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899TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230 U.S. ARMY

1 February 1945.

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

Authority

1. In compliance, Par. 10, AR 345-105, as changed by Changes No. 4; and letter, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 13 July 1944, subject, Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports; and letter, Headquarters V Corps, dated 28 December 1944, same subject; and Section XIV (Part "A") to Standing Operating Procedure, Headquarters 9th Infantry Division, dated 14 January 1945, same subject, the following Action Against Enemy, Report After/After Action Report for the month of January 1945 is submitted.



For the Battalion Commander:

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

1. Introduction:

The 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion commanded by Lt. Colonel Maxwell A. Fincher, 020798, was originally activated at Fort Lewis, Washington, on July 1, 1940, and designated the 99th Infantry Battalion (Anti-tank). On July 24, 1941, it became the 99th Infantry Anti-tank Battalion, which on December 15, 1941, was redesignated the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (H) (SP).

2. Superior Units, and Commanders:

- a. Assigned to First United States Army, Lt. General Courtney B. Hodges, commanding.
- b. Attached to V Corps, Major General Leonard T. Hushar, Commanding.
- c. Attached to 9th Inf. Div., Major General Louis A. Craig, Commanding.

3. Attached Units, Authority and Commanders:

- a. Co. C, 644th TD Bn., attached per V038, 9th Inf. Div., 031545A, January 1945, Captain Harlow F. Lennan, 01169215, Commanding. Relieved from attachment per V038, 9th Inf. Div., 270600A January 1945.
- b. Co. A, 801st TD Bn., attached per WO No. 51, Hq. 9th Inf. Div., par 3h, 271800 January 1945, Captain Stanley Lewis Evans, 0419757, Commanding.

4. Maps used during Period: G508 4414, sheets 5402, 5403, 5404, 5502, 5503, 5504, Scale: 1/25,000. Central Europe, Sheet 81, Scale 1/100,000. Situation maps, Scale 1/250,000, and Scale 1/1,000,000. Aerial photographs and terrain studies were also utilized.

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

Report of Operations - Month of January 1945

Jan. 1, 1945 - Battalion attached to 9th Inf. Div.

The Division, plus attachments continued to defend the area Nutsenich-Monschau-Hofen-Kalterherberg-Eisenborn. The Div. disposed as follows: 60th CT defending Nutsenich and vicinity; the 47th CT defending the area Monschau-Hofen-Kalterherberg; and the 39th CT defending the area South of Kalterherberg to vicinity Camp Eisenborn.

Bn. CP coordinates K838240.

Co. A. in direct support of 39th Inf. Regt. via Eisenborn, Belgium. CP at K889118. 1st pltn in AF positions vicinity K897098 and K909097. 2nd pltn in AF positions vicinity K928119 and K924093. 3rd pltn (Regt. reserve) in indirect fire positions in direct support of 26th FA Bn. vicinity K805123 fired 200 rds HERC on 4 night harassing missions and 4 rds Star Shell on 4 illuminating missions.

Co. B. in direct support of 60th Inf. Regt. CP located vicinity Nutsenich, Germany at K917194. 1st platoon in AF position vicinity K935200 and K931208. 2nd & 3rd platoons (Regt. reserve) in indirect fire positions vicinity K899201 in direct support of 60th FA Bn., fired 259 rds HERC and 3 rds Star Shell on day and night indirect harassing missions.

Co. C. in direct support of 47th Inf. Regt. CP vicinity Kalterherberg, Germany at K908172. 1st platoon in Regtl. reserve vicinity K903174. 2nd platoon in AF positions in direct support of 1st Bn. 47th Inf. in Monschau, Germany. Positions vicinity K937194 and K933177. 3rd pltn in AF positions in direct support of 2nd Bn. 47th Inf. Regt. in Kalterherberg, vicinity K931134 and K933145.

Res. Co. - CP located vicinity K838240, 1st, 2nd & 3rd pltns supporting Co's. A, B & C respectively. Established CP's vicinity K93052090, K930191 and K931118. One section Pioneer Platoon maintained road block vicinity K913168.

Hq. Co. - CP located Eupen, Belgium, coordinates K796270.

M-10's Operational - 33

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 447 rds HERC 7 rds Star Shell (Indirect)

Jan. 2, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 293 rds HERC on 4 harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd & 3rd pltns fired 203 rds HERC on 5 night interdiction missions. 1st section, 2nd pltn moved to positions vicinity K932224 at 2100 hrs. to support a demonstration by the 60th Inf. Regt. on Konzen, Germany, Jan. 3, 1945.

M-10's Operational - 32

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 496 rds HERC (Indirect)



Report of Operations - Month of January 1945.

1 Jan. 1945 - Battalion - No Change.

All units of V Corps staged local demonstrations and strong patrol activities during the day to keep reserves from going to the area of VII & XVIII A/B Corps which were attacking.

