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25TH. TANK BATTALION  
APO 446 U.S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Unit Historical Report.

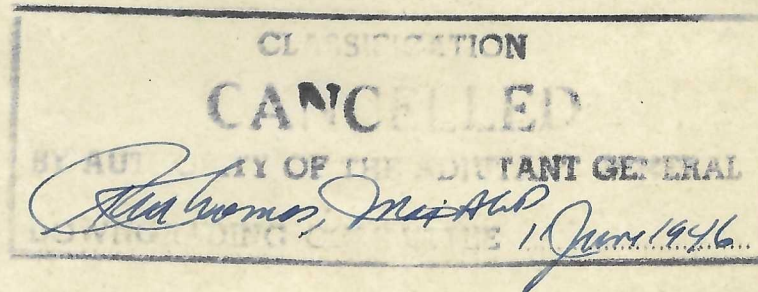
TO : Commanding General, 14th. Armored Division, APO 446, U. S. Army.  
(Through; Headquarters, CC "B")

1. Attached is Unit Historical Report of this unit covering  
period, 1 - 28 February 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:

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PLACE Huttendorf, Fr.  
MAP France 1/50,000

- NO.	TIME		FROM TO	MESSAGE	S	I	M	REF. TO	MSG. NO.
	IN	OUT							
				Attack Plan in effect. Bn. alerted to move.				FRONT LINE	
		1715		Bn moves to Bischwiller, Fr. Closed 1840				ARTY.	
	Fr. 2	0001	Feb.	To: 22400 Feb. 45 Bischwiller, Fr.				RCN.	
		1130		35P Guns in vic. 140200 at edge of woods	X	X	X	TKS.	
		1315		Eny Inf walking about at 09782062				T.D.	
		1515		AT Gun at 10602023	X	X	X	INF.	
		1625		Eny. Tk. observed moving into edge of woods at 09802052				AIR	
								ENG.	
		2110		Fr. Rotate: 20 Mk. IV Tks. vic. Schirrheim + Tks. in Schirrhoffen				G.	
	Fr. 3	0001	Feb. 45	To: 32400 Feb. 45	X	X	X	RESERVE	
		1000		Bn CO to Oberhoffen				SUPPLIES	
				No change in situation. Rpt. to CCB'				DEFENSIVE	
								IDENTIFY	
	Fr. 4	0001	Feb. 45	To: 42400 Feb. 45				TERRAIN	
		0800		S-2 to B Co. Back 0930. No change				WEATHER	
		1800		Ln.O. with movement orders. Rpt. to CCB'				MISC.	



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FROM 50001 Feb. 45  
TO 52400 Feb. 45

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NO.	TIME		FROM TO	MESSAGE	S	I	M	REF. TO	MSG. NO.
	IN	OUT							
				0945 Movement by platoons. Bn closed Gries 1145				FRONT LINE	
				1930 2-C-25 to Gombsheim to join B-117 RCN				ARTY.	
				with mission to enter Offendorf				RCN.	
				2245 Ln.O. with VO to send 1-C-25 to Gombsheim				TKS.	
				Fr: 60001 Feb. 45 To: 62400 Feb. 45				T.D.	
				0800 S-3 to Offendorf				INF.	
				0810 Ln.O. with notes	X	X	X	AIR	
				1300 Bn. to move; first element leaving at 1430				ENG.	
				1630 Bn. closed in Weitbruck at 1630				G.	
				Fr: 70001 Feb. 45 To: 72400 Feb. 45 Weitbruck, Fr.				RESERVE	
				No change. Usual duties				SUPPLIES	
				1300 Bn. CO to Herrlisheim. Back 1630				DEFENSIVE	
				1730 Ln.O. with Overlay	X	X	X	IDENTIFY	
				Fr: 80001 Feb. 45 To: 82400 Feb. 45				TERRAIN	
				0730 Bn. moves to vic. Huttendorf. Closed 1100				WEATHER	
				No change.				MISC	





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PLACE Alteckendorf, Fr.  
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25TH TANK BATTALION

Fr: 0001, 1 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 1 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Huttendorf. At 1000 Battalion alerted for move to vic Bischwiller on short notice. At 1630 Battalion ordered to execute move to Bischwiller. Moved out at 1715 and closed in NW edge of Bischwiller at 1900. Special security established. On orders from CCB plans made to have two combat patrols available upon call. Combat patrols to consist of platoon medium tanks, squad of infantry and forward observer. Weather cloudy, warmer with intermittent showers during day. Bn forward CP established in Bischwiller and rear CP remained in Huttendorf.

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Fr: 0001, 2 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 2 Feb 1945

Bn forward CP in Bischwiller.

At 0845 1-C-25 and 2-C-25 to E edge of Bischwiller, remained in firing position during day to furnish protective fire and cover to N, NE and E.

