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ANNEX

Locations of Towns mentioned in Summary of Operations and Journal.

Ste Germain de Verraville 395994
Canville 115904
Blandamour 165981
Ste Colombe 207985
Beseneville 122929
Cretteville 295895
Picard 228978
Pont la Abbe 270934

- 21 June CP moved to Cretteville, France.
- 22 - 23 June reconnaissance and wire communications completed for employment of B and C Companies upon arrival in support of 90th Infantry Division Artillery.
- 24 June Companies "B" and "C" landed and d-waterproofed vehicles in vicinity of Ste Germain de Verraville. Company "B" attached to 357th Infantry by Division order. Proceeded to join that unit vicinity, Besneville, France. Company "C" moved to indirect fire position vicinity Cretteville.
- 25 - 29 June Company "C" fired indirect fire on roads in enemy rear area. (23 K transfers & 80 map data corrected concentrations, total 1790 rounds.)
- 30 June Company "B" rejoined Battalion and occupied indirect fire positions.

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Incl 1. Unit Journal, 607th FA Bn, June 4th.

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Locations of towns mentioned in Summary of Operations and Journal.

Ste Germain de Verraville 37974
Canville 11904
Blancasour 16981
Ste Colombe 25798
Beseneville 122929
Cretteville 295898
Picard 226978
Font la Abbe 270934

HEADQUARTERS
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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10 August 1944

Subject: Operations for July 1944.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.. (Thru: Commanding General,
90th Infantry Division, APO 90, US Army)

1. Transmitted herewith Unit Journal of the 607th TD Bn. for July 1944
and Summary of Operations, July 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold R. Haberkorn

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- Incl. 1. Journal 607th TD Bn.
- Incl. 2. Summary of Operations

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Period 1 July 1944 to 1 August 1944

Note: Unless otherwise noted missions are continuous.

1-2 Jul 44 - Battalion less Co A and Co B located at Crottville, France; Co C in general support of 90th Division Artillery; Co A attached to the 62nd Airborne Division; Co B attached to 357th Combat Team.

3 Jul 44 - One platoon from B and C Companies was placed in direct AT support of 358th Infantry and 357th Infantry respectively, remainder in general support of Division Artillery.

4 Jul 44 - Co C placed in direct AT support of 359th Infantry in vicinity of St. Suzanne. Co A and Co B returned to battalion control and were placed in general support of Division Artillery.

5 Jul 44 - Battalion CP one mile south of Pretot, France.

6 Jul 44 - Co B placed in direct AT support of 357th Infantry; Co A remained in general support of Division Artillery to interdict roads in enemy rear area. Co C with 359th Infantry received heavy mortar fire. Continued close support of infantry on hill 122 in Foret De Monte Castro.

7 Jul 44 - First platoon Co A sent in AT support of 358th Infantry.

8 Jul 44 - Co A in direct artillery support of 358th Infantry. (Reinforcing fires of 343 FA Bn.

9 Jul 44 - One platoon Co B to indirect fire mission, general support of Division Artillery.)

10-11 Jul 44 - No Change

12 Jul 44 - First platoon Co C received heavy mortar fire during night. Casualties 1 dead, 5 wounded, 2 vehicles out of action.

13 Jul 44 - Battalion continued close AT support of Infantry with Co C and two platoons Co B. Co A and one platoon Co B in general artillery support.

14 Jul 44 - Battalion CP moved to Le Plessis, France. Company missions, no change.

15 Jul 44 - No change in missions. Companies displaced forward in AT support and reinforcing artillery support.

16 Jul 44 - Battalion CP moved to vicinity of Gonfreville, France. Co A to general support of Division Artillery; Co C, 1 platoon to indirect fire.

17 Jul 44 - No change in missions of companies.

18 Jul 44 - One platoon Co B to flank position to give indirect flanking fire.

Summary of Operations for July of 607th TD Bn. (contd)

19-24 Jul 44 - No change in mission.

25 Jul 44 - Co C plus 1 platoon Co A and 1 platoon Co B to general support of Division Artillery; Co A (-) to direct AF support of 38th and 39th Infantry; Co B (-) attached to 357th Infantry.

26-27 Jul 44 - No change in missions.

28 Jul 44 - Battalion CP moved to one mile east of St. Sauveur Lendelin.

29-31 Jul 44 - Battalion in assembly - preparing for further operation.

SUMMARY OF SECONDARY MISSION

Rounds, shell HE fired - 15,424

Missions: Harrassing and interdiction - 844

Counter battery - 32

Registration - 55

Targets of opportunity - 5

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607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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10 September 1944

Subject: Operations for August 1944.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Thru: Commanding General
90th Infantry Division, APO 90 US Army)

1. Transmitted herewith Summary of Operations of the 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the month of August 1944.

2. The Unit Journal of this battalion for the month of August 1944 was forwarded by letter this Headquarters, subject as above, 7 September.

For the Commanding Officer:

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Summary of Operations, 607 TD Bn,
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THE TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

6 September 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period 1 August 1944 to 1 September 1944)

- 1 Aug 44: Bn in assembly area to North and East of ST SAUVEUR LENDELIN. Alert for movement. Co A attached to 343rd FA Bn for movement.
- 2 Aug 44: Bn, less Co A, moved as a unit from ST SAUVEUR LENDELIN. New position North-east of ST HILLAIRE de HALROCUT. Co A attached to 357th Combat Team.
- 3 Aug 44: Bn in general AT support of 90th Division with Co A attached to 357th Inf. Co B in direct support of 358th Inf, knocked down one ME 109 with .50 cal MG fire. Co C in direct support of 359th Inf.
- 4 Aug 44: No change in missions. All companies deployed in support of Inf Regiments. Co B killed two Germans of a party of approximately 50 who were trying to infiltrate through their area. They later aided in rounding up 29 of this party.
- 5 Aug 44: Co A still attached to 357th Inf, moved as a part of Task Force Weaver, which was to spearhead the advance of the Division and was reported in the vicinity of ERNEE. The Bn CP moved to new location in vicinity of LANDIVY. Companies continued direct AT support to Inf Regiment in their advance to the East towards LE MANS.
- 6 Aug 44: Bn CP moved to new location in vicinity of LA BIGOTTERIE. No change in Co missions.
- 7 Aug 44: Bn CP moved to new location NW of STE SUZANNE. Co C in an engagement with small enemy force destroyed one enemy half-track at MONTSURES.
- 8 Aug 44: Enemy forces reported moving toward the Bn CP, forced CP to move out. After establishing temporary CP moved to new location 2 miles East of LA QUINTE.
- 9 Aug 44: CP moved to new location on Eastern edge of LE MANS. Companies on missions in direct AT support of Inf Regiments, generally around North, East of LE MANS.
- 10 Aug 44: No changes during day.
- 11 Aug 44: Co B attached to 358th Inf, Co C attached to 359th. Bn (less B & C) moved from location East of LE MANS to temporary location South of BALLON, thence to new location 1 mile East of CONGE SUR ORNE. No change in Co missions. Bn advanced 18.4 miles. No enemy action.
- 12 Aug 44: No change in missions. One platoon of Co A sent to give direct AT support to 357th Inf. Bn moved to new location 1/2 mile West of DANGEUL.
- 13 Aug 44: Co A moved to direct support of 357th Inf. No change in mission of other companies. Bn CP moved to new position 2 miles NW of ALENCON.
- 14 Aug 44: Co A in skirmish with enemy, destroyed one MG, killed one and captured seven.
- 15 Aug 44: Co B, relieved from attachment to 358th Inf and moved to assembly area in vicinity of Battalion CP. Bn, less A and C companies moved to new location East of CHAILLOUE. Co B committed one platoon at NONANT ~~IN.~~

(Summary of Operations of 6th TD Bn for August 1944, cont.)

16 Aug 44: Co C in fire fight with two armored half-tracks, destroyed one and had hits on the other. In another fire fight with three enemy tanks, destroyed two and had hits on the other. These tanks were Mark IV. One platoon gave direct fire support to infantry and acted as a base of fire to withstand enemy counter-attack at LE BOURG ST LEONARD. No change in company missions.

17 Aug 44: Third tank hit 16 Aug by Co C confirmed as destroyed. Co B committed to reinforce Co C in area of EXHES and CROISELLES, then to direct support of 358th Inf in FORET de GELTARN. Co A placed one gun to interdict road leading East from GACE, destroying 5 vehicles and blocking road; also took over Co B positions in area of EXHES and CROISELLES in direct support of 357th Inf.

18 Aug 44: Co C in fire fight with tanks and infantry aided materially in breaking up enemy counter-attack and disorganizing enemy forces. As a result of this action two tanks and four wheeled vehicles were destroyed. 1st platoon Co B attached to 3rd Bn 358th Inf.

19-20 Aug 44: All companies continued missions. Co B, by aggressive action pushed 2nd and 3rd platoons well forward on the nose of hill in vicinity of ST EUGENIE and fired direct fire into enemy column attempting to escape the PALAISE pocket. In this role they destroyed 27 tanks, 16 artillery pieces, 20 SF guns and 60 vehicles and killed an undetermined number of enemy personnel and horses. Co C, employing one platoon in the vicinity of CHAMBOISE, brought 3" direct gun fire and bazooka fire, destroying two tanks and two self-propelled guns. Co B's 2nd platoon also was placed in action, first in vicinity of ST EUGENIE and then near BOU MENIL. Bn CP moved to new location South-east of LE BOURG ST LEONARD.

21 Aug 44: Bn assembled in vicinity of LE PIN de HARRAS. One platoon of Co A with outpost of 357th Infantry.

22-25 Aug 44: Bn remained in assembly area.

26 Aug 44: Bn marched as a unit from NONANT LE PIN to FONTAINEBLEAU, a distance of 171 miles.

27 Aug 44: Co A in direct AT support of 357th Inf. Co C in direct support of 359th Inf. Bn, less 2 companies moved from FONTAINEBLEAU to LE CROIX en BRIE to new positions.

28 Aug 44: No change in missions of A and C companies. Bn less 2 companies moved from LE CROIX en BRIE to new position 2 miles North of MONTIRAIL.

29 Aug 44: No change in missions. Bn, less 2 companies moved from MONTIRAIL to new position 1 mile north of SAVIGNY SAUR ANDRES.

30 Aug 44: No change in missions. Bn less 2 companies moved from vicinity of SAVIGNY SAUR ANDRES to new position in vicinity of BRIMONT.

31 Aug 44: One platoon Co B sent to reinforce Co C. No change in missions.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

* Destroyed

Prisoners

Losses

34 tanks
 19 S.P guns
 4 armored vehicles
 9 half-tracks
 58 general purpose vehicles
 16 F.A pieces (horse-drawn)

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1 3" Gun
 1 half-track
 1 1½ ton truck
 2 ¼ tons

*The above is confirmed destruction, estimated unconfirmed is 200 vehicles of all types.

Coordinates of places and towns mentioned in summary:

St Sauveur Lendelin 2766
 Ernee 5871
 Landivy 5192
 Le Mans 4036
 La Bitotterie 6868
 St Suzanne 0048
 Montsurs 8552
 La Quinte 2942
 Conge Sur Orne 4684
 Dangeul 4689
 Alencon 3484
 Chambois 4051

Chailloue 4634
 Nonant Le Pin 4939
 Exmes 4646
 Croiselles 5146
 Falaise 1436
 Le Bourge St Leonard 4047
 Le Pin du Haras 4344
 Fountainebleau 2891
 Le Croix en Brie 5710
 Montmirail 9339
 Savigny Sur Andres 7912
 Brimont 3189

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2 October 1944

Subject: Operations for September 1944.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Thru: Commanding General,
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1. Transmitted herewith Unit Journal of the 607th TD Bn for September
1944 and Summary of Operations for September 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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1 October 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period - 1 Sept to 30 Sept 1944)

A. Location at beginning of period:

1. Bn CP - 1 mile West of BRIMONT, about 6 miles North of REIMS, FRANCE (300899).
2. Co A - In direct support of 357th Inf:
 - (a) Co CP $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Northeast of CORMICY (205932), 9 miles NE of REIMS.
 - (b) 1st plat in position to North of PONTAVERT (1697).
 - (c) 2nd plat in position around town of AGUILLECOURT (2696).
 - (d) 3rd plat in position around town of CORMICY (2093).
3. Co B - In Bn reserve.
 - (a) Co CP 300 yds South of Bn CP.
 - (b) All platoons in vicinity of Co CP.
4. Co C - In direct support of 359th Inf.
 - (a) Co CP 2000 yds East of ST ETIENNE SUR SUIPPE (3694), 8 miles NE of REIMS.
 - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns on hill 1000 yds South of ST ETIENNE, 1 gun 1500 yds West of BOULT (3991).
 - (c) 2nd plat - 2 guns in positions at NEUFOMATEL sur AISNE (3199), 2 guns at Cross Roads 1800 yds North of POILCOURT (3697).
 - (d) 3rd plat - 2 guns at ROIZY (4297), 2 guns at BERGNICOURT (4796).

B. Operations for period (September).

1 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - Company relieved of support mission and assembled in vicinity of Bn CP.
3. Co B - 2nd plat attached to Co C, moved from assembly area in vicinity of Co to assembly area 3000 yds SW of RETHEL.(5507).
4. Co C - Continued mission, displaced 1st plat to support 1st Bn of 359th Inf in position 2000 yds Southeast of RETHEL. No change.

2 Sept 44:

1. Co A - No change. Captured 4 prisoners in assembly area at approximately 1100; 8 more prisoners at 1800.
2. Co B - No change.
3. Co C plus 2nd plat of Co B -
 - (a) Co CP moved to ROIZY.
 - (b) 1st plat displaced to new position covering North and East entrances to RETHEL.
 - (c) 2nd plat of Co B moved from assembly position to position covering North and West entrances to RETHEL.

3 Sept 44:

1. None. All elements remained stable with no contact.

4 Sept 44:

1. Field Order #29, 90th Inf Div, attached Co A to 357th CT, Co C to 359th CT.

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(Summary of operations, 607 TD Bn, for month of September 4, cont'd)

4 Sept 44, cont'd

Bn (-) marches behind 357th CT to new area North of VERDUN. H hour to be announced.

2. Rcn element of Bn disposed:- 2nd Rcn plat to support Co A, 1st Rcn plat's 1st section with Co B, 2nd section relieved from Co C to rejoin Bn.

3. 2nd plat Co B relieved from attachment to Co C, ordered to return to Co B.

5 Sept 44:

1. Co A attached to 357th Inf, moved from assembly area in vicinity of Bn CP to assembly area in vicinity of WITRY (3783). Closed at 0930.

2. Co B placed in support of Co A, moved to assembly area in vicinity of VITRY. Closed at about 1100 (to reinforce Co A).

3. Co A and B moved to new locations (521730) 2000 meters North of ROUVERS, 4000 meters East of ETAIN (4770).

4. Bn CP, less rear echelon moved to new location at 1500 B. Closed at 2000. Location (502730) 2000 meters North and West of ROUVERS.

6 Sept 44:

1. Communication wire layed to Div Arty, A and B companies.

2. 3rd plat Co B moved 2 guns that were at DOMPRIX to vicinity of AFFLEVILLE (5676), 2000 meters SW of JOUDREVILLE.

3. Co B placed in support of 358th Inf. Moved CP and 1st and 2nd plats to location at (515779), 1000 meters NE of ETON (5077). 3rd plat, no change.

4. Co A 1st plat moved to vicinity of Co CP.

5. Co C still attached to 359th Inf. Co CP 2000 meters North of ETAIN (467720).

6. With its platoons attached to Inf Bn, Co C moved to vicinity of ETAIN.

7 Sept 44:

1. Bn Field Order #30, 90th Inf Div -(Co A in direct support of 357th, Co B in direct support of 358th, Co C less 1st plat, attached to 359th Inf. 1st plat of Co C moved to Bn reserve in vicinity of Bn CP, closed at 1030. One Rcn section attached to each Co, 1 section in reserve.

2. Co A - Moved CP at 1030 to vicinity of 357th Inf CP at ROUVRES (5170).

3. Co B - CP moving to new location. 2nd plat moved from assembly position to position at CR 1000 meters South of SPINCOURT (4984).

4. Bn CP less rear echelon and plus 1 rcn section and 1st plat of Co C moved to new location at (585763), 2000 meters SE of NORROY (6077). Remained in location through night.

5. Co A, moving in support of 357th. Plat moving in support of corresponding Inf Bn. Co CP at (615752), 1800 meters North of FLEVILLE (6075) at 1405. Moved to 500 meters NE of MANGIEULLES (6677) at 1505. Moved 1000 meters NE at 1641. Returned to MANGIEULLES at 1900. Remained over night. Final positions of platoons - 1st plat 1400 meters NW of AURUL (7177), 2nd plat 2000 meters West of BRIEY (6973), 3rd plat 3000 meters NW of BRIEY. 2nd plat fired 25 rds of ammunition, knocking out 1 RT, 1 MG, and killing several Germans.

6. Co B moving in support of 358th Inf, placed one plat (2nd) with 1st Bn of 358th at CR 1200 meters S of SPINCOURT (4983). Co CP position moved to new location (586812) 1000 meters North of PIENNES at (5880).

7. One company of 774th TD Bn and one Rcn plat attached to Bn at about 1800, joined Bn and went into bivouac in vicinity of Bn CP at 2245. Closed at 0030.

8. Co B 1st and 3rd plats in position at TRIEUX (6882), 2nd plat in position at MAINY (6280) reported at 0030.

9. Co A 3rd plat moved to new position 1500 meters SW of BRIEY.

(Summary of Operations, 60. on TD Bn, September 1944, cont'd)

(8 Sept 44, cont'd)

10. Co C, less 1st plat, attached to 359th Infantry.

a. Co CP moved to BOUDELAUCOURT (5082) at 1415, then to (534831) 2200 meters NE of BOUDELAUCOURT at 1635, then to (598840) 2000 meters N of LANDRES (5982) at 2115.

b. Platoons final locations at - 2 guns 3rd plat CONSTANTINE (4790), 2 guns 3rd platoon at MERCY LE BAS (5788). 2nd plat at CIRCUIT (5785).

8 Sept 44:

1. General:- At 0400 there was an attack launched by the enemy. First report came from the liaison officer at 90th Div Arty about 0500 saying that there was a tank attack in vicinity of Div Arty CP. At first the attack was minimized and later Div Arty called for aid. All elements were alerted. The attack developed in the 358th Inf sector, and went deep into the rear. The attack was repulsed and losses to us were light.

2. Specifics:-

a. (1) Co A - Moved Co CP to AVRIL (7177).

(2) 1st plat on hill 313 observed enemy mechanized elements at TRIEUX. When they came into range the platoon fired on the enemy knocking out 2 tanks and 2 half-tracks. Although other armor was seen to be moving about to the North it did not come into range.

(3) 2nd plat moved into BRIEY (6973), took up all around coverage of town.

(4) 3rd plat moved to positions around AVRIL.

b. Co B -

(1) CP was forced to move due to enemy tanks operating in their area. They moved to the town of NORROY (6077) at about 0700.

(2) 2nd plat - All guns of the platoon were located at MAIRY (6380) with 2 in position and 2 in reserve. At approximately 0330 the platoon received a report that enemy tanks were operating in the vicinity of BONVILLERS (6282). At this time the platoon leader, Lt Johnson, moved the 2 reserve guns to positions in vicinity of BONVILLERS, completing occupation by 0430. At approximately 0530 the gun commanders of the two guns saw two German half-tracks approaching their position from the South and opened fire on them, destroying them. These guns fired a considerable amount of ammunition at other enemy armored vehicles in their area, but due to confusion and the fact that other units were firing on the same targets, definite effect could not be determined.

At 0700 the platoon leader received a report that enemy tanks were approaching the town of MAIRY from the West. Four of these tanks took up positions and were firing into the town when taken under fire by the 2nd section. Two tanks were destroyed and the other two dispersed into the woods. One was observed by the section section to enter a small clump of woods. It was taken under fire and several rounds were fired into the woods. Later it was confirmed that the tank was destroyed by 3" gun fire. At approximately 0800 a column of 11 half-tracks and one tank approached the town from the West and moved into town from the South. The column entered town then turned to the East in town. At this point the two leading half-tracks and the tank were knocked out by the infantry. The remainder moved North through the town and out into the fields. This moved them into the field of fire of the 2nd section which destroyed 3 of these half-tracks. One other half-track pulled North and East of the town and came into the field of fire of the 1st section and was destroyed. Sgt Prisk, a member of the liaison party with the Infantry Battalion in the town destroyed two half-tracks with a bazooka taken from a wounded infantryman. Sgt Zink, gun commander of 1st section, Sgt Szidowski commanded the 2nd section.

At about 1800 2nd plat moved two guns at BONVILLERS to join others at MAIRY. These guns were relieved by 2 guns from Co C, 774th TD Bn.

(3) Later in the day 1st and 3rd platoons pulled back from TRIEUX to defensive positions about 1000 meters SE of the town.

c. Co C -

(1) 1st plat, in Bn reserve, was dispatched, less one gun, to try and relieve the situation around the Div Arty CP. One gun left at Bn as protection for Bn CP. One MK V tank, seeking to escape from Div rear area, approached Bn CP and was fired upon by guns in CP vicinity. The crew abandoned the tank. Bn rear echelon captured crew with aggressive action by bazooka and rifle patrol. Tank was destroyed, 8 German NCO's and 1 officer captured (2wounded). Co CP moved to new location at (586945)

(Summary of Operations, 607th TD Bn, for month of September 1944, cont'd)

(8 Sept 44, cont'd)

5000 meters NE of last position. 1st plat relieved from Bn reserve in vicinity (6179), rejoined Co and went into position at MURVILLE (6183). Closed at 1900.

d. Co C, 774th TD Bn, attached to 607th TD Bn -

(1) At 0600 2nd plats were sent to take up positions at RJ (6179), moved out and occupied positions at 0700. In the position they fired at and destroyed 2 tanks. 3rd plat moved around to the West, swung North and occupied positions, 2 guns 500 meters West of BONVILLERS, 1 gun 1000 meters South of LANDRES (5981), covering road and to the East. The other gun had mechanical failure of its prime mover and while returning to the Co CP went into position in vicinity of PIENNES (5980) and destroyed 2 tanks. 1st plat remained around Bn CP; covering woods that were reported to be concealing several German vehicles. Co C, 774th TD Bn later in the day displaced guns to new positions. 1st platoon - 2 guns in vicinity PIENNES, 2 guns 1000 meters East of PIENNES. 2nd plat sent to support engineers road block in vicinity of MERCY LE BAS (5689), MERCY LE HAUT (6187), XIVRY (5735), HIGNY (5985). 3rd plat - took up positions in vicinity of MAIRY (6379) to give close in protection to two batteries of 90mm AAA on AT mission in that locality.

e. Co A, 774th TD Bn was placed in support of 607th TD Bn about 1600. They employed 2 platoons to cover South flank of woods, 1000 meters North of Bn CP. One platoon in reserve in vicinity of Bn CP.

(Summary of Operations for September 1944, 607th TD Bn, cont)

8 Sept 44, cont'd

f. All elements of 774th TD Bn were ordered to rejoin their Bn, remaining on same missions. 774th TD Bn placed to support Div by 4th TD Group. Close liaison maintained by 607th and 774th TD Bns.

g. Major Nelson in command of 1 ren plat, 607th TD Bn and 1 TD plat, Co C, 774th TD Bn, went around west flank to the North of Div CP for the purpose of attacking from the North to secure Div CP, completed mission and captured 8 seriously wounded Germans in woods where Div Arty CP was located.

9 Sept 44:

1. All companies continued support of Infantry Regiments.

10 Sept 44:

1. Companies continued in support of Infantry Regiments in their advances. No enemy armor was encountered during the day. The only action was taken by 3rd platoon of Co B while in close support of 358th Inf. They fired on a MG which was holding up the advance of one of the Infantry elements, destroying the MG.

2. Bn CP moved to new location at ST PIERREMONT (695800) 2000 meters South of TRIEUX (6982).

3. Co A -

(a) Co CP moved with CP of 357th Inf to new location at NEUFCHIEF (755809).

(b) 1st plat, supporting 1st Bn moved to HAYANGE (7882) taking up all around defense of the area.

(c) 2nd plat in support of 2nd Bn, moved to MORLANGE (8080) taking up positions for all around defense.

(d) 3rd plat in support of 3rd Bn moved to RANGUEVAUX (7779) taking positions for all around defense.

4. Co B -

(a) Co CP moved successfully from MORROY to (700851), thence to (723852).

(b) 1st plat supporting 358th Inf moved to FONTOY (7385).

(c) 2nd plat, supporting infantry, moved to ANGEVILLERS (7789).

(d) 3rd plat at ALGRANGE (7785).

