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899TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
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SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

ANNEX IV - Supporting Document.

Unit Journal for Month of January 1945.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, (etc)
		0001		1	A & B Co's fired midnight serenade to celebrate the New Year and hoped Jerry enjoyed same.
0700				2	A Co. phones report that they expended 200 rds HERC on 4 interdiction missions. 12 M10's operational.
0730				3	B Co reports 147 rds HERC expended and 3 rds Star Shell fired with excellent results.
0925				4	Password and Reply sent to all Co's.
1025				5	TD Report sent two to TD Officer V Corps, One to G-3, Div.
1120				6	Phone Call from Div Arty 3: Nuptial wants to fire 100 rds today and 150 rds tonight thru B Co. S-2 reports that we have sufficient amount of ammo.
1130				7	S-2 calls S-4: S-4 to draw 500 rds HERC beginning tomorrow. 300 rds to B Co., A Co. to get 200 rds. S-4 to pick it up tomorrow. S-4 informs Maj. Carter that he is authorized to draw another day's ration and requests permission to draw and issue same. Maj. Carter directs that no action be taken at the present.
1145				8	Ltr Equipment in Excess of Authorization, and Company Certificates complying with same sent to S-4.
1300				9	Battle experiences sent to A, B, C & Ren Co's.
1310				10	Sgt Wear called to say that the Bn Maint had some trouble with the M10 and that Sgt Payne was going down for parts and he would have more info on it by three o'clock this afternoon.
1315				11	B Co. FDC phones in following report: 100 rds HERC will be fired on the following points: K96302056, K97322172, K95982186, K96042116, K95722076.
1450				12	Bn Supply Sgt phones to get permission to issue 100 rds HERC to B Co. No confirmation given. B Co. will be checked.
1500				13	B Co. called on need for extra HERC ammo. B Co. Ex. O. reports that he would like to have some extra ammo on hand.
1515				14	S-4 phoned and given permission to issue 200 rds HERC to B Co from tomorrow's allotment. S-4 will draw 600 rds HERC tomorrow.



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- 1545 15 Capt. Harley N. Miller takes over duties of Bn S-3, 899th TD Bn, vice Major Carter.
- 1550 16 Lt Turner phones Bn Ex O. - Ord found more mech defects on M10's. 1 for B Co. will be out tomorrow. 1 for C Co. will come out probably day after tomorrow. There are no replacements now. Col. Williams to go tomorrow to Army to see if V Corps will get additional allocation. Capt Tatroe will check with him when he returns.
- 1600 17 B Co. FDC reports completion of firing 100 rds HERO on 6 missions.
- 1615 18 Hq Co report: Co located at K796270. Ammo: AP8 W/BDF 219, HEM48 - 160, HE M48A1 - 72, HE M54 - 16, HERO - 200, HVAP - 27, Fuzes M54 - 100. 2 M10's in Ord (1-B, 1-C)
- 1630 19 A Co report: Co in direct support of 39th Inf Regt. Co CP - K889118, 1A, 1st sec 897098, 2nd sec K909097; 2A, 1 sec K928119, 2nd sec 924093. 3A (3 guns) in indirect fire pos at K803123 fired 4 concentrations, unobserved - effect unknown. 200 rds expended. Weather clear, morale excellent. 11 M10's operational. Ammo: 504 HE M42A1, 456 AP8 W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 220 HE M42A1 RC, 50 Star Shell.
- 1640 20 C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. Co CP - K908172, 10 in reserve 1 gun K903174, 1 gun K904175, 1 gun K907179, 1 gun K936168; 2 & 30 in AT pos, 20, 1 gun K936194, 1 gun K937195, 1 gun K933177; 30, 1 gun K932144, 1 gun K933145, 1 gun K931136, 1 gun K932134. Ron Plt and Pion Section continued mission of Recon and guarding demolitions. Col Tincher visited CP. 11 M10's operational. Morale Excellent.
- 1650 21 B Co. report: Company CP located in vic Mutzenich, Germany. 1st sec of the 1st Plt remains at K935200 and K934198, 2nd sec at K931208 in AT position. 2nd & 3rd Plts have a total of 7 M10's in indirect fire pos at K898202. Fired 247 rds of HE and 3 Star Shells at enemy targets in the vic of Konzen. 100 rds were fired from 1330 till 1600 today. During the night, starting at 1730, 187 rds of HERO and 3 star shells were fired at targets located in Konzen & Imgenbroich, Germany. All unobserved fire. 60th Field thought that the Star Shell firing was very good. Company alerted for possible enemy attack during the next 24 hours. Arty ducks kept up during the 24 hr period. Weather cloudy and cool. 11 M10's operational, 1 in Ord. Ammo: 368 HERO, 89 Star Shell, 10 Time Fuse.



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Combat load ammo on hand: 463 HE F2M48A1, 3AP, 391 APC W/BDF, 42 HVAP, 18 HE T105.

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Ron Co report: CP at 838240. Ron platoons performed SOP reconnaissance missions in support of gun companies. OP's were manned in each regimental sector - 60 th Inf sector at K93052090, 47th Inf sector at Kk30191, 39th Inf sector at K931118.

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B Co FDC reports fire mission on the following points: K95622146, K96822160, K97522074, K96802072, K96081978. 150 rds HERO to be expended between the hours of 2000 to 0800 tomorrow.

En CP located at 838240.



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- 0600 1 A Co calls, reports they have expended 200 rds HERC & 4 rds Star Shell on 4 concentrations, 50 rds on each. Time fired - 2300, 0100, 0300, 0600. 12 M10's Opnl.
- 0620 2 Msg #20 to B & C Co's: Telephone in your ammo report.
- 0635 3 C Co phones report: No ammo expended. 11 M10's operational.
- 0642 4 B Co reports they expended 139 rds HERC. 11 M10's operational.
- 0940 5 Password and reply sent to all Co's.
- 0945 6 Msg #30 to A, B & C Co's: Ammo reports submitted at 0600 hrs daily will now be submitted at 0800 hrs as of 0600 hrs daily in the following form: A - APC fired, B - HVAP fired, C - HE fired, D - HERC fired, E Star Fired, F - pieces in action, G - No of concentrations fired.
- 1015 7 TD report sent to TD Officer, V Corps, & G-3, 9th Div.
- 1325 8 Lt. Turner calls to have one M10 from B Co report to Bn Maintenance this afternoon or tomorrow morning. This Msg sent to Capt. Coady.
- 1330 9 Maj Huber calls regarding limitations on HERC for indirect fire. After checking S-4 we will call him back to inform him if there are any limitations on HERC.
- 1500 10 S-4 phones S-3: Reports that we are allotted 245 rds HENG and 325 HERC for the next 4 days, beginning at 0600 tomorrow and ending 0600 7 Jan 45.
- 1650 11 Phone Msg from Lt Van Nest: He would like to have 325 rds HERC, 225 HENG, first thing in the morning. S-3 informs him that above is over his allotment and we cannot send it.
- 1705 12 S-3 calls S-3, 9th Div Arty and explains limitations of ammo allowance for the next 4 days and the amount we have on hand to shoot before 0600, 3 Jan 45.
- 1710 13 S-3 calls Maj Casey, S-3, 26th FA Bn: Explains limitations of ammo allowance for the next four days.
- 1715 14 S-3 calls A Co to tell them to send a guide to Bn CP for 300 rds HERC. Also explains ammo limitations.
- 1720 15 S-3 calls B Co to explain ammo limitations



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15 (Cont'd) to them. B Co. has already drawn 300 rds tonight making them a total of 519 rds HERC on hand.

1740 16 Status of M10's phoned G-4, 9th Div. (A - 12, B - 10, C - 11) 1 in Bn Maint., 2 in Ord.

1755 17 B-4 called and told to send truck with 300 rds HERC to GP, driver to report to M/C upon arrival.

1800 18 B Co. report: Company GP located in vic of Mutzenich. 1st Plt remains in AT pos at K935200 and K934198, 2nd sec K931208. 2nd & 3rd Plt have a total of 7 M10's in indirect fire pos K898202. Plts fired 150 rds HE interdiction harassing fire at RJ's. Started firing at 2000 and finished at 0800. Concentrations vic of Konzen, Germany. Ammo on hand: 519 HERC, 89 Star Shell, 10 rds HERC (T), 463 HEM48A1, 18 rds HE M105, 3 APC, 391 APC W/BDF, 42 HVAP.

1800 19 Hq Co report: Ammo on hand: APC - 219, HE M48 - 160, HE M48A1 - 72, HE M54 - 16, HERC - 600, HVAP - 27, HE M42A1 - 394.