At 1000 A-25 attached to 68 AIB.

B-25 with 68 AIB. Mission, flank town of Oberhoffen from East and secure RR to NW of town. A-25 (-) as support. One platoon A-25 plus squad of infantry and FO as flank protection. Reached point 103 200 (France 1/50,000, Frumath Sheet) and held up due to stream not being fordable. Advance elements by-passed stream going west through edge of town. Drew direct fire from woods to North. Tanks drew considerable artillery fire during advance. After dark tanks drew back to assembly area in Southern edge of town. Attack halted at 1930.

Fired on enemy tanks in woods North of town where it was thought direct fire was coming from and on enemy infantry in cellars in Oberhoffen. Terrain marshy and soft.

At 1930 A-68 reverted to 68 control. A-25 with 68, relieved company from 753d Tank Battalion in Oberhoffen. Weather clear and warm.

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Fr: 0001, 3 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 3 Feb 1945

Battalion forward CP in Bischwiller. A&B Companies remain attached to 68 AIB in Oberhoffen. 1-C-25 and 2-C-25 in position in E edge of Bischwiller covering area to N, NE and E. At 1000 Mortar Platoon was attached to 68 AIB for tactical purposes only. Fired several missions during night on NW edge of Oberhoffen. AGs fired several missions on 115 215 and 097 211 (France, 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet).

At approximately 2000 five rounds of medium artillery fell in immediate vic of Battalion CP.

Weather, rain, continued warm with limited visibility. Tanks unable to operate effectively except on roads.

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Fr: 0001, 4 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 4 Feb 1945

Bn forward CP in Bischwiller.

1-2-C-25 took up positions on E edge Bischwiller covering area to N, NE and E. A&B 25 remain attached to 68 AIB. AGs fired intermittently on edge of woods N & NE of Oberhoffen. Rcn Platoon made route Rcn of roads Bischwiller-Kurtzendorf-Weyer sheim-Gries.

3-B-125 to vic N & NW Rohrwiller to make frost test. Reported ground soft and under water. Not suitable for tank operation.



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Fr: 0001, 4, Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 4 Feb 1945  
(continued)

At 1730 Battalion alerted for move to assembly area vic Gries. Billiting party left at 1800. Weather cloudy with light rains during day.

Fr: 0001, 5 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 5 Feb 1945

Bn forward CP in Bischwiller until 1130. 25 (-) moved from Bischwiller to assembly area in Gries. Move made by platoons, 15 minute interval between platoons. Order of march D Co, C Co, AGs, 3-B-125, Mortar, Maintenance. Medics moved by infiltration starting at 1030. D Co moved out at 0945. Bn closed in Gries at 1145. Bn CP established in house in E edge of town.

A-25 relieved from 68, reverted to 25 control. Closed in Gries at 1630.

Run Platoon Ldr and section made route Ren Gries-Kurtzenhausen-Weyersheim-Hoerdt-Gambsheim.

2-C-25 ordered to B-117 Cav at 1915. Moved out to join B-117 at 1945. Mission, move into town of Offendorf.

3-C-25 alerted for similar mission at 2145. 3-C-25 moved out at 2300 to support elements of 117 in moving into Gambsheim. Both platoons as support reached objectives. Both Offendorf and Gambsheim reported clear.

Weather cloudy with light showers during day.

Fr: 0001, 6 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 6 Feb 1945

At 1430 Battalion moved from Gries in order D Co, C Co (-), A Co, Hq Co, Medics and Maint. Closed in Weitbruch at 1630. Bn CP established in center of town.

2-C-25 and 3-C-25 supporting 117 Cav, 2-C in Offendorf, 3-C in Gambsheim. Both platoons released at 1930, joined parent unit in Weitbruch at 2130.

Weather, cloudy, continued warm.

Fr: 0001, 7 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 7 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Weitbruch.

At 1200 Ln Officer from OCB with orders covering move to vic Huttendorf. Move to be made 8 Feb 1945. Billiting party left Bn area at 1245. Cloudy during the day with intermittent showers. Roads becoming cut up and track vehicles are roadbound.

Fr: 0001, 8 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 8 Feb 1945

Bn moved from Weitbruch to Huttendorf - Morschwiller. Moved out from Weitbruch at 0730. Closed at 1100 with Bn CP in Huttendorf, Hq Co, D Co, A-68, AGs and Mortars in Huttendorf. A & C Cos in Morschwiller. Roadblocks established on all roads entering towns of Huttendorf and Morschwiller. At 0100 A-68 attached to 25.

Bn placed on 4 hour alert.

Weather cloudy in morning to clear in afternoon.





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Fr: 0001, 9 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 9 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Huttendorf.

Entire day devoted to maintenance of weapons, cleaning whitewash from vehicles, re-stowing vehicles and maintenance of vehicles.