5. Co C -

(a) Continued support of 359th Inf, moving platoons with Inf Bn ended day.

(b) Co CP at (705928) 300 meters NW of AUMETZ (7092).

(c) 1st plat - covering roads leading North from AUMETZ.

(d) 2nd plat - 2 guns on high ground 500 meters SW of FROUVILLE (6792), 3000 meters West of AUMETZ; 2 guns at RJ (687907), 2000 meters SW of AUMETZ.

(e) 3rd plat at LUDELANGE (7290) 3500 meters SE of AUMETZ.

11 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A -

(a) Co CP remained in same position.

11 Sept 44, cont'd

(b) 1st plat was unable to find position around HAYANGE (7882), so moved back to vicinity of NEUFCHÉF (7581).

(c) 2nd plat moved in support of 2nd Bn of 357th Inf to vicinity of FLORRANGE (831825) taking up positions covering flats to East and Northeast.

(d) 3rd plat moved in support of 3rd Bn, moving to vicinity (8479).

3. Co B -

(a) Co CP moved to (755860), 2000 meters East of FONTOY (7385).

(b) 1st plat in position around FONTOY.

(c) 3rd plat in position on high ground, 500 meters East of ALGRANGE (8577).

(d) 2nd plat in position at ELANGE (8287).

4. Co C -

(a) Co CP at ANGEVILLERS (7789).

(b) 1st plat moved to defensive position 1000 meters North of ANGEVILLERS.

(c) 2nd plat moved to defensive position 1000 meters NE of town.

(d) 3rd plat moved to defensive position 1000 meters East of town.

(e) Prior to moving from their location in the vicinity of AUMETZ, 1st plat of Co C fired several rounds at MAGINOT LINE fortification in the area. This was conducted as a test. Several rounds were fired at a concrete pill box, obtaining penetration of 4 ft of reinforced concrete in three rounds. Fire was brought on a concrete fortress at 1250 yds and though no penetration of walls was made, 2 shots penetrated the fortress through apertures. Fire was placed on one steel cupola estimated thickness 10-12 inches of homogenous armor plate. After several rounds one hit was made, the round penetrated 5-6 inches into the steel before detonating, blowing the shell out of the hole. This fire was at 1000 yds.

12 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP moved to new location at ANGEVILLERS (7789) with supply elements 1000 meters SE of town.

2. Co A -

(a) Co CP, no change. Positions of platoons improved during day, as follows.- 1st plat, 3 guns in position on high ground overlooking HAYANGE (7882) and 1000 meters SW of town, 1 gun in reserve in vicinity of NEUFCHÉF (7581). 2nd plat, 2 guns in FLORANGE (8382) covering approaches to town, 2 guns at REMELANGE (8180). 3rd plat, 2 guns in town at (8579), 2 guns 1000 meters SW of town on high ground.

3. Co B -

(a) Co CP moved to (850910).

(b) 1st plat moved to positions overlooking the town of THIONVILLE (8685) on West side of MOSELLE RIVER.

(c) 2nd plat moved to better position at (832852) covering area to East and later moving into assembly area at (840845).

(d) 3rd plat moved to position with 2 guns at (823875) and two guns at BASSE GUENTRANGE (839865). This area is generally 3500 meters NW of THIONVILLE. Later in the day this plat moved to new position at (840870) 2000 meters NW of THIONVILLE.

4. Co C -

(a) Co CP moved to new location at HETTANGE GRANDE (849906).

(b) 1st plat moved to positions 500 meters South of HETTANGE GRANDE.

(c) 2nd plat moved to position 500 meters North of town.

(d) 3rd plat - 2 guns 500 meters SE of town and 2 guns 1500 M SE of town.

12 Sept 44, cont'd

5. 1st section, 2nd Ren plat established an CP at (888895) in church at GARGHE (8889). Nothing was observed. Personnel returned to Bn at dusk.

6. The Bn S-2 determined from civilian sources the presence of a semi-secret organization which was pro-Nazi. He informed the Div G-2 of his knowledge and was authorized to pick up what members of said organization that could be found. With the assistance of 2 MP's and an interpreter he picked up the local leader of the organization and turned him over to the interrogation team at the PW enclosure.

13 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP remained in position at same location.
2. Co A - No change in dispositions. No action.
3. Co B - 3rd plat moved guns to new location at (828858) 3500 meters East and 500 meters N of THIONVILLE (8685). No change in other platoons.
4. Co C -
 - (a) 1st plat moved to new locations at (876938) just SW of BOOST (8793), 9000 meters North of THIONVILLE. No change in other platoons.
 - (b) 2nd plat under Major Solomon, Capt Long and Lt Pendergast, took one ren section and the 2nd gun of its platoon forward of the Infantry positions to a temporary position at (899946) 200 meters West of BASSE PARTH (9094). From this position the gun manned by Sgt Thomas and his gun crew, fired ten rounds into Germany. The target was the church steeple in PERL (0298). This fire was conducted between 1823-1825 hours. These were the first rounds fired by the 90th Inf Div into Germany, first rounds fired by the XX Corps into Germany, and it is believed that this was the first fire to fall into Germany from troops of the Third United States Army.

14 Sept 44:

1. Div Field Order #32 attached Co B to 358th Inf.
2. Bn CP moved to (693663) 5300 meters E, 2000 meters N of CONFLANS (6364).
3. Co A moved CP and all platoons to assembly area at (778716).
4. Co B, no change, lost communications approximately 1500.
5. Co C -
 - (a) Co CP at (691659) 1000 meters SW of Bn CP.
 - (b) 2 plats to support Task Force Randolph and one platoon remained in assembly area in vicinity of Co CP.

15 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP - no change.
2. Co A - in support of 357th Inf, no change in CP location.
 - (a) 1st plat moved to assembly position at ST HUBERT (786690).
 - (b) 2nd plat took up position on high ground over-looking MARANG-SILVANGE (8169). Fired at pillboxes on hill to front; effect unobserved.
 - (c) 3rd plat in assembly area (795686) - placed 1 gun in position and fired several rounds at a pillbox. Effect unobserved.
3. Co B - No change in disposition, fired at pillbox in THIONVILLE. Effect unobserved.
4. Co C -
 - (a) CP moved to STE MARIE aux CHENES (7367).
 - (b) 1st plat in position to the East of town.
 - (c) 2nd plat - two guns at ST PRIVAT la MONTAGNE (7666) - two guns 2000 yds N at RONGCOURT (7668).

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(d) 3rd plat attached to Task Force Randolph. Platoon CP at (705606); 3 guns in assembly at platoon CP, one gun in position at MALMAISON (7460). This gun was later returned to platoon assembly area.

16 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP moved to new location at (708674), 2000 meters SE of MOINEVILLE (6968).
2. Co A -
 - (a) No change in Co CP.
 - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns in assembly at ST HUBERT (786690), 2 guns accompanying the forward elements of 1st Bn of 357th Inf in assembly, 1000 meters South.
3. Co B -
 - (a) No change in dispositions, one gun again fired at pillbox in THIONVILLE. Effect unobserved.
4. Co C -
 - (a) Co CP, no change.
 - (b) 1st and 2nd plats, no change.
 - (c) 3rd plat moved 2 guns to MALMAISON (7460).

17 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP, A and B companies - No change.
2. Co C - Grouped 2 guns from 1st plat and 2 guns from 3rd plat to form a 4 gun firing battery for indirect fire. Battery position was located at (746686), 1600 meters NE of STE MARIE aux CHENES (~~64~~(7347) Battery fired without registration on 6 harrassing missions from 1745-2400. 120 rds of HE were expended.

18 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP, A and B companies - No change in dispositions.
2. Co C - Groupmount of 4 guns fired 320 rds of HE at 18 harrassing and interdiction missions.

19 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP and Co B - No change.
2. Co A - 3rd plat moved to new locations; 2 guns at GR (859720) 2 guns at HAGODANGE (8675).
3. Co C - 2 guns of 1st plat at STE MARIE aux CHENES moved to new positions at ST PRIVAT, formed provisional plat with 2 guns of 2nd plat already there. 2 guns of 1st plat moved from indirect fire positions to direct fire positions at HABONVILLE (7365). 2 guns of 3rd plat moved to new indirect fire positions at (748663). These two guns fired 296 rds of HE on 24 harrassing and interdiction missions.

20 Sept 44:

1. No change in disposition or missions.
2. Co C - 3rd plat fired 119 rds of HE on 8 harrassing and interdiction targets.
3. Co A - 1st plat moved to new position - 2 guns at (803703), 2 guns 200 meters NE of PIERREVILLERS (8070).

21 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP - No change
2. Co A - 2 guns which were at (803703) now at (807717).
3. Co B - No change.
4. Co C - No change in dispositions; 2 guns in indirect fire positions fired 152 rds of HE on 8 harrassing and interdiction missions and completed one registration, BP.

22 Sept 44:

1. No change in disposition or missions.
2. Co C with 2 guns in indirect fire position fired 162 rds of HE on 8 harrassing and interdiction missions.

23 Sept 44:

1. No change in dispositions or missions.
2. Co A - Enemy patrol, attempting to penetrate 2nd plat positions, was repulsed with grenades and small arms fire.
3. Co C - With 2 guns in indirect fire positions, fired 106 rds on 8 harrassing and interdiction missions.

24 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP - No change
2. Co A - Co CP moved to new location at RHOMBAS (7380).
3. Co C - No change. Fired 190 rds HE on 8 harrassing and interdiction missions.

25 Sept 44:

1. No change in disposition or missions.
2. Co C - Fired 320 rds on 10 harrassing and interdiction missions.

26 Sept 44:

1. No change in disposition or missions.
2. Co C - Fired 235 rds on 13 harrassing and interdiction and 1 counter-battery missions.

27 Sept 44:

1. No change in Bn CP or A Co.
2. Co B - Relieved from attachment to 358th Inf. At 0800 moved to new position via MEXAMNE (7882), BRIEY (6973), JARNY (6563) to assembly area at (651593) 2000 meters North of MARS (6897). Reconnoitered and occupied position. Co CP at JOUAVILLE (7063).
 - (a) 1st plat - 2 guns at (737563) and 2 guns at (721588).
 - (b) 2nd plat at (718604).
 - (c) 3rd plat at (735607).
 - (d) Company was given mission to cover the area from VERNEVILLE (7362) South to MARS (6897) and to support the 358th and 359th Inf Regiments. All positions occupied by 2000.

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3. Co C -

- (a) No change in Co CP or 1st and 2nd platoons.
- (b) 3rd plat - 2 guns of 3rd plat that were in direct fire positions in the vicinity of MALMAISON (7460) rejoined remainder of platoon which took up indirect fire position at (742683). Minimum range 6700 yds, maximum range 14,700 yds; right limit 2300m, left limit 1600m. Fired 360 rds on 20 harrassing and interdiction missions.

28 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP and Co A - No change.

2. Co B -

- (a) 2nd plat moved to vicinity of Bn CP for rest, training and rehabilitation.
- (b) 3rd plat moved two (2) guns which were at (737563) to new position (718604).

3. Co C -

No change. 3rd plat fired 117 rds of HE on 5 interdiction and BP missions.

29 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2 guns of 1st plat and 2 guns of 2nd plat pulled into rest and rehabilitation area in ROMBAS (8073).

3. Co B - No change.

4. Co C - No change. 3rd plat in indirect fire position fired 108 rds on 6 harrassing and interdiction missions.

30 Sept 44:

1. Bn CP, A and B companies - No change.

2. Co C - 1 gun of 2nd plat was pulled from its position, moving 200 yds SW leaving dummy gun in former position. 3rd plat fired 296 rds on 11 harrassing and interdiction and 1 counter-battery.

C. Results of Operations for month of September:

1. Direct Action -

- a. 6 tanks destroyed (4 MK V and 2 SP guns).
- b. 13 half-tracks destroyed.
- c. 1 machine gun knocked out.
- d. 45 prisoners taken.

2. Indirect action - Summary of indirect fire:

Rounds fired - 2825

Missions " - 145

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607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

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2 November 1944

SUBJECT: Operations for October 1944.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Thru: Commanding General,
90th Infantry Division, APO 90, US Army.)

1. Transmitted herewith Unit Journal and Summary of Operations for the
607th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the month of October, 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold R Haberkorn
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Capt., Inf
Adjutant.

2 Incls.

- Incl 1. Summary of Operations (trip)
- Incl 2. Journal 607th TD Bn, October, 1944.

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1 November 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period - 1 to 31 October 1944, incl)

A. Location at beginning of period:

1. Bn CP at (708674).
2. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP at RHOMBAS (7380).
 - (b) 1st plat - 1 gun at (807717), 1 gun 200 meters NE of PIERREVILLERS, (8070), 2 guns in rest area at RHOMBAS.
 - (c) 2nd plat - 2 guns in position 500 meters NW of MIRANGE - SILVANGE, (8169), 2 guns in rest area at RHOMBAS.
 - (d) 3rd plat - 2 guns at CR (859720) covering crossings of lateral canal, 2 guns at MONDELANGE (8975).
3. Co B -
 - (a) Co CP at JOUAVILLE (7062).
 - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns at (751642) and 2 guns at HABONVILLE (7364).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In rest area in vicinity of Bn CP.
 - (d) 3rd plat - At (735607).
4. Co C -
 - (a) Co CP at STE MARIE aux CHENES (7367)
 - (b) 1st plat plus 2 rcn sections - At ST PRIVAT LA MONTAGNE (7666).
 - (c) 2nd plat - 2 guns at RONCOURT (7668), 2 guns 1000 meters SW of RONCOURT.
 - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position at (742683).

B. Operations for period:

1 Oct 44:

1. No change in disposition or missions.
2. Co B - 1st plat fired 254 rds on LC harrassing and interdiction and 1 BP mission.

2 Oct 44:

1. Bn CP moved to STE MARIE aux CHENES (6773). Took over mission as outlined in Field Message #13. This mission was to take over and defend in depth the area of RONCOURT (7668) - ST PRIVAT (7666) - AMANVILLERS (7664) - HABONVILLE (7364). With a task force to be known as "Task Force SUNDT", composed of the 607th TD Bn (less Co A and 1st plat of Co B) and Co A, 712 TK Bn, assault gun platoon of 712 TK Bn, Co B of 179th Eng Bn attached. In the area and supporting, but not attached, is the following: Co D of 712 TK Bn and a mortar platoon of 712 TK Bn. Task Force SUNDT became effective at 1330 with units dispersed as follows: Co C, 607th TD Bn - no change. Co A of 712 TK Bn - 1 plat committed at (749658), Co CP and 2 plats in reserve at MINE ST MARIE (725680). Co B 179th Eng Bn - 2 plats committed along line (758667) to (748652), Co CP and 1 plat in reserve at STE MARIE aux CHENES.
2. Co B -
 - (a) Co CP moved to new location occupying vacated Bn CP (708674).

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- (b) 1st plat in indirect fire 300 yards west of Co CP.
- (c) 2nd plat took up new positions - 2 guns at (751643), 1 gun at (739648), 1 gun in reserve at HABONVILLE (7464).
- 3. Co A -
 - (a) 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 342 rds at 15 harrasing and interdiction and 2 BP missions.
- 4. Co C -
 - (a) 3rd plat in indirect fire, fired 254 rds on 15 harrasing & interdiction, and 1 BP missions.

3 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in dispositions. Co A and assault gun platoon of 712th TD Bn relieved from attachment and placed in direct support.
- 2. Co A - No change in disposition. 1st and 2nd plats changed positions as planned. Rcn section attached to Co fired direct fire from MB on two suspected enemy OPs.
- 3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 210 rds on 11 harrasing & interdiction, 1 BP adjustment and one observed fire on enemy gun position.
- 4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat exchanged position with 3rd plat on rotation plan.

4 Oct 44:

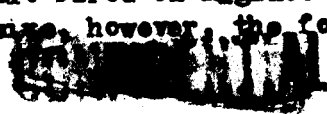
- 1. Task Force SUNDT - CP moved to new location very close to old one. No change in coordinates. No change in dispositions.
- 2. Co A - No change in location or mission. Platoons rotated, 2nd and 3rd plats changing location with each other. 2nd plat going into reserve.
- 3. Co B - No change in mission or disposition. 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 205 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and BP missions.
- 4. Co C - Two guns of 1st plat that were SW of RONCOURT (7668) moved to new location 500 meters NE. An enemy patrol made contact with one gun located in ST PRIVAT (7666).

5 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
- 2. Co A - No change. 2nd plat fired 144 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
- 3. Co B - 2nd plat captured 5 PWs.
- 4. Co C - No change.

6 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
- 2. Co A - 2nd plat moved from indirect fire position to assembly position in the same vicinity.
- 3. Co B - Platoons rotated according to schedule. 1st and 3rd platoons changed positions. 3rd plat moved to indirect fire position. This platoon adjusted on base point and fired observed fire on a gun emplacement and infantry in the area of Fort Jean D'Arc. One gun of 1st plat fired on Maginot Line Fortification in a town as a test. The test was not extensive, however, the following facts were established.



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(a) There is little difference in the effect of CP fused ammunition and APC.

(b) Penetrations as published were confirmed.

(c) If fortification has a door it presents a weak point in the fortification.

A large hole may be obtained by firing approximately 1 foot from the door. This affords a ready means of entrance into fortification.

(d) Concrete dust caused by the breaking up of the concrete is a nauseating, acrid dust which penetrates into the fortification and could be considered as a definite harrassing agent to any troops in the fortification.

4. Co C - No change. 2nd plat fired 266 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

7 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT-

(a) Co A of 315th Eng Bn replaced Co B of 179th Eng Bn and occupied the same positions with the same mission.

(b) A patrol sent out to the East of ST PRIVAT (7666) encountered no enemy action. It observed 30 to 40 rocket powered projectiles taking off east of the Moselle and heading generally South.

2. Co A -

(a) 2nd plat moved to new assembly area at (842733) 1000 meters South of AMNEVILLE (8474).

(b) No change in other elements.

3. Co B -

(a) No change in disposition.

(b) 3rd plat fired 227 rds on 11 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

(c) 2nd plat picked up 3 PWs.

4. Co C -

(a) No change in disposition.

(b) 2nd plat fired 310 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 2 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

8 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co A - No change.

3. Co B - No change in disposition or mission. 3rd plat fired 298 rds on 17 interdiction and 1 BP missions.

4. Co C - Rotated platoons. 1st to indirect position. 2nd plat replaced 1st in RONGOURT (7668). 1st plat fired 439 rds on 43 interdiction & harrassing and 1 counter-battery and 2 BP missions.

9 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co A - No change.

3. Co B - No change in indirect fire plat (3rd plat), adjusted and prepared to fire, but had no call.

4. Co C - No change. 1st plat fired 240 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

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10 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT -
 - (a) Co C, 179th Eng Bn - replaced Co A 315th Eng Bn, taking over their mission and installations.
 - (b) No change in other dispositions.
2. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to new assembly position at (843700) 1000 meters NW of MAIZIERES (8569).
 - (c) 2nd plat - No change.
 - (d) 3rd plat - 2 guns which were in position overlooking MIRANGE - SILVANGE (8169) moved to indirect fire position at (802732) South outskirts of RHOMBAS (8073).
3. Co B - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat fired 255 rds on 11 harrasing and interdiction, 1 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 1st plat fired 297 rds on 20 harrasing & interdiction, 1 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

11 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in dispositions or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 227 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP registrations.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 248 rds on 9 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

12 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co B of 712th TK Bn replaced Co A of 712th TK Bn, occupying same positions and taking over mission. No change in other elements.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 199 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 170 rds on 9 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - 3rd plat to indirect fire. 1st plat occupied position in RONCOURT (7868). 3rd plat fired 314 rds on 22 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

13 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co A, 179th Eng Bn replaced Co C of 179th Eng Bn. No change in disposition or mission on any other units.
2. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to indirect fire and rest reserve positions. 2 guns joined 2 guns of 3rd plat in indirect fire, 2 guns in rest reserve at Co CP.
 - (c) Indirect fire plat fired 169 rds on 10 harrasing and interdiction, 1 BP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat in indirect fire, fired 123 rds on 9 harrasing and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat fired 409 rds on 22 harrasing & interdiction, 5 targets of opportunity and 1 BP missions.

Summary of Operations, 607 TD Bn, month of October 1944)

14 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - 179th Eng installed barb wire fence from ^{LEFT} right flank to left flank of 359th Infantry Regt.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. Indirect fire plat fired 254 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 2 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 112 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 479 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction, 4 registrations, 2 counter-battery and 4 targets of opportunity.

15 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition or mission. Indirect fire platoon fired 260 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 180 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 332 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction and 3 BP missions.

16 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Two platoons of Co B, 712th TK Bn which were in reserve took up indirect fire positions.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. Indirect fire platoon, fired 289 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - Rotated platoons, 1st plat to indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 2nd plat in direct fire south of VERNEVILLE (7362). 3rd plat in direct fire in vicinity of HAGONVILLE (7364). Indirect fire platoon fired 178 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - 3rd plat from indirect to direct fire at ST PRIVAT. 2nd plat to indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP, fired 231 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction and 3 BP registrations.

17 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co B, 179th Eng Bn replaced Co A of 179th Eng Bn, taking over same disposition and missions. No change in other elements. A German patrol encountered on of Co B's outposts. The outpost brought small arms fire on the patrol, killing one and repelling the remainder. One man of the outpost was wounded.
2. Co A - 3rd plat occupied 2nd plats position in direct fire. 2nd plat took up direct fire in MONDELANGE (8674) and TALANGE (8672). 2nd plat fired 100 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 185 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 245 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

18 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT. No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 120 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 3 targets of opportunity and 1 BP missions.

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3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 336 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 3 targets of opportunity and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. Ren contact patrol to 357th Inf. 2nd plat fired 124 rds on 2 harrassing and interdiction and 1 BP missions.

19 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 183 rds on 17 harrassing & interdiction, 3 BP and 1 target of opportunity on enemy infantry. Casualties were observed.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 311 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 275 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

20 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co C, 179th Eng Bn - replaced Co B and taking over same disposition and mission. No change in other elements.
3. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 206 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.
4. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 294 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.
5. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 272 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction, 2 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

21 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 218 rds on 17 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - 3rd plat replaced 1st plat, going to position of indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 1st plat in position at HABONVILLE (7364). 3rd plat fired 330 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 390 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 4 counter-battery missions.

22 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Capt Parker, CO Co C, 179th Eng Bn, conducted a patrol in the vicinity of ST PRIVAT (7666) and north of AMANVILLERS (7764). Enemy activity was observed at RR crossing north of AMANVILLERS and one enemy patrol was heard. No other action.
2. Co A - 3rd plat to indirect fire. 2nd platoon took up direct fire position in MONDELANGE (8674) and TALANGE (8672). 3rd plat fired 160 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 51 rds on 5 targets of opportunity and 1 BP.
4. Co C - 1st plat to indirect, 2nd plat to direct fire at RONCOURT (7668). 3rd plat plus 2 ren sections in ST PRIVAT (7666). 1st plat fired 286 rds on 7 harrassing & 7 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

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23 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Engineers and Tanks in front line made minor changes to afford better coverage of front, organizing into tank-engineer strong points and one squad in rest in vicinity of Co A, 179th Eng CP.
2. Co A, 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition or mission. 3rd plat fired 36 rds on 3 counter-battery missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd platoon fired 20 rds on 3 harrasing missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 40 rds on 10 harrasing & counter-battery missions.

24 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Boundary of area and troops changed by Field Order #33, 90th Inf Div.
 - (a) Troops attached - 607th TD Bn, less Co A.
Co A, 179th Eng Bn.
Co C, 315th Eng Bn plus 1 plat Co A 315th Eng Bn.
1 plat Co D 712th TK Bn
Assault gun platoon, 712th TK Bn.
 - (b) In direct support -
712th TK Bn, less attachments.
343 FA Bn.
 - (c) Boundaries - Right flank, a line from ST AIL (7366) through AMANVILLERS (7764); left flank, a line MALANCOURT (7870) incl, to (782690) thence SE to (8069).
 - (d) CP - No change, still at ST MARIE aux CHENES.
2. Co A, 179th Eng Bn - One plat less 1 squad, attached to Co C 315th Eng Bn (Right flank squad relieved by 359th Infantry and reserve squad, forming platoon less 1 squad). No change in other dispositions.
3. Co C, 315th Eng Bn (reinforced) - Occupied positions in new sector assigned Task Force SUNDT, forming platoon strong points. 1st plat at (797681), 2nd plat in reserve and operating four 8cm mortars at (784676), 3rd plat at (782667). One plat Co A, 315th Eng Bn at (788672), 3rd plat Co A 179th Eng (less one squad) in reserve at (787678). All elements closed and completed occupation and relief of Infantry elements in the area by 1400.
4. Platoon Co D, 712th TK Bn moved to MALANCOURT, as Task Force reserve.
5. Assault gun platoon of 712th TK Bn - no change.
6. Co A 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction missions.
7. Co B 607th TD Bn - 1st plat in direct fire in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7366). 2nd plat in indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 3rd plat in direct support of Co C. 2 guns in position at (775676). Crews of other two guns operating two 60mm mortars in vicinity of guns. 2nd plat fired 8 rds on 2 observed missions.
8. Co C, 607th TD Bn - No change in dispositions. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 2 counter-battery and 2 targets of opportunity.