60th Inf. Regt. sent a strong patrol of pltn size into Konzen. The 47th Inf. sent a strong patrol into Mennersath. The 3rd Bn. 39th Inf. sent strong patrols toward Rohren and the 39th Inf. Regt. patrolled the area HohenMark (K946116). The patrols of the 60th Inf. Regt. ran into considerable small arms fire and were until nightfall getting out.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. was attached to the Bn. at 1545 VOOG, 9th Inf. Div. The company is to remain in Div. AT reserve with one platoon to relieve one battery of the 413th AAA Bn. vicinity Mutzenich, Germany. Captain Lenon, CO, Co. C, reported for instructions and notified us that 2 of his pltns were enroute from Eisenborn, via Sourbrodt-Eupen-Mutzenich, and should arrive about 1900 hrs. The 3rd pltn was remaining in Eisenborn until relieved by a pltn from 612th TD Bn. Jan. 4, 1945. The Company (less 3rd pltn and plus one Recon. section and 1 Pioneer section) arrived in Mutzenich, Germany at 1930 hrs. The 2nd pltn relieved the battery of 413th AAA Bn., positions vicinity K910193. 1st pltn in assembly area vicinity K920197.

Co. A - No change in positions or assignments. 3rd pltn fired 57 rds HERC and 38 rds HENC on 3 night harassing missions.

Co. B - 1st pltn no change. 1st section, 2nd pltn, from positions vicinity K934223 fired 84 rds HENC direct fire in support of a demonstration in Konzen by 1 platoon of the 60th Inf. Regt. 2nd section of 2nd platoon and 3rd platoon - no change in indirect fire positions, fired 97 rds HERC and 38 rds HENC on 5 harassing missions.

Co. C - 2nd pltn from positions vicinity K938195 fired 51 rds APC/BDF and 86 rds HENC direct fire in support of a demonstration by one pltn 1st Bn. 47th Inf. Regt. at enemy pillboxes and known strong points. One pillbox was destroyed. The pltn then moved back to positions as of 2 Jan. '45.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn - 31
Co.C.644th - 8

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - 1 pillbox

Ammunition Expended - 51 APC/BDF 246 HENC 154 HERC



Jan. 4, 1945 - No change in missions.

Co. A. - No change in positions, 3rd pltn fired 38 rds HENC and 57 rds HENC on 3 interdiction missions. 2nd pltn Co.B. attached

Co. B. - 1st pltn no change. 2nd pltn attached to Co.A. and in direct support of 26th FA Bn. moved to indirect fire positions vicinity K894107. Pltn is in TD reserve in direct support of 39th Inf. Regt. 3rd pltn reverted to direct support of 60th Inf. Regt. and occupied AT positions vicinity K920199.

Co. C. - No Change.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. (attached) - CP vicinity K922192. 1st & 2nd pltns no change. 3rd pltn arrived vicinity Mutzenich at 1030 hrs and relieved the 2nd & 3rd pltns Co.B. 899th TD Bn. in indirect fire positions vicinity K899201 in direct support of 60th FA Bn. and in Division TD reserve.

Ren. & Hq. Co. - No Change.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33
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Vehicle Losses - 1 jeep (stolen in Europe)
Casualties - None
Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown
Ammunition Expended - 38 rds HEMO 57 rds HEMO (Indirect)

Jan. 5, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.
Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 46 rds HEMO and 31 rds HEMO on 3 interdiction missions.
Co. B. - 2nd pltn, attached to Co. A., fired 66 rds HEMO and 51 rds HEMO on 3 interdiction missions.
Co. C. - No change.
Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 77 rds HEMO and 31 rds HEMO on 5 interdiction missions.
Com. & Hq. Co. - No change.
M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicle Losses - None
Casualties - None
Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown
Ammunition Expended - 189 HEMO 133 HEMO (indirect)

Jan. 6, 1945 - No change in missions or assignments.
Co. A - 3rd pltn in indirect fire positions fired 100 rds HEMO on 3 interdiction missions in support of 26th FA Bn.
Co. B - 1st pltn no change. 3rd pltn moved to cover positions vicinity K932228 with AF positions vicinity K933222 in direct support of the 2nd Bn. 60th Inf. and 38th Cav. Sq. 2nd Pltn in indirect fire position in support of 26th FA Bn. fired 14 rds HEMO and 72 rds HEMO on 3 night interdiction missions.
Co. C - 1st & 3rd pltns no change. 2nd pltn from positions vicinity K93601945 fired 6 rds APG/EDF and 15 rds HEMO direct fire in support of the 1st Bn. 47th Inf. Regt.
Com. Co. - No change in positions or assignments. Company sending 12 Enlisted Men daily to 746th Tank Bn. for training in light tanks - to man same in case of an emergency.
M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 35
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicle Losses - None
Casualties - None
Enemy Material Destroyed - 1 OP
Ammunition Expended - 6 APG/EDF 91 HEMO 325 HEMO

Jan. 7, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.
Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st & 2nd pltns no change. 3rd pltn fired 50 rds HEMO and 100 rds HEMO and 5 rds Star Shell on 3 interdiction and one illuminating missions.
M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicle Losses - 1 jeep damaged (motor vehicle accident)
Casualties - 1 EM (non battle casualty)- motor vehicle accident.
Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown.
Ammunition Expended - 50 rds HEMO 100 rds HEMO 5 Star Shell (Indirect)

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Jan. 8, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

The battalion given an area of responsibility for the defense of the Division rear area against airborne attack. Area generally 8000 yds SE of Bupen, Belgium. Plans for the defense of this sector consist of one patrol, Recon. section, over existing roads in sector, mobile reserve of one Recon. section and dismounted outpost defending hill vicinity KB42237. Defense of this area was also coordinated with 2nd Bn. 60th Inf. Regt. The 2nd Bn. patrols daily the area of the sub sector.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 45 rds HENG and 93 rds HERC on 4 night interdiction missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co. A.) fired 55 rds HENG and 70 rds HERC on 4 night interdiction missions.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. fired 20 rds HENG & 80 rds HERC on 6 interdiction missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn - 34
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 120 HENG 243 HERC (Indirect)

Jan. 9, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 92 rds HENG and 72 rds HERC on 4 interdiction missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn, attached to Co. A., fired 101 rds HERC on 3 interdiction missions.