Plans being made to fire all reinforcements with their individual arms. Outposted town of Huttendorf.

At 0930 Division Band visited battalion area for a twenty minute concert.

Weather cloudy with light showers during day. Roads are in bad condition and traffic is being limited to absolute necessary trips. Engineers reinforcing all roads where breaks appear.

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Fr: 0001, 10 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 10 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Huttendorf. Outposted towns of Huttendorf and Morshwiller. All personnel manning roadblocks alerted to be especially watchful for infiltrating enemy agents.

Training schedules put into effect by all companies and medical detachment. Following subjects were stressed:

- Personal Sanitation
- Supervised Maintenance
- Orientation
- Weapons Cleaning
- Radio Procedure

Weather: Cloudy with light showers during day, continued warm.

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Fr: 0001, 11 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 11 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Huttendorf. Outposted towns of Huttendorf and Morshwiller. Training by all companies during day covered:

- Orientation
- Use of demolition
- Personal Cleanliness
- Maintenance: Vehicles and weapons
- Security measures
- Radio Procedure

Movies were shown to all available men in afternoon and showers in Schwindrotzheim available to battalion all afternoon. Trucks carried men to shower point. Bn CO, Lt Col E. C. Watson to Hospital. Major H. E. Philips assumes command during his absence.

Weather: Clear in morning to cloudy and rain in afternoon. Roads continue to be hazardous due to continuous rains and traffic held to a minimum.





Fr: 0001, 12 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 12 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Huttendorf. Outposted towns of Huttendorf and Morshwiller.  
All reinforcements received to date fired their individual weapons on Saverne Range between 0800 and 1030. Each man fired thirty rounds. Purpose of firing: To familiarize each man with his individual weapon and make necessary sight adjustments.

Training during day covered:

Maintenance, vehicles and weapons  
Orientation  
Direct and Indirect Fire  
Radio Procedure

Showers were available to battalion until 1330.

Weather: Cloudy and warm, light rains.

Fr: 0001, 13 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 13 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Huttendorf. Outposted towns of Huttendorf and Morshwiller. Training during day covered:

Maintenance, vehicles and weapons  
Orientation  
Indirect Fire  
Personal Cleanliness  
Security

Movies shown to battalion 1300 & 1500.

Bn alerted for move to Alteckendorf. Move to be executed 14 February 1945.  
A and C Companies to remain in present position.  
Weather: Cloudy and continued warm.



Fr: 0001, 14 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 14 Feb 1945

Battalion (-A & C) moved from Huttendorf to Alteckendorf. Route Huttendorf-Morshwiller-Ringeldorf-Ettendorf-Alteckendorf. Order of march: A-68, D-25, Hq and Hq Co, Medics, Bn Maint. Moved out at 0900 and closed in Alteckendorf at 1015. Bn CP established in school house in center of town.

Outposts established in all roads entering town. A & C Companies continue to maintain road blocks in Morschwiller.

Weather: Clear and warm with unlimited visibility.

Fr: 0001, 15 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 15 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. A and C Companies remain in Morschwiller. Outposted both towns.

Training during day included:

Maintenance, vehicles and weapons  
Orientation  
Basic Infantry Training

Bn Commander, Bn S-3, and Tank Company Commanders attended Multi-Barrelled Rocket Projector demonstration vic St Jean at 1400.

Weather: Clear and continued warm. Road condition improving with continued clear weather.



Fr: 0001, 16 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 16 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Training conducted by all companies during day and featured:

Maintenance, vehicles and weapons

Orientation

Use of Cover and Concealment

Direct and Indirect Fire

Rocket Launcher Instruction and Firing.

Movie "Going My Way" shown to battalion in afternoon and at night.

Bazooka teams from each company fired at 1530 in rear of Bn CP. Purpose of firing: Test different lots of ammunition and further familiarize crews with firing weapon.

Weather: Cloudy in morning with heavy fog to clear in afternoon.

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Fr: 0001, 17 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 17 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.

ETOUSA Representative gave lecture on "Escape, What to do if captured, how to escape if captured", at 1300 to battalion.

Four men from Bn (1 from A-68) attended school on "Handling Friendly Mines" conducted by 125 Engineers at Schweinheim at 0900. These men to instruct their companies on subject. Attendance: Sgt Robertson, A Co; Sgt Shelton, C Co; Sgt McLarren, D Co; Sgt Dahl, A-68.

Normal training during day included:

Maintenance, vehicles and weapons

Orientation

Use of Cover and Concealment

Weather: Cloudy, slightly cooler with fog entire day.

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Fr: 0001, 18 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 18 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Normal training during day including:

Maintenance, vehicles and weapons

Orientation

Handling Friendly Mines

Basic Infantry Principles

Plans being made for relieving B Co with 68 AIB, replacing them with C Co, and releasing A-68 to parent unit.

