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HEADQUARTERS  
203rd AAA Auto Wpns Bn (SP)  
APO 339, U.S. Army

*8 Apr 46* *HSD*  
Date Initials

3 January 1945

*Dec 44*

SUBJECT: After Action Report

TO : The Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

1. The 203rd AAA Auto Wpns Bn (SP) was attached to the 7th Armored Division for the entire month of December 1944. From 1 December to 22 December, this Bn was under control of Ninth United States Army. During the remainder of the month, Bn was assigned to First United States Army.

2. The Mission of the Bn was that of AA protection of units and installations of the 7th Armored Division - Div Arty, Combat Commands, Div Hqs, and Div Tns. Road blocks and ground roles in general formed a substantial portion of the operations of the Bn during the month.

3. E/A flew sorties over areas occupied by all Btries of the Bn on 1 December. Me 109's and FW 190's were observed. Attacks came between 1230 and 1250 and at 1715 in general vicinity of GEILENKIRCHEN, Germany (K8764). E/A, FW 190's, were engaged by A and D Btries between 1510 and 1537 on 7 Dec in vicinity of UBACH (K8859). On 8 Dec, A and C Btries engaged E/A, Me 109's and FW 190's, between 1115 and 1120 in the vicinity of WURM (K9066). On 24 Dec, Btry C engaged one (1) FW 190 at 1130 near DOLEMBREUX, Belgium (K502175). On the same date, Btry A engaged one (1) Me 109 at 1235 and one (1) FW 190 at 1245 in the vicinity of ODRIMONT, Belgium (P615921).

Claims were made for the following;

- On 8 Dec 44 Btry A claimed one Category I - Approved
- " 8 Dec 44 Btry C claimed one Category II - Approved
- " 24 Dec 44 Btry C claimed one Category II - Pending

4. On 17 Dec, while enroute to SALMCHATEAU, Belgium, Btry C engaged nine (9) enemy paratroopers who attacked vehicle ahead at 2200 hrs in vicinity of STAVELOT (K719010). Three (3) of these were reported killed by the 1st Platoon. No damage or casualties were caused by enemy action. On 18 Dec, Btry D, enroute to SALMCHATEAU, Belgium engaged enemy ground forces of unknown strength in STAVELOT, Belgium (K719010). Engagement took place at 0810 and lasted approximately one hour at which time this Btry withdrew. Btry D lost one (1) M16 during engagement and was destroyed by the crew when salvage of the vehicle was impossible. They lost one (1) M15, one (1) 1-ton trailer also. The Bn Medics lost one (1) 1-ton trailer during this encounter. Five (5) EM were wounded. Btry B, while providing a road block in the vicinity of LAROCH, Belgium on 19 Dec, engaged enemy ground forces at approximately 2230. One (1) M16 and one (1) M15 were lost and two (2) EM killed, five (5) wounded during this action.

On 20 Dec, Btry D provided a road block in the vicinity of SAMREE, Belgium, in support of TD guns. They were attacked by an enemy force of unknown strength at approximately 1200 hrs. Btry D helped in destroying two (2) Mark IV tanks, their crews and 75 other enemy troops. On 21 Dec while providing a road block in vicinity of P575852, Btry D engaged enemy ground forces at approximately 1700 hrs. Btry D helped in probably destroying one tank and approximately one hundred enemy troops.

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Between the dates of 17 Dec and 21 Dec, road blocks provided by the Bn in the area of the German break-through, were under more-or-less constant harassment from enemy patrols.

5. The following officers and enlisted men of this organization received decorations during the month of December 1944;

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DECORATION</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
Sgt	Byron J. Ellis	31246520	Bronze Star	GO 105 7th AD 30 Nov 44
Sgt	William F. Leck	32688844	Purple Heart	GO 124 7th AD 10 Dec 44
Capt	Philip Sunseri	0489201	Purple Heart	GO 130 7th AD 31 Dec 44
S/Sgt	James C. Sanford	34130322	Purple Heart	GO 130 7th AD 31 Dec 44
T/5	John F. Ward	35721280	Purple Heart	GO 130 7th AD 31 Dec 44
2nd/Lt	Richard C. Pinegar	01056521	Purple Heart	GO 1 7th AD 1 Jan 45
S/Sgt	Raymond H. Ayres	33605970	Purple Heart	GO 1 7th AD 1 Jan 45
T/5	Harold L. May	35721283	Purple Heart	GO 1 7th AD 1 Jan 45
T/5	Ralph J. Veltri	31215542	Purple Heart	GO 1 7th AD 1 Jan 45
Pvt	Joseph C. Baumann	32699107	Purple Heart	GO 1 7th AD 1 Jan 45

For the Commanding Officer:

*Charles H. Lockhart*  
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 Major, CAC  
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