Co. C. - No change - Started schools for drivers, radio operators and gunners.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 57 rds HERC and 79 rds HENG on 5 night interdiction missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn - 34
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 149 rds HENG 252 rds HERC (Indirect)

Jan. 10, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 96 rds HENG on 4 interdiction missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co.A.) fired 61 rds HENG and 112 rds HERC on 6 interdiction missions.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 32 rds HERC on 3 interdiction missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 34
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 61 rds HENG and 240 rds HERC (Indirect)



Report of Operations - Month of January, 1945.

Jan. 11, 1945 - No change in missions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 40 rds HENG on 1 night interdiction mission in support of 26th FA Bn.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co. A.) fired 80 rds HENG on 2 night interdiction missions in support of 26th FA Bn.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn in indirect fire positions in support of 60th FA Bn. fired 25 rds HENG and 50 rds HENG and 3 rds Star Shell on 4 night interdiction missions and 1 illuminating mission.

M-10's Operational - 899th T.D. Bn. - 34
Co. C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 145 rds HENG 50 rds HENG 3 Star Shell (Indirect)

Jan. 12, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments. Period marked by slight increase in enemy artillery fire in vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 124 rds HENG on 3 interdiction missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co. A.) fired 110 rds HENG on 3 interdiction missions.

Co. C. - No change in positions of platoons - 3rd pltn in Kalterherberg experienced considerable enemy artillery fire. One air burst over M-10 at K931135 wounded 3 E.M. and damaged M-10 with shrapnel in blower housing - Repairable.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 37 rds HENG and 100 rds HENG on 7 night interdiction missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33
Co. C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - 1 M-10, due to enemy action - repairable.

Casualties - 3 E.M. MIA, 2 evacuated.

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 37 rds HENG 334 rds HENG (Indirect)



Jan. 13, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 50 rds HENG on 1 night harassing mission.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn fired 50 rds HENG on 1 night harassing mission.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 50 rds HENG and 75 rds HENG on 4 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33
Co. C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 50 rds HENG and 175 rds HENG (Indirect)

Jan. 14, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Period marked by improvement of positions. All gun companies and detachments engage in extensive search of respective areas and Bn. sub area for enemy agents in American uniforms - none found.

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Co.A. - 3rd pltn fired 23 rds HERC on one night harassing mission.

Co.B. - 2nd pltn fired 28 rds HERC on 1 night harassing mission.

Co.C. - 2nd pltn fired 5 rds APC/BDP and 4 rds HENC direct fire in direct support of the 1st Bn. 47th Inf. destroying 1 M/G nest and 1 enemy OP vicinity K950197.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 80 rds HENC and 75 rds HERC and 4 rds Star Shell in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. on 8 harassing and 1 illuminating mission.

Reg. Co. - Continual reconnaissance and OP work.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33

Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 M/G nest, 1 OP - Results of indirect fire unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 5 APC/BDP 34 HENC 126 HERC 4 Star Shell

Jan. 15, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Bn. started white washing destroyers. Regiments engaged in small local patrol demonstration during the morning.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 77 rds HENC and 25 rds HERC on 3 interdiction and harassing missions in support of 26th FA Bn.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co.A.) fired 67 rds HERC on 3 harassing missions.

Co. C. - 2nd pltn fired 14 rds APC/BDP and 24 rds HENC direct fire from Monechau Hill in direct support of patrols of 47th Inf. Regt. attacking Menzerath, Germany. Results of fire unknown.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 3rd pltn fired 25 rds HENC and 75 rds HERC on 6 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th T.D.Bn. - 33

Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None.

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 14 APC/BDP 126 HENC 167 HERC

Jan. 16, 1945 - Bn. - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 83 rds HERC on 2 harassing missions, indirect fire.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co.A.) fired 83 rds HENC on 2 harassing missions.

Co. C. - No Change.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn occupied indirect fire positions in direct support of 60th FA Bn. relieving 3rd pltn positions vicinity K889201, fired 42 rds HENC and 105 rds HERC on 7 harassing missions. 2nd pltn occupied reserve AT positions in Mutzenich (K921197) and relieved the 1st pltn. 3rd pltn occupied AT positions formerly occupied by 2nd pltn vicinity K909195.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33

Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 125 HENC 188 HERC (Indirect)



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1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn in indirect fire, fired 30 rds HENG
30 rds HENG on 2 harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn fired 100 rds HENG on 3 harassing
missions, indirect fire.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn fired 46 rds HENG and 64
rds HENG on 5 night harassing missions.

Ren. Co. - 12 men in 748th Tank school relieved and plac-
ed on alert.

Hq. Co. - No change.

M-10's Operational - 899th T.D. Bn. - 35
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 76 HENG 194 HENG (Indirect)

Jan. 18, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 13 rds HENG and 65 rds HENG on 3 har-
assing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn fired 37 rds HENG and 36 rds HENG on
3 harassing missions.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn fired 47 rds HENG and 54
rds HENG on 5 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 35
Co.C. 644th - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 97 HENG 155 HENG (Indirect)

Jan. 19, 1945 - No change in position or assignments.