25 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions by wiring in strong points and preparing fires. Two 60 mm mortars to 179th Eng Bn; two 60mm mortars to Co C, 607th TD Bn.
2. Co A, 607th TD Bn - No change. 3rd plat fired 125 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction and 1 EP missions.
3. Co B, 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 24 rds on 1 EP, 1 target of opportunity.

Summary of Operations, 607th TD Bn, month of October 1944)

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4. Co C, 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 179 rds on 4 harrasing, 1 BP and 2 counter-battery missions.

26 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 115 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 23 rds on 1 Base point and 1 counter-battery missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 5 harrasing & interdiction missions.

27 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 22 rds on 1 base point and 1 counter-battery missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 5 harrasing & interdiction missions. 2nd rcn plat established an ambush patrol 500 yds NE of MORENGO (7766), no contact was made.

5. Co C, 315th Eng Bn - Ran a short reconnaissance patrol into the woods in their immediate area.

28 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Contact patrol and limited reconnaissance was run in the immediate vicinity of Co C 315th Eng Bn. All elements continued improvement of defense position.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 108 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 85 rds on 2 counter-battery and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 2 harrasing & interdiction, 1 counter-battery missions.

29 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Ambush patrol was made in BRONBAUX (801678). No contacts with enemy were made. A contact patrol and limited reconnaissance was run in the immediate vicinity of Co C 315th Eng. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction, 1 BP adjustment.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 79 rds on 1 BP, 1 counter-battery, and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 2 harrasing & interdiction missions.

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30 Oct 44:


1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 60 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 34 rds on 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 1 counter-battery missions.

31 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Contact patrol and limited reconnaissance was run in the immediate vicinity of Co C 315th Eng.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 178 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 3 targets of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 35 rds on 3 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 154 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction, 3 BP and 1 target of opportunity.

C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Direct action - 8 PW's taken.
2. Indirect action - 15,105 rds fired on 904 missions (713 Harrassing & interdiction, 49 counter-battery, 101 base point adjustments, 41 targets of opportunity).


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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

Report Number 12

From 0600 15 Oct 44 To 0600 22 Oct 44

1. PERSONNEL	BN ()			BN ()			BN ()			BN ()		
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
a. Casualties												
(1) Killed	0	0	1									
(2) Wounded	0	0	1									
(3) Sick & Injured	0	0	2									
(4) Missing	0	0	0									
(5) Total	0	0	4									
(6) Operation Str	31	2	730									
b. Replacements												
(1) Requisitioned	0	0	1									
(2) Received & RTD	0	0	5									
c. Prisoners												
(1) Captured	0	0	0									
2. INTELLIGENCE.												
a. Vehicles Destroyed												
(1) Mk VI		None										
(2) Mk V		None										
(3) Mk XV		None										
(4) SP		None										
(5) Others		None										
b. Miscellaneous												
(1) Guns, AT		None										
(2) Guns, Arty.		None										
(3) M.T.		None										
(4) Pill Boxes		None										
3. GUNS.												
a. Rounds Fired												
(3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK
(1) Direct	0	0	0									
(2) Indirect	0	5049	0									
b. Short Sum of Gun.												
(Inverse side)												

4. STATUS OF VEHICLES	ON HAND		ON HAND		ON HAND		ON HAND	
	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE
a. M1S,	0	0	0	0				
b. M5 GM	36	0	0	0				
c. M5 Primeover	36	0	0	0				
d. M3	10	0	0	0				
e. M2	4	0	0	0				
f. M1A1	16	0	0	0				
g. M1A2	58	0	0	0				
h. M1A3	30	0	0	0				

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

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007th TD BATTALION: (Atchd 90th Inf Div.)

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607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

22 October 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 15 to 21 Oct 1944, incl)

A. Locations at beginning of Period:

1. Task Force SUNDT - (607th TD Bn with Co A, 179th Eng Bn and assault gun platoon of 712th TK Bn attached.
 - (a) CP at STE MARIE aux CHENES (6773).
2. Co A, 179th Eng Bn - 2 plats committed along line coordinates (758667) to (748652). Co CP and 1 plat in reserve at ST MARIE aux CHENES.
3. Co A, 607th TD Bn.
 - (a) Co CP at RHOMBAS (7380).
 - (b) 1st plat - indirect fire and rest reserve platoon.
 - (c) 3rd plat - 2 guns in indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP, 1 gun 200 meters NE of PIERREVILLERS (8070), 1 gun at (807717).
 - (d) 2nd plat - At CR (859720) covering crossings of lateral canal (2 guns), and 2 guns at MONDELANGE (8975).
4. Co B -
 - (a) CP at (718674).
 - (b) 1st plat at (735607).
 - (c) 2nd plat - 2 guns at (751642), 2 guns at HABONVILLE (7364).
 - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position in vicinity of Co CP.
5. Co C -
 - (a) CP at STE MARIE aux CHENES.
 - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns at RONCOURT (7668), 2 guns 1000 meters SW of RONCOURT.
 - (c) 2nd plat plus 2 ren sections - At ST PRIVAT LA MONTAGNE (7666).
 - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position at (742683).

B. Operations for period:

15 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition or mission. Indirect fire platoon fired 260 rds on 20 harrassing and interdiction and 1 EP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 180 rds on 10 harrassing and interdiction missions.
4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat fired 332 rds on 15 harrassing and interdiction and 3 EP missions.

16 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Two platoons of Co B, 712th TK Bn which were in reserve took up indirect fire positions.
2. Co A - No change in disposition of indirect fire platoon. Fired 289 rds on 20 harrassing and interdiction and 1 EP missions.
3. Co B - Rotated platoons, 1st plat to indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 2nd plat in direct fire south of VERNEVILLE (7362). 3rd plat in direct fire in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7364). Indirect fire platoon fired 178 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 EP missions.

(Summary of Operations, 6 TD Bn (Task Force SUNDT), wk to 21 Oct 44)

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4. Co C - 3rd plat from indirect to direct fire at ST PRIVAT. 2nd plat to indirect fire in vicinity of Co GP, fired 231 rds on 15 harrasing & interdiction and 3 EP registrations.

17 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co B, 179th Eng Bn replaced Co A of 179th Eng Bn, taking over same disposition and missions. No change in other elements. A German patrol encountered one of Co B's outposts. The outpost brought small arms fire on the patrol, killing one and repelling the remainder. One man of the outpost was wounded.

2. Co A - 3rd plat occupied 2nd plats position in indirect fire. 2nd platoon took up direct fire in MONDELANGE (8674) and TALANGE (8672). 3rd plat fired 100 rds on 10 harrasing and interdiction and 1 EP missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 185 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 EP missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 235 rds on 15 harrasing and interdiction and 1 EP missions.

18 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT. No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 120 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction, 2 EP and 1 target of opportunity.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 336 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 3 targets of opportunity and 1 EP missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. Ran contact patrol to 357th Inf. 2nd plat fired 124 rds on 2 harrasing and interdiction and 1 EP.

19 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 183 rds on 17 harrasing & interdiction, 3 EP and 1 target of opportunity on enemy infantry. Casualties were observed.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 311 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction, 1 EP and 2 targets of opportunity.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 275 rds on 9 harrasing & interdiction and 1 EP missions.

20 Oct 44:

Co C 179 ENG REPLACED Co B 179 ENG

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co C, 179th Eng Bn replaced Co B and taking over same disposition and mission. No change in other elements.

3. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 206 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 294 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction missions.

5. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 272 rds on 9 harrasing & interdiction, 2 counter-battery and 1 EP missions.

(Summary of Operations, (Task Force SUNDT), with TD Bn (Task Force SUNDT), with to 21 Oct 44).

21 Oct 44:

~~Co C, 199 Ery~~ *REPLACE*

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 218 rds on 17 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - 3rd plat replaced 1st plat, going to position of indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 1st plat in position at HADONVILLE (7964). 3rd plat fired 390 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 390 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 4 counter-battery missions.

C. Results of Operations for period:

1. Direct Action - None.
2. Indirect actions: -

Fired	5049	rds	
on	297	missions	(255 harrassing & interdiction, 6 counter-battery, 11 targets of opportunity, 25 registrations)

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607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

2 December 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 30 November 1944, incl)

A. Locations at beginning of period:

1. Task Force SUNDT (607th TD Bn less Co A, plus Co C 315th Eng Bn, 1 assault gun plat of 712th TK Bn and 1 plat Co D 712th TK Bn).
 - (a) CP at STE MARIE AUX CHENES (6779).
 - (b) Co A, 315th Eng Bn - 2 platoes committed along line coordinates (758667) to (748652); 1 plat attached to Co C, 315th Eng Bn. Co CP at ST MARIE AUX CHENES.
 - (c) Co C, 315th Eng Bn (reinforced) occupied following positions - 1st plat, at (797689); 2nd plat in reserve and operating 8cm mortars at (784676); 3rd plat at (782667); plat of Co A, 315th Eng Bn at (788672).
 - (d) 1 plat Co D, 712th TK Bn at MALANCOURT (7870).
 - (e) Assault gun plat, 712th TK Bn at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.
2. Co A, 607th TD Bn.
 - (a) Co CP at RHOMBAS (7830).
 - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns in direct fire position at MONDELANGE (8764), 2 guns covering the crossing of lateral canal at CR (859720).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In direct fire position in MAIZIERES les Metz (8569).
 - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position 200 meters south of RHOMBAS.
3. Co B, 607th TD Bn.
 - (a) Co CP at (718674).
 - (b) 1st plat - In direct fire position in vicinity of HADONVILLE (7966).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In indirect fire position in vicinity of Co CP.
 - (d) 3rd plat - In direct support of Co C, 2 guns in position at (775676), crews of other 2 guns operating two 60mm mortars in vicinity of guns.
4. Co C, 607th TD Bn.
 - (a) Co CP at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.
 - (b) 1st plat - In direct fire position at ST PRIVAT (7666).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In direct fire position at RONCOURT (7668).
 - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position at (742683).

B. Operations for period:

1 Nov 1944:

1. Task Force SUNDT - The relief of 90th Div elements of Task Force SUNDT began at 1200 and was completed by 2400. Plat of Co D 712th TK Bn was relieved of its mission at 1600. Co C 315th Eng Bn was relieved by Co B 370th Inf. Co B 315th Eng Bn was relieved by Co B 320th Eng Bn. Elements of 607th TD Bn remained in place. Task Force ~~remained in place.~~

2. Co A - 2nd plat placed 4th gun into firing position at MAIZIERES les Metz. No change in other elements. 3rd plat fired 117 rds on 4 harrasing & interdiction, 2 NP missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 41 rds on 1 harrasing & interdiction, 1 NP and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co C - 2nd plat to indirect fire position at (742683). 3rd plat to direct fire position in MALANCOURT (7870). 1st plat to direct fire position at ST PRIVAT (7666). 2nd plat fired 200 rds on 2 harrasing & interdiction and 2 counter-battery missions.

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2 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change, at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 81 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 2 EP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 72 rds on 8 harrassing & interdiction, 1 EP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 277 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 4 counter-battery missions.

3 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change. *TASK FORCE SUNDT DISSOLVED.*
2. Co A - 1st plat moved to indirect fire position in MAIZIERES les Metz. 2nd plat moved from MAIZIERES les Metz to indirect fire position 200 meters South of RHOMBAS. 2nd plat fired 107 rds on 6 harrassing & interdiction and 1 EP missions. 3rd plat moved to direct fire position at MONDELANGE and TAULANGE. 3rd plat Co B attached to Co A and in indirect fire position 200 meters South of RHOMBAS.
3. Co B - 2nd plat fired 13 rds on 1 EP mission. 3rd plat attached to Co A and in indirect fire position 200 meters South of RHOMBAS.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 19 rds on 1 target of opportunity.

4 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 66 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction, 1 EP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 36 rds on 1 counter-battery mission.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. No fires.

5 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 3rd plat attached to 1st Bn of 377th Inf. 2nd plat of Co A and 3rd plat of Co B fired 240 rds on 1 harrassing & interdiction, 2 EP, and 7 targets of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - 1st and 2nd plats went into assembly position in vicinity of Co CP.
4. Co C - 1st plat relieved from attachment to 378th Inf, moved 1 gun to RONCOURT, (7668). 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position at coordinates (766698). 3rd plat moved from RONCOURT to new position - 2 guns at (751642), 2 guns in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7364).

6 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat Co A and 3rd plat Co B fired 210 rds on 1 EP and 6 counter-battery missions.
3. Co B - Co CP moved to GORZE (7352). 1st plat - 2 guns at (723577), 2 guns at (723565). 2nd plat - 2 guns 500 yds North of NOVEANT (7648), 2 guns covering north and east approaches to GORZE.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 120 rds on 11 harrassing & interdiction and 1 EP missions.

7 Nov 1944:

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7 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat Co A and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 28 rds on 2 targets of opportunity.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - 2 guns of 3rd plat which were at (751642) moved to (737629). 2nd plat fired 100 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.

8 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 3rd plat moved to new position, 2 guns at (853775), 2 guns at (839786), completed occupation at 0900; at 1600 1 gun from position at (839786) moved to UCKANGE (8579) and fired direct fire at 2 houses and 1 pill-box on the east side of the MOSELLE. After dark the gun returned to its former position. 2nd plat Co A and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 616 rds on 55 harrassing & interdiction missions, and 1 BP mission.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 55 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

9 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 2nd plat moved 2 guns from indirect to direct fire position in the vicinity of RICHMONT (8677). 2nd plat and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 304 rds on harrassing & interdiction and 9 preparations.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 78 rds on 2 targets of opportunity.

10 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 216 rds on 14 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP missions. 3rd plat fired 252 rds on miscellaneous concentrations.
3. Co B - No change in dispositions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 82 rds on 3 harrassing & interdiction, 2 TOT missions.

11 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat and 3rd plat of Co B, attached, fired 70 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 286 rds on 22 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

12 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 2nd plat moved out of the line to assembly position at rear echelon (708672). Converted to self-propelled, drawing M-36 TD's, and began short training period with the new weapons. 3rd plat of Co B, attached, fired 14 rds on 7 harrassing

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& interdiction missions. No change in other elements.

3. Co B - No change in disposition.

4. Co C - 2nd plat converted as per Co A's 2nd plat above. No change in other elements.

13 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2nd plat moved out of conversion area after being converted to 90mm SP. Took up temporary indirect fire position at (706672). Fired 67 rds on 90mm in test firing. 2nd plat of Co C completed conversion to 90mm SP and attached to Co A as of 1500, moving to temporary indirect fire position 200 meters south of RHOMBAS and fired 50 rds of 90mm in test firing. 3rd plat of Co B, still attached to Co A, fired 52 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 1 Bp missions.

3. Co B - CP moved to BIONVILLE (6956). 1st plat moved 2 guns from vicinity of REZONVILLE (7256) to vicinity of GRAVELOTTE (7558). 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position in vicinity of BIONVILLE. 3rd plat of Co B still attached to Co A. No change in other elements.

4. Co C - 2nd plat attached to Co A. No change in other elements.

14 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2nd plat moved from (7067) to assembly position in vicinity of RHOMBAS. 3rd plat of Co B released from attachment to Co A and moved to rear echelon for conversion to SP. No change in other elements. 3rd plat fired 18 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.

3. Co B - 3rd plat released from attachment to Co A and moved to conversion area. 2nd plat fired 468 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat, still attached to Co A, sent four bazooka teams across the MOSELLE river by boat to assist 1st Bn of 377th Inf.

15 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 1st plat moved from MAIZIERES les Metz to indirect fire position 200 meters south of RHOMBAS. 2nd plat moved to assembly position at (842900) and from there followed the attack of 2nd Bn 377th Inf going into ready position at (848642). 4 guns of the 1st plat, 2 guns of the 3rd plat fired 250 rds on 18 harrassing & interdiction, 2 Bp and 2 targets of opportunity missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 60 rds of 90mm test firing schedule. 2nd plat fired 460 rds on 18 harrassing & interdiction missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. Bazooka teams returned at 0025, still attached to Co A.

16 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - CP moved to MAIZIERES les Metz (8569). 1st plat moved to new indirect fire position on south side of MAIZIERES les Metz (851688). 3rd plat moved to rear echelon for conversion to 90mm SP. 2nd plat Co C moved in support of 3rd Bn 377th Inf to vicinity of LAMAXE (8764), in ready position. From this position they moved forward approximately 200 yds and fired 168 rds APC and 110 rds HE direct fire on FORT GAMBETTA (862625).

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3. Co B - CP moved to temporary location at ST MARCEL (7059). From there they moved to URCOURT (6860). 1st plat moved to rear echelon for conversion to 90mm SP. 2nd plat moved to new indirect fire position at (694612). 3rd plat moved from conversion area to ready position at MALMAISON (7459). 2nd plat fired 350 rds on 6 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition.

17 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 2nd plat Co C, attached, moved to assembly at MAIZIERES les Metz, (8569). 1st plat fired 272 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - 3rd plat reconnoitered and moved to direct fire position at (769611). Fired 33 rds HE at FORT DE GUISE. 2nd plat fired 480 rds on 5 harrasing & interdiction missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition.

18 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 2nd plat moved to new ready position (858607). Took up firing position along MOSELLE river and placed effective fire on 2 enemy strong points with 50 cal machine gun and 90mm HE fire. 3rd plat left conversion area and moved to assembly position at MAIZIERES les Metz (8569). 1st plat fired 343 rds on 9 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - 1st plat moved from conversion area to assembly position at URCOURT (6860), then to ready position at MALMAISON (7459). 2nd plat moved to conversion area. 2nd plat, prior to moving to conversion area, fired 219 rds on 5 harrasing & interdiction missions.
4. Co C - 1st plat moved from ST PRIVAT to conversion area to be converted. 2nd plat relieved from attachment to Co A and with 1 section of rcn attached moved to east side of MOSELLE River in support of Task Force BACON at MALROY (8965). 3rd plat moved to assembly position at SAULNY (812635), prepared to give direct fire in support of 378th Inf.

19 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 45 rds on 1 BP mission, captured 13 PW's.
3. Co B - CP moved to (808579). No change in other elements. 3rd plat captured 11 PW's.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 20 rds of 90mm in direct support of Inf.

20 Nov 1944:

1. Bn relieved from attachment to 95th Div and attached to 90th Div. No change in Bn CP.
2. Co A - CP moved to WOIPPY (625842).
3. Co C - No change, captured 97 PW's.
4. Provisional Rcn Co was formed. With Bn CP group attached, Rcn Co is referred to as Hq Co. Hq Co, less Bn CP group, is referred to as Service Co. Hq Rcn plat took

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8 PW's.

21 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP moved to MONNEREN (0483).
2. Co A -- Moved to assembly position at KEMPLICH (0282).
3. Co B - Moved to MONNEREN.
4. Co C - Moved to assembly position at MERSKIRCH (0482).
5. Service Co - No change, at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.

22 Nov 1944:

1. Bn is relieved from attachment to 90th Inf Div and attached to the 95th Inf Div.
2. No change in disposition of Bn CP or companies.

23 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - Moved from MONNEREN area to southeast METZ area and assembled with Hq Co at (9356).
2. Co A - Assembled at LAQUEMEY (9654).
3. Co B - Assembled at VILLERS LAQUEMEY (9754).
4. Co C - Assembled at COURCELLES (9659).
5. Service Co - Assembled in southwest METZ (8658).

24 Nov 1944:

1. Bn placed in general anti-tank support of 95th Inf Div by FO #3, 95th Inf Div, dtd 24 Nov 44.
2. Bn CP - No change.
3. Ren elements reconnoitered to NE.
4. No change in other elements.

25 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less 2 ren plats moved to COURCELLES-CHAUSSY (0957). Established temporary CP, then moved to VARIZE (0957).
2. Co A, with 2nd ren plat attached - Moved to initial assembly area in vicinity of CONDE-NORTHEN (0462). Prepared for crossing bridge over NIED River. 1st and 3rd plat crossed river and moved to ready position in BOULAY-MOSELLE (0965). 2nd plat and Co CP moved to VOLMERANGE (0664).
3. Co B - Moved to initial assembly area at GLATIGNY (9761), from there proceeded to assembly position at HELSTROFF (0862).
4. Co C - Co moved to initial assembly area at VILLERS-STANCOURT (0351). From there to ready positions. Co CP and 1st ren plat at MACKER (0863).
 - (a) 1st plat - At (133598).
 - (b) 2nd plat - At HALLING (1062). From this position they moved to firing position in MONERSTROFF (1263). From this firing position they destroyed 1 elevated observation post and 1 75mm anti-tank gun.
 - (c) 3rd plat - At ZONDRANGE (1157).
5. Service Co - No change, still at ~~STE MARIE AUX CHENES~~. METZ.

26 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co - No change.

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2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached, moved to BOULAY (0965).
 - (a) 1st plat joined Co CP group at BOULAY.
 - (b) 2nd plat - No change.
 - (c) 3rd plat - Moved to position 2000 meters NE of BOULAY. Gave supporting fire to Inf knocking out 1 pill-box and firing into enemy strong point at (118670). Fired 20 rds HE, 16 rds APC.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. Conducted reconnaissance of routes and position areas.
4. Co C, 1st Rcn plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to NEIDERVISSE, then to assembly position at (172657). While moving to this position lead vehicle was fired upon by enemy 75mm AT gun. The AT gun fired 1 rd knocking off track. Immediate action by our gun crew destroyed the AT gun and 14 PW's were taken. In direct support of Inf the 1st plat destroyed 4 20mm anti-aircraft guns at (165674) and 2 light vehicles at (162676).
 - (c) 2nd plat - Moved to firing position (118649), fired on and neutralized 3 pill-boxes; fired on small enemy column destroying 3 enemy ammunition carts and 1 light machine gun; then moved to DENTING (1286) and fired into several houses which were being used as enemy strong points. In support of Inf destroyed 2 20mm anti-aircraft guns.
 - (d) 3rd plat - Moved to NIEDERVISSE (1468).
 - (e) Co fired 56 rds HE, 6 rds APC and 3 rds T105 fused HE.

27 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co moved to RR station in TETERCHEN (152703).
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP moved to TETERCHEN (1470), then moved to BRETTNACH (1473).
 - (b) 1st plat - In reserve, accompanies Co CP on all its moves.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Supporting Inf on left flank moved through EBLANGE (0970), to BETTANGE (0972), then to HALLING (0974) and then to BOUZONVILLE (1277).
 - (d) 3rd plat - Moved in support of Inf through TETERCHEN, TROBOREN (1673), then to VILLING (1976).
3. Co B - Moved to new assembly area at COUME (1567).
4. Co C with 1st Rcn plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP moved to DELEM (1871).
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to vicinity of FALK (1970). In support of Inf, fired at houses suspected of being occupied by the enemy. Captured 8 PW's.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Moved to DELEM, captured 1 PW.
 - (d) 3rd plat - Moved to GUERTING (1866). This plat is in reserve and covering right flank, took 1 PW.
 - (e) 1st Rcn plat, working in advance of Co in its zone, picked up 3 PW's.

28 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats.
 - (a) 3rd Rcn plat sent in support of 1st plat of Co C. On completion of mission returned to Co control.

