenauel Dam, and from the West bank of the Roer R., vicinity Nideggen, to the East in the zone of the Division.

During the month of February, the 899th T.D. Bn. was engaged with an enemy who was fighting a defensive battle. During this period the battalion contacted the 62nd VG Div. in the 9th Div. sector East and Southeast of Monschau on 1 Feb. 1945, as well as elements of the 277th Div. on the same date. The 15th Army Sturm Bn. and 1076 Security Bn. were also present. The Bn. assisted in capturing 70 P/W's.

On the 3rd of Feb., the 9th Div. contacted the 1100 AOK Arty. Regt., which had had a battery of 305mm guns overrun, and met the 89th Regt. of the 12th VG Div. in the Dreibern area, as well as the 53rd Fortress A.T. Bn.

On 4 Feb. the 272nd Div. yielded prisoners, and on the 6th, P/W's were taken from the 8th Regt. of the 3rd Pz. Gren. Div., indicating that elements of this division had entered our sector. Some fire was received from S.P. guns during darkness, but no tanks or SP guns appeared in daylight and the Bn. was unable to shoot at any of them.

By the 8th of Feb. the Bn. was participating in the attack of the 9th Div. to clean out Schmidt and seize the Schwammenauel Dam, and the 3rd Pz. Gren. Div., 6th Para. Regt., then operating under the 85th Div. were contacted, and on the 9th of Feb. the 9th Pz. Div. was also partially contacted near Hasenfeld and in the town. Here friendly artillery and infantry from the 9th Div. destroyed what tanks the enemy was able to get across the Roer R. On the 10th the 1st prisoner from the 3rd Para. Div., then arriving in the Heimbach area, was taken. From then, until the end of the month, no further new units were contacted.

When the Bn. moved to the Hürtgen area and attacked across the Roer River, it was the 3rd Para. Div. it met, reinforced by the 902nd Assault Gun Bn.

On the 28th of Feb. the Bn. destroyed 3 SP guns from the 902nd Assault Gun Bn. by direct fire. In addition the following enemy equipment was destroyed by this unit during February 1945:

Bunkers	-	2
Strong Points	-	3
Dug-out	-	1
O.P.	-	1



3475 rds. of H.E. ammunition were fired in interdiction missions of enemy supply routes.

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