Bn. spent the better part of the day in maintenance and
digging M-10's out of snow drifts following blizzard.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 60 rds HENG and 30 rds HENG on
2 night harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn fired 67 rds HENG on 2 night harassing
missions.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn fired 30 rds HENG and 70
rds HENG on 5 night harassing missions.

M-10 Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 33
Co.C. 644th - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 90 rds HENG 167 rds HENG (Indirect)

Jan. 20, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn in indirect fire positions supporting
the fires of the 26th PA Bn. fired 97 rds HENG on 4 harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co.A.) in indirect fire
positions supporting the fires of the 26th PA Bn. fired 39 rds HENG
and 40 rds HENG on 4 day and night harassing missions.

Co. C. - No change in positions. Company continued
training of drivers, radio operators, and gunners.

Co. C, 644th TD Bn. - The 1st pltn supporting the fires
of the 60th PA Bn. fired 60 rds HENG and 60 rds HENG on 4 night haras-
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M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 35
Co.C. 644th - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 100 HENG 196 HENG (Indirect)

Jan. 21, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. fired 35 rds HENG and 35 rds HENG on one day and one night harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn (attached to Co.A.) in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. fired 35 rds HENG and 35 rds HENG on 1 day and 1 night harassing missions.

Co. C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. fired 76 rds HENG and 58 rds HENG on 1 day and 4 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 34
Co.C. 644th - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 146 HENG 128 HENG (Indirect)

Jan. 22, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Bn continued training of drivers, gunners and radio operators.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn fired 40 rds HENG and 35 rds HENG on 3 day and night harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn fired 60 rds HENG and 53 rds HENG on 3 day and night harassing missions.

Co. C. - 2nd pltn from positions on Monaschau Hill fired 10 rds APG/BDP and 6 rds HE direct fire in support of the 1st Bn. 47th CT, destroying one fortified house (enemy outpost) and one M/G nest. House burned.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn fired 32 rds HENG and 54 rds HENG on 5 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 34
Co.C. 644th - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 M/G nest 1 fortified out post

Ammunition Expended - 10 APG/BDP 138 HENG 140 HENG

Jan. 23, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Bn. continued trainings of drivers, gunners and radio operators.

Co. A. - 2nd pltn fired 5 rds APG/BDP and 1 rds HENG direct fire in support of the 39th CT. Results of fire unknown. 3rd pltn fired 30 rds HENG and 40 rds HENG on 2 interdiction and night harassing missions.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn fired 30 rds HENG and 40 rds HENG on 2 night harassing missions.

Co. C. - 2nd pltn fired 21 rds HENG and 16 rds APG/BDP direct fire in support of the 1st Bn. 47th CT on known enemy positions vicinity Hengerath destroying one M/G nest and neutralizing 2 fortified

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(outposts), also fired on enemy tank and mortar position with hits unknown.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn fired 70 rds HEHC and 75 rds HEHC on 7 day and night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 34
Co.C. 644th - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - 1 M/G nest destroyed and 2 fortified houses neutralized.

Ammunition Expended - 21 APC/BDP 152 HEHC 156 HEHC

Jan. 24, 1945 - No change in positions or assignments.

Co. A. - 3rd pltn in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. fired 35 rds HEHC and 60 rds HEHC on 3 day and night harassing missions. Company continued training in cold weather operations in deep snow, of M-10 drivers and assistant drivers, gunners and radio operators.

Co. B. - 2nd pltn in direct support of the 26th FA Bn. fired 35 rds HEHC and 60 rds HEHC on 3 day and night harassing missions. 3rd pltn moved to direct fire positions vicinity K931218 and fired 50 rds HEHC and 15 rds APC in support of a patrol of the 60th Inf. CT and to cover their withdrawal from Kauxen, Germany. Fire was directed at enemy personnel and fortified houses. Enemy killed or wounded, or materiel destroyed or damaged - unknown.

Co. C. - No Change.

Co. C., 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn in direct support of the 60th FA Bn., fired 50 rds HEHC and 75 rds HEHC on 5 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 34
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 15 APC 195 HEHC 170 HEHC

Jan. 25, 1945 - Period marked by continuous reconnaissance and planning for future operations. Training of drivers, gunners and radio operators continued throughout the Battalion.

No change in positions or assignments.

Co.A. - 3rd pltn fired 30 rds HEHC and 60 rds HEHC on 3 day and night harassing missions.

Co.B. - 2nd pltn fired 30 rds HEHC and 60 rds HEHC on 3 day and night harassing missions.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn fired 100 rds HEHC and 25 rds HEHC on 6 night harassing missions.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 35
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 85 HEHC 220 HEHC (Indirect)

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1945 - No change in assignments. Bn. continued training of drivers, gunners and radio operators. Battalion preparing for future operations.

Co.A. - 3rd pltn fired 150 rds HEMC and 200 rds HEMC on 2 night harassing missions.

Co.B. - 1st pltn moved to AT positions vicinity K925199 and the 3rd pltn moved to AT positions vicinity K909194 under cover of darkness. 2nd pltn conducted reconnaissance for new positions to support the 60th PA Bn.