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3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP moved to SCHRECKLING (1978).
 - (b) 1st plat moved to VOELFLING (1877), still in reserve.
 - (c) 2nd plat in support of Inf to IHN (1781).
 - (d) 3rd plat in support of 3rd Bn 377th Inf, with 1 section at ITTERS DORF, (2178); 1 section at BEDERSDORF (790205).
4. Co B -
 - (a) Co, less 1st plat at COUME (1567).
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to GUERTING (1866), from there to HAM (2065), then to HARGARTEN (1870) in support of 3rd Bn of 378th Inf.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - This plat was relieved from support of 1st Bn of 378th Inf and was to move to reserve position at DALEM (1871), but due to pressure of an enemy counter-attack was unable to leave FALK (1970) and held the town against the attack until relieved by elements of the 378th Inf, when it moved to HARGARTEN (1870).
 - (c) 2nd plat - Moved to vicinity of BERVERVILLER (2075).
 - (d) 3rd plat - Moved from reserve position to relieve the 1st plat in FALK, (1970). Plat was given the mission of supporting the 1st Bn. The plat leader was given the mission to proceed according to a time schedule up the main road from FALK to MERTEN (7322) and to meet an Inf officer on the edge of MERTEN. It was understood that the Inf was to take the town by flanking attacks from the North and the South, prior to the plat's entrance into the town. The plat proceeded according to schedule, in column, towards the town. Artillery fire was falling to the left of the road. The leading destroyer reached the West end of MERTEN, where it was stopped by an anti-tank barrier. It fired several rounds into the town, which was still occupied by the enemy. In an effort to by-pass the barrier, the destroyer became bogged in the mud and was fired upon and destroyed by enemy anti-tank guns, believed to be in the vicinity of BIBLING (2272). The second destroyer followed the first to the barrier but when the first was hit the second managed to turn and make it back to the vicinity of FALK. The third destroyer received a hit from an AT gun while proceeding up the road and, losing a track it swerved off the road and into the ditch, where it was set afire by the AT gun. The fourth destroyer was given the mission of covering the advance of the leading three. This destroyer observed the flashes of the AT gun, but when it attempted to return the fire its gun failed to fire. As the AT gun was firing at them, the crew attempted to turn the destroyer around and became hopelessly bogged in the mud. This destroyer was later recovered. The remnants of the plat assembled in the vicinity of FALK and later moved to the vicinity of the Co CP.
6. Service Co - No change.

29 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats - No change.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached, continued to support the 377th Inf.
4. Co B -
 - (a) Co CP, 2nd and 3rd plats in reserve, no change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved in support of 3rd Bn of 378th Inf to the vicinity of BERVERVILLER (2075) and attached to Co C.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat and 1st plat of Co B attached - No change in disposition.
6. Service Co - No change.

30 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Ren plats - No change.
3. Co A, with 2nd Ren plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP and 1st plat moved to KERLINGEN (8021).
 - (b) 2nd plat moved 2 guns to ST BARBARA (8223), 2 guns to GUIRINGEN (820215).
 - (c) 3rd plat moved into FELSBERG (776230).
4. Co B, less 1st plat - No change. Co to support of 379th Inf in crossing of SAAR River. They established liaison with the Regiment and conducted a preliminary reconnaissance.
5. Co C - No change.
6. Service Co - No change.

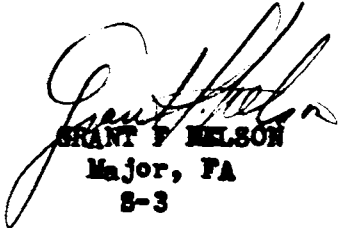
G. Results of Operations for Month of November:

1. Indirect action: - 5593 rds were fired on 322 missions (253 harassing & interdiction, 36 EP registrations, 13 counter-battery and 20 targets of opportunity). 177 rds of 90mm were fired in test firing of 90mm guns, targets were picked in enemy territory.

2. Direct action: - Enemy equipment destroyed as listed below.

3 Anti-tank guns.
6 anti-aircraft guns.
3 Machine guns
4 pill-boxes

3 ammunition carts
2 light vehicles
Several enemy strong points
and CP's.
206 PW's


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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 31 Dec 1944, incl)

A. Positions at beginning of Period:

1. Bn CP - At TETERCHEN (1574).
2. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats - At TETERCHEN.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd -
 - (a) Co CP and 1st plat - At KERLINGHEN (2180).
 - (b) 2nd plat - 2 guns at ST BARBARA (2382), 2 guns at GUISINGEN (2193).
 - (c) 3rd plat - At FELSBERG (2377).
4. Co B -
 - (a) Co CP, 2nd and 3rd plats - In reserve pos at COUME (1567).
 - (b) 1st plat - Atchd to Co C and in pos at BERWEILER (2075).
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat and 1st plat of Co B atchd.-
 - (a) Co CP - At DELEM (1871).
 - (b) 1st plat - In reserve pos at HARGARTEN (1870).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In spng pos of 378th Inf near BERWEILER.
 - (d) 3rd plat - In vic of Co CP for reorganization.
6. Service Co - At METZ (8659).

B. Operations for Period:

1 Dec 1944:

1. Bn CP - Moved to ITTERS DORF, GERMANY (2178).
2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - Moved to ITTERS DORF. 3rd Rcn plat atchd to Co B.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to indirect fire pos 2000 meters West of KERLINGEN (2180), fired 52 rds of harrassing fire.
 - (c) 2nd plat - No change in location. A tank holding up the Inf in the town of ST BARBARA (8223) was finally destroyed by this plat. The tank was so situated in the town that direct fire could not be brought upon it without undo exposure to its fire. A bazooka team, headed by Sgt Holcomb was sent out to try and destroy the tank. This team hit the tank with a round of bazooka, but failed to disable it. The tank withdrew, but later returned to its former position. Further attempts to get to the tank with the bazooka failed. Lt Knapp then fired several rounds of 90mm through the building in the direction of the tank, ploughing a hole through several buildings and causing a dust-smoke screen in the vic of the tank. Under the protection of this screen Lt Knapp placed his destroyer in a position and fired through the smoke-dust screen at the location of the tank. Later reports from the Inf and a tank officer confirmed the destruction of the en tank. The destroyed tank was a Mark IV.
 - (d) 3rd plat - Continued to support the Inf in the town of FELSBERG (2377).
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Entire Co asubl'd in ITTERS DORF.
 - (b) Made rcn and prepared to spt the 379th Inf.

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5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP moved to REERING (1974).
 - (b) 1st plat moved to MERTEN (2273) supporting the 1st Bn of 378th Inf.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to ready position 2000 yds East of BERWEILER (2075). Prepared to cross anti-tank ditch and continue support of 2nd Bn of 378th Inf.
 - (d) 3rd plat moved up to the vic of Co CP and then moved out to support the 3rd Bn of the 378th Inf on the assault of ALT-FORWEILER (2575).
6. Service Co - Moved to TETERCHEN (1470).

2 Dec 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less three Rcn plats - No change.
3. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved into town of BEAUMARAIS (2880) to support the crossing of the SAAR RIVER.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Continued the support of the 2nd Bn 377th Inf at ST BARBARA.
 - (d) 3rd plat - Moved in support of 3rd Bn to BEAUMARAIS, taking up position to fire in support of SAAR RIVER crossing.
4. Co B -
 - (a) CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved in rear of assaulting Bn of 379th Inf. Prepared for employment and early crossing of SAAR RIVER.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Gave direct support to assaulting Bn, 2nd Bn 379th Inf, in its move to SAARLAUTERN (2980).
 - (d) 3rd plat - Moved to assembly position West of SAARLAUTERN as reserve.
5. Co C -
 - (a) CP moved to ALT-FORWEILER (2575).
 - (b) 1st and 3rd plats assembled in vicinity of Co CP.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to vicinity of NEU-FORWEILER (2777).
 - (d) 1st plat fired on church and buildings of BISTEN (2573) and on the town to the South, UBERHERRN (2472). Fired on 3 pillboxes.

3 Dec 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - No change.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - No change, fired supporting fire across SAAR RIVER.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Moved with 2nd Bn, 377th Inf to WALLERTAGEN (2681).
 - (d) 3rd plat - No change. Fired supporting fire across SAAR RIVER.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP moved to SAARLAUTERN (2879).
 - (b) 1st plat - Crossed SAAR RIVER to support the 1st Bn of 379th Inf and took up defensive position in the vicinity (2880).
 - (c) 3rd plat - Moved with 3rd Bn 379th Inf in its move to and mop up of SAARLAUTERN (2879). Fired into building and strong-points in the town.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to direct fire positions (2876) and fired on targets of opportunity across the SAAR RIVER. Destroyed 1 75mm AT gun and reduced several houses.

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(c) 2nd plat - Supporting the 378th Inf in the attack and the mop up of the town of LISDORF (2878), fired into several houses, destroyed 2 MG positions and 4 20mm AA guns. One M-36 hit an AT mine, shearing the track. This destroyer was repaired and later placed into action. An enemy bazooka team fired a round at another M-36 but failed to damage it. The crew killed the team with 50 cal MG fire.

(d) 3rd plat - In reserve in vicinity of Co CP.

6. Service Co - No change.

4 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Hq Co, less three Rcn plats -

(a) Pioneer plat sent on mission to aid Co C in removing 3 vehicles which were stuck in mud.

3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) No change in disposition. Co gave supporting direct fire to the attack of the 379th Inf.

4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co CP - No change.

(b) 1st plat - In support of 379th Inf bridgehead over the SAAR RIVER.

Assisted the Inf in repulsing an enemy Inf-tank counter-attack. In this action the plat destroyed 4 enemy tanks and lost 1 M-36 destroyer. The plat also fired on numerous houses and pillboxes.

(c) 2nd plat - Continued to support the 3rd Bn in its mop up of SAARLAUTERN. Later the plat crossed the SAAR RIVER to continue support of the Inf.

(d) 3rd plat - Continued to support the Inf in the mop up of SAARLAUTERN. Prepared to cross the SAAR RIVER.

5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co CP - No change.

(b) 1st plat & 3rd plat - Fired supporting fire into EMSDORF (3079); then moved to assembly position in NEU-FORWELLER (2777).

(c) 2nd plat - Moved to (292786).

6. Service Co - No change.

5 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - Moved to new location at FELSBERG (2477).

2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - Moved to new location in vicinity of Bn CP. 3rd Rcn plat relieved from atchmt to Co B and atchd to Co A. 2nd Rcn plat relieved from atchmt to Co A and moved to vic of Co CP, as reserve.

3. Co A, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co CP moved to SAARLAUTERN (2980).

(b) 1st plat - Moved to support of elements of 377th Inf in SAARLAUTERN to complete the mop up and to secure the town.

(c) 2nd and 3rd plats continued to give support to the 379th Inf, firing across the SAAR RIVER.

(d) At 2100 Co A with 3rd Rcn plat atchd, relieved Co B completing the relief by 2300.

4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co CP - Moved to ITTERSBERG (2278). Closed at 2300.

(b) 1st plat - Continued supporting the Inf in the attack and mop up of the outskirts of SAARLAUTERN, destroying enemy strong points and pillboxes holding up Inf adv.

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(c) 2nd plat - Gave close support to Inf in attack of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2881). In this operation the plat destroyed 5 pillboxes, several houses and strong points.

(d) 3rd plat - Supported Inf on assault of FRAULAUTERN (2981). Fired into houses, pillboxes, and machine gunned light strong points. Knocked out 1 tank.

(e) Entire Co was relieved by Co A at 2100. Relief was completed and Co returned to assembly area at ITTERSODORF for maintenance and reorganization.

(f) 3rd Rcn plat - Relieved from attachment to Co at 2100.

5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co CP - No change.

(b) 1st plat - Moved to firing position on the West bank of SAAR RIVER. Fired across the river destroying 3 MG, 3 20mm AA guns, 5 pillboxes, 3 church steeples which were probable en OP's.

(c) 2nd plat - Moved to ready position at North end of LISDORF (2979). Supported Inf in moping up town. Captured 2 PWs.

(d) 3rd plat - Moved to assembly position at South end of LISDORF.

6. Service Co - No change.

6 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Hq Co, less 1st and 3rd Rcn plats - No change.

3. Co A, with 3rd Rcn plat.

(a) Co CP - No change.

(b) 1st plat - Supporting 379th Inf in attack on FRAULAUTERN (2981).

(c) 2nd plat - Supporting Inf in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2881), knocked out 2 pillboxes, 1 MG nest and captured 60 PWs.

(d) 3rd plat - In FRAULAUTERN.

4. Co B - Entire Co in ITTERSODORF (2278) for maintenance and reorganization.

5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat.

(a) Co CP - No change in CP or disposition of plats.

(b) 1st plat - Destroyed 1 MG, 1 20mm AA gun, 7 pillboxes and fired supporting fire into houses.

7 Dec 44:

1. No change in disposition of any Unit or in missions.

2. Co A, with 3rd Rcn plat - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired on 1 enemy pillbox and captured 22 PWs.

3. Co C - 3rd plat fired on 8 houses and pillboxes.

8 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less 1st and 3rd Rcn plats - No change.

2. Co A -

(a) No change in disposition.

(b) 2nd plat determined from rec that an underpass previously occupied by at least one enemy tank was abandoned. A tank destroyer was placed in a position from where it was capable of firing into the underpass. An enemy tank later entered the underpass and was destroyed by fire from the destroyer.

(c) Elements of the company destroyed 1 MG, 1 pillbox, shot up several houses and took 12 PWs.

3. Co B -

(a) Co CP, 2nd and 3rd plats - No change.

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(b) 1st plat - Moved into SAARLAUTERN and reconnoitered for position for direct fire onto pillboxes on the East bank of the SAAR RIVER.

5. Co C -

(a) No change in mission or disposition.

(b) 1st plat - Moved into firing position on West bank of SAAR RIVER, fired into enemy positions, including 4 pillboxes, 7 houses, 1 house containing ammunition dump which blew up, 1 75mm AT gun, 1 mortar.

9 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Hq Co, less 1st and 3rd Rcn plats - No change.

3. Co A, with 3rd Rcn plat.

(a) No change in disposition.

(b) 2nd plat - In supporting the 379th Inf, fired on pillboxes and houses. One destroyer was hit by an enemy bazooka and destroyed (burned). The enemy bazooka team had infiltrated into the rear of the front lines and into a position to fire on vehicles crossing the RR tracks.

4. Co B -

(a) 1st plat - In SAARLAUTERN, moved to firing position in the vicinity of the Sports Platz and fired on two pillboxes and an enemy CP, destroying them.

(b) 2nd plat - Moved to BEAUNARAIS and reconnoitered for firing positions to fire on pillboxes and houses in the North end of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.

(c) 3rd plat - Moved to WALLERFANGEN (2682).

5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co assembled in NEU-FORWEILER.

(b) 2nd plat - Moved to firing position on the West bank of SAAR RIVER and fired into pillboxes and houses.

10 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Hq Co, less 2nd and 3rd Rcn plats - No change.

3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) No change in mission. Plats continued support of Inf.

(b) At 1800 Co B relieved the 1st and 2nd plats of Co A which were operating in 359th Inf area.

(c) 1st plat moved two destroyers in support of 1st Bn 377th Inf at Southwest corner of FRAULAUTERN.

(d) 2nd plat, plus two guns from 1st plat and 2 guns from 3rd plat, moved to maintenance and rest area at ITTERS DORF.

(e) 3rd plat, less 2 guns, continued mission of supporting 2nd Bn of 377th Inf in NW portion of FRAULAUTERN.

(f) Destroyer which was knocked out on 9th Dec was found to have been hit by direct fire from the vicinity of (282815). Destroyer was returning to plat assembly area over a route used by other TDs and tanks, when it was fired on from the flank down the RR track. The destroyer burned.

(g) Co destroyed 2 pillboxes and fired on several houses.

4. Co B -

(a) Co CP moved to SAARLAUTERN.

(b) 1st plat moved to support 1st Bn of 379th Inf in the South portion of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.

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(c) 2nd plat to support of 2nd Bn 379th Inf in the Northwest area of FRAULAUTERN.

(d) 3rd plat - In support of 3rd Bn 379th Inf in the vicinity of the RR station at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN; 2 guns at WALLERFANGEN (2682).

5. Co C, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Plats assembled at NEU-FORWEILER.

(b) From this position they moved to firing positions in support of the 378th Inf. In this role they destroyed 6 pillboxes, 2 steeples and fired on several houses.

6. Service Co - No change.

11 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less 2nd and 3rd Rcn plats - No change.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) No change in disposition or mission. Platoons continued support of Infantry.

3. Co B -

(a) No change in missions.

(b) Fired on 5 pillboxes, 2 of which were captured by Infantry.

4. Co C, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) 2nd plat moved from assembly position in NEU-FORWEILER and fired on 2 pillboxes and several houses.

(b) No change in other elements.

12 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Hq Co, less 2nd and 3rd Rcn plats.

(a) Pioneer plat - Assisted Co C in preparation of firing position on the East edge of SAARLAUTERN.

3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) No change in missions.

(b) Co fired on 1 pillbox and several houses in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.

4. Co B

(a) No change in missions.

(b) Fired on 2 pillboxes and destroyed 1 machine gun.

5. Co C, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) No change in disposition.

(b) Fired on 6 pillboxes in ENSDORF (3079).

13 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Hq Co, less three Rcn plats.

(a) 1st Rcn plat atchd to Co C, replacing 3rd Rcn plat which was atchd to B.

3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Continued support of the Infantry in assaulting FRAULAUTERN.

(b) Destroyed 1 pillbox.

4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Continued support of Infantry in assault on SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.

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5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued support of the 378th Inf from the West side of SAAR RIVER. Fired on enemy troops observed in houses in ENSDORF.
 - (b) 1 destroyer hit by artillery fragment and burned.
6. Service Co - Personnel section moved to ITTERSORF.

14 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP, Hq Co less three Rcn plats - No change.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 9 destroyers crossed SAAR RIVER in direct support of 377th Inf, 2 destroyers giving direct support in fire from vicinity of East SAARLAUTERN. 2 destroyers in reserve (maintenance).
 - (b) Co fired on and destroyed 1 pillbox and fired on several houses and other pillboxes.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co has 9 destroyers supporting the 379th Inf in assault of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. 2 destroyers in reserve in SAARLAUTERN. 1 destroyer in for 3rd or 4th echelon maintenance. This destroyer had hit 3 anti-tank mines.
 - (b) Co fired on several pillboxes, destroying four; also fired on houses.
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co continued to support the 378th Inf with fire from the West side of SAAR RIVER. Fired on several houses, 1 OP and 4 pillboxes.

15 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less three Rcn plats - No change.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued support of 377th Inf. Fired on 3 pillboxes and several houses with effect.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued support of 379th Inf, fired on 5 pillboxes and several houses.
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued to support 378th Inf from West side of SAAR RIVER; fired with effect on 3 pillboxes and several houses.

16 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less three Rcn plats - No change.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued support of 377th Inf; fired on 2 pillboxes and several houses.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued support of 379th Inf; fired on 2 pillboxes, with effect.
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued to support 378th Inf from West side of SAAR RIVER.

17 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less three Rcn plats - No change.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co continued to support the 377th Inf until relieved by elements of the 818th TD Bn at 1630. Co then moved to assembly area at HERTEL (2273), closing at 1930.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued to support 379th Inf until relieved by elements of 818th TD Bn

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at 1400.

- (b) Co moved to new assembly area at BERWELLER (2175). Closed at 1830.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - No change.

18 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - Moved to MERTEN (2273), closing at 1530.
2. Hq Co, less 1st Rcn plat - Moved to new assembly area at MERTEN.
3. Co A - In assembly area. Continued maintenance and reorganization.
4. Co B - In assembly area. Continued maintenance and reorganization.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Continued to support the 378th Inf Regt.
6. Service Co, less personnel section - Moved to new location at BERWELLER.

19 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 1st Rcn plat and Co A & B - No change, continued maintenance.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Continued to support the 378th Inf.
4. Service Co - No change.

20 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co less 1st Rcn plat, Co A & B - No change, continued maintenance and reorganization.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Continued support of 378th Inf.
4. Service Co - No change.

21 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - Moved to FELSBERG (2477).
2. Hq Co - Assembled in FELSBERG. 1st plat of Rcn relieved from atchmt to Co C.
3. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP - Moved to SAARLAUTERN.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved in support of 3rd Bn 377th Inf in FRAULAUTERN.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Moved in support of 1st Bn of 377th Inf in FRAULAUTERN.
 - (d) 3rd plat - Remained in assembly area at MERTEN.
4. Co B -
 - (a) Co CP - Moved to SAARLAUTERN.
 - (b) 1st plat - In support of 1st Bn of 379th Inf in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.
 - (c) 2nd plat - In support of 2nd Bn of 379th Inf in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.
 - (d) 3rd plat - In assembly area at SAARLAUTERN.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co in Bn reserve.
 - (b) Co CP, 1st and 2nd plats - In assembly area at BERWELLER.
 - (c) 3rd plat - In support of 3rd Bn of 379th Inf at LISDORF (2979).
 - (d) 1st rcn plat relieved from atchmt to Co.
6. Service Co - Moved to ITTERS DORF.

22 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co - No change. Conducted training in 81mm mortar.

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3. Co A -
 - (a) No change in Co CP or 1st and 2nd plats.
 - (b) 3rd plat - Relieved 3rd plat of Co C in LINDSIEG, supporting 2nd Bn of 377th Inf.
4. Co B - No change in mission or disposition.
5. Co C -
 - (a) No change in CP or 1st and 2nd plats.
 - (b) 3rd plat - Moved to assembly area in vicinity of Co CP.
 - (c) Co continued maintenance and reorganization.

23 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co - No change. Conducted training in 81mm mortar. While practice firing of 81mm mortar in vicinity of ENSDORF (3079) a group of about 15 enemy were seen. Fire was placed on this group by mortar resulting in one believed killed and four wounded. The remainder were dispersed.
3. Co A - No change in disposition or mission.
4. Co B - No change in disposition or mission.
 - (a) 2nd plat fired on one house.
 - (b) One destroyer was hit by a bazooka and sustained minor damage requiring Ordnance repair.
5. Co C - Continued maintenance and reorganization in reserve position.

24 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co -
 - (a) 3rd plat moved to right flank at WERBELN (3174). Reconnoitered the possible avenues of approach, road condition, bridge status and maintained contact with 106th Cav Sqd.
 - (b) 1st Rcn plat recond to the South and Southwest for routes, br condition and TD position areas.
 - (c) No change in other elements.
3. Co A -
 - (a) No change in disposition or missions. Fired on several houses occupied by En.
4. Co B -
 - (a) No change in missions.
 - (b) 3rd plat replaced 1st plat in accordance with Co rotation plan.
 - (c) Fired on 1 pillbox, penetration obtained.
5. Co C - No change.

25 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less one section 2nd Rcn plat -
 - (a) Pion plat, prov mortar sec, fired 9 concentrations against En pers obsv in ENSDORF (3079); est 2 killed, 5 wounded.
 - (b) 3rd Rcn plat continued to maintain contact with 106 Cav Sqd. Operated 2 OPs.
3. Co A, plus one section of 2nd Rcn plat -

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- (a) Relieved elements of Co B in br head area of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882).
- (b) One plat plus one section in FRAULAUTERN (3081), one plat plus one section in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN.
4. Co B - Assembled in vic of MERTEN (2273).
5. Co C - No change.
6. Service Co - Personnel section moved to LES ETANGEE (C161).

26 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - Moved to BERUS (2474).
2. Hq Co, less one section of 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Co CP, pion plat, one sec 2nd Rcn plat - Moved to BERUS.
 - (b) 1st Rcn plat moved to rt flank, estab Cp and contact with 121st Cav Sqd at CARLSBRUNN (3264). Recontd routes and terrain in the area. Located CPs and prepared to occupy on order.
3. Co A - No change.
4. Co B - No change. Recontd area to the South in vic of L'HOPITAL (2763).
5. Co C - No change. Recontd area to the South in vic of ST AVOLD (2557).

27 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less one sec 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) No change in missions or dispositions.
 - (b) 1st and 3rd Rcn plats continued to recontr and keep contact on rt flank.
3. Co A - No change.
4. Co B - Placed three plats in indirect fire in vic of MERTEN (2273). Fired 244 rds on 10 harrassing and 1 BP missions.
5. Co C - Placed 2 plats in indirect fire in vic of BERWEILER (2175). No firing.

28 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less one sec 2nd Rcn plat - No change.
3. Co A, with one sec 2nd Rcn plat atchd - No change.
4. Co B - No change. Fired 187 rds HE on 10 harrassing and 1 base point missions.
5. Co C - No change in elements - Fired 7 rds on 1 base point registration.

29 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 1 sec 2nd Rcn plat -
 - (a) No change in disposition.
 - (b) Continued ren and obrv on South Flank.
 - (c) Pion plat sptng 206th Eng Bn established 9 rd blocks in vic of ST AVOLD.
3. Co A, with 1 section 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) No change in mission or disposition. Fired on 1 pillbox with effect.
4. Co B - No change in disposition. Fired 247 rds on 10 harrassing and 2 base point registrations.
5. Co C - No change in disposition. Fired 65 rds on 2 base point registrations.

30 Dec 44:

1. No change or action in any unit.

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31 Dec 44:

1. Bn CP, Ho Co, Co C - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. Fired 12 rds at 2 pillboxes. Effect not observed.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. Fired 196 rds on 12 harrassing missions.

C. Results of Operations for month of December:

1. Direct Actions:

(a) Fired 3719 rounds HE, 1209 rds APC, 412 rds HE T105.