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Fr: 0001, 19 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 19 Feb 1945



Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. A-68 released to parent unit at 1730. B-25 relieved from 68 AIB, reverted to parent unit and closed in Morschwiller at 1845.

Two platoons C-25 (1st & 3rd) attached to 68 AIB; 2-C-25 attached to 19 AIB. Time 1800.

Lt Col E. C. Watson returned to duty.

Weather: Cloudy in morning changing to fair in afternoon and night.

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Fr: 0001, 20 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 20 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
Normal training during day stressing maintenance of vehicles and weapons.  
Assault Guns fired approximately 60 rounds registering on check points.  
Weather: Fair in morning to cloudy and rain in late afternoon and night.

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Fr: 0001, 21 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 21 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
Three tanks, B Co, fired approximately ten rounds on enemy positions at 1100  
and at 1530 from positions vic Morschwiller. Drew counter battery fire both times.  
AG's moved to new positions nearer front line, vic Pfaffenhoffen.  
Normal training conducted during day.  
Weather: Partly cloudy in morning to clear in afternoon and night.

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Fr: 0001, 22 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 22 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
Three AG's in position South of Pfaffenhoffen vic 916263. Remaining three AG's  
moved to positions vic RR tracks just East of Alteckendorf.  
Plans being made to effect counterattack measures upon order.  
Normal training during day.  
Weather: Clear entire day, minimum temperature, 38 degrees.

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Fr: 0001, 23 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 23 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Normal training during day. AGs remained in firing position. Battalion prepared to support CCB in event of enemy breakthrough in CCB Zone. Mortar Platoon moved to Pfaffenhoffen and took up firing positions ready to fire on order. Weather: Clear.

Fr: 0001, 24 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 24 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Normal training conducted during day. All vehicles and vehicular equipment inspected by team composed of Battalion Staff Officers. Three AGs in position South of Pfaffenhoffen relieved by platoon medium tanks from A-25, relief effected at 1000. AGs returned to Alteckendorf and went into firing position with remaining three guns. Bn remains prepared to support CCB in event enemy counterattacks in CCB Zone. Weather: Overcast skies entire day, slightly cooler. Minimum temperature 36 degrees.

Fr: 0001, 25 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 25 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Normal training conducted during day. Bn remains prepared to support CCB in event enemy counterattacks in CCB Zone. Rcn Platoon took over observation post on high ground South of Pfaffenhoffen; to man post during daylight hours. Weather: Overcast skies, continued cool, Minimum temperature 30 degrees.

Fr: 0001, 26 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 26 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Bn remains prepared to support CCB in Zone in event of enemy breakthrough. AGs fired three missions on enemy positions North of Kindwiller. (Observed). Mortar Platoon remains in Pfaffenhoffen prepared to fire on call. Platoon medium tanks from A-25 remain in position South of Pfaffenhoffen. Rcn Platoon manning observation post on high ground South of Pfaffenhoffen. Weather: Cloudy in morning to clear in mid afternoon. Camouflage painting of all vehicles in Bn.

Fr: 0001, 27 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 27 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Bn prepared to support CCB in event of enemy breakthrough. At 1600 twelve officers from battalion attended Multi-barrelled Rocket Demonstration at St Jean. A & C Cos each turned in one medium tank with 75mm gun. AGs fired TOT mission with Div Arty at 1855. Target: Bitschoffen. Fired 30 rounds (15 HE, 15 WP). Observed. Mortars remain in position in Pfaffenhoffen. Rcn Platoon manning OP on high ground South of Pfaffenhoffen. Weather: Cloudy in morning to clear in mid afternoon. Camouflage painting of all vehicles in Bn.





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Fr: 0001, 28 Feb 1945

To: 2400, 28 Feb 1945

Bn CP in Alteckendorf. Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf. Prepared to support CCB in Zone in event of enemy penetration. Mortar and Ren Platoons remain in positions vic Pfaffenhoffen. Weather: Clear, warmer, minimum temperature 38 degrees. Camouflage painting of all vehicles in Bn. 62 AIB relieved 68 AIB & 2 platoons C-25 went to 62 AIB control.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 1 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 1 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Bischwiller  
 2400, 1 Feb 1945

No 32.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Assembly area NW edge Bischwiller.  
 Bn forward CP NW edge Bischwiller.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, warmer, intermittent showers, vis 3-4 miles.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

At 1000 Bn alerted for move to vic Bischwiller on short notice.  
 At 1630 Bn ordered to execute move to Bischwiller. Moved out at 1715,  
 closed in NW edge of Bischwiller at 1900. Special security established.  
 On orders from CCB, plans made to have two combat patrols available upon  
 call. Combat patrols to consist of Plat medium tanks, squad Inf and FO.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Moved from Huttendorf to assembly area Bischwiller.