Co.C. 644th TD Bn. - 1st pltn occupied AT positions vicinity K936194 and K933177. The 2nd pltn occupied AT positions vicinity K931208 and K935199. 3rd pltn occupied AT positions vicinity K931228. Company preparing to go under control of the 102nd Cav. Group.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 34
Co.C. 644th - 12

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 150 rds HEMC 200 rds HEMC (Indirect)

Jan. 27, 1945 - Division sector being narrowed and consolidated for future offensive action. Bn. continued plans and reconnaissance for future operations. Co.C. 644th TD Bn. relieved from attachment to this Battalion and attached to 102nd Cav. Group.

Co.A. - No change in positions or assignments. 3rd pltn fired 31 rds HEMC and 99 rds HEMC on 2 night harassing missions.

Co.B. - 2nd pltn relieved of attachment to Co.A. and reverted to Company control and placed in direct support of the 60th PA Bn. and occupied indirect fire positions vicinity K908193.

Co.C. - 1st pltn moved to assembly positions vicinity Hofen, Germany (K954157) in preparation for coming offensive.

M-10's Operational - 34

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - None

Enemy Materiel Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 31 HEMC 99 HEMC (Indirect)



Jan. 28, 1945 - Period marked by continued reconnaissance for new positions from which to support the coming attack. Division sector was again narrowed with elements of the 99th Div. taking over from the 39th Inf Regt. Elements of the 644th TD Bn. relieved Co.A. in the 39th CT sector.

Bn. - No Change in mission.

Co. A. - 1st pltn in direct support of the 26th PA Bn. moved to indirect fire positions vicinity K914157. 2nd pltn in direct support of the 39th CT moved to AT positions vicinity K931134 and K933133. 3rd pltn in direct support of the 39th CT moved to AT positions vicinity K931144 and K933145. Company CP moved to K016146.

Co. B. - 1st pltn no change. 2nd pltn moved to assembly positions vicinity Hofen, Germany (K949168) in direct support of the 2nd Bn. 60th CT. 3rd pltn moved to assembly positions vicinity Monsehan, Germany (K909194) in direct support of the 60th CT.

Co. C. - 1st pltn no change. 2nd pltn in Div. reserves, no change. 3rd pltn moved to assembly position in Hofen, Germany (K051158). Company in direct support of the 47th CT.

Hon. & Hq. Co. - No change.

M-10's Operational - 33

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1945 - (Cont'd.)

Vehicle Losses - None
Casualties - None
Enemy material destroyed - None
Ammunition Expended - None

Jan. 29, 1945 - Bn. continued reconnaissance and preparation for the attack by the Division.

Bn. moved to Kalterherberg, Germany vicinity K927148.

Co.A. - 1st pltn fired 77 rds HENC and 123 rds HBNC on 7 day and night harassing missions, indirect.

Remainder of Battalion - No Change.

M-10's Operational - 34

Vehicle Losses - None
Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - None - Results of Indirect fire unknown.
Ammunition Expended - 77 rds HENC 123 rds HBNC (Indirect)



Jan. 30, 1945 - The Division attacked at 0400 hrs with initial objectives of Rohren and vicinity. The Bn. supported the attack with Co. A. in direct support of the 39th CT; Co. B. in direct support of the 60th CT; and Co. C. in direct support of the 47th CT. Deep snow and a blizzard hampered operations rendering close support difficult. Rohren was taken by daybreak, the enemy offering no resistance to the attack of the 60th CT. The 47th CT made initial gains but were held up by determined resistance from pillboxes and bunkers. The 47th CT was on their objectives by nightfall. The 39th CT attacking with one Bn. were held throughout the day after limited successes.

Co.A. - 2nd and 3rd pltns in direct support of the 39th CT. remained in same positions protecting Kalterherberg against enemy counter-attack. 1st pltn in direct support of the 26th PA Bn fired 110 rds HENC and 150 rds HBNC on 5 day and night harassing missions. Company protecting Div. right flank from enemy armored attack.

Co.B. - 1st pltn no change. 2nd pltn in direct support of the 2nd Bn. 60th CT covered the deployment of the Bn. during the attack on Rohren and upon capture of same moved to Rohren and organized the AF defenses of the town. The pltn remained inactive during the remainder of the day and under cover of darkness supported the continued attack of the Bn. on Widdau, Germany and organized the AF defenses of the town and tied in defenses with the 78th Div. The 3rd pltn remained inactive during the day and under cover of darkness moved to Rohren relieving the 2nd pltn and taking over the AF defenses of the town, in direct support of the 1st Bn. The Company protected the left flank of the Div. against enemy armored attack. Co. CP moved to Hofen, Germany vicinity K951161.

Co.C. - The 1st pltn in direct support of the 2nd Bn. 47th CT covered the employment of the Bn. One destroyed hit a mine field at K968162 and was put out of action. The attack of the Bn. was held up by extreme snow and a blizzard rendering close support impossible. The platoon returned to Hofen and when the blizzard died down, one section took up AF positions vicinity K966159. The 3rd pltn remained inactive during the early part of the period. Moved out to support 3rd Bn. 47th CT which was held up by enemy pillboxes and ran into friendly mine field vicinity K963155 losing one destroyer and stopping forward movement of the platoon, there being no other route to the Battalion. Platoon returned to assembly area in Hofen.

Hon. Co. - Continued SOP reconnaissance in Div. sector

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and flanks in direct support of the gun companies. Maintained OP's vicinity K951169 and K063147.

Hq. Co. - No Change.