(b) Destroyed -

8 tanks (1 MK III, 6 MK IV, 1 MK V)

2 75mm Anti-tank guns

9 machine guns

8 20mm AA guns

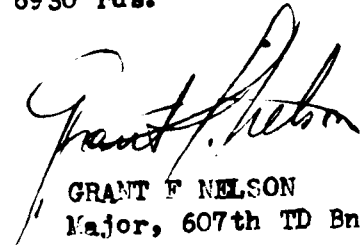
90 pillboxes (destroyed or reduced)

(c) 94 PWs taken.

2. Indirect actions:

(a) Fired 1590 rds HE on 86 missions (76 harrassing, 10 registrations)

3. Total rds fired in direct and indirect actions: 6930 rds.


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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 31 Jan 1945, incl)

A. Locations at Beginning of Period:

1. Bn CP - At BERUS, GERMANY (2474). *Bn ATTACHED TO 95th INF DIV.*
2. Hq Co, with one section 2nd Rcn plat attached.
 - (a) Co CP - At BERUS.
 - (b) One section 2nd Rcn plat atchd to Co A.
 - (c) 1st Rcn plat - At CARLSBRUNN (3264).
 - (d) 3rd Rcn plat - At WERHELM (3172).
3. Co A, with one section 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP - At SAARLAUTERN (2980).
 - (b) Platoons occupying positions in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2881).
4. Co B - Assembled in vicinity of MERTEN (2273), with platoons in indirect fire positions.
5. Co C - In area of BERWELLER (2175), with platoons in indirect fire positions.
6. Service Co - In ITTERS DORF (2178), with personnel section in LES ETANGS (0161).

B. Operations for Period:

1 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less one section 2nd Rcn plat -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with 121st Cav Sqd.
 - (c) 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with 1st Bn 378th Inf and 106 Cav Sqd.
 - (d) Pioneer plat - Continued preparation of road block in area of ST AVOLD, (2556).
3. Co A, with one section 2nd Rcn plat atchd -
 - (a) No change in disposition. Fired at 2 houses in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882).
4. Co B - No change in disposition. Fired 13 harrassing and 2 BP registrations.
5. Co C - No change in disposition. Fired 4 harrassing and 1 BP registration.

2 Jan 1945:

1. No change in dispositions of any units.
2. Co B - Fired on 12 harrassing missions.
3. Co C - Fired on 5 harrassing missions.

3 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP - No change.
 2. Hq Co -
 - (a) 2nd Rcn plat and Pion plat assembled at BERUS.
 - (b) No change in other elements.
 3. Co A -
 - (a) Relieved from positions in SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882) and FRAULAUTERN (2881). Co CP moved to BERWELLER (2175). One plat closed in BERWELLER, two plats in process of relief and movement to ~~SAARLAUTERN-RODEN~~
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4. Co B - No change in location or mission. Fired on 1 base point registration and 12 harrassing missions.
5. Co C -
 - (a) Fired on 12 harrassing missions.
 - (b) Effecting relief of Co A in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN. Co CP moved to SAARLAUTERN (2980). Platoons in process of relief.

4 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - No activity.
2. Co A - Moved to BERWELLER, closing in at 032045.
3. Co B - Fired 14 harrassing missions and 2 base point registrations.
4. Co C - Closed in and completed occupation of position in bridge-head area at 1845. Destroyed 4 houses and fired on 2 pillboxes, neutralizing one, the crew of the other surrendered.

5 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Fired 1 registration.
2. Co B - Fired 2 registrations and 14 harrassing missions.
3. Co C - Fired on 1 house and 2 pillboxes.

6 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - 2nd Rcn plat replaced 3rd Rcn plat at LUDWELLER (3269).
2. Co B - Fired 14 harrassing missions.
3. No change in other elements.

7 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - No change.
3. Co A - Moved to MERTEN (2273), replacing Co B and reinforcing fires of 358th Field Artillery.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Atchd to 94th Div effective 070800. Moved out at 1200. Fired 14 harrassing missions during night of 6-7 Jan 45.
5. Co C - No change in disposition. Continued AT protection of bridge-head area.

8 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Fired on 1 base point registration. Made route rcn of roads to South.
2. Co B - (atchd to 94th Div). Co CP at HALSTROFF (1088). Co enroute to assembly area.
3. Co C - Fired at 4 houses in FRAULAUTERN for neutralization.
4. No change in other elements.

9 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Fired 1 base point registration. Conducted reconnaissance to South in vicinity of ST AVOLD (2556).
2. Co B - (atchd to 94th Div). Closed in at HALSTROFF at 1045.
3. Co C - In support of 379th Inf, fired on 10 pillboxes. Penetrations were confirmed on 5 pillboxes and one other was taken and blown by our Infantry.
4. No change in other elements.

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10 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP and HQ Co - No change.
2. Co A - Fired on 1 base point registration, 2 targets of opportunity and 5 harrassing missions. Continued to reconnoiter routes to South and West of ST AVOLD.
3. No change in other elements.

11 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - Rcn plats continued to operate OPs in area to South of 95th Div zone. Maintained contact with 106th Cav, 121st Cav and 411th Inf Regt.
2. Co A - Fired 5 harrassing missions, 1 target of opportunity and 1 base point registration. Continued rcn to South and West.
3. Co C - Continued direct fire support to 379th Inf.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
5. No change in other elements.

12 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - Continued to maintain contact with elements on Right Flank.
2. Co A - Moved two destroyers to high ground to the West of and overlooking SCHAFFHAUSEN (3273) and fired 15 rds HE into two houses occupied by enemy troops. Fired 6 harrassing and 1 base point missions. Continued rcn to S and SW.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
4. Co C - Continued AT support of Inf in bridge-head area.

13 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat -
 - (a) Pion plat fired 81mm mortar from LISDORF (2979) into vicinity of ENSDORF, (3079) on 4 targets of opportunity.
 - (b) 1st and 2nd Rcn plats continued contact with Cav and Inf on S Flank.
2. Co A - In indirect fire, fired on 6 harrassing and 2 base point missions. Continued rcn in vicinity of ST AVOLD (2556).
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
4. Co C - Continued AT support of Inf in brhd area. No firing.

14 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with elements on S Flank with two Rcn plats.
2. Co A - Fired on 6 harrassing missions. Moved to assembly area at ST AVOLD (2556).
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) Co CP, 1st and 2nd plats - At SEINDORF (0299).
 - (b) 3rd plat - Moved into TETTINGEN (045026). Provided AT defense of town.
4. Co C - Continued direct fire support of Inf in bridge-head area.

15 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with elements on S Flank with 1st and 2nd Rcn plats.
2. Co A - Continued reconnaissance in vicinity of ST AVOLD.

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3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to BESCH (010015), prepared to move forward to NENNIG (022042). As the area was not cleared of mines the plat did not enter town. The plat leader, leading a 1/4 ton on rcn of the route was wounded when the 1/4 ton was blown up on a mine. The vehicle was destroyed and 3 EM were killed.
 - (c) 2nd plat - Upon warning of tank threat moved to ready position South of TETTINGEN. Moved back to WOLCHERN at dark.
 - (d) 3rd plat - Maintained AT defense of TETTINGEN.
4. Co C - Continued support of Inf in SAAR RIVER bridge-head area.

16 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with elements to S.
2. Co A - Continued reconnaissance of ST AVOLD area.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) 1st plat - Moved 2 destroyers into NENNIG. 1 destroyer at BESCH. 1 destroyer lost due to mine.
 - (b) 2nd plat - In reserve. Prepared to move to ready position in case of enemy armored attack.
 - (c) 3rd plat - Maintained AT defense of TETTINGEN.
4. Co C - Continued to support Inf in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN.

17 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with elements on South Flank.
2. Co A - Continued reconnaissance of ST AVOLD area. Moved to alert positions in conjunction with practice alert of 94th Inf Div in ST AVOLD area.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) Co CP, 1st and 3rd plats - No change.
 - (b) 2nd plat - One gun fired on pillbox in area South of NENNIG, with effect.
4. Co C - Continued support of Inf in bridge-head area of SAARLAUTERN.

18 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Maintained contact with elements on South Flank.
2. Co A - Moved from ST AVOLD (2556) to MERTEN (2272). Closed at 1010. Placed one plat in indirect fire position to reinforce fires of 398th FA. Fired 28 rds HE on one base point adjustment.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) Co CP and 1st plat - No change.
 - (b) 2nd plat - Moved to firing position to South of TETTINGEN to assist in repelling enemy armored attack.
 - (c) 3rd plat - Resisted enemy armored attack on TETTINGEN. Enemy attacked BUTZDORF (0503) with an undetermined number of tanks and half-tracks. One Mark IV tank, approaching TETTINGEN from the East was destroyed by 3rd plat. In another attack by 5 tanks which moved South from the vicinity of SINZ (0604), 3 MK V tanks were destroyed by another gun of 3rd plat. At approximately the same time a tank appeared from the East and was moving on TETTINGEN from the NE. This tank was hit and penetrated with four rounds and is assumed to be destroyed.
4. Co C - Continued to support Inf in SAAR RIVER bridge-head area.

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19 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - Continued to maintain contact with elements on S Flank.
2. Co A - Fired 120 rds HE on 1 base point registration and 6 harrassing missions.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) No change in situation or location.
 - (b) 1st plat - Fired on 1 enemy OP and a group of Inf in the open.
4. Co C - Continued close support of Inf in bridge-head area. Conducted reconnaissance for possible employment in remainder of Div zone.

20 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3rd Rcn plat - 1st plat moved to BERUS in vicinity of Co CP. 2nd plat continued to maintain contact with elements on South Flank.
2. Co A - In indirect fire, fired 136 rds on 6 harrassing, 2 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) No change in situation or locations.
 - (b) Continued to support Inf in NENNIG - TETTINGEN area.
4. Co C - Continued to support Inf in bridge-head area. One destroyer was lost due to enemy action of undetermined nature (bazooka, artillery or mortar fire).

21 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 1st and 3rd Rcn plats - 2nd Rcn plat continued rcn of area to South in conjunction with Co B, 704th TD Bn.
2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Enroute to relieve Co B in attachment to 94th Div.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Maintained AT support of 302 Inf (94th Div).
4. Co C - Fired 23 rds APC, 9 rds HE on 4 pillboxes and 1 house. The positions fired upon were considered neutralized as machine gun fire from them ceased after a few rounds were fired into each position. DESTROYER LOST ON PREVIOUS DAY WAS DUE TO CHAZOKA

22 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co -
 - (a) 1st Rcn plat atchd to Co A.
 - (b) 2nd Rcn plat maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd and elements on South.
 - (c) 3rd Rcn plat relieved from atchmt to Co B, closed in BERUS at 221130.
 - (d) Pioneer plat assisted Co B in return to MERTEN.
2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) Closed in assembly area at SEHNDORF (0299) at 211900.
 - (b) Relieved two plats of Co B, prepared to relieve remaining plat.
3. Co B, less 2nd plat.
 - (a) Relieved from atchmt to 94th Div. Closed into MERTEN at 221730.
4. Co C - Fired 7 rds APC and 5 rds HE on 1 pillbox in attempt to detonate explosive placed there by Infantry and Engineers. Continued to support Inf in bridge-head area and provided AT defense of bridge.

23 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 1st Rcn plat -
 - (a) Maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd on South Flank.
 - (b) Pioneer plat - Prepared gun position for Co "C" in bridge-head area.

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2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd (atchd to 94th Div).
 - (a) 1st plat - At TETTINGEN (0402) in relief of Co B and maintaining AT defense of the town.
 - (b) 2nd plat - Moved from BESCH to NENNIG. Guns placed to cover possible tank approaches to town. At 0730 fired a 20 minute direct fire concentration of 30 rds per gun into houses in North end of BESCH. As Infantry advanced, the plat continued direct fire support, firing into houses at the request of the Infantry.
 - (c) 3rd plat - Moved from BESCH to WIES (0201) under cover of smoke. Closed at 1000. Set up AT defense of the town.
3. Co B -
 - (a) 2nd plat closed in MERTEN at 231405.
 - (b) All plats conducted maintenance of equipment.
4. Co C - Provided close AT support of Inf in bridge-head area. Fired 34 rds HE and 10 rds APC on one house occupied by enemy.

24 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 1st Rcn plat - Maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd on South Flank.
2. Co A, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co detached from 94th Div, complete relief to be accomplished by 250800 by 704th TD Bn.
 - (b) 1st plat - Continued to support Inf in TETTINGEN (0402).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In support of Inf in attack on BERG (0203). Fired into buildings. One enemy MK IV tank, firing on our Infantry just North of NENNIG was taken under fire and destroyed. Another tank, a Mark V, was seen behind a building in the Chateau area North of BERG. It was fired upon and set afire.
 - (d) 3rd plat - In support of Infantry in WIES (0201) observed one MK IV tank approaching the town from the East. This tank was fired on and burned. Later in the morning a MK V tank was observed off the road and in a ditch. This tank was not moving nor had it moved. It was fired upon and set afire. Later in the day a tank believed to be a MK V was observed behind a building to the East of town. Not enough of the tank was visible to afford a good target, so the gunner fired through the building and set the tank afire.
3. Co B - Emplaced one platoon in indirect fire, fired 17 rds on BP registration. Co continued maintenance of equipment.
4. Co C - Placed 4 guns in direct fire position in vicinity of WALLERFANGEN (2682) and fired 26 rds on direct fire into DILLENGEN (2785). This was fired in conjunction with TOT fire by Division Artillery into the DILLENGEN area. Co continued close support of 379th Inf in bridge-head area.

25 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - 3rd Rcn plat maintained contact with 106 Cav Sqd on South Flank. Other elements assembled at BERUS.
2. Co A - Relieved of mission in 94th Div sector at 242200. Assembled at OSFRPERL (0298). Moved out to rejoin Bn at 251030. Closed in new assembly area at BERUS at 251730.
3. Co B - Moved 2 guns of 2nd plat to high ground in vicinity of BEAUMARAIS (2880) to fire on SP guns reported in vicinity of SAARLAUTERN-RODEN (2882). Was unable to observe across river. Returned to Co at MERTEN (2272) at 1730. 1st plat fired 70 rds on 14 harrassing missions. 3rd plat in reserve.
4. Co C - Continued close support of 379th Inf in bridge-head area.

26 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - In assembly position at BERUS. Conducting maintenance of equipment.
2. Co B - Fired 70 rds on 14 harrassing missions.
3. Co C - No change. Continued support of Infantry in bridge-head area. Fired 6 rds HE, 6 rds APC on pillbox, barbed wire and stone wall.

27 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - 2nd Rcn plat returned to vicinity of Co CP at BERUS.
2. Co A - No change. Continued maintenance.
3. Co B - Fired 70 rds HE on 14 harrassing missions.
4. Co C - No change. Continued support of Infantry in bridge-head area.

28 Jan 1945:

1. Bn CP, Hq Co, Service Co, Hq section of Co A & B moved to TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM (6173). Closed at 282100.
2. Co A & B, less Hq sections - Enroute to TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM.
3. Co C - In support of 379th Inf in SAARLAUTERN bridge-head area.

29 Jan 1945:

1. Hq Co - No change.
2. Co A & B - Enroute to TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM.
3. Co C - Relieved of support in bridge-head area at 282000. Assembled in SAARLAUTERN and prepared to move.

30 Jan 1945:

1. Co A & B - Continued movement to HOUFFALIZE area.
2. Co C - Closed in HOUFFALIZE at 301425.

31 Jan 1945:

1. Co A - Closed in MONT (5974) at 211340. 1 destroyer and recovery vehicle still enroute.
2. Co B - Closed in assembly area (607743) at 311115. 1 destroyer still enroute.
3. All elements conducted maintenance and worked on traction devises.

C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Direct Action: -

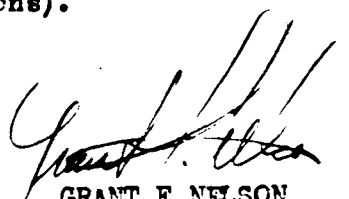
Fired - 363 rds HE	Destroyed - 7 MK V tanks
499 " APC	3 MK IV "
1 " T105 fuzed HE	9 pillboxes

2. Indirect Action:

Fired 2510 rds HE on 198 harrassing, 3 targets of opportunity, 2 counter battery, 20 base point adjustments (total 223 missions).

3. Equipment Lost to Enemy Actions:

2 destroyers M-36, one 1/4 ton truck.


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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 28 Feb 1945, incl)

A. Locations at Beginning of Month:

1. Bn CP - At TAVERNEUX, BELGIUM (6175). (Bn atchd to 95th Inf Div).
2. Hq Co - At TAVERNEUX.
3. Co A - At MONT (5974).
4. Co B - At (607743).
5. Co C - At HOUFFALIZE (6172).
6. Service Co - At TAVERNEUX.

B. Operations for Period:

1 Feb 1945:

1. All units continued maintenance, rehabilitation and work on traction devises.

2 Feb 1945:

1. Bn relieved from attachment to 95th Inf Div, attached to 87th Inf Div effective at 021100, as per VOCC, VIII Corps.
2. All elements continued maintenance and work on traction devises.

3 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Co placed in spt of 347th Inf Regt. Moved from MONT (5974) to 347th Inf zone. 1st plat in spt of 1st Bn at BERTERATH (0294); 2nd plat in Co reserve at MANDERFELD (0093); 3rd plat in spt of 3rd Bn at LOSHEIM (0396). Co CP at MANDERFELD.
2. Co B - Continued work on traction devises.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Co moved from HOUFFALIZE (6172) into assembly at ST VITH (8588).
4. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats - no change.

4 Feb 1945:

1. Bn CP - Moved from TAVERNEUX (6178) to SCHONBERG (9588).
2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - Moved to SCHONBERG.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.- Contd spt of 347th Inf in the regimental sector.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Moved from vic of TAVERNEUX (607743) to assembly area in vic of AUW, (0080).
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
(a) Co in spt of 346th Inf.
(b) Moved from assembly area at ST VITH (8588). Co Cp and 1st plat at AUW (0082); 2nd plat in spt of 2nd Bn at ROTH (0491); 3rd plat in spt of 3rd Bn at WECKERATH (0292).

5 Feb 1945:

1. Bn CP moved from SCHONBERG (9588) to LAUDSFELD, GERMANY (9889).

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2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats, moved from SCHOENBERG to LAUDESFELD, GERMANY (9889).
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position in vic of MANDERFELD (0093).
 - (b) Remainder continued direct spt of 347th Inf in its zone of action.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP - no change.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to ROTH (0300).
 - (c) No change in other elements.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) No change in location.
 - (b) Continued to maintain AT support in zone of 346th Inf.
6. Service Co -
 - (a) Moved to LAUDESFELD.
 - (b) Personnel section at ENGREUX (5471).

6 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd AT spt of 347th Inf with 1st and 3rd plats.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 200 rds HE indirect fire on 5 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) In direct spt of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved out in spt of 3rd Bn, 345th Inf. Advanced until all destroyers were stuck in muc. Two destroyers were pulled back and then moved thru 2nd Bn area to join 3rd Bn. 1 destroyer still stuck.
 - (c) 2nd plat, spng 2nd Bn 345th Inf moved with Bn giving close spt. Fired .50 cal MG into pillbox. Crew of pillbox surrendered before fire of 90mm gun could be brought to bear on it.
 - (d) 3rd plat in reserve at AUW.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct support of 346th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat in support of 1st Bn 346th Inf. In position in vicinity of KREWINKEL (0393).
 - (c) 2nd plat in support of 2nd Bn 346th Inf mved two (2) destroyers to RJ at (052907), 2 guns remained at ROTH.
 - (d) 3rd plat in reserve and in support of 3rd Bn 346th Inf at WECKERATH.
4. Hq Co, less three Rcn plats - Pion plat worked on access roads to Bn CP.

7 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved out of indirect fire position and moved to primary position at KREWINKEL.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, moving in spt of Inf, moved to (065880).
 - (c) 2nd plat, in spng Inf, fired on and destroyed 4 pillboxes and 6 MG nests. Supported Inf with fire from 50 cal MG by firing into woods and likely enemy positions. Moved up to CR (064894).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct spt of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Plats continued spt of Inf Bns. Moved to new positions as follows:
 - (1) 1st plat - At WECKERATH (0102).

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7 Feb 1945, cont'd

- (2) 2nd plat - At ROTH (0491).
- (3) 3rd plat - At RJ (052007).

8 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat moved to indirect fire position at MANDERFELD (0093). Fired 126 rds HE on 2 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Co CP moved to new location in pillbox at (047882).
 - (c) 1st plat, sptng Inf advance on OLZHEIM, moved one destroyer to high ground West of the town and fired into church steeple believed to be used as an enemy CP. Plat gave overwatching fire as Inf advanced through the town. Observing enemy activity around pillbox and hill at (093870) the plat placed direct fire from 90mm and 81 cal MG into the pillbox and surrounding woods, spraying these positions. As a result of this fire, the Inf took 37 MM PW's and 2 officers, who surrendered following the firing. One German MK V tank was observed moving toward OLZHEIM from the East. It was fired on and forced to withdraw. Later in the afternoon the plat moved 2 destroyers into OLZHEIM, fired on an enemy half-track. The remainder of the plat moved into town after dark.
 - (d) 2nd plat - no change.
 - (e) 3rd plat moved in spt of Inf to (071849) taking up position to overwatch movement of Inf. Fired on and destroyed one MG nest with 90mm HE fire.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct spt of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Co CP moved to ROTH (0490).
 - (c) 1st plat moved to new location - 2 destroyers at (068906), 2 destroyers at (064894).
 - (d) 2nd plat moved to new positions - 2 destroyers at (051908), 2 destroyers at (045907).
 - (e) 3rd plat in reserve at WECKERATH (0192).

9 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued direct spt of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 160 rds HE on 4 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat, maintaining anti-tank defense of OLZHEIM (0886), fired into enemy personnel observed in the NE part of town.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to OLZHEIM in attempt to join Inf in NEUNDORF (0887). Were unable to get to NEUNDORF due to blown bridge. From firing position near S end of town fired into pillbox on hill to E and several houses. Destroyed two (2) pieces horse drawn artillery which were attempting to move out of town to NE.
 - (d) 3rd plat continued to give overwatch protection to Inf from position in vicinity of (080867).
 - (e) Made contact with elements of Co A, 610th TD Bn on S Flank.
3. Co C, with 1st ren plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 346th Inf.

10 Feb 1945, cont'd

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 48 rds HE on 2 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Continued D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved into town of NEUENDORF (0887). Fired into two houses and one log bunker in and around the town.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.

11 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 81 rds HE on 4 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co assembled in WISCHEID (9990) as Div reserve. Closed 112200.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat relieved of mission in vicinity of (0590). Moved to Co reserve at ROTH. Closed at 1925.
 - (c) 3rd plat relieved 2nd plat of Co B at NEUENDORF (0887) at 111821.

12 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to indirect fire position at MANDERFELD (0093). Closed at 130750).
 - (c) 3rd plat moved to direct fire position - 2 destroyers at (025953), 2 destroyers at LOSHEIM (0396). Prior to move fired 84 rds HE on 4 indirect fire harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Assembled as Division reserve at WISCHEID, (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd - Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
4. Service Co - Moved to new location at (924881).

13 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat fired 114 rds on 4 harrassing and 1 base point registration.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Reconnoitered for positions to add depth to A/T defense.
 - (b) Continued maintenance of equipment.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Placed one gun in position and fired direct fire into 4 buildings and pillboxes at (055936). Fired 25 rds HE, 7 T105 and 3 APC.

14 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) Fired 109 rds on indirect fire missions and 1 target of opportunity (an horse drawn column in vic of BERK (0999) and 3 harrassing missions).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maintenance of equipment.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Fired 5 rds into house between NEUENDORF and REUTH.

15 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) Fired 45 rds on 3 indirect fire missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn pat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maintenance of equipment.
 - (b) Reconnoitered for defensive positions and routes thereto.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) In conjunction with an artillery and air corp bombardment of REUTH (1189), fired 71 rds HE, 67 rds APC, and 18 rds of T105 into the town (REUTH) and observed enemy personnel in and around the town.

16 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for deepening a mechanized defense in zone of 347th Inf.
 - (c) 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 30 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared positions in Div zone to increase depth of mech defense.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for increasing depth of mech defense in zone of 346th Inf.
 - (c) 3rd plat fired 9 rds of HE into houses at North end of NEUENDORF known to contain enemy personnel.
4. Hq Co, less 3 ren plats.
 - (a) Plon plat contd to work on roads in Bn area. Aided companies in preparation of firing positions.

17 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for deepening a mechanized defense in zone of 347th Inf.
 - (c) 1st plat, in indirect fire, fired 32 rds on 2 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared positions in Div zone.