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 (with dozer)			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: One M4A3 Med Tank with 76 to C Company.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 2 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 2 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Bischwiller  
 2400, 2 Feb 1945

No 33.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Brunmath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None - Advance elements attached to 68 AIB.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:  
 B-25 with 68 in S end of Oberhoffen.  
 A-25 relieving Co 753 Tank Bn in Oberhoffen.  
 D&C 25 in Bischwiller.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility 2-3 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 At 0845 1-C-25 and 2-C-25 to E edge Bischwiller, remained in firing position covering area to N, NE and E.  
 At 1000 A-25 attached to 68 AIB.  
 B-25 with 68, mission flank town of oberhoffen to E, secure RR to NW of town. A-25 (-) as support. One platoon A-25 plus 1 Sqd Inf and FO as flank protection. Reached point 103 200 and held up due to stream not being fordable. Adv elements bypassed stream going W through edge of town. Drew direct fire from woods N of town. Tanks drew considerable artillery fire during advance. After dark tanks drew back to assembly area in S edge of town. Attack halted at 1930. Fired on tanks in woods N of town where it was thought direct fire was coming from and on enemy doughs in cellars in Oberhoffen. Terrain marshy and soft.  
 At 1930, A-68 reverted to 68 control. A-25 relieving company from 753 Tank Bn in Oberhoffen.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 3 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 3 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Bischwiller  
 2400, 3 Jan 1945

No 34.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE:  
None, advance elements attached to 68 AIB.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:  
A&B Cos with 68 AIB in Oberhoffen.  
C-25, D-25, AG Platoon & Mortar Platoon in Bischwiller.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain, continued warm, vis limited to one mile.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
A&B Cos remain attached to 68.  
1-C-25 & 2-C-25 remained in position E edge Bischwiller.  
Mortar Platoon attached to 68 AIB at 1000.  
AGs fired missions on 114 215 and 097 211 during day.  
At approx 2000, five rounds artillery fell in immediate vicinity of CP.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	With 68 AIB				
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 4 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 4 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Bischwiller  
 2400, 4 Feb 1945.

No 35.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, light rains, visibility 1-2 Miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - 1-C-25 & 2-C-25, E edge Bischwiller in firing position.
  - A-25, B-25 remain attached to 68 AIB.
  - AGs fired intermittently during day on edge of woods N & NE of Oberhoffen.
  - Rcn Plat made route reconnaissance of roads Bischwiller - Kurtzendorf - Weyersheim Gries.
  - 3-B-25 to vic N and NW Rohrwiller to make frost test. Reported ground soft and covered with water. Not suitable for tank operations.
  - 1730 Bn alerted for move to assembly area vic Gries. Billiting party left at 1800.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	With 68 AIB				
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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# S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 5 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 5 Feb 1945  
25th Tank Battalion  
Gries  
2400, 5 Feb 1945

No 36.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:  
Bn CP Gries (Fwd Gries; Rear Huttendorf)  
A, C, D, AG, Mortar, Gries.  
3-B-125, Med Det, Gries.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, light showers during day, visibility 1-2 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
25(-) moved from Bischwiller to assembly area in Gries. Move made by plats, 15 minute interval. Order march: D Co, C Co, AGs, 3-B-125, Mortars, Maint. Medics moved by infiltration starting at 1030. D Co moved out 0945. Bn closed in Gries at 1145. Bn CP established in house in E edge of town. A-25 relieved 68, reverted to 25. Closed in Gries 1630. Rcn Plat Ldr and Section made route Rcn Gries-Kurtzenhausen-Weyersheim-Hoerd-Gambsheim.  
2-C-25 attached to B-117 Cav at 1915. Moved out to join B-117 at approx 1945. Mission was move into town of Offendorf.  
3-C-25 alerted for combat patrol vic offendorf at 2145.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Moved from Bischwiller to Gries.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	4	1		
	M4 Tk 75	11			
	Tk Dozer	1			
B	With 68				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
Major, 25th Tk Bn, S-3.





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 6 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 6 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Weitbruch  
 2400, 6 Feb 1945

No 37.

Map: France, 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bn CP Weitbruch; Assembly area Weitbruch.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, continued warm, visibility 3-5 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Bn moved from Gries to Weitbruch. Moved out at 1430, closed in Weitbruch 1630.  
 Order of march: D, C(-), A, Hq, Med, Maint.  
 2-3-C-25 supporting 117 Cav. 2-C-25 in Offendorf. 3-C-25 in Gamsheim.  
 Released at 1930, returned to C-25 in Weitbruch at 2130.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:  
 Moved from Gries to Weitbruch.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	4	1		
	M4 Tk 75	12			
B	With 68				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
 S-3





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 7 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 7 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Weitbruch  
 2400, 7 Feb 1945

No 38.