1810 20 C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf. All Plts remained in same AT positions on same missions. 11 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo on hand: HE M54 - 110, HVAP - 48, APC - 456, HE M42A1 - 394.

1815 21 Ron Co. report: The 1st section of the 1st Platoon relieved the section on the warning OP at 927118. No other changes occurred. Morale Excellent.

1830 22 A Col Report: Dispositions of Co. - No change. 3rd Plt fired 4 rds Star Shell on 47th CT sector for 84th FA Bn. Effect very good - excellent observation reported. 200 rds HERC fired on 4 concentrations. No other activity reported. Weather clear, Morale Excellent. Ammo: HE M42A1 - 504, APC - 456, HVAP - 48, HERC - 200, HERC W/P M54 - 18, Star Shell - 46.

1830 23 B Co FDC reports 150 rds HERC to be expended on 6 concentrations.

1945 24 B Co reports 2 guns of 2nd Plt at K932224. 3 guns still in indirect fire pos same location as previously reported. 9 M10's operational. When pulled out this morning bogies were all frozen but were lashed up on 1 M10. 1 M10 in Co Maint at present but will be returned to Bn Maint. tomorrow morning.



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2000 25 TWX from Arty Officer, V Corps: Allocation for expenditure of three inch ammunition for the period 030600A Jan to 070600A Jan is as follows: Three two five rds How Easy HC, two four five rds HE Nan Charlie. Previous authorizations for stockage of ammunition in excess of basic load is rescinded effective 030600A Jan and no further withdrawals will be made from ASP's until excess ammunition is expended. Unexpended balance as of 070600A Jan will be carried over into ensuing period.

2005 26 S-3 calls GO "A" Co. to clarify ammo situation. A Co. will draw 300 rds HERO (Ammo truck now at Bn GP) and A Co. may use any or all of it.



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0800 1 Ammo reports received from A, B & C Co's.

0915 2 Capt Miller phoned Jersey Able to tell them that for the next four days the ammo allowance would be 163 HERC and 122 HENC. All rds HERC above 163 would be turned in to S-4.

0920 3 S-3 phones B Co that for the next four days the ammo allowance would be 162 rds HERC and 123 rds HENC. All in excess of that will be returned to S-4.

0945 4 CO & S-3 leave CP to visit 60th Inf CP.

1015 5 S-3 report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps; one to G-3, 9th Div.

1135 6 B Co phoned to check ammo to be turned in - The will turn in all except 162 rds HERC, including rds with M54 fuzes.

1315 7 Maj Huber, Div ATO calls: 413th AAA are being rel'd in this divisions sector. One Co of the 644th TD is being attached to Div and will in turn be attached to us. One Platoon is expected today, at least 2 guns of which will be expected to hold positions formally occupied by 413th AAA in Mutzenich. The 90mm will not be rel'd until the arrival of this TD Platoon. Maj. Huber and an Officer from the TD Co. will visit our CP as soon as the Platoon arrives. Major Huber wants CO's recommendations on employment of this Company.

1545 8 C Co 644th TD atched to us, Auth VOOG, 9th Inf Div. Will go into mobile reserve vic Mutzenich. 1 Plt of this Co will relieve Plt of B Co in indirect fire pos.

1550 9 The following info phoned to A & B Co's: 1 Plt of B will be atched to A Co tomorrow. This Plt will go into indirect fire pos in direct support of 26th FA Bn.

1600 10 B Co reports that they will fire 5 rds on each of the following coordinates in the next hour. 956223, 954217.

1720 11 B Co. reports completion of firing 10 rds. Completed at 1715.

1800 12 Status of M10's phoned G-4, 9th Div: A - 12, B - 9, C - 11. 2 in Ord, 2 in Bn Maint.

1815 13 B Co FDC reports 2 Concentrations to be fired on - 95402170 & 96282152 between 032100 to 040600.





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1820	14	S-3 reports, 2 Plts Co A plus Ren Sect and Pioneer Sec from 644th TD Bn closed in pos vic Mutzenich as Div TD Reserve, Rel'd Btry of 413th AAA Bn.
1830	15	Visibility charts received from Ren Co.
1840	16	C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th GT. 1st Plt remained in Regtl reserve. 3rd Plt in AT positions, mission the same. 2nd Plt moved from AT positions to 957197 to fire on Menzerath 51 APC and 86 HE in direct support of the 1st Bn 47th Inf. One (1) pillbox coord 952194 destroyed. Recon Plt and Pioneer sec on same mission. 11 MIO's operational - 1 in Ord. Morale excellent.
1850	17	Hq Co Ammo report: APC W/BDF - 242, HE M54 - 16, HVAP - 27.
1900	18	B Co. report: Company CP remains in the vic of Mutzenich, Germany. 1st Plt in AT pos at 935200, 938198 and 931206. 2nd Plt has one sec in AT positions at 934223 fired 84 rds of HENG supporting direct fire at pillboxes and other enemy strong points. Started firing at 1030 till 1200 supporting a Plt attack on Konzen, Germany. One sec of the 3rd Plt in indirect fire position at 898202, fired 90 rds of HENG supporting fire, in the vic of Konzen, Germany. Started firing at 1025 and ended at 1055. Three destroyers in indirect fire position also fired 10 rds of interdiction harassing fire in the vic of Konzen requested by Nuptial. Starting at 1615 and ended mission at 1715. Weather cloudy and foggy. Arty Ammo on hand: 142 rds HENG, 10 rds HENG W/BDF, 110 rds HENG, 89 rds Star Shell. Combat load on hand: 379 HEFM48A1, 1 rd AF, 391 rds APC W/BDF, 42 rds HVAP, 18 rds T105.
1910	19	A Co. report: No change in dispositions of Co. 3rd Plt fired 200 rds indirect harassing missions unobserved during night 2-3 Jan and 100 rds on two concentrations between 0745 & 0830 3 Jan in support of 39th RCT. Effects unknown.
1915	20	Ren Report: No change in the Ren sections located on the OP's. The 1st & 2nd Plt Leaders continued their maintenance of Liaison with the TD's in the sector.
2045	21	Msg from B Co: Ceased firing on first point previously reported at 1935. 3 more points to fire on - 97212015, 96522082, 96001988. 90 rds in addition to the original amount will be fired on these points.



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Lt. Wade phones that alls quiet in the Nudge and Nostril sectors. Patrol from Nutmeg have all returned, casualties are light. The front is quiet.

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Capt. Lenon, CO Co C, 644th TD Bn reports to CP - His unit has closed in the vic of Mutzenich at 1930 hrs. They are tied in with B Co, 899th TD Bn by telephone. Another Plt will arrive tomorrow morning.



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- 0800 1 A Co. reports 38 rds HENG and 57 rds HERC expended from 032100 to 040600. 11 M10's operational. 3 missions fired on.
- 0805 2 B Co. reports 38 rds HENG and 97 rds HERC expended on 5 missions from 032000 to 040600. 9 M10's operational.
- 0845 3 Password sent to all Co's.
- 0930 4 S-3 leaves CP for Co's.
- 1030 5 S-4 calls Ex. O. notifying him that a Medium Maintenance Co. (Ord) has been set up and the system was now in effect. We have no vehicles there at present. Also said Corps MP's have been notified of theft of B Co's. Jeep.
- 1200 6 S-3 returns to CP.
- 1420 7 Lt. Evans, Co C, 644th TD Bn phones CP for 10-1 rations for 45 men, and the rest "B" Rations. Request relayed to S-4.
- 1525 8 S-3 reports that 2B is in indirect fire pos at 894107. Closed in pos at 1430.
- 1540 9 A Co. report: No change in dispositions of Company. 2nd Plt Co B attached to Co for indirect fire. Pos being reconnoitered. Third Plt fired 95 rds HERC during night 3-4 Jan, unobserved and effects unknown. Weather snowy and cold. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 504 HE M42A1, 456 APG W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 106 HERC M42A1, 84 HENG M42A1, 46 Star Shell.
- 1620 10 C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. 1st Plt remained in Regt. reserve. 2nd & 3rd Plts in direct support of 1st & 2nd Bns 47th Inf., remained in same pos on same mission. Ron Plt and Pion Section remained on same mission. 11 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 110 HE M54, 48 HVAP, 456 APG W/BDF, 394 HEM42A1.
- 1745 11 C Co., 644th TD Bn report: Ammo: APG W/BDF - 246, HE - 452, HVAP - 62, APG - 162, 12 M10's operational.
- 1755 12 HQ Co. report: Ammo - APG W/BDF 203, HEM48 94, HE M54 6, HVAP 27, Fuzes M54 - 117.
- 1800 13 B Co report: Company CP remains at the edge of Mutzenich. 1st Plt remains in AT positions K935200 - K934198 and K931208. 2nd Plt is attached to A Co this Bn and has moved to that Co's area. 3rd Plt went out of indirect firing pos to mobile reserve at K894107. 3rd Plt fired 135 rds



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of HE at enemy targets located in the vicinity of Konzen, Germany. Started firing at 1930 and finished firing at 0700. Weather Cloudy and Cold. Entire indirect fire ammunition allotment transferred with 2nd Plt to A Co. Remaining in that allotment were 55 rds HERC and 65 rds HEHC plus 10 rds HERC with time fuze and 89 rds Star Shell. 84 rds combat load fired in support of infantry from direct fire positions has been replaced.