Co.A. 801st TD Bn. (T) attached to the Battalion as of 1400 hrs. Remained inactive throughout the period. Conducted reconnaissance in sectors of 60th CT and 47th CT for the future employment of the company. Co. CP located vicinity K952161; 1st pltn vicinity K958154, 2nd pltn vicinity K951168 and 3rd pltn vicinity K956161.

M-10's Operational - 899th TD Bn. - 32

3" guns towed - Co.A. 801st - 11

Vehicular Losses - 2 M-10's, due to mines - one repairable.

Casualties - None

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown

Ammunition Expended - 252 HEFC 150 HEFC (Indirect)



Jan. 31, 1945 - Bn. no change in mission. The Division continued the attack at 0400 hrs. with elements of the 39th CT and the 47th CT. Progress was steady and objectives taken. Movement of the Bn. was slowed by snow conditions.

Co. A. - 1st pltn remained in indirect fire positions fired 257 rds HEFC on 5 day and night harassing missions. 2nd pltn remained in same positions and was inactive during the period. 3rd pltn moved in direct support of the 3rd Bn. 39th CT in an attack towards F. Wahlersheid, Germany and took up AT positions vicinity K990144.

Co. B. - 1st pltn no change, remained in indirect fire positions and fired 348 rds HEFC on 5 day and night harassing missions. 2nd & 3rd pltns remained inactive during the period in AT positions in Widdau and Rohren respectively. 2nd pltn fired 2 rds HEFC at a pill box with unknown results. The 3rd pltn relieved under cover of darkness by one pltn of Co.C. 644th TD Bn. and returned to assembly area in Hofen, Germany.

Ron. Co. - No change.

Co. A. 801st TD Bn. - 3rd pltn and 2nd pltn alerted to move at daybreak. 2nd pltn moved to AT positions in Rohren, Germany. Road conditions made the movement of the 1st pltn impossible. 1st pltn remained in AT positions in Hofen.

M-10's Operational - 34

3" guns towed - 11

Vehicular Losses - None

Casualties - 1 EM LMI - shrapnel. Co.A. 801st T.D.Bn.

Enemy Material Destroyed - Unknown.

Ammunition Expended - 635 rds HEFC (Indirect)

For the Battalion Commander:

HARRY H. MILLER,
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SECTION IV - Action Against Enemy, Report After/After Action Reports.

SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

Battalion Supply and Evacuation Report is consolidated with the AG of S, G-4 Report, Section IV, After/After Action Report, 9th Infantry Division, January 1945.



For the Battalion Commander:

Harley N. Miller
**HARLEY N. MILLER,
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PART I

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED.

Date	Officers			Enlisted Men		
	: Asgd.	: Gain	: Loss	: Asgd.	: Gain	: Loss
January 1, 1945	: 33	:	:	: 588	: 0	: 0
January 31, 1945	: 36	: 3	: 0	: 605	: 17	: 0

Reinforcements received: Officers 3
Enlisted Men 21

Special Duty 0

Temporary Duty U.S.

Officers 1
Enlisted Men 9

Detached Service

Enlisted Men 1



PART II

GASUALTIES:

39300928	Penne, Andrew L.	Tec. 4	SWA	12 January 1945
37169959	Overland, Arnold C.	Tec. 5	SWA	12 January 1945
37039882	Faidley, Myron L.	Sgt.	SWA	6 January 1945
33713825	Haugh, William E.	Pfc.	LWA	12 January 1945
33440197	Dittman, Frank H.	Pfc.	LWA	24 January 1945

PART III

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS, UNIT CITATIONS

SILVER STAR

01823052	Pawalak, Casimer J.	1st Lt.	1 January 1945
37039902	Spivey, Theodore O.	S/Sgt.	11 January 1945
17050053	Cochran, Leonard S.	Pfc.	16 January 1945
37039866	Klostermann, Leroy E.	S/Sgt.	27 January 1945
16005086	Cichantek, Robert K.	Sgt.	27 January 1945

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Fenne, Andrew L.

Tec. 4

31 January 1945

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR FOR HEROISM.

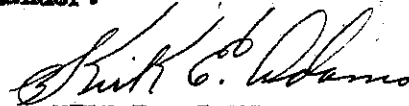
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Newswanger, Robert H.

Sgt.

27 January 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:



KIRK E. ADAMS,
Capt., 899th TD Bn.,
Adjutant.



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ANNEX I - Supporting Document.

FO #1, Hdqrs., 899th TD Bn.



For the Battalion Commander:

Harley N. Miller
HARLEY N. MILLER,
Capt., 899th TD Bn.,
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hdqrs., 899th TD Bn.,
In the Field
291030, Jan., 1945

No. 1.

MAPS: GSGS 4416, Sheets 5403, 5404,
Scale: 1/25,000

1. a. The enemy in our sector is holding positions in the Siegfried line protecting the approaches to the Roer River dams and the Rhine River.

In General, elements of the 246th Division are in position opposite our sector, reinforced with the Kampfschule from BERK, near SCHLEIDEN, and by the 164th VG Regt of the 62nd Div. The remainder of the 62nd VG Division is probably in tactical reserve in deeper positions within the enemy's defenses, while two regiments of the 246th VG Div are believed to be on the front of the Corps on our right, and not available for commitment in this sector.