Map: France. 1/50,000, Brumath Sheet.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, continued warm, intermittent showers, visibility 3-4 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 At 1200 Ln Officer from CBB with orders covering move to vic Huttendorf.  
 Move to be made 8 Feb 45. Billiting party left Bn at 1245.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 (w/dozer)			
B	M4 Tk 76)				
	M4 Tk 75)with 68				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 8 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 8 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Huttendorf  
 2400, 8 Feb 1945.

No 39.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:  
 Bn CP in Huttendorf.  
 Hq Co, D Co, A-68, AGs and Mortar Plat in Huttendorf.  
 A & C Cos in Morschwiller.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy in AM to clear in PM. Vis 7-8 Miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Bn moved ~~out~~ from Weitbruch to Huttendorf - Morschwiller. Moved out from Weitbruch at 0730. Closed in Huttendorf - Morschwiller at 1100.  
 Road blocks established on all roads entering town of Huttendorf and Morschwiller.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:  
 Moved from Weitbruch to Huttendorf - Morschwiller.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12			
B	With 68				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 9 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 9 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Huttendorf  
 2400, 9 Feb 1945

No 40.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, intermittent showers in AM & PM to clear in late PM. Vis 3-6 Miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted town of Huttendorf.  
 Entire day devoted to Maint of weapons, cleaning whitewash from vehicles, re-stowing vehicles, maintenance of vehicles.  
 Plans being made to fire all reinforcements with their individual weapon.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	11	1		
B	With 68				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

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REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 10 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 10 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Huttendorf, France  
 2400, 10 Feb 1945

No 41.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy with light showers during day, continued warm. Visibility 5-7 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Outposted towns of Huttendoff and Morschwiller. Training schedules put into effect by all Cos and Med Det. Following subjects stressed:
  - Personal Sanitation
  - Supervised Maintenance
  - Orientation
  - Weapons Cleaning
  - Radio Procedure
 All personnel manning roadblocks alerted to be especially watchful for infiltrating enemy agents.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 w/Tk Dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 11 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 11 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Huttendorf, France.  
 2400, 11 Feb 1945

No 42.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear to cloudy and rain in PM. Vis 7-8 decreased to 3-4 in PM.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Huttendorf and Morschwiller.  
 Training by all Companies during day covering:  
     Orientation  
     Use of Demolitions  
     Personal Cleanliness  
     Maintenance; vehicles and weapons  
     Security Measures  
     Radio Procedure  
 Movies and showers made available to all men in afternoon.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 w/Tk Dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 12 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 12 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Huttendorf, France  
 2400, 12 Feb 1945

No 43.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy with rain in AM to cloudy in PM. Vis 3-5 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Huttendorf and Morschwiller.  
 Reinforcements fired individual weapons on Saverne Range between 0800-1030.  
 Training during day covered:  
     Maintenance, vehicles and weapons  
     Orientation  
     Direct and Indirect Fire  
     Radio Procedure  
 Showers available to Battalion until 1330.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	5	1		
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 with Tk Dozer			
B	M4 Tk 76)				
	M4 Tk 75) With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 13 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 13 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Huttendorf, France  
 2400, 13 Feb 1945

No 44.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, warm, visibility 5-7 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Out posted towns of Huttendorf & Morschwiller.  
 Training during day covered:  
     Maintenance of vehicles and weapons  
     Orientation  
     Indirect Fire  
     Personal Cleanliness  
     Security  
 Movie shown to Bn 1300 - 1500.  
 Bn alerted for move to be executed 14 Feb 45.  
 Move to Alteckendorf. A & C Cos to remain in present location.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	6			
	M4 Tk 75	12 with Tk Dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 14 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 14 Feb 1945  
25th Tank Battalion  
Alteckendorf, Fr  
2400, 14 Feb 1945

No 45.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: A&C in Morschwiller; Bn CP, A-68, Hq Co, Med & Maint in Alteckendorf.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, warm, visibility unlimited.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
Bn (-A&C) moved from Huttendorf to Alteckendorf. Moved out at 0900.  
Closed in Alteckendorf at 1015. Bn CP established in School House in center of town.  
Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Moved Bn (-A&C) fr Huttendorf to Alteckendorf.
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 with Tk Dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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# S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 15 Feb 1945  
To: 2400, 15 Feb 1945  
25th Tank Battalion  
Alteckendorf, France  
2400, 15 Feb 1945.