1800	14	MIO report phoned S-4, 9th Div: A - 12, B - 10, C - 11., C Co. 644th-12 - 1B Ord, 1 B & C in Bn Maint.
1815	15	S-4 reports that T105 fuses are available. Our next allocation for indirect fire will include allocations for 5 companies.
1835	16	S-3 phones Ex. O. B Co. that T105 ammo is available. Request amount needed & S-4 will furnish same.
1900	17	Ren Co report: No change from operations and Platoon positions as reported 3 Jan 45.
2025	18	Capt. Lenon called that he is allotted 232 rds HEHC for indirect fire. No HERC. His organization will deliver ammo to his position tomorrow and Btry will attempt to register.
2040	19	From Venue (Victor 4) Restriction on the use of lights as prescribed in the Administrative order No 11 is lifted 041800 Jan to 050800 only with exception of those prescribed by Divisions.



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0800	1	Co A reports 57 rds HERC and 38 rds HENG fired from 042100 to 050600. 12 M10's operational.
0805	2	B Co. reports no rounds expended. 11 M10's operational.
0806	3	C Co., 644th TD Bn reports no rds expended. 12 M10's operational.
0810	4	C Co reports 11 M10's operational.
0915	5	S-3 leaves CP to contact 801st TD Bn CP and 644th TD Bn. CP.
1020	6	TD Report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps; 1 to G-3, 9th Div.
1115	7	G of S, Div, called re special arrangements for a plan between this Bn and 746th Tank Bn. Bn CO to discuss this with G of S upon CO's return to CP.
1125	8	ATO Div, calls re digging in guns of C Co, 644th TD Bn. Notorious 6 directs that those guns will be dug in. ATO wants to know if arrangements have been made for bulldozer. Bn Ex. O. informs him that S-3 will call him back later in the day.
1315	9	Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 060600 is 9117. Today's Point of Origin is 9218.
1510	10	Phone Msg from ATO Div: Maj. Carter is to contact Maj. Forest, S-3, 15th Engr Bn to make arrangements for guide to obtain 1 bulldozer tomorrow.
1513	11	Maj. Carter calls G/S re training of tank crews to man tanks of 746th Tank Bn in case of emergency. Ass't Div Commander approved plan of furnishing crews for 3 light tanks in lieu of 3 Medium tanks. Authorized direct contact with 746th Tank Bn for arrangements.
1515	12	Co G, 644th TD Bn reports completion of Recon for posns in immediate area. Have not completed posn recon in sector prescribed by Jersey 6. Also reports completion of registration - 31 rds HENG and 3 rds HERC completed. 201 rds HENG on hand, plus 127 HERC.
1530	13	Maj Carter phones S-3, 746th Tank Bn concerning previous qualifications of crew members & arrangements of their assignment to tanks. They will report when notified, probably tomorrow afternoon.
1535	14	Notorious 6 called to verify name of 1st Sgt representing this organization at



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	14	Cont'd	conference held this forenoon. Inquired as to length of service, branch & time with this organization. Information given by Maj. Carter - General Craig expressed pleasure in Sgt. Webers contribution to the conference.
1605	15		Ex. O. 60th Inf calls Maj Carter and requests a section of TD's, to cover road block of G Co., 60th Inf. Maj Carter says CO will return soon and will call back.
1705	16		S-3 returns to CP- visiting the CP of the 801st TD Bn he was given permission by the CO to use entire allotment of artillery ammunition for our own indirect firing - total of 200 rds HERC & no HEBH. S-3 visited A Co. of 801st TD Bn located in Hofen and they report 700 rds HERC on hand Hofen which the 612th TD Bn had left there and we can use. Also visited, 3rd Bn 395th Inf re use of star shell. Inf Bn displeased about A Co's firing of star shell - 1st rd burst 100 feet in air, 2nd burst on ground, 3rd burst 100 ft in the air. S-3 gives them info on how to use star shell and what areas could be covered by respective TD batteries. S-3 also visited CP of 644th TD Bn. CO of that Bn satisfied with our handling of his G Co. He is happy about arrangements made on supply and maintenance.
1710	17		Rec'd letter of instructions - changes in boundary, 9th Inf Div, 5 Jan 1945, and asked overlay.
1800	18		Status of MIO's phoned G-4, Div: A - 12, B - 10, C - 11.
1810	19		S-3 telephone report phoned to S-3, 3rd TD Gp.
1830	20		Bn CO returns and reports conference with CO 60th Inf Regt and Capt. Coady. Agreements reached by all as to emplyment of Co. B.
1845	21		S-4 reports that MIO's, one each to B & C Co's have left Bn maintenance for respective Co's. One MIO of B Co. remains in Ord.
1930	22		S-3 phones A Co to have 1 1/2 T truck meet guide from Co A, 801st TD Bn at K938172 who will supply them with 200 rds HERC at 1000 hrs tomorrow morning. Ammunition to be fired tomorrow night by A Co. in addition to allotment for this period.
1935	23		Recon report: There were no changes in the Recon Plt positions. The Recon Plt Ldrs



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23 Cont'd of the 1st & 2nd Platoon continued to maintain liaison with units in this sector.

1940 24 C Co reports: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. All platoons remained in same pos on same mission. Pion Sec and Ron Plt on same mission. Lt. Col. Tincher visited CP. 12 MIO's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 110 HEM54, 48 HVAP, 456 APC W/BDF, 395 HEM42A1.

1945 25 C Co, 644th TD Bn: Expended 31 rds HE & 3 rds HERO. This ammo fired in registration for Nuptial.

1950 26 B Co. reports: 1st Plt in direct fire AT pos vic of Mutzenich, 1st sec at 935200 and 934198, 2nd sec at 931208. 2nd Plt attached to A Co in Nudge sector. 3rd Plt in mobile reserve in Mutzenich at 918198. B CoCP in vic of Mutzenich at 917194.

2000 27 A Co. reports: Disposition of Co remain the same. 1 Plt Co B in indirect fire pos at 894108. 3 guns in Plt registered with 4 HMRG. 3rd Plt A Co fired indirect 38 rds HE NG and 57 HERO unobserved - effects unknown. Weather slightly cloudy, snow on ground. Ammo: 504 HEM42A1, 456 APC W/BDF, 48 HVAP, Arty - 46 Star, 46 HEM42A1, 49 HMRG, 42A1 - 85 HMRG, 49 HERO, 9 Air Burst, 87 Star Shell.

2000 28 Bn CO called S-3 after talks with Notorious 5 and reports that (1) Ron Company by sending men to 746th Tank Bn for operations in case of emergency to fill light tanks would lessen the efficiency of our own Ron Co., but they could operate.  
(2) Personnel from Ron Co. who are to make up the emergency light tank crews are to report to the 746th Tank Bn daily for training until such time as they are considered proficient light tank crews. When that takes place they will remain with Ron Co. on an alert status. No transfer of men will take place.

2015 29 S-3 notifies Ron Co. Comdr on above message.

2020 30 S-3 calls CO, 746th Tank Bn for clarification on use of Ron Platoon with 9th Div Provisional Battalion for Div Rear Area defense. Ron Plt to work directly under CO, 746th Tank Bn.

2025 31 S-3 notifies Bn Ex. O. of above msg.