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3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Reconnoitered and prepared alternate positions for deepening a mech defense in zone of 346th Inf Regt.
4. Hq Co, less 3 rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat constructed two culvert drains at (987884). Aided Co in preparation of firing positions.

18 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, in indirect fire, fired 72 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
 - (c) 1st plat moved to primary mission position at KREWINKEL (0393). Completed at 190745.
 - (d) 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position at MANDERFIELD (0093).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Supplied work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID, (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 3 rds APC and 3 rds TIO5 at 3 houses just Northeast of NEUENDORF.
4. Hq Co - Pion plat worked on firing positions for gun Companies. Worked on roads in vicinity of LAUDENFELD.

19 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 100 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic WISCHEID (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
4. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Worked on roads in vic of LAUDENFELD (9889).

20 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 100 rds HE on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party for Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 1st plat in direct support of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat relieved 1st plat in NEUENDORF (0387), personnel change only.

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(4) (a) Completed construction on corderoey road at (986884). Corderoey had
place in road at (985985).

21 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 100 rds on 3 harrassing missions in indirect fire.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID (9990).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
4. Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat constructed corderoey sections in road to LAUDESFELD (9889).

22 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 32 rds HE on 1 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

23 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 72 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd maint of equipment.
 - (b) Furnished work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

24 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat, in indirect fire, fired 100 rds on 4 harrassing missions.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Furnished work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

25 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved to ADW (9089). Closed at 251100.

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2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Provided work party to Div Eng for work on roads in vic of WISCHEID.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 3rd plat relieved 1st plat in NEUENDORF (0987), personnel change only. 1st plat returned to ROTH (0390). Completed at 251800.
4. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Worked on roads in vic LAUDESFELD (9889).

26 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) CP moved from MANDERFELD (0093) to new location at KOESCHEID (0289).
 - (c) 1st plat moved to assembly area with 1st Bn 347th Inf in vic (018903). Closed at 261530.
 - (d) 2nd plat moved from vic AUW (0090), relieved 2nd plat of Co C with 3 destroyers at RJ (052907). Completed relief at 261430.
 - (e) 3rd plat moved to assembly area with 3rd Bn 347th Inf in vic (022905). Closed at 261530.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to ROTH.
 - (c) 1st plat moved from reserve position at WISCHEID (0990) to assembly position in vicinity (052887).
 - (d) 2nd plat moved from res pos at WISCHEID to assembly pos in vic (060892).
 - (e) 3rd plat moved from res pos at WISCHEID to assembly pos in vic (065899).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to ready positions (058899) then to (067902).
 - (c) 2nd plat moved along road toward NEUENSTEIN (0890). Held up due to road condition with 1 destroyer at edge of woods at (080904) and 3 destroyers 500 M West. 3rd plat contd spt of 3rd Bn 345th Inf at NEUENDORF (0987).

27 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf.
 - (b) 1st plat in spt of 3rd Bn moved to assembly pos in vic CR (060895).
 - (c) Other platoons - no changes.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf.
 - (b) Plats, sptng Inf Bns, moved up with respective Bn until held up or stopped by impassable roads or terrain. 2nd plat at (079914). 3rd plat at (072914).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf.
 - (b) Plats, sptng Inf Bns, attempted to move forward with them, were held up by impassable terrain. 1st plat at (067902). 2nd plat maneuvered to (085900) with rcn complete for movements forward to area of 2nd Bn.

28 Feb 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, in spt of 3rd Bn, moved to (078914). Fired 1250 rds of .50 MG as harrassing fire to pin down enemy fire across opening. This fire was laid to

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facilitate evacuation of wounded.

2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(b) 2nd and 3rd plats moved East along south edge of woods just north of NEUNSTEIN (0890) to join Inf Battalions. Progress delayed by mines.

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf.

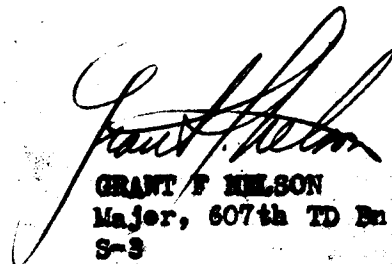
(b) Plats moved in spt of Inf Bns. 1st plat taking up pos at (080898); 2nd plat at (100911):

C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Indirect Action - Fired 1605 rds on 57 missions (55 harrasing, 1 target of opportunity, 1 base point registration).

2. Direct Action - Fired 188 rds of HE, 112 APC, 28 HE T105.

Destroyed 1 half-track, 2 horse drawn artillery pieces, 8 machine guns, 5 pillboxes. 1 PW captured.


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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(period - 1 to 31 Mar 1945, incl)

A. Locations at beginning of period:

1. Bn CP - At LAUDESFELD, GERMANY (9889). (Bn atchd to 87th Inf Div).
2. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - At LAUDESFELD.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat (in D/S of 347th Inf Regt).
 - (a) Co CP - At KOBSCHEID (0289).
 - (b) 1st plat - In position at (078914).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In position at RJ (052907).
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat (in D/S of 346th Inf Regt).
 - (a) Co CP - At ROTH (0390).
 - (b) 1st plat - In assembly pos at (052887).
 - (c) 2nd & 3rd plats - In vic of NEUENSTEIN (0890).
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat (In D/S of 345th Inf Regt).
 - (a) Co CP - At ROTH (0390).
 - (b) 1st plat - At (090898).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In vic (085900).
 - (d) 3rd plat - In vic NEUENDORF (0987).
6. Service Co - At (924881); personnel section at ENGREUX, BELGIUM (5471).

B. Operations for Period:

1 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, in conjunction with one plat of tanks, formed two armored groups consisting of two medium tanks and two tank destroyers. One group was lead by tank plat leader and one lead by tank destroyer plat leader. These two groups moved in support of the Inf as it assaulted the town of ORMONT (0692). The 1st plat destroyers fired 12 rds HE, 14 rds APC and 2000 rds .50 MG at 5 pillboxes (1 in ORMONT, 1 on high ground 500 yds East of ORMONT, 3 on high ground 1000 yds South of ORMONT). At close of period 2 destroyers were in ORMONT covering North approaches to town, 2 destroyers on the high ground 500 yds East of ORMONT.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved 1 destroyer to (073914) to cover rear of 2nd Bn 347th Inf, and 2 destroyers to CR(064894).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Plats contd rcn for routes to join Inf Bns. Several attempts to get destroyers up with Inf failed due to impassable terrain.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved 2 destroyers to (094906) and 2 destroyers to (097902) to cover East approaches to 2nd Bn 345th Inf area.
 - (c) 3rd plat moved 1 gun to vic of 3 houses Northeast of NEUENDORF (095881) to cover road leading into NEUENDORF.

2 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf. Fired 24 rds of APC at pillboxes and enemy strong points in vic of ORMONT (0692). 2nd plat assembled at CR(073914).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt. All plats assembled in vic (092918). Contd rcn to find routes to East. Prepared to move as roads are cleared of mines and obstacles.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt. Fired 100 rds of .50 cal into woods in spt of Inf. 1st plat moved 2 destroyers to vic (100911).

3 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, sptng the Inf, fired 15 rds APC and 44 rds HE at pillboxes to North and East of ORMONT.
 - (c) 2nd plat, sptng Inf, fired 69 rds APC at several pillboxes. 4 of the pillboxes were destroyed.
 - (d) 3rd plat moved 1 destroyer to ROTH (0790).
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat attempted to move up with Inf, could not find route. Assembled at (096934).
 - (c) 2nd plat moved 2 destroyers to (095932) and 2 destroyers to (102902) to cover the flank of the Regt.
 - (d) 3rd plat fired harrassing preparation fire for 3rd Bn 346th Inf at pillboxes and enemy strong points on hill 649 at (092937). Later occupied hill with Inf. Fired 39 rds HE, 39 rds APC in this sptng fire.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt. No change in dispositions.

4 Mar 1945:

1. Bn CP moved to ROTH (0390). Opened at 041800.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat accompanied 3rd Bn to its objective, then returned to ORMONT (0892) on order of the Inf CO.
 - (c) 2nd plat accompanied Inf toward objective at SCHEID (0695) until stopped by terrain and prepared obstacles. Plat contd rcn and made its way to objective at (050600).
 - (d) 3rd plat moved in spt of Inf to its objective at HALLSCHLAG (0795).
 - (e) Company fired 7 rds HE, 89 APC and 1500 rds of .50 cal at pillboxes and enemy strong points in the area.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved in spt of the Inf to KRONENBURGERHUTTE (1096), could not proceed due to blown bridge.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved in spt of Inf to pos in vic (122930).
 - (d) 3rd plat moved with assaulting troops into KERSCHENBACH (1295). In this operation 1 destroyer was hit by enemy arty and burned.
 - (e) Company fired 20 rds HE, 1 APC and 700 rds .50 cal into houses, woods and enemy strong points in its area. Captured 4 PW's.

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4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved with Inf into SCHONFELD (1390).
 - (c) 2nd plat moved up to vic (722930) to spt Inf.
 - (d) 3rd plat moved 2 destroyers from NEUENDORF to REUTH (1189).
 - (e) Captured 2 PW's.
5. Service Co - Moved to WISCHEID (9990). Personnel section also moved to WISCHEID.

5 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat - Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1 destroyer of 3rd plat lost to enemy arty fire in vic KERSCHENBACH (1295).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat.- Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (a) Co CP moved to NEUENDORF (0987).
 - (b) Co captured 2 PW's.

6 Mar 1945:

1. Bn CP moved to SCHONFELD (1390).
2. Hq Co, less Bn CP and 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat atchd to a task force that moved out to capture a bridge across the KYLE Rdr, the plat to take care of necessary pion work in conjunction with Task Force MUIR. Moved out at 060700. Removed obstacles in STEFFELN (1788).
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to LISSENDORF (1991).
 - (c) 1st plat moved with motorized 3rd Br, 347th Inf Regt, to assembly area at GONNERSDORF (1892).
 - (d) 2nd & 3rd plats assembled in vic LISSENDORF. Prepared to cross KYLE R with Inf.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to KERSCHENBACH (1295).
 - (c) Plats contd to spt Inf Bns. Reconnoitered for positions and routes. Captured 2 PW's.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

7 Mar 1945:

1. Bn CP moved to LISSENDORF (2091).
2. Hq Co -
 - (a) CP moved to LISSENDORF.
 - (b) Pion plat moved with Task Force MUIR of 345th Inf Regt to vic WIKSBAUM, (2494).
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to GONNERSDORF then to KRIMM.
4. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Fired 48 rds HE, 10 rds APC at house and woods.
6. Service Co - Moved to GONNERSDORF.

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8 Mar 1945:

1. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats.
 - (a) Pion plat constructed one foot bridge across KYLL R at LISSENDORF (1991). Cleared one mine field at (248953). Relieved from spt of Tank Force MUIR 081400. Assembled at LISSENDORF.
 - (b) Co captured 11 PW's.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to RIPSORF (2399).
 - (c) 1st plat took part in an Inf-Tank-TD attack on HUNGERSDORF (2500), overwatching tanks and Inf as they moved on to the town, then moved on into town.
 - (d) 2nd plat moved into RIPSORF.
 - (e) 3rd plat moved into ALENDORF (2197).
 - (f) Captured 1 PW.
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to JUNKERATH (1894).
 - (c) 1st plat moved to ESCH (3095).
 - (d) 2nd plat moved to FEUBDORF (3095).
 - (e) 3rd plat moved to JUNKERATH.
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat participated in a coordinated Inf-Tank-TD attack on the town of DOLLENDORF (2697), overwatching the Tanks and Inf. Fired .50 cal MG into the high ground on the other side of town.
 - (c) Co captured 4 PW's.

9 Mar 1945:

1. No change in disposition. Bn conducting maintenance of equipment and personnel.

10 Mar 1945:

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11 Mar 1945:

1. Bn conducting maintenance of equipment and personnel.

12 Mar 1945:

1. No change in disposition. Bn conducted training in firing and service of the piece. Contd maint of equipment.

13 Mar 1945:

1. Co B moved to assembly position at RUBEENACH (8196), closed at 132000.
2. Remainder of Bn waited for further orders.

14 Mar 1945:

1. Bn moved, on Div order, to new locations.
2. Bn CP - At BASSENHEIM RR Station (816957).
3. Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats - At BASSENHEIM.

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4. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Co CP at OCHTENDUNG (7595).
 - (b) 1st plat in vic (776942).
 - (c) 2nd plat in vic (788938).
 - (d) 3rd plat in vic (798933).
5. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Assembled at RUBENACH (8597).
6. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP & 2nd plat - At (838987).
 - (b) 1st plat at (825985).
 - (c) 3rd plat at (828978).

15 Mar 1945:

1. Bn conducted maintenance and reconnoitered for firing positions to support the Division.

16 Mar 1945:

1. Plats moved to ready positions to give spt to respective Inf Bns.
2. Co A, spng 347th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat moved 2 guns to KOBERN (804905), 2 guns to vic (830886).
 - (b) 2nd plat moved to vic (791907).
 - (c) 3rd plat moved 2 guns to WINNINGEN (845905), 2 guns to vic (840914).
3. Co B, spng 346th Inf Regt.
 - (a) No change in disposition.
4. Co C, spng 345th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat - 2 guns at (825987), 2 guns at (856951).
 - (b) 2nd plat - moved to METTERNICH (878966).
 - (c) 3rd plat moved to vic (827978).

17 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd atchmt to 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat, moving in spt of 3rd Bn 347th Inf moved to (894871). Fired 10 rds 90mm HE and 2000 rds .50 cal MG at two road blocks and enemy personal in vic of road blocks.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to WALDESCH (8686).
 - (d) 3rd plat moved to WALDESCH.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 1st plat moved 1 half-track to WALLERSHEIM (9099) and fired into German positions on East bank of RHINE RIVER with .50 cal MG, destroying 1 motor launch and straffing 2 houses with effect. Estimated 2 enemy killed, 5 wounded.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP moved to METTERNICH (8696).
 - (b) 1st plat moved 2 destroyers to (885957) and 2 destroyers to (839938).
 - (c) 2nd plat in position at METTERNICH. Fired 6 rds of 90 mm HE into observed enemy on South bank of MOSELLE R. Moved across river to (873940).
 - (d) 3rd plat moved to (879950).

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18 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) 1st plat, in spt of 3rd Bn 347th Inf, moved to BRAUBACH (9286). Fired 14 rds 90mm HE, 16 APC, 3 TIO5 and 300 rds .50 cal MG at road blocks, houses and en personnel on the road from WALDESCH to RHEN. Captured 7 PW's and killed 12 en defend- ing road blocks.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved to (857850) in spt of 2nd Bn 347th Inf.
 - (c) 3rd plat moved 2 destroyers to (989871) and 2 destroyers to (906875) in spt of 1st Bn 347th Inf.
2. Co B, atchd to 28th Inf Div at 180900. Placed in Div Res. Ordered to remain in place and rcn for reserve position.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co CP moved to LAY (8691).
 - (b) 1st plat, sptng Inf, fired 6 rds HE and 100 rds .50 cal MG on 1 house and 1 church used as en OP. Plat captured 51 PW's. Moved to new position - 2 destroy- ers at (885914), 2 destroyers at (894948).
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to new position with 2 destroyers at (899955), 2 destroyers at (894948).
 - (d) 3rd plat, in spt of Inf, moved to (897953). While moving up to firing position 1 destroyer hit a mine and was destroyed. Plat fired 8 rds HE, 16 APC, 3 TIO5 and 200 rds .50 cal MG at FORT CONSTANTINE. Captured 2 PW's.

19 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd atchmt to 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat fired at suspected tank on East bank of RHINE R. It was later determined to be a dummy. Fired at other targets of opportunity on East bank of Rhine. Expended 5 rds APC, and 9 rds HE.
 - (c) 2nd & 3rd plats contd spt of Inf Bns.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Atchd to 28th Inf Div.
 - (b) At 191300 Co moved to PLAIDT (7599). Closed in assembly area at 191500.
 - (c) Assigned to Div Res.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd atchmt to 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to plat assembly pos near East edge of KOBLENZ (903958).
 - (c) 2nd plat fired 13 rds APC and 27 rds HE at FORT KONSTANTINE, one of the last remaining pockets in KOBLENZ. Immediately after the firing the fort surrendered.
 - (d) 3rd plat assembled at (894941), prepared to move to area of 3rd Bn.
 - (e) Other elements - no change.

20 Mar 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Rel'd atchmt to 347th Inf Regt, and placed in direct support.
 - (b) At request of Inf, destroyed 1 house and 1 enemy barge. Fired 10 rds HE, 3 rds APC.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Atchd to 28th Inf Div.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Rel'd from atchmt to 345th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.

21 Mar 1945:

1. Co A - Assembled in vic of Co CP at WALDESCH (8686).

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2. Co B - Relieved of atchmt to 28th Inf Div.
3. No change in other dispositions.

22 Mar 1945:

1. Bn assembled and prepared to move.

23 Mar 1945:

1. Bn moved to assembly area in vic of NORTERHAUSEN (8180). Closed at 1530.

24 Mar 1945:

1. Bn CP moved to new location at (885780), with Hq Co.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat.
 - (a) Atchd to 347th Inf Regt. Assembled at WALDESCH (8686).
3. Co B - no change.
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat.
 - (a) Atchd to 345th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to vic (884784).
 - (c) 1st plat - 2 guns at (897844), 2 guns at (901807).
 - (d) 2nd & 3rd plats moved to (889781).
5. Service Co - no change.

25 Mar 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A & C atchd to TASK FORCE SUNDT.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd. (atchd to 347th Inf Regt).
 - (a) Sptd Regt in crossing of the RHINE RIVER, firing at targets of opportunity. Fired 110 rds of 90mm HE, 50 rds APC and 625 rds of .50 cal MG, neutralizing 1 20mm AA gun, 1 mortar, 1 en OP and fired into enemy held buildings in the vic of OBER* LAHNSTEIN.
 - (b) Plats ferried across the RHINE R and moved to positions to spt Inf Bns, 1st plat at (925899), 2nd at (920889), 3rd plat at (932863).
3. Co B -
 - (a) Assembled in vic (887785).
 - (b) Two (2) plats moved across RHINE R to spt 346th Inf; assembled on East side of river to await Inf crossing.
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd. (atchd to 345th Inf Regt).
 - (a) Spted Regt crossing of RHINE R with fire. Fired 7 rds of 90mm HE at en personnel.
 - (b) Plats crossed river by ferry and moved to join Inf Bns at (970817) for 1st plat, (937808) for 2nd, and the 3rd plat at LYKERSHAUSEN (9478).

26 Mar 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A & C, atchd to Task Force SUNDT.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Atchd to 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to MIENS (8792).
 - (c) 1st plat formed with a Task Force consisting of 1 plat of tks and 1 plat of TD's and 2 plats of Inf with the objective of BAD EMS (9994). Two road blocks were encountered and reduced. The Task Force reached their objective of BAD EMS at 1400.
 - (d) 2nd plat moved to spt 2nd Bn 347th Inf, reaching the high ground East of

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LAHNSTEIN (9091) at 0600. To reach the Bn the plat had to move over a road that had not been swept for mines, through heavy 20mm AA fire, and push through a section of OBERLAHNSTEIN that had not been taken.

(a) 3rd plat - Formed a Task Force similar to that of the 1st plat with the objective of FRUHT (9196) which was reached about 1100 encountering light resistance in the town. At 1300 one half of the Task Force moved into the town of NIEVERN (9693), returning to FRUHT after securing NIEVERN.

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Atchd to 345th Inf Regt.

(b) Co CP at WINTERWERB (0081).

(c) 1st plat was formed in a task force consisting of Tanks, TD's and Inf with the mission of taking NIEHLEN (9396). The Task Force moved out at 1000 and proceeded, meeting only light small arms resistance until reaching the objective. The Force was delayed in rounding up PW's, firing several rounds of 90mm HE and some .50 to persuade them to come in. Orders were received to move on to BETTENDORF (8200). BETTENDORF was reached at 1700. The plat fired 19 rds HE, 1 APC and 450 rds .50 cal at enemy personnel and houses.

(d) 2nd & 3rd plats formed up in a Task Force with the objective of GEISIG (8594) and MARIENFELS (8395). The Task Force moved out at 0930 and encountered no opposition until reaching the town of NDR-BACHEM (8392). Here it encountered direct AT fire and 20mm AA fire plus mortar fire. The tanks and TD's deployed and took the weapons under fire. The 2nd plat knocked out 2 AT guns, 2 quadruple 20mm flack guns. The TF reached its objective by 1600. At 1630 orders were received to take the town of POHL (8499). This was accomplished by 1800 without incident. During the operation the 2nd plat knocked out 1 enemy truck.

27 Mar 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A & C, atchd to Task Force SUNDT.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) 1st plat still working with Task Force moved along LAHN RIVER to LIMBURG (9923).

(b) 2nd plat - 2 destroyers were left in overwatch position and 2 destroyers with Inf attacked the town of OBR-LAHNSTEIN from the East, continuing on thru the town and assisting in mopping up. In this operation they destroyed 10 20mm AA guns and 1 AT gun.

(c) 3rd plat moved along LAHN RIVER with Inf to KAMBERG (8938).

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) 1st plat moved to ZOLLHAUS (877233) with TF encountering no resistance.

(b) 2nd plat moved to HAHNSTATTEN (9024).

(c) 3rd plat moved to 2000 yds West of ZOLLHAUS.

(d) Co CP moved to ALLENDORF (8618).

28 Mar 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A & C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

(a) Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(b) 1st plat moved with TF and cleared out WEILUNSTER (0448) arriving at 1700.

(c) 2nd plat moved to CR (975895) where it transferred to reserve. Later the plat was relieved from atchmt to 347th Inf Regt and atchd to 346th. After moving in spt of Inf Bn arrived at OBR-QUEMBACH (0853).

(d) 3rd plat formed a Task Force with its TD's and approximately 1 plat of

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Inf with the objective of GUISSEN (2055). The TF began movement at 1300 and completed the mission at 2000.

2. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co formed with one Co of tanks and Bn of Inf to form a Task Force with the objective of BUTZBACH. The Inf was mounted on tanks, TD's and trucks. At 0730 the TF moved out and proceeded to NIEDERSHELTERS (9335) where, at 0900, it ran into heavy resistance consisting of small arms, mortars, AT and artillery fire. The TD's and tks moved to positions to spt Inf. One tank was hit and disabled by AT fire. Sgt Sue with his TD had the mission of covering the tanks, spotted the AT gun and destroyed it with direct HE fire. At 1900 a coordinated attack was launched including MG and 90mm fire on the position. At 2100 all resistance had ceased. Co bivouacked for the night in NIEDERSHELTERS. The Co CP was at DAUBORN. During the action the Co captured 12 PW's. The Co communications was used as the Task Force communications.

29 Mar 1945:

Bn Bn, less Co A & C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) 1st plat moved to VILLMAR (0032).

(b) 2nd plat moved to VILLMAR.

(c) 3rd plat moved to AMENAU (0137).

(d) Co CP at VILLMAR.

3. Co 'C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co still formed a part of Task Force. Continued movement on BUTZBACH (0567). The Force moved to its objective, arriving at 1340. It received orders at 1600 to return to BRANDOBERNDORF (0554).

30 Mar 1945:

1. All Task Force and combat team attachments ceased. Bn assembled in vicinity of KLEEBERG (0658).

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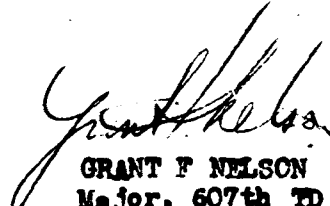
1. Bn assembled at KLEEBERG. Conducted maintenance, patrolled woods in vicinity and checked towns in area.

G. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Bn (- Task Force Sundt) fired 1064 rds 90mm HE, 366 Rds APC, 3 rds T105 in spt of Inf Regts.