No 46.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: --
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, warm. Visibility unlimited.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
Training during day included: Maintenance, vehicles and weapons  
Orientation  
Basic Infantry Training  
Bn Commander, Bn S-3, and Tank Company Commanders attended Multi-Barrelled Rocket Projector Demonstration vic St Jean at 1400.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: --
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 with Tk Dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
Major, 25th Tank Bn,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 16 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 16 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 16 Feb 1945

No 47.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy with heavy fog in AM to clear in PM. Visibility  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 mile in AM to unlimited in PM.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 .Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
 Training during day included:  
     Maintenance; vehicles and weapons  
     Orientation  
     Use of cover and concealment  
     Direct and indirect fire  
     Rocket launcher instruction and firing  
     Movies shown to battalion in afternoon and night.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 w/dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 17 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 17 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 17 Feb 1945

No 48.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

- 1.. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ---
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, slightly cooler, foggy entire day, visibility limited to one mile.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
 ETOUSA representative gave lecture on "Escape", what to do if captured, how to escape if captured, at 1300.  
 Four men from battalion (1 fr A-68) attended school on "Handling Friendly Mines" conducted by 125 at Schweinheim at 0900.  
 Normal training conducted during day.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ---
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	12 w/dozer			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Battalion,  
 S-3.





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 18 February 1945  
 To: 2400, 18 February 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 18 Feb 1945

No 49.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ----
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, light showers in late afternoon. Vis 2-4 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Outposted towns of Merschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
Normal training during day.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ----
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	5			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
B	With 68 AIB				
C	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 19 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 19 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 19 Feb 1945

No. 50.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Hq, D - Alteckendorf; A, B - Morschwiller.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: -----
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy in AM changing to fair in PM.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Released A-68 to parent unit at 1730.  
 B-25 relieved from 68 AIB and closed in Morschwiller at 1845.  
 C-25 - 2 platoons attached to 68 AIB; 1 platoon attached to 19 AIB.  
 Continued outposting towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: -----
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

Company	Vehicles	Operatable	In 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours	Lost
Hq	M4 Tk 75	2			
	M4 Tk 105	6			
A	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	10			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	7			
C	M4 Tk 76)				
	M4 Tk 75) Attached to 68 & 19 AIBs.				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 20 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 20 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 20 Feb 1945

No 51.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair in AM to cloudy and rain in late afternoon.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 AG Platoon fired approximately 60 rounds registering on check points.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	9			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	W/19 & 68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

WILLIAM E. SHEDD, III,  
 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
 S-3.





## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 21 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 21 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 21 Feb 1945

No 52.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ---
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy in AM to fair in PM. Vis 6-7 miles in PM.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Three tanks, B Co, fired approximatley 10 rounds on enemy positions at 1100 and again at 1530. Drew counterbattery fire both times.  
 AG Platoon moved to new positions closer to line.  
 Normal training conducted during day.  
 Towns of Alteckendorf and Morschwiller outposted.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ---

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	9			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	W/19 & 68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 22 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 22 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 22 Feb 1945

No 53.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Nochange
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ---
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility excellent.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Alteckendorf and Morschwiller.  
 Normal Training during day.  
 Three AG's in position S of Pfaffenhoffen vic 916263. Remaining three  
 AG's in position Alteckendorf.  
 Plans made to effect counterattack plans, A, B, C, upon order.

6. COMBAT EFFECIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ---

8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	7			
	M4 Tk 75	9			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	w/68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: 1 M4 Tank with 76mm to A Company.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 23 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 23 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 23 Feb 1945

No 54.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, visibility unlimited.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Merschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
 Normal training during day.  
 AGs remained in firing position  
 Bn prepared to execute C/A plans in Z.  
 Mortar Platoon moved to firing position vic Pfaffenhoffen.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	7		1	
	M4 Tk 75	9			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	7			
C	W/68 AIB	—			
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 24 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 24 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 24 Feb 1945

No 55.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ---
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast entire day. Vis 5-8 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
 Three AGs in position S of Pfaffenhoffen relieved by three Med Tks from A-25. Relief effected at 1000.  
 Normal training during day with vehicles and equipment inspection conducted by Staff Officers.  
 Bn remains prepared to support CCB in event enemy C/As in CCB Zone.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ---
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	8			
	M4 Tk 75	9			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	W/68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 25 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 25 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 25 Feb 1945

No 56.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast skies, continued cool, min temperature 30 degrees. Visibility 5-7 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Merschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
 Normal training during day.  
 Prepared to support troops in event of enemy C/A in CCB Zone.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	5	1		
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	7		1	
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	W/68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 26 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 26 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Altleckendorf, France  
 2400, 26 Feb 1945

No 57.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: ---
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, continued cool, visibility 5-6 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Altleckendorf.  
 Prepared to support CCB in Zone in event of enemy counterattack.  
 AGs fired three missions on enemy positions, observed, North of Kindwiller.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: ---
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	MA Tk 105	5	1		
	MA Tk 75	2			
A	MA Tk 76	9		1	
	MA Tk 75	7			
B	MA Tk 76	9			
	MA Tk 75	8			
C	MA Tk 76)				
	MA Tk 75) w/68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 27 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 27 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 27 Feb 1945

No 58.