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0800	1	Report from A Co: Fired 46 rds HENC, 31 HERC, in two concentrations. 12 M10's operational.
0805	2	B Co. reports: 66 rds HENC and 51 HERC fired on 3 concentrations. 11 M10's operational.
0810	3	C Co report: No ammo fired. 12 M10's operational.
0815	4	C Co, 644th TD Bn: Fired 46 rds HENC and 28 HERC on 5 concentrations. 12 M10's operational.
0900	5	S-3 calls A Co, 801st TD Bn to have guide meet our A Co. truck at prearranged meeting place.
0940	6	S-3 leaves CP for Co's.
1200	7	S-3 returns to CP.
1215	8	A Co. reports they have picked up 200 rds HERC from H Co, 801st TD Bn.
1230	9	Rec'd letter of instructions on areas of responsibility for police of said areas, and overlay accompanying letter.
1330	10	After/After Action report of the month of December sent, 5 copies to CO, 3rd TD Gp, and 1 copy to G-3, 9th Div.
1415	11	S-3, 3rd TD Gp asks for another copy of After Action Report for month of December.
1450	12	15th Engrs call - Camouflage nets are ready to be picked up.
1455	13	Capt. Gourley reports that Ran personnel will report daily at 0900 to 9th Ran Troop for training.
1500	14	Msg re camouflage nets phoned to S-4.
1645	15	Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 070600 is 9415.
1650	16	Capt. Coady reports to CP.
1830	17	A Co report: No change in dispositions of Company. 3rd Plt fired 77 rds unobserved indirect fire. 2nd Plt B Co. fired 89 rds indirect, unobserved fire during night. No other activity reported. Weather snowy and cold. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 504 HENC, 456 AFG, 48 HVAP. Arty Ammo on hand: A Co. - 110 rds HERC, 12 HERC, 46 Star Shell. 2nd Plt B Co Arty ammo on hand: 94 HERC, 10 HERC W/Fs M54, 19 HENC, 59 Star Shell. 2nd Plt B Co. 1 M10 short (In Ord.)





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- 1845 18 B Co report: Co CP located at K917194 vic of Mutzenich. 1st Plt, 1st sec at K935200, and K934198; 2nd sec at 931208. 2nd Plt firing indirect fire with A Co. in 39th Inf Regt Sector. 3rd Plt located at 932228. 1st & 3rd Plts occupying AT positions in support of 60th Inf Regt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ammo: 463 HE, 1 AP, 391 APC, 42 HVAP, 18 HE W/Fz T105.
- 1850 19 G Co. report: Company in direct support of 47th Inf CT. Platoons remain on same mission. Recon Plt and Pioneer section on same mission. One destroyer, 2nd Plt, fired from K93601945, at OP in church at K95852040. 6 APC and 15 HE expended on mission, 16 hits on church steeple. 11 M10's operational. Morale excellent. Ammo: 120 HE W/M54 Fz, 48 HVAP, 450 APC, 369 HE M42A1.
- 1855 20 Co C, 644th TD Bn report: Company CP and Platoon positions vic Mutzenich. Continued reconnaissance in Div sector. Continued improving and digging in of TD positions. 12 M10's operational. 2 rds HECN and 3 rds HERG expended on registration this afternoon.
- 1900 21 Ron Co report: Company CP - No change. The first section of the first platoon relieved the second section of the 1st Plt. on the OP in the second Platoon sector. No other changes occurred. Morale Excellent.
- 1900 22 Hq Co report: 3<sup>rd</sup> ammo on hand: APC - 192, HE M48A1 - 196, HERG - 26, HVAP - 27, 1 M10, 3rd Plt B Co in Bn maintenance to replace track and locate motor trouble.
- 1905 23 S-4 calls S-3 to inform him there is an ammunition restriction for period beginning at 070600 - S-4 does not have any further information at the present time. S-3 requests S-4 to get manuals on M36 TD and on the Ford motor in that vehicle.
- 1950 24 S-4, 644th TD Bn calls S-3 to inform him that 200 rds HERG is available tomorrow for our use.
- 2150 25 Phone Msg from S-4: Ammo allotment for four day period beginning 070600 is 360 rds HECN and 875 rds HERG. TWX confirming same will come to G-4, 9th Div in the morning. Above ammunition allotment is allocated to Div from V Corps and includes allotment for A Co, 801st TD and G Co, 644th TD Bn.



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- 0830 1 A Co reports 100 rds HERC fired on 3 interdiction missions. 12 M10's operational.
- 0835 2 B Co. reports 21 rds HEON and 80 rds HERC on 3 interdiction missions. 10 M10's operational.
- 0840 3 C Co. reports 11 M10's operational.
- 0900 4 Password and reply sent to all companies.
- 1000 5 A Co reports 50 rds HERC on hand plus 3 rds HEON, and the rest as reported last night. This report includes 2nd Plt B Co.
- 1045 6 C Co., 644th TD Bn reports 38 rds HERC, 127 rds HEON, and 45 rds Star Shell.
- 1100 7 TD Report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps; and 1 to G-3, 9th Div.
- 1120 8 S-3 calls Corps AT Office for debrief on ammunition allocated to 644th TD Bn to their Co G who is attached to us. TD Office informs S-3 that total ammunition allocated to 644th TD Bn (less Co's F & G) 100 rds here and 130 HEON which can be given to Co G if it is cleared thru 2nd Div.
- 1125 9 S-3 Calls CO C Co. 644th to cancel ammo allowance that came from 644th TD Bn.
- 1145 10 S-3 phones S-4 to draw 230 rds HEON and 787 rds HERC. A Co. to be issued 115 HEON and 275 HERC, B Co. to be issued 115 HEON and 259 HERC, C Co, 644th TD Bn to be issued 253 rds HERC. Above ammo will be drawn today.
- 1150 11 S-3 phones A Co Comdr to pick up indirect fire ammunition at Hq Co. Also notifies him of inspection by G-3, 9th Div on contents of Par. 5, Ltr, Air-Ground Recognition, h, V Corps, 31 Dec 1944.
- 1200 12 S-3 phones B Co. to draw 115 rds HEON and 259 rds HERC from S-4 tonight for Plt of B Co that is attached to A Co. S-3 also notifies B Co. of inspection by G-3 on air-ground recognition.
- 1205 13 S-3 phones C Co., 644th TD Bn to pick up 253 rds HERC from our S-4 tonight. S-3 also notifies B Co of inspection by G-3 on air-ground recognition.
- 1245 14 S-3 calls C Co. to warn them of inspection by Div on par. 5 of Ltr, Air-Ground recognition.



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1315 15 Div Arty 3 calls S-3: S-3 informs him of ammunition allowance for next four day period.

1345 16 Msg to all Co's: Effective 080600 point of origin is 9214.

1400 17 S-3 leaves GP to visit C Co.

1700 18 S-3 returns to GP.

1800 19 C Co. report: Co indirect support of 74th Inf CT. 1st Plt in Regt. Reserve 2nd & 3rd Plts remained in same pos., on same mission in direct support of 1st & 3rd Bn 47th Inf. Ron Plat and Pion Sec remained on same mission. Lt. Col. Tincher visited Co GP. 11 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: HE M54 - 120, HEM42A1 - 569, HVAP - 48, APC W/BDF - 450.

1810 20 B Co report: Co GP and all Plts - No change. Ammo: Combat Load, HE 463, AP - 1, APC - 391, HVAP - 42, HE T105 - 18.

1810 21 A Co. report: Co dispositions - No change. 3rd Plt fired 100 rds indirect on three unobserved harassing concentrations. 2nd Plt Co "B" expended 88 rds on three indirect unobserved harassing concentrations during the night. Cpl Kemmerling suffered a broken nose in a jeep accident near Scurbrodt, Belgium. No other action reported. Weather snowy and cold. Morale Excellent. Ammo: A Co 504 HEM42A1, 280 HERC M48, 117 HENG, 46 Star Shell, 456 APC W/BDF. B Co. Plt - 126 HEM42A1, 10 Time, 282 HERC, 116 HENG, 59 Star.

1820 22 C Co. 644th TD : Co GP and Plt locations - No change. Recon continued in Div sector. 2nd Plt completed Gun positions. Ammo: 253 rds 3" HERC being picked up today.

1830 23 Hq Co: Ammo - APC - 192, HE M48 - 196, HERC - 26, HVAP 27, Fx M54 - 96.

1850 24 Ron Co report: No change.

1915 25 C Co 644th calls: Hq Co ammo truck is stuck in a ditch. Will guard it tonight and pull it out in the morning. 253 rds 3" HERC received.

1920 26 S-3 calls Hq Co and notifies them as to the above msg.