2. Destroyed 9 pillboxes, 2 AA Guns, 3 AT guns, 2 general purpose vehicles.

3. Captured 192 PW's.


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607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

8 April 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - TASK FORCE SUNDT

(period - 27 Mar to 1 Apr 1945, incl)

A. Operations for Period:

27 Mar 1945:

1. A Task Force under command of LT COL HARALD S. SUNDT was organized by order of CG, 87th Inf Div.
2. Purpose: Employment East of Rhine River.
3. Composition: 607th TD Bn (SP) (-Co A & Co C), 87th Rcn Trs, CoK 346th Inf, Co A 735th TK Bn, 335th FA Bn in D/S upon commitment of Task Force.
4. O.I. #40 270100 -
 - a. Attack during night 26-27 and seize and hold NASTATTEN.
 - b. Cont atk 270600 Mar and seize HOLZHAUSEN, POHL, SINGHOFEN and BERGNASSAU-SCHUEVERN until relieved by TF BODNER.
 - c. Upon completion of mission assemble in BERGNASSAU-SCHUEVERN and await orders. Plan: Attack along high ground axis DACHSENHAUSE to RUPPERTSHOFFEN thence to NASTATTEN.
5. TF left DACHSENHAUSEN at 270545. Arrived WINTERWERB at 0615; GERMERICK 0700; HILMIGHOFEN 0730; RUPPERTSHOFEN 0830. Assembled and regrouped at RUPPERTSHOFEN.
 - a. 1st Co sent to high ground vic (0777) and 2nd co to high ground vic (060778) with mission to overwatch NASTATTEN and high ground to East covering advance of 3rd co into NASTATTEN. 3rd TD Rcn plat established OP vic (055780). 3rd co left RUPPERTSHOFEN at 0925, arrived W edge of NASTATTEN 0935. All bridges over MUHL R vic NASTATTEN blown by En. 1st and 2nd cos fired on En Trs observed on high ground vic (088788) and (094772). En dispersed. Fr 0945 to 1320 hrs occupied with reconnaissance for and construction of temporary crossing of R and in searching town by Inf patrols. Ford was constructed by Pion plat and vehicles of TF crossed at 1230 to 1315 hrs.
 - b. 2nd co left NASTATTEN for HOLZHAUSEN at 1320. Received heavy 20mm AA gun fire at point E of BUCH. Also some heavy artillery fire, small arms fire and direct AT fire from high ground N of road vic HOLZHAUSEN. Arty OP plane fired on by 20mm AA.
 - c. 3rd co directed to attempt to by-pass to North. Darkness and En fire slowed movement. TF assembled in BUCH for night with all round security.
6. Message from IO in 87th Div: "Continue on to HAHNSTATTEN (Coord 238897)" at 1550. Message from Div by officer messenger: "TFS mission changed. Proceed to KATZENELBOGEN."
7. Results of days operations: - Advanced 11 miles, captured 47 PW's.

28 Mar 1945:

1. 2nd plat co c, 312th Eng atchd, 335th FA relieved D/S TF.
2. 2nd and 3rd Cos (in order named) renewed attack directly to HOLZHAUSEN. At 0830 1st co, to by-pass to S through (110772) and enter town from S on order after covering advance of 2nd co. 2nd co entered HOLZHAUSEN at 1030 and 1st co at 1100. No resistance. Proceeded E in order - 3rd co, 2nd co and 1st co. Arrived RETTERT 0915, FISCHBACH 1000. 3rd TD Rcn plat searched BERNDROTH. Roadblock (abatis) by-passed by column vic (1583), cleared by Pion Plat. 3rd co received small arms and Arty fire at point 1500 yds W of KATZENELBOGEN (suffered 1 killed, 2 wounded), previously reported occupied by friendly trs. Pw claimed Inf was dug in along Ry and

28 Mar 1945, cont'd

high ground to N and S of road. 2nd Co directed to envelop to N and 1st Co to envelop to S, covering attack of 2nd Co. At 1315 elements of 6th Cav attacked from NW sptd by Arty we coordinated by direct fire spt. Cav did not enter town but by-passed to N. TF contd with atk according to plan and entered at 1540. 2 88 mm AA-AT guns destroyed after exchange of fire. 1st Co by-passed to S and cleared BERGHAUSEN and ALTENDORF. Requested further mission. At 1600 received message - "Push on to HAHNSTATTEN, KIRBERG, and NIEDERSELTERS."

3. Column proceeded in order - 2nd Co, 1st Co, 3rd Co - to ZOLLHAUS. Slight delay to remove several abatis rd blocks. Arrived ZOLLHAUS at 1735, HAHNSTATTEN 1800. 2nd Co ordered to occupy high ground vic 2589 to defend and hold objective. TF proceeded to KIRBERG. Arrived 1900 hrs, established CP and trains there. Town defended by 3rd Co. 1st Co proceeded to DAUBON-EUFINGEN. Occupied all round security position there and cut AUTOBAHN by patrols to E. Requested next mission. Received instructions: "Continue adv in Div Z to seize and hold GROSSEN-LINDEN."

4. Results of days operations: - Advanced 18 miles, destroyed 2 88mm AA-AT guns, 1 prime mover, captured 99 PW's.

29 Mar 1945:

1. Started to objective GROSSEN-LINDEN at 0930. Order of march - 1st, 3rd and 2nd Cos. Planned route via NIEDERSELTERS, HAINTCHEN, WOLFENHAUSEN. Met 345th Inf in column vic NIEDERSELTERS who were engaged in fire fight with Bn Trs. The CO of 345th Inf declined to allow TF to pass through his elements on the planned route. The 1st Co was directed to go N on AUTOBAHN to OBERBRUCHEN thence to objective via KRAFTSHOLMS. Arrived MUNSTER 1125; WOLFENHAUSEN 1137; LAUBUSESCHBATH 1150; WEILMUNSTER 1230; NOTTAU 1242; KRAFTSHOLMS 1255. At this point met elms of 9th Armd Div and CG of that Div who said his Div had this road and was going to GIESSEN and the TF objective of GROSSEN-LINDEN and directed TF to use some other road. (Msg to 87th Div requesting instructions). Pending receipt of instructions, 1st and 3rd Cos were turned SE at OBERWETZ, went through OBERKLEEN, NIEDERKLEEN, LANG GONS and arrived HOLZHEIM at 1500 hrs. Defensive posns taken up N and S of town on high ground. Received instructions to defend line GROSSEN-LINDEN, LANG GONS and POHL GONS.

2. 1st Co directed to clear woods from coord (6812) to (6706) and then occupy LANG GONS and send patrol to contact 9th Armd Div in GROSSEN-LINDEN. 2nd Co was turned S from KRAFTSHOLMS at same time head of column turned off at OBERWETZ. This Co proceeded via KROFFELBACH, BRANDOBERNDORF, WEIPFELDEN, ESPA, KLEBERG, OBERKLEEN to POHLGONS where they took up defensive posns and sent out patrols to search woods to SW. Some slight resistance was met (5 bazooka rds and scattered small arms). PW interrogation and captured map and order indicated larger force of Bn Trs were retreating from vic KISENBACH to BUTZBACH along line parallel to our advance. Our formations were based to W and SW to screen Div objective and to prevent escape of contained Bn Trs.

3. Results of days operations: - Advanced 40 miles, captured 240 PW's.

30 Mar 1945:

1. Received orders to secure and defend HOCH-WEISEL. 3rd Co moved to HOCH-WEISEL at 0800. TD Hon plat and Pien plat occupied posn between BUTZBACH and roads to West. Day spent in sending combat patrols through woods with particular emphasis on high wooded area in vic coord (625952) and (625020).

2. Results of days operations: - Destroyed 9 20mm AA guns, 8 37mm AA guns (on 1/2 ton trucks, 1 40mm AA gun (captured), 3 105mm guns, 17 75mm AT guns, 4 88mm AA guns, 23 vehicles (including 6 approx 1 1/2 ton trucks and 8 approx 2 1/2 ton trucks) and 2 staff cars. Captured 1 40mm AA gun. PW's taken - 219.

Summary of Operations, FORCE SUNDT, period 27 Mar to Apr 1945, incl.

31 Mar 1945:

1. TF directed to clear area to W to line approximately (5705) to (5800). Each Co given line of advance within zone and directed to proceed on TD order with strong show of armor to destination and then send out combat patrols with tanks and TDs to clear area.

a. 1st co route - BUTZBACH to coord (625043) to KLEEBOURG, to OBERKLEEN, to destination of EBERGONS.

b. 2nd co route - BUTZBACH, to coord (652032) to HAUSEN, to ESPA.

c. 3rd Co route - HOCH WEISEL, MUNSTER-BUDENROD (on arrival at BODENROD found elms of 345th Inf). Mission changed to return to HOCH WEISEL and clear area between. TF CP to KLEEBOURG.

2. Results of days operations: - Advanced 7 miles, captured 481 PW'S.

1 Apr 1945:

1. Contd patrols and captured PW'S.

2. TF SUNDT dissolved at 020800. Elements assembled at EBERGONS and released to parent Units from that point.

3. Results of days operations: - Captured 167 PW's.

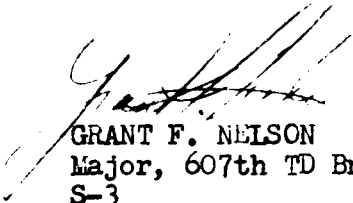
B. Results of Operations for Period of TF SUNDT:

1. Enemy equipment destroyed or captured:-

- 9 - 20mm AA guns
- 8 - 37mm AA guns (on 2-1/2 ton trucks)
- 1 - Prime mover
- 1 - 40mm gun (captured)
- 17 - 75mm guns (AT)
- 6 - 88mm AA-AT guns
- 3 - 105mm guns
- 23 - vehicles (incl 6 1½ ton trucks, 8 2½ ton trucks)
- 2 - staff cars.

2. PW's captured - 1485 (incl 2 Majors, 5 Capts, 22 Lts)

3. Advanced 76 miles.


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2 May 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period - 1 to 30 ^{APR.} May 1945, incl)

Positions at beginning of Period:

1. Bn assembled at KLEBERG, GERMANY (0658). Atchd to 87th Inf Div.

Operations for Period:

1 April 1945:

1. Bn continued maintenance and patrol

2 April 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Co atchd to 6th Cav Gp. Left Bn area for destination of MUEBACH (2861)

2. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.

(a) 1st plat of Co atchd to 1st Bn 347th Inf with mission to guard CP of
III Corps. Departed from Bn area at 2145.

3 April 1945:

1. Co A - Atchd to 6th Cav Gp.

2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Atchd to 346th Inf Regt. Ordered to remain
in place.

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, - Atchd to 345th Inf Regt. Departed from Bn
area at 1500.

4 April 1945:

1. Bn CP moved to HONERHAUSEN (4963).

2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - Moved to new assembly area at WOLFERHAUSEN (5557).

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat - Closed in new assembly area vic of HONERBACH (5562).

4. No change in other elements.

5 April 1945:

1. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat - 1st plat moved to assembly area with 1st Bn 347th
Inf at WIPPERSHEN (4350).

2. Other elements - no change.

6 April 1945:

1. Co A - Relieved from atchmt to 6th Cav Gp and returned to Bn control at 1000.
Moved to assembly area at KEBRA (4466). Atchd to 347th Inf Regt.

2. Other elements - no change.

7 April 1945:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats, moved to FLOH, GERMANY (9443).

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2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co released from atchmt to 347th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.
 - (b) Co CP moved to OBER-SCHONAU (0239), with plats in vicinity of STEINBACH-HALLENBERG (0038).
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co released from atchmt to 346th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.
 - (b) Moved to vicinity of BAIRODA (8548).
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co released from atchmt to 345th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.
 - (b) 1st plat at (0145). Plat fired 500 rds .50 cal, 500 rds .30 cal MG at enemy personnel defending road blocks in their vicinity.
 - (c) 2nd plat at (025465). Plat fired 29 rds 90mm HE, 3 T105, 4 APC, 500 .50 cal, 500 .30 cal at buildings and enemy personnel in and around town of TAMBACH (0248). Captured 1 PW.
 - (d) 3rd plat moved to (0149).
5. Service Co, less motor maintenance section, moved to FLOH. Motor maintenance remained at RONSHAUSEN.

8 April 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved to OBERHOF (0239), spng Inf.
 - (c) 2nd plat moved 2 destroyers to vicinity (045405) and 2 to (060410).
 - (d) 3rd plat moved to position at (102410) with Inf.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) In D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved to BROTTEROBE (9151).
 - (c) 3rd plat moved to KLEINSCHMALKERDEN (9348).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
 - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) Co CP moved to TAMBACH (0348).
 - (c) 1st plat in reserve. Sptd 1st Bn in establishing defense of TAMBACH.
 - (d) 2nd plat sptd 2nd Bn in assault on TAMBACH. Fired 28 rds HE, 7 APC, 1000 .50 cal into town and surrounding woods, destroying 1 MG and several houses. Contd with the Bn through TAMBACH to a point (095448) where it was held by darkness and an abatis road block.
 - (e) 3rd plat sptd 3rd Bn. Moved through TAMBACH to NE. Proceeded through small arms fire to a point 1500 yds NE of TAMBACH where it was held up for night.

9 April 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat - No change in disposition. Contd D/S of 347th Inf. Captured 4 PW's.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - Co CP and 1st plat moved to TAMBACH.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat -
 - (a) 1st plat moved to pos (068457), encountering road blocks impeding their movement to that position. After roads were cleared moved on to new position with Inf.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved to pos (1945). Received direct fire (probably self-propelled guns or tanks) from town of SCHWALEWALD (1945). Fired 35 rds 90mm HE, 11 APC and 500 .50 cal in attempt to get fire on guns or tanks firing at them.
 - (c) 3rd plat moved to pos (0648) with Inf, meeting road blocks and medium small arms and automatic weapons fire. Fired 500 rds .50 cal at Bn personnel protecting road blocks.

Summary of Operations, 60. TD Bn, April 1945.

9 April 1945, cont'd

4. Hq Co - Captured 4 PW's.
5. No change in other dispositions.

10 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Bn plat atchd.
 - (a) Co in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (b) 1st plat moved from OBERHOF (1138) in morning. Encountered road block at (1337) which was defended and was held up till 1600, then moved on to GELBERG (1535).
 - (c) 2nd plat moved to North and blocked the North approaches to OBERHOF.
 - (d) 3rd plat followed 1st plat to GELBERG where it stayed overnight.
 - (e) Co CP moved to OBERHOF in the morning.
3. Co C, with 1st Bn plat atchd (in D/S of 345th Inf Regt).
 - (a) The morning of 10 Apr 45 the elements of Co C were located in the following places: (1) Co @ at TAMBACH (0348); (2) 1st plat at (085470); (3) 2nd plat at (090444); 3rd plat at (065487). The mission of the 345th Inf Regt was to continue the attack to the East.
 - (b) 1st plat, with 1st Bn 345th Inf moved out from their reported location to attack and secure the town of STUTZHAUS (105470). Upon entering the town of STUTZHAUS they encountered small arms and heavy tank fire from the North, but were unable to get into position to fire on tanks due to the terrain. The bridge at (105472) was destroyed by the retreating Germans. One M-4 tank was knocked out by the German tank's fire. One tank and one TD placed fire in the general direction that the enemy fire was coming from. After firing approximately 6 rds of 90mm and some 75mm, the German tanks withdrew and the doughs mopped up the town. Tanks and TDs forded the stream and at 1300 the 1st Bn 345th started marching to their next objective of CRAWINKEL (1547). A few doughs rode the outside of the Tanks and TDs. German tanks were again encountered along the way and everytime the column came around a bend in the road the enemy tanks would fire a few rounds and then withdraw. There was no way for our tanks and TDs to deploy and take the German tanks under fire as the forest on each side of the road made everything road-bound. The German tanks eventually knocked out another M-4 vehicle which went up in flames. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were encountered all the way to the objective (CRAWINKEL) which was reached and taken at 2200. The plat had fired 4 rds HE, 2 APC, 500 rds .50 cal.
 - (c) 2nd plat, with 2nd Bn 345th Inf, moved out from their reported location and sent their advance elements into the town of SCHWARZWALD (110455). The bridge at (099446) was blown out by the retreating Germans and the Tanks and TDs forded the stream south of the blown bridge and entered the town. Little resistance was met and a few prisoners were taken. The mission of 2nd Bn 345th Regt with the 2nd plat atchd was to take the town of FRANKENMAIN (1544), GRAFENRODA (1743), LIEBENSTEIN (1945). The Bn moved out from SCHWARZWALD (110455) motorized and at 1600 headed SE on the road through a thick woods approximately 200 yds SE of the town. There it encountered small arms and MG fire. This was reduced by the Tanks and TDs. The Bn proceeded on for about 50 yds and as the lead tank came around a bend it received a hit from an AP shell fired from a German tank. The tank and TDs backed away from the bend and out of the German tank. The terrain was such that armor could not deploy. The 2nd Bn stopped for the night in the vicinity of (1242) at 2200. Fired 200 rds .50 cal MG.
 - (d) 3rd plat, with 3rd Bn 345th Inf, moved out and proceeded to assist the 1st Bn 345th to take the town of STUTZHAUS. Road blocks and small arms fire were encountered. The 3rd plat had the fire mission of liquidating some Germans who were dug in on the hill East of town. Mission was accomplished. 3rd Bn 345th went into reserve after entering the town. Expended 23 rds HE, 300 .50 cal.

(e) At the close of the day Co C was located as follows: CP at STUTZHAUS (105470); 1st plat at CRAWINKEL (1547); 2nd plat 3000 meters East of SCHWARZWALD (1242); 3rd plat at STUTZHAUS. Total ammo expended 27 rds HE, 2 APC, 1000 rds .50 cal.

11 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat moved from GEHLBERG (1635) to ARLESBERG (1839), ELGERSBERG (2038), RODA (2337), arriving at RODA at 1200. From RODA they proceeded to OBER POHLITZ (2538), to UNTER POHLITZ (2638), WUMBACH (2837), to GRAFINAU (3239). At this point the accompanying Inf captured 3 armored cars and many prisoners. The town was set afire by tanks and TDs. The plat remained at GRAFINAU for the night.

(b) 2nd plat moved from defensive positions through OBERHOF, following the same route as the 1st plat to GERBERG (1938) and joined the 2nd Bn 347th Inf. Then with 2nd Bn moved in rear of the 1st and 3rd Bns of the 347th Inf to a point about 1000 meters SW of COTTENDORF (3249) arriving at about 2400.

(c) 3rd plat, with 1st Bn 347th Inf, left GERBERG and moved to MANNRODA (2241) to HEGDA (2642) then to the town of BUCHETOH (2739), thence to COTTENDORF, arriving there they were fired upon by SA and direct fire weapons. The plat returned the fire and at darkness the fire fight subsided. One destroyer was knocked out by bazooka fire at this point.

(d) Co CP moved to UNTER POHLITZ (2538).

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in B/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) The 346th Inf was to pass through 345th Inf and continue the attack to the East.

(b) 1st plat, Co C moved out from CRAWINKEL with the 1st Bn 345th for town of FLAUE (2947). At FLAUE the 1st Bn 346th passed through the 1st Bn 345th Inf. 1st plat Co C went over to the 1st Bn 346th at 1340 and continued march to OBERWILLINGEN (3246) and then on to NEIDERWILLINGEN, closing in on the town at 1800 with the 1st Bn 346th and taking up defensive positions for the night. No enemy action, no ammo expended.

(c) 2nd plat moved out from their area with 2nd Bn 345th. At 0830, arriving at LIENENSTEIN at 1440 where the 2nd Bn 346th Inf passed through the 2nd Bn 345th. No opposition was encountered. 2nd Bn 346th Inf shoved off at 1825 to continue the assault East. Route of march was as follows - FLAUE, KLEINBREITENBACH, REINSFELD, KETTMANNSHAUSEN to BEHRINGEN (310467), where the 2nd Bn 346th and atchd units stopped for the night.

(d) 3rd plat received orders to report to the 3rd Bn 346th Inf Regt at TAMBACH (0348). The mission of this Bn, less Co K, was to be motorized and prepared to move on Div order via TFS route and relieve TFS for further operations. 3rd Bn left TAMBACH at 0900. At 1000 3rd plat reported their position at the town of OBERHUFF (1152). At 2030 the plat reached the town of GORLITZHAUSEN (3149). No enemy action, no ammo expended.

(e) Co CP moved along the route of advance of the 346th Inf Regt and stopped for the night 200 yds E of KETTMANNSHAUSEN (2846).

12 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.

(a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(b) 1st plat moved from GRAFINAU (3239) to ROTTENBACH (4227) arriving at the latter town at 1100. Then proceeded to WATZDORF (4738) where they encountered road blocks and remained in position overnight.

(c) 2nd plat left position SW of COTTENDORF and moved through the 1st plat and 3rd Bn 347th and aided the 2nd Bn in capturing BAD BLANKENBURG (5037).

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(d) 3rd plat - In the morning the enemy had withdrawn from COTTENDORF. The plat with the 3rd Bn moved to THALENDORF (4541) where it remained overnight.

(e) Co CP moved to ROTTENBACH (4237).

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat, with 1st Bn, contd the attack to the East. At 0300 the plat ~~occupied firing position overlooking~~ STADTILM (3647). At 0615 the 1st plat opened fire on STADTILM and joined the Inf SE of the city. Inf mounted the TKs and TDs and continued the attack toward EHRENSTEIN (4235). Enemy artillery fired on the column and the Bn and attached units attacked the town of ALTREND from the N and S flanks taking the town and continuing on toward the town of KIRCHREMDA (465465) where there was a short fire fight. The 1st plat fired 18 rds HE into the town. At 1800 the plat entered the town and took up defensive positions for the night. Ammo expended - 81 rds fired at enemy personnel and houses.

(b) 2nd plat received orders from Regt "3" to report to 1st Bn to fire on high ground around STADTILM, spng the Inf as they advanced into the town. The order was changed and the 2nd plat was to assemble in the woods West of STADTILM as mobile reserve. Orders were changed again and the 2nd plat was to report back to 2nd Bn to enter and assist in cleaning out the town. 2nd plat entered the West side of STADTILM and went to the NE end of the town, where some Germans on foot were sighted. Fired 4 rds HE. The 2nd Bn, 346th Inf then received orders to move on to GROSSEBRINGEN (3844) and on to RUDOLSTADT. The town of RICHFELD (4941) was reached at 1600. This was the stop for the night. Expended 4 rds 90mm HE.

(c) 3rd plat, with 3rd Bn, 346th Inf left GORLITZHAUSEN at 0700 with the objective of the town of REMDA. Route followed - RODA (3148), BEHRINGEN (3146), OBERWILLINGEN (3246), STADTILM (3647), NAHWINDEN (4044), EHRENSTEIN (4245), SUNDREMDA (4544). 500 meters N of SUNDREMDA the 3rd Bn column was mortared and received small arms fire. Pvt OBRISKI of the 3rd plat was wounded. The column was reorganized and at dusk approximately 2000 hours the march on REMDA was continued. TKs and TDs deployed and the Inf mounted on the TKs and TDs assaulted the town. Enemy was dug in on the SW edge of town. Heavy small arms and panzerfust fire was encountered. The fire from TKs and TDs set the town afire. One M4 tank was hit three times and put out of action. REMDA was taken by our troops at 2130. 30 PW's were taken by the Inf. 3rd Bn and atchd units stayed in town for night. Plat expended 10 rds HE, 200 rds .50 cal.

(d) Co CP and Hq followed up the advance of the 346th Inf Regt and set up for the night at NAHWINDIN (408448). As the Hq was preparing to move from 200 yds E of KITTMANNSHAUSEN a cub plane dropped a message that there were some Germans in the woods S of our position. One of the M-20s and four men were guided to the area by the plane and 7 PW's were taken. Total ammo expended for day, 95 rds HE, 200 rds .50 cal.

13 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat followed the 2nd plat in fording the river at BAD BLANKENBURG and followed the 2nd plat into SAALFELD where the bridges were blown and the river unfordable.

(b) 2nd plat forded the river at BAD BLANKENBURG at 0930 and proceeded to SAALFELD (5734). Continued Rcn for crossing.

(c) 3rd plat followed the 1st and 2nd plats to SAALFELD.

(d) Co CP moved to SAALFELD.

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3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat with 1st Bn 346th Inf - Inf mounted on TKs and TDs moved out from KITCHREMDA (4646) at 0700 and proceeded to ETZELBACH (6144). No enemy encountered except on the East bank of the SAALE River. All bridges were blown by retreating Bn. 1st plat fired 500 rds .50 cal at Bn personnel on East Bank of River then proceeded NE to the town of ULLSTADT (6344) and took up defensive positions of area with Inf of 1st Bn. Fired 500 rds .50 cal.

(b) 2nd plat, with 2nd Bn, shoved off from RICHFELD (4941) for the town of RUDOLSTADT (5442). No Bn were encountered until the Units advanced about four blocks towards the center of town when small arms fire was encountered. The TKs and TDs covered the advance of the Inf by firing on several buildings neutralizing sniper and MG fire. The Inf cleared up the town and the 2nd Bn with attached Units took up defensive positions of the area until the bridge was put across the river in vicinity of WEISSEN (6244). Ammo expended - 11 HE, 200 rds .50 cal.