Resistance is expected at ROHREN (K973177), and in the woods and on the high ground E and SE of the town. A line of pillboxes stretches from ALZEN to FOOLL25 to WALLERSCHIED, and along the HOFEN-WALLERSCHIED road. The towns of SCHLEIDEN and GEMUND are important from a standpoint of terrain and because of the permanent defenses of the Siegfried Line, plus the community digging that the enemy has employed there. The town of DREIBORN is covered by a system of trenches that have been dug as field fortifications, and all the approaches are well covered by fortifications, because of the location of this town on commanding terrain. The pillbox line F107153 to F124203 was not occupied at last report, but could be occupied rapidly, if GEMUND and SCHLEIDEN are threatened.

The town of WOLLSEIFFEN (F073209) is also fortified, as indeed, all towns in the sector may be expected to be.

Artillery fire on main supply routes may be expected to be heavy, particularly in the Monschau Forest, where good roads are extremely limited. The rumored appearance of enemy rocket projector units opposite must be expected, in view of their probably withdrawal from the Salient, and in further view of the enemy's known intention to increase production of these weapons. The enemy is not expected to employ gas warfare, but any suspected use of chemical weapons on his part should be reported immediately.

b. V Corps atks H-Hour D-Day to seize area GEMUND - SCHLEIDEN and protect the left (north) flank of the First Army. The 9th Inf Div will attack on D/1 and seize initial objectives of ROHREN and vicinity (see overlay). The 78th Inf Div in conjunction with CCA 5th Armd Div, on the left flank of the 9th Inf Div, atks on D/1 and seizes EICHERSCHIED and on D/2 will attack and seize IMGEBROICH. The 2nd Inf Div atks on D-Day and seizes initial objectives vicinity KRINKELT in preparation for further atks NE to gain contact with the right flank of the 9th Inf Div vicinity K990130. The 99th Inf Div will atk and mop up woods between the 2nd Inf Div and the 9th Inf Div and reverting to Corps reserve.

2. This Bn

Atchd: Co. A, 801st TD Bn (upon relief of the 3rd Bn 395th Inf Regt by the 47th CT).

Will support the attack of the 9th Inf Div and provide protection for the Div against enemy armor.

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Co. A - (1) 2 pltns in direct support of the 39th CT protecting regtl sector against armored attack and providing assault gun missions. 1 pltn in direct support of the 26th FA Bn (indirect fire) and provide depth to the Div AT defense from positions KALTERHERBERG and vicinity, and protect right flank of Div from enemy armor.

(2) Be prepared to assist in repelling counterattacks vicinity HOFEN and KALTERHERBERG.

b. Co. B - (1) 2 pltns in direct support of 60th CT protecting the regtl sector against armored attack and providing assault gun missions. 1 pltn in direct support of the 60th FA Bn (indirect fire) and provide depth to the Div AT defense.

(2) Be prepared to assist in repelling enemy counterattacks vicinity HOFEN, MUTZENICH, MONSCHAU, and ROHREN and protect left flank of Div from enemy armor.

c. Co. C - (1) In direct support of the 47th CT. 1 pltn in reserve to be used only upon approval this Hdqrs.

(2) Be prepared to assist in repelling enemy counterattacks vicinity HOFEN, KALTERHERBERG, MONSCHAU, and ROHREN.

d. Co. A, 801 TD Bn in Div TD reserve will provide depth to the Div AT defenses.

(1) Will remain in present positions in HOFEN and upon capture of initial Div objectives conduct reconnaissance in the 47th CT and 60th CT sectors of operation.

(2) Be prepared on order this Hdqrs, to move 1 pltn to ROHREN and occupy TD positions, and 1 pltn to vicinity K977150 and organize TD positions in depth in rear of 1 pltn Co. C.

(3) Be prepared to defend HOFEN against enemy counterattacks.

e. Ren Co. will conduct SOP reconnaissance in support of gun Co.'s. Special attention will be directed to contact with adjacent units.

f. Hq. Co. will initially remain in present area.

x. (1) All civilians who attempt to filter through our lines will be arrested and evacuated through PW channels.

(2) Units must be alert for infiltration of enemy agents in civilian clothes or Allied uniforms.

(3) All troops should check gas masks before D-Day.

4. Supply - SOP.

5. a. See Current SOI.

b. CP initially in KALTERHERBERG, vicinity K926151.

c. Div CP K913168.

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

ANNEX II - B-2 report of Operations for Month of January 1945.

The early part of the month found the enemy occupying defensive positions opposite the 9th Infantry Division. His MLR at this time was K950229 - K951201 - K952192 - K967161 - K 947116 - K954094. While his intentions were not clear, it was still expected that the enemy might attack with infantry and armor to widen the base of the salient into the American lines that he had achieved during the month of December. The enemy identified on our front during the month consisted of elements of three infantry divisions, the 277th VG Division, the 246th VG Division, and at the end of the month, the 62nd VG Division appeared on our front following its withdrawal from the St. Vith sector. On one or two occasions black uniformed enemy troops appeared in the vicinity of Imgenbroich, but conjecture about the possible appearance of a Panzer or SS Division on our front did not bear fruit. No enemy tanks were encountered during the month. However, enemy track vehicles moving in the Konzen - Imgenbroich sector were reported as having been heard early in the period. Direct fire from tanks or AF guns on front line elements was reported in the same period, but none were observed, and they could possibly have been Anti-tank guns.