Map: France 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy in AM to clear in mid afternoon. Vis 3-5 miles increased to 5-8 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf.  
 Prepared to support CCB in zone.  
 AGs fired TOT mission with Div Arty at 1855. Target, Bitschhoffen; fired 30 rounds (15 HE, 15 WP). Observed.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	7		1	
	M4 Tk 75	8			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	W/68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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 Major, 25th Tank Bn.,  
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## S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Fr: 0001, 28 Feb 1945  
 To: 2400, 28 Feb 1945  
 25th Tank Battalion  
 Alteckendorf, France  
 2400, 28 Feb 1945

No 59.

Map: France, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: —
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, warmer, min Temp 38°. Visibility 8-9 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:  
 Outposted towns of Morschwiller and Alteckendorf,  
 Prepared to support CCB in Zone.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: —
8. VEHICLE STATUS:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Operatable</u>	<u>In 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Hq	M4 Tk 105	6			
	M4 Tk 75	2			
A	M4 Tk 76	7		1	
	M4 Tk 75	8			
B	M4 Tk 76	9			
	M4 Tk 75	8			
C	W/68 AIB				
D	M5A1 Tk	6			
	M5 Tk	12			

REPLACEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVED: None.

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Period 1-28 February 1945

1. a. KIA  
Officers: None  
EM : Two (2)
- b. MIA  
Officers: None  
EM : None
- c. WIA  
Officers: None  
EM : Six (6)
- d. NBC  
Officers: None  
EM : Seven (7)

## 2. Prisoners of War: None

## 3. Roster of Key Personnel

Commanding Officer: Lt Col E. C. Watson  
 Executive Officer: Major H. E. Philips  
 Operations Officer: Major W. E. Shedd, III  
 Intelligence Officer: Capt G. T. Emmet, Jr, (SD Hq 14th AD,  
 1st Lt G. W. O' Donnell, actg)  
 S-3 Air Communications Officer: Capt P. F. Patton ( trfd 13 Feb 45  
 48th Tank Battalion)  
 1st Lt W. V. Horne  
 Adjutant (S-1) : 1st Lt G. W. O' Donnell  
 Supply Officer (S-4) : Capt N. K. Swift (1st Lt Morrissey) Act'g)  
 Liaison Officer: 1st Lt W. C. Hampton  
 Battalion Surgeon: Capt L. I. Sexton  
 CO Hq Co: Capt R. S. Printup  
 CO Co A: 1st Lt J. R. Martin  
 CO Co B: Capt Homer L. Swager  
 CO Co C: Capt A. W. Winiarczyk  
 CO Co D: Capt W. H. Smith  
 CO Ser Co: Capt A. H. Green

## 4. Promotions

- a. Officers:  
To 1st Lt : 2nd Lt P. M. Klinefelter  
2nd Lt T. M. Morris  
2nd Lt J. D. Fraser  
2nd Lt R. M. Grandin  
Aptd 2nd Lt : 1st/ Sgt F. L. Reissner
- b. EM: None

## 5. Decorations and Awards:

- a. Silver Star(Posthumous)  
1st Lt H. J. Solari  
Sgt W. H. O' Brien
- b. Bronz Star  
Pvt G. Hernandez  
Cpl V. Marriott  
Sgt G. Whitaker  
T/4 J. L. Stamp  
T/4 J. M. Bruce  
1st/Sgt L. Philosophos





TROOP CHANGE LIST, FEBRUARY 1945

<u>Date</u>	<u>Co or Plat</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2 Feb 45	A-25	25 Tk Bn	68 AIB
2 Feb 45	A-68	25 Tk Bn	68 AIB
3 Feb 45	Mort Plat 25	25 Tk Bn	68 AIB
5 Feb 45	Mort Plat 25	68 AIB	25 Tk Bn
5 Feb 45	A-25	68 AIB	25 Tk Bn
5 Feb 45	3-B-125	25 Tk Bn	125 Engr Bn
7 Feb 45	A-68	68 AIB	25 Tk Bn
19 Feb 45	B-25	68 AIB	25 Tk Bn
19 Feb 45	2 Fls C-25	25 Tk Bn	68 AIB
19 Feb 45	1 Pl C-25	25 Tk Bn	19 AIB
28 Feb 45	2 Fls C-25	68 AIB	62 AIB

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VEHICULAR LOSSES DURING PERIOD

One (1) Medium tank with 76mm gun - "B"-25.





Sgt G. Hawkins  
S/Sgt J. Stallings  
1st Lt E O. Wood  
S/Sgt A. L. Hellar  
T/5 L. Bently  
T/4 J. C. Burk  
T/5 H. Hamm  
T/4 C. Hamilton  
T/Sgt C. Olesinski  
T/5 C. Schwabauer  
Sgt W. O' Brien (Posthumous )  
1st Lt W. Derr (Posthumous )  
S/Sgt J. Knight (Posthumous )  
Pvt E. Mila (Posthumous )