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- 0830 1 Co C, 644th TD Bn reports they have fired 50 rds HECN and 100 rds HERC plus 5 rds Star Shell on 8 missions, harassing, unobserved.
- 0835 2 A Co reports no rds fired. 12 M10's operational. Also report for Plt of B Co. In indirect fire pos with 26th FA Bn - No rds fired. 3 M10's operational.
- 0840 3 G Co. reports 11 M10's operational.
- 1015 4 Lt. Col Graham, CO, 644th TD Bn visits CP.
- 1055 5 TD Report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps, and 1 to G-3, 9th Div.
- 1125 6 Msg to all Co's and Co C, 644th: Turn in to S-3 at once all overlays and the other memos showing or describing division barrier plan - i.e. - Minefields, Road Blocks and demolitions, etc., in present division and adjacent sectors. What info you deem necessary for your operations will be carried in your head. Any info you need may be obtained by personal contact with S-3.
- 1205 7 A Co. phones S-3 that Ammo trucks are at A Co. Arriving there at 1154.
- 1245 8 The above info phoned to S-4.
- 1310 9 Msg to all Co's: Point of origin effective 090600 is 9017.
- 1325 10 S-4 reports that Amber, White and green flares are available. Also reports 2 replacement M10's will be available in the next few days.
- 1415 11 S-3 phones S-4 to draw 120 white star parachute M17A1, 24 ea to A, B, C, Ron, Co C, 644th TD Bn. 50 Amber star parachute M21A1, 8 ea to A, B, C, Co C, 644th TD Bn., 10 to Ron Co.
- 1445 12 Rec'd from Officer Courier, 746th Tank Bn., Operations Memorandum No. 11, Hq 9th Inf Div, Dated 18 Dec 44, and overlay accompanying same, showing 899th TD Bn Sub Sector for defense of Div. Rear Area.
- 1900 13 A Co report: Vic Elsenborn, Belgium. Co. dispositions remain the same. No arty missions fired during 24 hr period. Capt Young still laboring with his mobile boudoir. Weather Snowy and cold, visibility poor. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo on hand: (basic load) 504 HEM42A1, 456 APCW/BDF, 48 HVAP. Arty ammo on hand - A Co HERC 280, HERC M54 - 12, HENC - 117, Star shell - 46. B Co Plt - HERC - 282, HENC - 116, HERC M54 - 10 Star Shell - 59.



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1910 14 B Co. report: Location of units remain unchanged. 3" ammo on hand (combat load) HE - 463, AP - 1, APC - 391, HVAP - 42, HE T105 - 18. Request seven gas masks complete to cover shortage and salvage. Also 4 sets eye shields & 4 sets eye ointment and protective ointment. 11 M10's operational.

1920 15 C Co Report: Company in direct support of 47th Inf Regt. GT. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Plts - same missions. No change. Pioneer section & Ron Plt - same mission, no change. Weather cold, some snow. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo on hand (basic load) HE M54 - 120, HVAP - 48, APCW/BDF - 456, HE M42A1 - 384.

1930 16 Ron Co. report: Company & Platoon CP's remained at 834240. Personnel of Recon Co. made a search of assigned area for lost or salvaged equipment. No other changes occurred. Morale Excellent.

1945 17 Hq Co report: Ammo - APC W/BDF - 192, HE M48A1 - 232, HVAP - 27, 96 fuzes M54.

1950 18 C Co 644th TD Bn: Activities for period - 071600 - 081600: 50 rds HEGN and 100 rds HERS fired on 7 missions at the following coordinates - K95002285, K95322232, K95762160, K95702075, K95802012, K96542192, K96802095. 12 M10's operational. 3" Ammo - (basic load) HEUN - 408, APC - 162, APC W/BDF - 246, HVAP - 62. (Arty ammo) HEGN - 77, HERS - 191, Star Shell - 40.

2010 19 S-3 calls B Co to find out if they can use bulldozer. S-3 is informed that they have use for same.

2015 20 S-3 calls 15th Engrs to make arrangements for bulldozer. S-3 is informed bulldozers are all busy getting snow off roads.



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- 0022 1 Phone msg from G-2, 9th Div: Password has been compromised - use alternate No. 3 from 1200 hrs 9 Jan to 1200 10 Jan 45.
- 0800 2 Phone report from B Co: 9 M10's operational.
- 0810 3 A Co. reports 25 rds HECN and 113 rds HERC expended. 12 M10's operational. 4 concentrations were fired on. 2nd Plt B Co expended 55 rds HECN and 70 rds HERC on 4 concentrations. 3 M10's operational.
- 0815 4 C Co. reports no rds expended, 11 M10's operational.
- 0820 5 C Co., 644th reports 20 rds HECN and 80 rds HERC expended on 6 missions. 12 M10's operational.
- 1025 6 TD report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps, and 1 to G-3, 9th Div.
- 1035 7 B Co phoned to check M10's operational: 9 Operational - 3 in each Plt. I went back to Bn Maint this AM. B Co is informed that there is no bulldozer available.
- 1040 1055 8 Capt. Lenan, CO C Co 644th reports to CP.
- 1245 9 C Co, 644th will send 1 M10 to their own Bn Maint for tracks and Maint. I will go each day.
- 1300 10 Password list now on hand compromised until 1200 15 Jan 45. Use alternates as prescribed by telephone from this office. New alternate number that is now in effect No 5 is WHITE - WILLOW. This msg from Ass't G-2, Div.
- 1330 11 To all Co's and 644th TD: Interference or jamming of an undetermined source has been occurring on Fox Mike Channels. Request all cases of interference other than voice be reported to Sig Officer 9th Inf Div giving frequency band covered by interference CMA peak of interference CMA type of note heard CMA location of receiver CMA location of Hq CMA date time.
- 1430 12 Msg to all Co's and 644th TD : Three men in American uniform, one wearing Capt's insignia, and in an American Jeep were stopped by sentries in the rear area last night. The occupants of the jeep did not know the password. One of the sentries started off with them to nearby CP to identify them. Neither the jeep its occupants nor the sentry have been seen since, alert all posts to the presence of these men in the area. Caution all sentries to use great care in identifying suspicious persons. Msg from 9th Div G-2.



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1525	13	Msg to all Co's & C Co 644th: Point of origin effective 100600 is 9223.
1800	14	G-4, 9th Inf Div calls for status of M10's - 32 M10's operational.
1810	15	C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf Regt CT. 1st & 3rd Platoons same missions, No change. 11 M10's operational. Weather Cold with snow. Morale Excellent. 120 HEM54, 48 HVAP, 456 APC W/BDF, 480 HEM42A1.
1820	16	C Co. 644th report: Activities for period: Fired 20 rds 3"NG, 80 rds 3"RC on 6 missions, coordinates K95812039, K94552272, K96102117, K95772187, K96262255, K97022205. Rds 3" on hand basic HE 408, APC W/BDF 408, HVAP 62, For Arty - HENG 57, HERO 111, Star 40.
1840	17	Hq Co report: Ammo - APC 186, HEM48A1 232, HVAP 24, Fz M54 - 96, Star shell 300.
1900	18	A Co report: Co dispositions - No change. 2nd Plt "B" Co fired 55 rds HERO and 70 HENG during 8 & 9th Jan and 50 rds HERO and 1 rd HERO W/Fz M54, during 9 Jan. harassing, unobserved, indirect. 3rd Plt A Co. 75 rds HENG & 185 HERO during 8 - 9 Jan, indirect, harassing, unobserved. Lt. Hubbard visits Co after 3 months in Hosp. Weather snowy and cold. Morale Excellent. Ammo - APC 3, HENG 55, HERO 20, Basic load 504 HENG, 456APCW/BDF, 48 HVAP Arty ammo - HEROM42A1 - 98, HENG 42, HERO 12, Star 46. Plt B Co - HEROM42A1 162, HERO 61, HERO 10, Star 59.
1910	19	B Co report: Location of units - no change. Ammo - Combat load on hand HE fz M48 463, AP - 391, HVAP 42, HE W/Fz T105 - 18.
1920	20	Recon Co report: No change in positions of the Recon Plts. Company CP remained in same location. Morale Excellent.