Known enemy losses inflicted by this battalion were as follows: three (3) MG nests, one (1) fortified outpost, two (2) fortified houses, and one (1) CP. An unknown amount of damage to enemy materiel and personnel inflicted on the enemy by unobserved, indirect fire, on known enemy supply routes and installations, barracks, and gun positions.

No prisoners captured by this battalion during the period.

For the Battalion Commander:

Herman J. Garretson

**HERMAN J. GARRETSON JR.,
Capt., 899th T. E. Bn.,
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ANNEX III - Lessons Learned.

1. When the Tank Destroyer Company is in direct support of an Infantry Regiment, the Company Commander is enabled to coordinate the employment of his company affording the maximum of anti-tank protection and at the same time place his platoons in such positions so as to provide a base of fire (assault fire) in direct support of the infantry's advance, and also affording covering fire for the attached tank company of the Infantry Regiment.

2. By being in direct support the Company Commander becomes responsible for the close-in AT protection of the Regiment, together with Regimental AT Officer, and as such is enabled to coordinate this AT defense with adjacent regimental sectors providing the maximum of flank protection.

3. By being in direct support the Company Commander is in command of his company and can put depth in the AT defenses of the Regiment. And in the case of a large scale tank attack, can more effectively mass his company to meet the attack. When attached to an Infantry Regiment, and platoons further attached to Battalions, the Company Commander is deprived of his command functions and becomes excess baggage for everything but administrative matters. His experience and judgement are wasted.

4. When in direct support of an Infantry Battalion, the TD platoon leader becomes responsible together with the AT platoon leader for the AT defense of the battalion, and he can effectively employ his platoon according to the limitations and capabilities of the gun and terrain.

5. The M-10 is a tactical weapon and its correct tactical employment should have priority over all other considerations. The M-10 is a terrific moral factor to the Infantry and many times Infantry Commanders forget their tactical nature and put them where they can serve no tactical purpose.

6. Liaison is a must when in direct support, not only with the Company to Regiment, but also from platoons to Infantry Battalions. The liaison officer or sergeant must be able at all times to inform Regiment and Battalion Commanders where the TD's are and what they are doing; and also to advise the respective commanders as to the tactical employment of TD's. The Liaison Officer or Sergeant must have direct radio or telephone, or both, communication with his company or platoon. Liaison Officers or Sergeants must also know where his Company or Platoon Commander is at all times.

7. Radio and telephone communication with Regiments and Battalions being supported is a must, so that an alternate means of communications is available at all times. In many cases radio communication with Infantry Companies is highly desirable. For radio communication between Company and Regiment, The SCR 608 with the Company Liaison Officer is sufficient. Radio communication with the supported battalion is most

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7. (Cont'd.) satisfactory with the SCR 300, borrowed from the Infantry Battalion. If radio communication with Rifle Companies is desired, the SCR 300 and SCR 536 are highly satisfactory. Wire should be laid as soon as the tactical situation permits.

8. Nothing can take the place of foot reconnaissance. If time permits, every man must know on the ground just exactly where they will go and what they will do when they get there. They must know what the terrain ahead looks like and the most probable target areas.

9. Appreciate the enemy's knowledge of the terrain, and in particular, in so far as it effects the employment of tanks. Try to ascertain the enemy's most logical AT defenses. Existing AT defenses provide one of the main bases of fire to support an enemy tank attack or to hinder or stop our own advance.

10. Make the maximum use of poor weather and poor visibility to conceal your movements.

11. Coordinate your fire plan with the Infantry and make it known to each of your destroyers when fire is to be lifted. Your fields of fire must also be known to the Infantry so that fire can be called on targets with the certainty that the fire can be given without undue delay. Each (Inf. & TD's.) should know the others plan of action.

12. Sufficient OP's should be manned, with direct radio communication to every destroyer, to cover the entire sector and flanks with interlocking fields of vision. Recon. Company personnel are trained in this work and should be used to the maximum. They are the eyes and ears of the TD Company and should be used as such.

13. During the initial planning and reconnaissance stages before an attack, make arrangements with the Regimental Combat Engineers to sweep the roads or routes you intend to use.

14. A very definite need exists for direct radio communication to coordinate movements and support between Tanks and TD's within the Regimental sector. During a fire fight, liaison channels at Regimental Hdqrs. are usually too slow to secure the immediate support of one another. The SCR 300 has been used satisfactorily.

15. Tanks and TD's should work as a team. Each should know what the other is doing and where he is at all times. The TD's should provide a base of AT protection to cover the employment of the tanks.

16. The Reconnaissance agencies of the TD Bn. should be made available to the tanks as well as the TD companies.

17. It must be remembered at all times when in support, that the desires of the Infantry Regimental Commander is the command of the T.D. Commander.

18. The Reconnaissance Company and platoons must keep constant reconnaissance in adjacent sectors and must be prepared at all times to guide TD platoons into the adjacent sectors to repel an armored attack.

19. Cooperation and confidence that the attack will succeed should exist between all units and, when the attack is over and the objectives won, each can pat the other on the back and say "well done".

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20. During operations in deep snow, steel track vehicles are not satisfactory, however with the addition of homemade grousers welded on the blocks, so that 4 grousers are on the ground at all times, satisfactory performance results.

21. During operations in deep snow, and heavy tracked vehicles become damaged by enemy mines, recover vehicle before it settles of its own weight or because of thaw, otherwise additional mines may be exploded.



For the Battalion Commander:

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