(c) 3rd plat, with 3rd Bn, moved with motorized Inf from RUMDA (4545) at 0700 for ETZELBACH (6144). Encountered no enemy enroute until they entered ETZELBACH where they received small arms fire from across the river. 3rd plat fired 15 rds HE and 250 rds .50 cal at houses and enemy personnel on East side of river. 3rd Bn and 3rd plat stayed in ETZELBACH.

(d) Co Hq followed up the advance of the 346th Inf and set up CP 300 yds NW of ETZELBACH. Total ammo expended for day - 26 rds HE, 950 rds .50 cal.

14 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat, with 3rd Bn, followed Task Force Sundt across bridge at SAALFELD and proceeded to BUCHA (6533), then to SCHMORDA (7234), then to MOXA (7534) encountering scattered small arms fire enroute.

(b) 2nd plat followed the 1st plat, stopping at BUCHA for the night.

(c) 3rd plat followed 2nd plat across bridge and moved to ROCKENDORF (6837) where it joined the 1st Bn. They later moved through RANIS (7136) to SCHMORDA (7234) where they remained overnight.

(d) Co CP moved to RANIS.

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat - Bridge across the SAALE River at WEISSEN (6244) was completed by the Engineers at 1900. The 1st plat with the 1st Bn moved from UHLSTADT (6344) at 1600 to the vicinity of the bridge site to be prepared to cross after the 3rd Bn 346th had cleared. 1st plat crossed the river at 1930. 1st Bn got lost and the entire unit spent the night in the woods SW of FRIMLEBACH (6542).

(b) 2nd plat - At 1200 the plat with 2nd Bn 346th Inf moved from RUDOLSTADT (5442) to the vicinity of the bridge site and awaited the completion of the bridge there. Unit was to cross the bridge after the 1st Bn 346th had cleared. At 2150 the 2nd plat cleared the bridge and the 2nd Bn 346th had to stop for the night as they had caught up with the tail of the 1st Bn 346th. Location (6341).

(c) 3rd plat - At 1900 the 3rd plat with the 3rd Bn 346th started across the bridge. One destroyer dropped out due to mechanical failure. 3rd Bn got lost in the darkness and followed a cow's trail. Another destroyer broke a track at 2030. Element of the 3rd Bn 346th by-passed 34 and ran into a stump field. One of the 3rd plat's half-tracks burst a radiator and a light tank broke a track. The 3rd Bn set down for the night at (6443).

(d) Co CP stayed in same location 300 yds NW of ETZELBACH (WJ6144) and sent the mechanic out to assist in getting our vehicles repaired. No ammo expended.

15 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat supporting 3rd Bn left MOXA early in morning and moved over secondary roads to SCHLEIZ (8828) where they stayed overnight. Light S/A resistance encountered enroute.
 - (b) 2nd plat supporting 2nd Bn received orders to proceed to SCHLEIZ by way of ZIEHNIGK (7732), CRISPENDORF (8329), then to MONCHGRUN (8528) where it stopped for the night.
 - (c) 3rd plat, supporting 1st Bn 347th Inf proceeded from SCHWORDA (7234) to MOXA (7531) to POSEN (7935) to BUCHA (8034) then to VOLKMANSDORF (8231), PLOTHEN (8534), and BITTERSODORF (8835), arriving at DITTERSDORF at 1400. The plat then moved through SCHLEIZ to LANGENBACH (9523).
 - (d) Co G moved to SCHLEIZ (8828).
3. Co G, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat - 1st Bn stopped in position until 1430. The 1st plat with 1st Bn moved out to the high ground 2000 meters NW of POSSNECK (7240) and stayed for the night waiting for transportation to move on.
 - (b) 2nd plat - With 2nd Bn (Inf motorized) moved out at daybreak. They were held up by a road block NE of POSSNECK. The block was cleared and the march resumed. No resistance was met until the column arrived West of the town of PAHREN (9435) where the Bn elements reported direct fire from the enemy. A temporary halt was made to determine where the fire was coming from but the location of the gun was not determined. The column moved on and received word that the town of KLEIN WOLSCHENIF (9736) was cleared. The Bn commander gave orders to move on to this town. At the river crossing (9635) the column was met by small arms, machine gun and bazooka fire. The tanks and TDs machine gunned the sides of the roads and woods and continued on to the town, firing machine guns as they went, and receiving little fire in return. They arrived in the town of KLEIN WOLSCHERDF at 2230. Ammo expended - 500 rds .50 cal.
 - (c) 3rd plat with 3rd Bn 346th Inf motorized moved out at 0900 to continue the attack to the East (time was lost to regroup the Unit which got lost the night before). At 1505 one of the plat's destroyers broke through the bridge and needed help to get out. This was in the town of POSSNECK and left the 3rd plat with one destroyer. The 3rd Bn arrived in DITTERSDORF (8835) at 2030. The third destroyer of the 3rd plat arrived with a bad bogie. No enemy was encountered.
 - (d) Hq followed up the advance of the 345th Inf Regt, bringing up the vehicles that had fallen out (4 destroyers, 1 M-20, 1 half track and 1 jeep arrived in DITTERSDORF (2240) and turned over to the 3rd plat three of the destroyers and repaired the fourth so that the 3rd plat had four destroyers for the next operation. Ammo expended 500 rds .50 cal.

16 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat moved from SCHLEIZ to LOSSAU (9429), then on to LANGENBACH (9527), MUELTROFF (9724), east to MEHLTHEURER (0524), SYRAU (0825) and to PLAUEN where they secured the bridge.
 - (b) 2nd plat moved through SCHLEIZ and SE to LANGENBACH. Then followed secondary routes to PLAUEN (1220), crossed bridge and took up defensive positions East of PLAUEN.
 - (c) 3rd plat left LANGENBACH by main route to OELSNITZ (1511) encountering no resistance, but on the outskirts of OELSNITZ the plat set up and fired at innumerable fleeing German soldiers and vehicles. The autobahn was cut at 1200. Later in

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the day they moved to OELNITZ and took up defensive positions. During the day the plat had fired 52 rds HE, 6 APC, 3100 .50 cal. Knocked out three 2 1/2 ton trucks, 1 motorcycle, 1 jeep and 1 panel truck.

(d) Co CP moved to OBER LOSA (1416).

3. Co G, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat with the 1st Bn moved out from their location 2000 yds NW of POSSNECK at 0700. With the mission of securing the bridge at ELSTERBERG (1332) over the river WEISSE ELSTER and the high ground on the East side of the river. At 1145 the 1st plat passed through the town of DITTERSDORF. The plat entered ZEULENRODA (0036) at 1429. The 2nd plat was atchd to the 1st Bn and the Bn moved out to seize its objective. Upon entering the town of ELSTERBERG the column was met by small arms and machine gun fire. A gun on the East side of the river on the high ground opened up on the lead tank and missed. One of the 1st plat's destroyers fired at it and with the first round put it out of action. With the 2nd round the destroyer hit the prime mover of the gun setting it on fire. The Inf with the aid of the TKs and TDs then secured the bridge and moved on to the high ground East of ELSTERBERG, stopping for the night at BROCKAU (1632). Ammo expended 3 rds HE, 300 .50 cal. Destroyed 1 dual purpose 88mm AA gun, 1 half-track prime mover.

(b) 2nd plat with 2nd Bn 346th was to move out and help take the town of ZEULENRODA (0036). At 0800 they moved into the town but the 3rd Bn 346th Inf had already cleaned it up. At 1335 the 2nd plat received orders to report to the 1st Bn as they came into town. At 1420 the 2nd plat reported to the CO of 1st Bn 346th Inf. The plat had fired 200 rds .50 cal in the town of ELSTERBERG with the 1st Bn.

(c) 3rd plat - At 0500 the 3rd plat with 3rd Bn moved out from DITTERSDORF to attack and secure the town of ZEULENRODA. At 0735 3rd plat reported they were on their objective and were held up by road blocks. They were going to proceed NE from ZEULENRODA and then head East. Small arms fire was encountered along their route. They spent the night at NOSSWITZ (1334). Ammo expended was 19 rds HE, 2 APC, 250 rds .50 cal.

(d) Co CP followed up the advance of the 346th Inf Regt and closed in at ELSTERBERG at 1900. In their advance the Hq group captured 7 PW's.

17 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat moved with 3rd Bn to THEUMA (1817) and there setup defensive positions to cut the autobahn.

(b) 2nd plat moved to OBER LOSA and went into defensive assembly position.

(c) 3rd plat supporting 1st Bn, remained in town of OELSNITZ.

3. Co G, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat with 1st Bn moved out from BROCKAU (1632) at 0700 for TREUEN (2325). At 0930 the 1st Bn reported they were in the town of TREUEN. No opposition. At 1400 the 1st Bn received orders to go and assist the 2nd Bn who were having trouble entering the town of LANGENFELD. 1st Bn moved on to the town of LANGENFELD from the SW and helped reduce the opposition. At 2100 the 1st plat reported they were moving back to TREUEN and take up positions on the outskirts of the town. This was accomplished by 2200.

(b) 2nd plat - At 0215 the 2nd plat received orders to revert back to the 2nd Bn and their mission was to push on to LANGENFELD. No resistance was met until the 2nd Bn tried to enter MYAU when some German Inf tried to hold up our advance. One TD fired 4 rds of HE and the resistance ended. 2nd Bn continued to LANGENFELD. Outside the town three light tanks were knocked out by bazooka fire. Fire was coming from the high ground East of the town. The gun spotted and fire was placed in its area knocking

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it out. It proved to be a 75mm self-propelled AT gun. The German troops fled from the area and HE was fired after them. The 2nd Bn entered the town and took up defensive positions at 1735. Expended 25 rds HE, 1 APC, 200 .50 cal. Destroyed 1 75mm AT gun.

(c) 3rd plat with 3rd Bn was left at their location awaiting transportation. At 1300 the 3rd plat with the 3rd Bn moved out for the town of TREUEN, closing into the area at 1600. At 1700 the plat received orders to have two of its destroyers report to the 1st plat to help cover the main roads coming into the town (1st plat had two destroyers out for repairs). 3 PW's were taken by 3rd plat.

(d) Hq followed the advance of the 346th Inf Regt closing into CP area at TREUEN. Ammo expended for day- 25 rds HE, 1 APC, 200 .50 cal.

18 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Ren plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat consolidated defensive position at THEUMA.
 - (b) 2nd plat consolidated defensive position at OBER LOSA.
 - (c) 3rd plat consolidated defensive position at OELSNITZ.
3. Co C, with 1st Ren plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (a) 1st plat in defensive position on outskirts of TREUEN.
 - (b) 2nd plat in defensive position at LANGENFELD.
 - (c) 3rd plat in defensive position at ALTMANNSGRUN (2222).
 - (d) With Co CP at TREUEN, plats settled in above defensive positions with missions accomplished. No ammo expended for day, no enemy resistance met.

19 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Ren plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
 - (a) No change in disposition of plats. Maintained defensive positions and conducted maintenance.
3. Co C, with 1st Ren plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
 - (a) No change in disposition of plats or Co CP. Maintained defensive positions and conducted maintenance.

20 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt which assembled in vicinity of NEUENSALZ (K1821).
2. Co A, with 2nd Ren plat atchd.
 - (a) Co remained in direct support of 347th Inf Regt. Held defensive positions and conducted maintenance.
3. Co C, with 1st Ren plat atchd.
 - (a) Co remained in direct support of 346th Inf Regt. Held defensive positions and conducted maintenance.

21-22 April 1945:

1. No change in disposition or locations of any elements. Elements held defensive positions and conducted maintenance of personnel and equipment.

Summary of Operations, 607th TD Bn, April 1945.

23-30 April 1945:

1. Elements of the Bn remained in defensive positions during week, conducting maintenance of personnel and equipment. Positions of Bn Units were as follows:

(a) Bn, less Co A and Co C atchd to Task Force Sundt and assembled in vicinity of NEUENSALZ, GERMANY (K1821).

(b) Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, continued in direct support of 347th Inf Regiment. During week the units of the Co moved to or remained in the following locations:

(1) Co CP remained in vicinity of OBER LOSA (1416).

(2) 1st plat - Moved from THEUMA (1817) to defensive position in vicinity of MEHELGRUN (1919).

(3) 2nd plat - Moved from vicinity of OBER LOSA to defensive position in vicinity of DROSSDORF (1715).

(4) 3rd plat - Remained in defensive position in vicinity of OELSNITZ, (1511).

(c) Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, continued in direct support of 346th Inf Regiment. During week the units of the Co moved to or remained in the following locations:

(1) Co CP moved from vicinity of TRUEN to vicinity of LIMBACH (1930).

(2) 1st plat remained in defensive position in vicinity of TRUEN.

(3) 2nd plat remained in defensive position in vicinity of LANGENFELD, (2730).

(4) 3rd plat remained in defensive position in vicinity of ALTSMANGRUN, (2222).

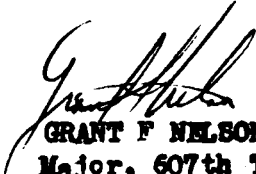
C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Bn, less Task Force Sundt elements, fired 680 rds 90mm HE, 81 rds APC.

2. Destroyed: 2 Self-propelled guns, 1 half-track, 1 88mm Anti-tank Gun, 5 general purpose vehicles.

3. Captured: 201 PW's.

4. With combination of fire, movement and shock action which were ever present in all Infantry operations involving formations of a Company or more, the armour (tank-tank destroyer teams) reduced the enemy's will to resist to such an extent that all objectives were taken with losses ranging from slight to none.


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5 May 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - TASK FORCE SUNDT

(period - 10 to 19 April 1945, incl)

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A. Operations for Periods:

10 Apr 1945:

TASK FORCE SUNDT was reconstituted with the same troops and organization as in the original organization, ie -

607th TD Bn, less Co A, Co G, 1st Rcn platoon and 2nd Rcn platoon.

Co A, 735th TK Bn.

Co K, 346th Inf Regt.

87th Rcn Trs.

3rd plat, Co B, 312th Eng C Bn.

The TF was organized into three composite companies consisting of 1 plat of TDs, 1 plat of TKs, 1 plat of Inf, 1 Rcn plat, with a reserve of the Eng plat, Pion plat and TD Bn plat. The Companies were numbered 1, 2 and 3. The Task Force assembled at TAMBACH (J0948).

11 Apr 1945:

Task Force left TAMBACH at 0630 for a line of departure at ARNSTADT (J2653). Proceeded in a column of Companies in the order - 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Route of march was through GEORHENHALL (J0652), OHREHOF (J1151), ARNSTADT (J2653), where the TF passed through the 89th Div and moved SE through DANNHEIM (J2849) to TRASSDORF (J3143) securing the high ground in the vicinity for the following Infantry. 1st Co entered TRASSDORF at 11100 and encountered heavy artillery and direct fire. 2nd Co moved through OHRE WILLINGEN (J3246) and to high ground 1000 meters SE where it was stopped by heavy direct fire and artillery. 3rd Co moved to high ground overlooking TRASSDORF to cover the 1st Co. All efforts to move forward from these positions were stopped by the heavy fire. The 1st Co was withdrawn from TRASSDORF and ordered to by-pass the town to the West and to proceed on to the vicinity of ILMENAU (J2436). At 111450 orders were received to proceed East through STADTILM (J3647) to RUDOLSTADT (J5341). 1st Co was ordered to withdraw and move to high ground NW of STADTILM and 2nd Co was ordered to move into STADTILM from NIEDERWILLINGEN. 1st Co moved to attack STADTILM, but was stopped by heavy observed artillery and direct fire. As darkness fell Task Force bivouaced in place and made plans with 3rd Bn 346th Inf for a coordinated attack on the town in the morning.

12 Apr 1945:

At 120630 1st Co and 2nd Co attacked the town of STADTILM. The 346th Inf with 1st and 2nd Bns abreast attacked South of STADTILM seizing the high ground SE thereof. The 3rd Bn 346th Inf followed the 2nd Co and occupied the town. The bridge was captured intact, though it was mined and wired. After the bridge was declared safe by the Engineer and the fuses in the two 500lb bombs removed, the 1st and 2nd Companies moved across the bridge and proceeded on to the high ground to the East and beyond, passing through GROSSE LIEBRINGEN (J3844) and KLEIN LIEBRINGEN (J3943). 3rd Co followed the 2nd Co to GROSSE LIEBRINGEN then, due to a reported concentration of tanks in the vicinity of BIRNSTEIN (J4245), the Co was moved to NAWINDEN (J4044) to cover the left flank

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from the threat. The 2nd Co moved on following the 1st Co out of KLEINLIEBRINGEN. At this point the air-liaison directed fighter bombers onto the town of EHRENSTEIN with good results. The 1st Co received direct fire and mortar fire from the North but moved on to the East.

The 1st Co was halted at THALENDORF (J4440) and the 2nd Co was sent on through, seizing KERLAU (J4840), EICHFELD (J4941). 2nd Co was then ordered to attack RUDOLSTADT (J5341) from the Southwest. The 3rd Co proceeded from NAWINDEN, through KLEINLIEBRINGEN, then to SOLSDORF (J4140) and fell into the rear of the 1st Co. EICHFELD was taken by storm. Numerous PW's were taken in all the towns.

The 2nd Co encountered abatis on the SW approaches to RUDOLSTADT, but reduced these with the help of the Engineer bulldozer. There they encountered heavy small arms and bazooka fire, but by nightfall had taken the SW part of the town. The 1st Co moved to SCHAALA (J5141) and attacked RUDOLSTADT from the West in conjunction with 2nd Co's attack, but encountered a defended road block and lost a tank to bazooka fire. They were unable to reduce the block and withdrew to a defensive position in SCHAALA. The 3rd Co was sent into RUDOLSTADT over the same route that the 2nd Co followed and moved in on the 2nd Co's left. During the afternoon and prior to the attack on the town the air worked the high ground to the East and enemy movements in the town with good results.

13 Apr 45:

Continued the attack on RUDOLSTADT in conjunction with the 2nd Bn 346th Inf Regt, meeting small arms, bazooka and sniper fire. The bridges in the town were found blown and the Task Force was ordered to reassemble, refuel, refit and prepare for immediate movement to the East to take the high ground in vicinity of POSSNECK (J7239). There were no bridges across the SAAL River and bridging had not started so at 131730 the TF moved to a field bivouac 3000 meters NW of SAALFELD (J5634). The high light of the days operations was the capture of the castle in RUDOLSTADT by 1st Co.

14 Apr 45:

At 141345 2nd Co crossed Treadway bridge at SAALFELD followed by 1st Co, then the 3rd Co. The column proceeded through GORNDORF (J5935), ROHLITZ (J6035), to BJ (6636), turned South to OLSEN (J6635), GRABENDORF (J6835), RANIS (J7036) where 2nd Co moved on to WERNBERG (J7338). 1st Co moved SE to SCHMORDA (J7234). 3rd Co followed the 2nd Co. 2nd Co proceeded on toward PEUSCHEN (J7636) but were stopped by intense direct fire and artillery fire 800 yds West of the town. The 1st Co reached SCHMORDA and proceeded toward PEUSCHEN but was stopped by bazooka fire at the edge of the woods, losing one M-8 with crew. 3rd Co moved to the high ground to the North of PEUSCHEN to cover the 2nd Co's movement into the town. 2nd Co moved into town followed by 3rd Co. 1st Co withdrew from woods and by-passed to the North to WERNBERG. Darkness fell at this time and the Task Force bivouaced for the night with CP and 1st Co in WERNBERG and the 2nd and 3rd Cos in PEUSCHEN. A MK IV tank on the East end of PEUSCHEN was destroyed by our attackers. A number of prisoners were taken.

15 Apr 45:

At 150700 Task Force continued on toward its objective with 3rd Co leading followed by 2nd. They proceeded through LASKAU (J7736), KNAU (J8135), PLOTHEN (J8534), DITTERSDORF (J8835). At DITTERSDORF the 3rd Co was halted due to the number of PW's on hand, plus cleaning up work required, and the 2nd Co passed through them and continued the move on through DRAGENSORF (J8935), TEGAU (J9135), to FORTHEN (J9434) then to LAWITZ (J9534). At this point they received heavy artillery fire and small arms fire from the

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East and Northeast. 2nd Co moved from WERNBERG to BODELWITZ (J7439) to GERWITZ (J7538), to DAUTMITSCH (J7837), to KNAU, PLOTHEN and to DITTERSDORF where it passed through the 3rd Co and followed 2nd Co, closely covering the 2nd Co's advance from deployed overwatching positions. 3rd Co proceeded to TEGAU, to GOSCHITZ (J9233) to KERSCHKAU (J9527) where it eliminated scattered resistance and halted for gas. The 2nd Co withdrew from LAHTE to FORTHEN then moved to KIRSCHAU, covered by 1st Co fire and passed through the 3rd Co at KIRSCHKAU and moved to LOSSAU (J9329) and thence to LANGENBUCH (J9526) where it intercepted a sizable force of enemy moving out of the town on foot and in wagons. It deployed and destroyed the column, killing or dispersing the foot elements. The 1st Co following the 2nd also deployed and entered into the firing. The 2nd and 1st Cos then proceeded to THIERBACH (J9828) where heavy resistance was encountered. The two Companies held up for the night. The 3rd Co with the CP group moved into LANGENBUCH and bivouaced for the night.

16 Apr 45:

The TF continued the advance at 160700. Resistance in THIERBACH (J9828) continued with small arms fire. The 3rd Co by-passed the town and proceeded cross country, by-passing PAUSA (K0128), going to UNTERPIRK (J0227), then to BERNSGRUN (J0427), to FROMBERSGUN (K0827), to STEINSOF (K1127), to where the bridge was blown as the armor approached it at BARTHAHLEN (K133268). The 1st and 2nd Cos contacted the buergermeister of THIERBACH and requested surrender of the town and garrison on threat of destruction. The request was refused and a sniper killed Capt Nicklas, 2nd Co Comdr. The 1st Co pulled back and took positions overlooking the town. When the 2nd Co had cleared, the 1st Co opened fire and destroyed the town with direct fire, setting it afire with tracers and incendiary bullets. After the town was well afire the two companies pulled out with 2nd Co leading and followed the route of the 3rd Co. About 75 German soldiers came out of the town and surrendered to the covering force.

The 3rd Co encountered 1 halftrack-drawn 150mm howitzer and 3 horse-drawn 75mm guns at BARTHAHLEN. All were destroyed and the personnel captured or killed. The 3rd Co immediately swung North along the WEISSE-BEER River and captured a railroad bridge at (K129289) and crossed the river, proceeding to JOCHETA (K1436) and to HELMSGRUN (K1725) thence to GANSGUN (1723) where they were met by intense tank fire. They knocked out one tank and lost one tank. The tank fire came from the vicinity of THOSSFELD (K1923). 2nd Co proceeded to NEUENSALZ (K1821) fording the river at BARTHAHLEN. The 1st Co moved through the 2nd Co and moved to MECHELGRUN (K1919). The 3rd Co withdrew from GANSGRUN to ALTENSALZ (K1722). The Task Force bivouaced in place for the night, CP and 2nd Co at NEUENSALZ, 3rd Co at ALTENSALZ and 1st Co at MECHELGRUN.

17 Apr 1945:

At 170700 the 3rd Co moved through the 2nd and 1st Cos and seized and held BERGEN (K2218). The 2nd Co followed and moved to TRIEB (K2219) and the 1st Co moved to UNTERLAUTERBACH (K2421) by way of ALTMANNSGRUN (K2322). The CP moved to BERGEN.

18 Apr 45:

Task Force remained in defensive positions. Enemy patrols came into each of the Company areas and destroyed one M-20 in the 2nd Co's area. During the day patrols were sent out by all Companies.

19 Apr 45:

1st Co moved from UNTER-LUTERBACH to TRIEB. All Companies patrolled to the front.

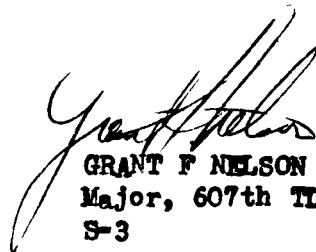
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20 Apr 45:

Task Force ordered to assemble (less the Inf Co) in vicinity of NEUENSALZ (K1821). Move was initiated at 201945 and last elements closed in new location (K172206) at 202100.

B. Results of Operations:

1. PW's captured - 1344.
2. Enemy Equipment Destroyed: - 2 tanks (MK IV).
 - 11 trucks
 - 4 half-tracks
 - 3 armored cars
 - 6 wagons (horse-drawn)
 - 2 tractors
 - 3 motorcycles
 - 3 75mm guns
 - 1 105mm gun
3. Distance traveled - 109 miles, captured 58 towns, spearheaded advance of Div.
4. Our losses: - (vehicles) (personnel)
 - 1 tank (F4A1) 5 killed in action
 - 3 M-8 34 wounded " "
 - 1 M-20 5 missing " "
 - 1 half-track


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