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- 0800 1 A Co reports 42 rds HECH expended. 12 M10's operational. Telephone report for 2nd Plt B Co - 50 rds HERC expended. 3 M10's operational.
- 0805 2 G Co. 644th reports 57 rds HECH and 79 rds HERC expended. 12 M10's operational.
- 0900 3 G Co report - 11 M10's operational.
- 1015 4 TD report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps, and 1 to G-3, 9th Div.
- 1030 5 9th Div informs S-3 that 1 M20 and crew of 3 radio operations men and 1 gunner is placed on a 6 hour alert to act as traffic control. 1 Radio operator will act as gunner.
- 1145 6 Phone Msg from ATO, Div: A review of Opn Memo #10 HQ 9th Inf Div., 14 Dec 44 will be conducted by all units.
- 1155 7 Phone Msg from S-4: Battalion indirect fire ammunition allocation for 4 day period will be 350 rds HECH and 825 HERC beginning 110600.
- 1245 8 Phone Msg from LO at Div HQ: A Co, 60th Inf atched to 39th Inf is receiving mortar and small arms fire at 939116.
- 1315 9  Mag to All Co's: Ammunition allowance for the period 0600 hrs Jan 11, 1945 to 0600 hrs 15 Jan 1945 is as follows: 350 HECH, 825 HERC. Your allocation of the above will be sent by phone. No other party ammo can be fired by this unit even though it is found. There is no restriction on direct fire missions with HECH in basic load.
- 1624 10 Mag to all Co's: Point of origin effective 110600 is 9211.
- 1800 11 Mag to all Co's and Dets: Attention is again directed to atched Opn Memo No. 10, HQ 9th Inf Div, dated 14 November 1944.
- 1805 12 Mag from G-3, 9th Div: You are authorized to expend during period 110600 to 150600 3" gun HECH - 350 rds. 3" gun HERC - 825. This includes all TD units in the Division. Allocation to be made you this Bn to the TD Co's.
- 1820 13 S-3 phones S-4 to draw full allocation of indirect fire ammo tomorrow, S-3 will inform S-4 of breakdown to Co's tomorrow morning.
- 1900 14 15th Engrs called and said that a 2 1/2 ton truck should report there tomorrow morning to pick up supplies. This info phoned to Hq Co.



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1905 15 A Co report: Dispositions of Company remain the same as yesterday. 3rd Plt A Co. fired on 2 concentrations, each indirect, unobserved, harassing from 1800 hrs Jan 9 to 0600 hrs Jan 10. No other activity reported. Weather cloudy and cold with snow. Morale excellent. 3" ammo on hand (basic load) HEMO M2A1 - 504, APC W/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48.

1910 16 B Co report: No change in positions. 3" ammo on hand (basic load) HEM48A1 - 463, AP - 1, APC - 391, HVAP - 42, HE T105 - 18, 11 M10's operational.

1920 17 C Co. report: Company in direct support of 47th Inf CT. Lt. Hubbard assumed command of company. No change in Company mission. remained in same positions. Lt. Col Tinsler visiting CP with S-3, Capt. Miller. Ron Plt and Pion Plt on same mission. 11 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. 3" ammo on hand (basic load) HEM54 - 120, HVAP - 48, APC W/BDF - 456, HEM42A1 - 384.

1930 18 Ron Co. Report: The second section from the second Platoon relieved the first section on the platoon OP. No other changes.

1940 19 Hq Co report: Ammo - APC W/BDF - 186, HEM48A1 - 232, HVAP - 27, Star Shell - 100. 2 M10's in Bn Maint. for repair, 1 from B Co., and 1 from C Co. 2 replacement M10's also in Bn Maint.

1950 20 G Co 644th TD Bn report: Activities for period 091600 - 100600: 57 rds HECN and 79 rds HERC fired on 7 missions. 12 M10's operational. Ammo on hand (basic load) HEMC - 408, HVAP - 62, APC W/BDF - 408. Arty ammo on hand HEMC - 0, HERC - 32, Star Shell - 40.

2000 21 A Co. report: 3rd Plt A Co. fired 30 rds HERC on 2 concentrations. 2nd Plt B Co fired 30 rds HECN and 80 rds HERC on 4 concentrations. Arty ammo on hand - 68 rds HERC, 12 rds HEMC, 46 Star. B Co. HERC - 32, HERC M54 - 9, HEMC - 31.

2050 22 S-3, Div Arty phones Bn S-3 re ammo allowance - He is informed that we are allocated 360 rds HECN and 825 rds HERC



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- 0800 1 A Co reports 3A fired 66 rds HERC on 2 missions. 12 M10's operational. 2B fired 31 rds HEGN and 32 rds HERC on 2 missions. 11 M10's operational.
- 0805 2 C Co., 644th TD Bn phone report: 32 rds HERC expended on 3 missions. 12 M10's operational.
- 0810 3 C Co reports that no rounds were expended. 11 M10's operational.
- 0815 4 S-3 phones S-4 to draw 802 rds HERC and 350 rds HEGN. Guides from companies concerned will report to Hq. Co. at noon today.
- 0845 5 S-4 phones S-3 for breakdown to companies on indirect fire ammunition. S-3 informs S-4 that A Co gets 116 rds HEGN and in addition 266 rds HERC. B Co gets 117 rds HEGN and 266 rds HERC. C Co., 644th gets 117 rds HEGN and 270 rds HERC.
- 0900 6 S-3 phones companies concerned to have guides report to Hq Company at noon today to guide ammo trucks to respective companies.
- 0915 7 Msg from G-2, 9th Div: Use password alternate number 1 for period noon 11 Jan to noon 13 Jan.
- 0920 8 Password and reply sent to all companies.
- 1000 9 TD report sent 2 to TD officer V Corps and 1 to G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1115 10 S-3 phones S-3, Div Arty, breakdown of indirect fire ammunition to firing batteries.
- 1130 11 S-3, 9th Div Arty phones S-3 to allocate an additional 160 rds to C Co., 644th TD Bn. 40 rds of each type to be take from Co's A & B.
- 1420 12 Sgt Wear phoned that he has one M10 of B Co's ready to go back, with smooth tracks, but "B" wanted him to wait for grousers. Wear wants to know if "B" is sending in grousers - maintenance has none now. Above Msg phoned to Lt. Burton who will check on it and call back.
- 1545 13 S-4 reports to CP: Reports that all of HEGN is on its way to the companies. 58 rds HERC is all that could be drawn and that is on its way to C Co., 644th.
- 1600 14 S-3 phones Div Arty 3 of Artillery ammo status.
- 1800 15 Teletype Msg from 3rd TD Cpt: All tanks of Seventh Arm Div are now painted white. Tanks will continue to carry panels. above Msg sent to all Co's.



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1810 16 HQ Co Ammo - APC W/BDF - 196, HEM48A1 - 582, HVAP - 27, Star - 100, Fx M54 - 96.

1820 17 B Co. No change in Co or Plt locations. Ammo - HEM48A1 - 463, AP - 1, APC - 391, HVAP - 42, HET105 - 18.

1825 18 C Co report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. No change in positions. Lt Col Tincher and Maj. Carter visited CP. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 120 - HEM54, 48 - HVAP, 456 - APCW/BDF, 384 - HEM42A1.

1830 19 A Co report: Co CP vic Katterherberg, Germany. Dispositions of Co. remains the same. 3rd Plt A Co and 2nd Plt B Co. fired 2 concentrations indirect unobserved, harassing fire during night of 10-11 Jan. Weather snowy and cold. Morale Excellent. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ammo on hand (basic load) HENG - 504, APC W/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48.

1845 20 Co C., 644th report: Fired 16 rds MC, 16 rds RC. Missions fired 3. Coordinates fired upon M95722060, K95982186, K96222020. Ammo on hand. Basic load - HVAP - 62, HENG - 408, APC W/BDF - 408. Arty - HENG - 197, HENG - 58, Star - 40.

1900 21 Ron Co: Company CP remained in same location. No change in Platoon positions.



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0800 1 A Co reports 40 rds HEON fired on 1 interdiction mission. 12 M10's operational. 2nd Plt B Co fired 80 rds HEON on 2 interdiction missions.

0805 2 Co C., 644th TD Bn reports 25 rds HEON and 50 rds HERC fired on 4 interdiction missions. 3 star shells fired with fair results. 12 M10's operational.

0930 3 TD Report sent 2 to TD Officer V Corps, and 1 to G-3, 9th Div.

1320 4 Msg to Co's A, B, & C: Do you desire modification of the M10 by having the Cal. 50 MG mounted on the front of the turret in a position to be fired on ground targets by destroyer commander? Would you want such modification, when your vehicles are back for maintenance?

1400 5 S-4 reports to OP: All indirect fire ammo has been delivered to the companies.

1610 6 1055 Msg #1 from G-2, 9th Div : Password, use alternate number 4 for period noon 13 Jan to noon 15 Jan. After noon of 15 use new list as usual.

1750 7 Msg from B Co: Re msg on modification of M10 by mounting Cal. 50 MG on turret, the answer is yes.

1800 8 Phone Msg from A Co. re mounting Cal. 50 MG on front of turret of M10 - A Co. would rather have Cal 30 mounted there instead of a 50, and leave the 50 where it is.

1800 9 Msg from C Co: Answer is yes on modification of 50 Cal MG.

1810 10 S-3, 3rd TD Gp phones S-3 for any activity during day. S-3 informs him all we have had is indirect fire. 33 M10's are operational (A - 12, B - 9, C - 12) 1 in Ord, 1 in Bn Maint, 1 in Co Maint.

1815 11 A Co reports they have expended 24 rds HERC for registration, 3 of which were time fuzed. 12 M10's operational. 2nd Plt B Co. fired 10 rds HERC for registration. 2 M10's operational. A Co ammo - 42 rds HEON, 207 HERC, 9 rds HERC W/M54. 46 - Star. 25 Amme - HERC - 216, HERC W/FM54 - 9, Star Shell - 59.

1825 12 Ron Report: There were no changes in the Recon Platoon positions. Co CP remained in same location. Morale Excellent.

1835 13 Hq Co report: Amme APC W/BDF - 196, HEMASAL - 196, HE, -MASAL - 232, HVAP - 27, Star Shell - 100. 1 M10 B Co and 1 replacement in Bn Maint.



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- 1840 14 A Co report: Dispositions of company remain the same. 3rd Plt A Co, fired 40 rds HEON on one concentration, indirect, harassing fire. No other activity reported. Weather cloudy to sunny - snow on the ground. Morale Excellent. 3A also fired 21 rds HERG and 3 rds HERG W/FM54 on one registration on 12 Jan 45. 3" Ammo on hand (basic load) HENG M42A1 - 504, APC W/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48. 3" Arty ammo on hand: HENG - 42, HERG - 207, HERG W/Fz M54 - 9, Star shell 46.
- 1900 15 B Co. report: No change in location of units. 2B fired 80 rds HENG on 2 concentrations, harassing night interdiction fire, on night of 11 - 12 Jan. Also fired 10 rds HERG for registration on 12 Jan 45. 3" ammo on hand (basic load) HE W/Fz M48A1 - 463, AP - 1, HVAP - 42, HE W/Fz T105 - 18. Arty ammo on hand - HERG - 216, HERG W/Fz M54 - 9, Star Shell - 59. 9 M10's operational.
- 1910 16 C Co. report: Company in direct support of 47th Inf CT. All platoons remained in same positions on same missions. No change in Plen section or Ron Platoon. 12 M10's operational. 3 EM WIA - 2 evacuated, Andrew Penna, & Arnold. 3" Ammo on hand (basic load) HE W/Fz M54 - 120, HEM42A1 - 384, HVAP - 48, APC/WBDF - 456.
- 1915 17 C Co. 644th TD Bn report: Activities for period 111600 to 121600. 25 rds HEON, 50 rds HERG, and 3 rds Star Shell on 8 missions (5 harassing and 3 illuminating) Harassing - K95402170, K96282152, K97422214, K98462164, K99702198. Illuminating - K95622150, K95502190, 95202180. 3" Ammo on hand (Basic Load) HE - 408, APC W/BDF - 408, HVAP - 62. Arty Ammo on hand HEON - 300, HERG 172, Star - 37. 12 M10's operational.
- 1930 18 Maj Garland phoned in reference to call from Nutmeg 6. Maj reference to 1 jeep marked 751F found via Nutmeg area. Nutmeg 6 was inquiring about same, a person who claimed to be an observer working with Jersey Baker claimed jeep and took off with same. Jeep had been abandon for 2 days and requests we investigate.
- 1940 19 S-3 calls B Co and CO reports that the FA has an OP in the same place as they do. Nutmeg found the jeep unguarded and towed it to their OP. This info phoned to Maj. Garland. (The driver is OK)
- 2000 20 Maj Fuller called and said that if we are interested in painting our tanks white he has the material, consists of Lime and Salt, and is approved by Army Engrs. Has the material and help but needs the OK of Division.



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0800 1 A Co reports 100 rds HERC EXPENDED on 2 missions. Ammo on hand 42 HEON, 107 HERC, 9 HERC w/Fz M54, 46 Star. 12 M10's operational. 2nd Plt B Co fired 100 rds HERC on 2 missions. Ammo on hand - HEON - 0, 116 HERC, 9 HERC w/Fz M54, Star shell - 59. 2 M10's operational.

0810 2 C Co., 644th TD Bn reports 37 rds HEON and 100 rds HERC expended on 7 missions. 12 M10's operational.

0815 3 C Co. reports 12 M10's operational.

0900 4 Password and reply sent to all Co's.

0930 5 S-3 phones S-4 and informs him that Bn CO has approved painting of M10's white. S-4 is informed to contact Maj Fuller, 3rd TD Gp for materials.

0940 6 S-3 phones Bn Maint Officer that Bn CO has approved of mounting MG's on front of M-10 turrets. Bn Maint Officer is to work out a simple method so that the mount will be sturdy enough to allow the MG to be fired, and easily taken off the M10 in case we have to turn in any vehicle or MG. A Co. desires Cal. 30 be mounted on half of the M10's and Cal. 50 on the others. This work is to be done when M10's are in Bn Maint for repairs. B & C will have 50 cal. on all M10's.

1000 7 S-3 phones B Co to have Lt. Blumberg report to S-3 this afternoon.

1005 8 S-3 phones A Co. to have Lt. Severin report to S-3 this afternoon.

1010 9 S-3 calls G Co to have Lt. Evans report to S-3 this afternoon.

1015 10 S-3 report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps, 1 to G-3, 9th Div.

1150 11 Phone call from ATO, 9th Div: G/S & Div has approved the painting of our arm'd vehicles.

1340 12 Ren Co. reports tank school at 746th Tank Bn finished 2 days ago. Crews are now on alert status.

1345 13 All Co's were called to determine whether or not medical blankets and litters were being used for other than medical purposes. Negative reports were phoned in by all Co's. S-4 notified of Co's report and will report to G-4, 9th Div.

1400 14 Maj. Larson of V Corps Amm Section, called to investigate ammo supply of Bn.

1740 15 S-4 reports Arty Amm allowance for 0600, 15 Jan to 190600 is 400 rds HEON & 725 HERC.



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- 1745 16 S-4 called and told that white camo paint can be picked up and is available for our use this evening. Coapt Coady was called and told to have a guide to pick up camo paint in the morning.
- 1750 17 S-3 phoned B Co to have 1 1/2 T take report to S-4 tomorrow and pick up 8 bags lime to be used to paint M10's white. B Co's to mix the paint and use means at hand to apply same. B Co. to pass paint materials to C Co upon completion.
- 1800 18 A Co. report: Vic Katterherberg, Germany. Dispositions of company remain the same. 3rd Plt A Co. & 2nd Plt B Co (2 guns) fired 100 rds each on 2 concentrations. Indirect, harassing, during night of 12-13 Jan. Weather cloudy & cold with snow. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo (Basic load) HEM48 - 504, APC W/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48. Arty Ammo HERC -107, HERC - FM54 - 9, HENG - 42, Star - 46.
- 1805 19 B Co. report: No change in positions. 10 M10's operational - 4 in 1st Plt 2 in 2nd, 4 in 3rd Plt. 2B in indirect fire pos fired 100 rds HERC on 2 missions on night 12-13 Jan. 3" Ammo on hand (Basic load) AP -1, APC W/FzBDF-391, HVAP - 42, HE W/FzT105 - 18. Arty ammo - (2B) HERC - 116, HERC W/Fz54 - 9, HECN -0, Star - 59.
- 1900 20 C Co report: Company in direct support of 47th Inf CT. No change in Platoon posns. Ron Plts and Pion section on same mission. 12 M10's operational. Lt. Col Tincher visited CP. Morale Excellent. Ammo: (Basic Load) HE W/FzFM54 - 120, HVAP - 48, APC/BDF - 456, HEW/Fz M42A1 - 382, 2 rds destroyed by an air burst over M10.
- 1900 21 Hq Co report: Ammo - APC/BDF - 200, HEW/M42A1 - 232, HVAP - 27, Star - 100, 2 M10's in Maint. (Both from B Co).
- 1905 22 C Co., 644th report: Activities of the Co for the period 121600 - 131600: 37 rds HECN and 100 rds HERC fired on 7 harassing missions, and 1 check point mission for registration. Coord. fired on - K95502140, K96002140, K96302014, K95862200, K96782094, K97282171, K96442200. Ammo - (Basic Load) HE - 408, APC/BDF - 408, HVAP - 62, Arty Ammo - HENG - 135, HERC - 200, Star - 37. 12 M10's operational.
- 1910 23 A Co reports by phone: No firing done by either 3rd Plt A Co, or 2nd Plt B Co. Ammo status remains the same as this morning.
- 2000 24 1 Copy of After/After Action Report for the Month of Dec. 1944 sent to CO, 3rd TD Gp.



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Msg #32 to Co's A & C: M10's will be painted white in the next few days, also jeeps as you desire. Upon completion of Co B, material & instructions will be given to Co C & from Co C to Co A in turn. Work will be done by Company personnel. Brushes or brooms will be necessary. Material consists of white lime and salt, and can be washed off with a little work. Caution should be used in applying it so as not to come in contact with unpainted surfaces. For further information call S-3.

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S-4 phones S-3 that his Ammo Sgt is going to draw indirect fire ammunition allotted to us for the next 4 days period tomorrow.

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Phone Msg from G-2, 9th Div: Between the hours of 1300 and 1400 tomorrow the entire Div area will be screened by units for undesirable and unidentified individuals. Under our Div Rear Area Plan this unit is to patrol its sub area between those hours. All traffic will cease except absolute emergencies. Physical identification or telephone verification will be made of all Div personnel found in our area and those from other divisions will be conducted to PW inclosure for identification. We are not to block roads or stop traffic.





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0800	1	C Co., 644th reports 50 rds HERON and 75 rds HERC expended on 4 night missions, harassing. 12 M10's operational.
0805	2	A Co. phones report that 50 rds HERC were expended on 1 night harassing mission. 12 M10's operational.
0810	3	B Co reports 50 rds HERC expended on 1 night harassing mission. 10 M10's operational.
0900		S-3 phones S-3, 9th Div Arty re arty ammo on hand and the allotment for this unit for the next 4 days. Div Arty S-3, directs the ammo allotment for the next 4 days period be divided as follows: A & B Batteries - 30% each, C Co., 644th - 40%.
1015	4	S-3 reports sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps, & 1 to G-3, 9th Div.
1400	5	Ren, A & B Co's report that patrols have negative reports.
1401	6	C Co., 644th - Negative report of S Hour.
1430	7	News and situation overlay sent to all Co's.
1435	8	Negative report from Hq and C Co on the security check.
1450	9	Negative report phoned to G-2, 9th Div in reference to Sugar Hour.
1515	10	S-3 phones Reg'ts that we are painting our vehicles white. This info given to ATO 9th Div.
1535	11	S-4 reports that all ammo for next allotment is in.
1600	12	Letter; Subject, Censorship Stamps sent to CG, 9th Inf Div. Att: AG of S - G-2.
1730	13	G-4, 9th Div phones for status of M10's. S-3 informs him there at present are 34 operational - 12 in A, 10 in B (2 in Ord) 12 in C Co.
1745	14	S-3, 3rd TD Gp phones for status of M10's. S-3 informs there are 34 operational. 12 in A, 10 in B (2 in ord) 12 in C Co.
1800	15	B Co phones report that 6 M10's have been painted white.
1810	16	A Co. report: Dispositions of Company remain the same. 3rd Plt fired 50 rds HERC on one concentration, indirect, harassing during night of 13-14 Jan. No other activity reported. Weather clear and cold with little



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thawing. Morale excellent. 12 M10's operational. Ammo - (Basic Load) HENG - 504, APC/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48, Arty Ammo - HERC - 57, HERO F2M54 - 9, HENG - 42, Star - 46.

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B Co. reports: No change in Plt posns. 1st Plt fired 50 rds HERO on 1 Harassing mission on night of 13-14 Jan 45. 10 M10's operational. 3" Ammo - AP - 1, APC/BDF - 391, HVAP - 42, HE W/F2M48A1 - 263, HE W/F2T105 - 18. Arty ammo - HERO - 66, HERO W/F2M54 - 9, Star shell - 59.

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C Co report: Company in direct support of 47th Inf CP. Platoons remained in same posns on same mission. No change in Ren Plt or Pion Plt. 2nd Plt fired 5 rds APC/BDF and 4 rds HE into MG nest and OP vic B50197 and destroyed it. 12 M10's operational. Ammo - HE W/F2M54 - 120, HVAP - 48, APC/BDF - 451, HE W/F2M42A1 - 378.

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Ren Co. reports: The second section of the 1st Plt was rel'd by the first section of that Plt at the Plt. OP. Company OP remained in same location. Ren section, 2nd Plt patrolled Div Sub Sector for undesirable individuals.

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Hq Co. reports: Ammo - APC/BDF - 200, HEM48A1 - 630, HERC - 725, HVAP - 27, Star Shell - 100. 1 replacement M10 in Maint. 2 M10's (B Co) in Ord.

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G Co., 644th report: 50 rds HENG and 75 rds HERO fired on 4 night harassing missions on night 13-14 Jan. 30 rds HENG fired on afternoon 14 Jan on 1 registration and 1 interdiction mission. Ammo - APCW/BDF - 408, HVAP - 62, HENG - 408, Arty Ammo - HENG - 55, HERO - 130. 12 M10's operational.



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0800 1 A Co reports 23 rds HERC expended on 1 mission. 12 M10's operational. 2nd Plt B Co fired 28 rds HERC on 1 mission

0805 2 B Co reports 10 M10's operational.


0810 3 C Co., 644th reports 75 rds HERC and 50 rds HENG expended on 7 harassing missions. 4 rds star shell fired on illumination mission, fired on 10 second intervals. 12 M10's operational.

0815 4 C Co. report: 12 M10's operational.

0915 5 S-3 phones S-4 that A Co. is to draw 169 rds HERC and 78 rds HENG, B Co is to draw 166 rds HERC and 120 rds HENG. C Co., 644th is to draw 250 rds HERC and 155 rds HENG. Guide from A Co. will pick up ammo trucks for both A & B Co's. Hq Co. 2 T trucks will be used.

1000 6 Above information phoned to respective Co's.

1015 7 TD report sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps and 1 to G-3, 9th Div.

1030 8  Capt. Lenon CO C Co., 644th reports to GP and request permission to rotate indirect firing platoon. S-3 - Permission granted, will start tomorrow.

1745 9 S-3, 3rd TD Gp phones for info on days activities. Our S-3 informs him that no activity except for indirect fire. M10's operational - 34, 2 in ord.

1800 10 G-4, 9th Div phones for status of M10's : S-3 informs him there is no change from last night.

1805 11 Lt. Turner called to say that C Co's M10 was ready to be picked up. S-3 notifies C Co about M10 and says they can pick it up tomorrow.

1820 12 Hq Co. Ammo - APCBDF - 174, HEM48A1 - 251, HERC - 140, FuzesM54 - 90, Star Shell - 100, HVAP - 27.

1830 13 C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. Recon Plt., Pion Sec., and Pltms. remained in same pos. on same mission. 2nd Plt, 1st sec fired on Menzerath and assisted 1st Bn patrols to reach objective. Sgt. Fishers destroyers did the shooting. Training of Radio Operators, Drivers and Gunners continued thruout the day. Lt. Col Tincher visited Co. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Expended 14 rds APC & 24 HE on mission, results unknown.

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1840 14 A Co report: No change in Co dispositions. 3rd Flt fired 23 rds HERO on 1 mission, harassing, unobserved fire during night 14-15 Jan. During afternoon 15 Jan 3rd Flt fired 42 rds HENG and 24 rds HERO on 2 interdiction missions. No other activity reported. Weather Foggy and Cold. Morale excellent. 12 M10's operational. Arty ammo on hand - HERO - 189, HENG - 78, Star - 46, Basic load + HE WFZM42A1 - 504, APCW/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48.

1855 15 B Co report: No change in dispositions of Company. 2nd Flt fired 60 rds HENG on 2 interdiction missions. 10 M10's operational. Ammo - Basic Load: HE W/FZM48A1 - 463, AP - 1, APC/BDF - 391, HVAP - 42, HEW/FZT105 - 18, Arty ammo - HERO - 181, HENG - 120, Star - 59.

1905 16 Ron Co. report: Company CP remained in same location. There was no change in Platoon positions. Morale Excellent.

1910 17 C Co., 644th report: 80 rds HENG and 75 rds HERO on 5 harassing and 1 registration mission. Coordinates fired on - K96002222, K96722156, K96202128, K96702041, K96952098. 4 rds Star shell fired on night of 14-15 Jan. 12 M10's operational. 3" Ammo (Basic Load) HENG - 408, APC/BDF - 408, HVAP - 62, Arty Ammo - HENG - 160, HERO - 298, Star - 33.

2200 18 Lt. Clark of 3rd TD Gp calls: Requests No. of War Bonds sold last month. Report to be phoned in, within next 2 days.

