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**1 LT John O. Sharp**

**Class 30-42**

**ID: O1170189**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: Bingham County, ID**

**Status: KIA March 4, 1945**



**Killed in action serving with the Reconnaissance Company,  
773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.**



*Capt. George I. Blomquist the Battalion S-3 officer stands on left with Lt. John O. Sharp, center and Lt. Thomas M. Michaels on right, both of Recon Company. The location is probably the battalion Command Post*

4 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved from bivouac area in woods at 1130 hours closing in at 1200 hours in HOUFF. At 1645 hours continued move and closed into GIESDORF (L067104) at 1745 hours. Total distance travelled 13 miles. Hqs Co. - Co. moved from NEIDINGEN closing in bivouac area (945798) by 1300 hours. Ron Co. - At 0001, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns and Fwd CP in HEISDORF (068714). At 0445 pltns left with atchd units two TDS of C Co., 1 section Engineers, 1 pltn of light tanks and FO and moved to SCHONLCKEN. At 0602 moved to take objective A (127734). Objective taken by 0712, after meeting light artillery, mortar and Nebelwerfer fire. Moved onto take objective B but ran into direct fire at 152735, coming from vicinity of CR at 154727. Plan changed and force withdrew to a proach on road running East. Road block encountered at 147724 temporarily halting advancing body. Advance elements reported gun at 154727 still in position to harass column. Force joined K Co., 359th Inf. and prepared to jump off in the morning. A Co. - CP, NEIDERHERSDORF. 1st pltn moved in support of 3rd Bn, 357th to L14007795. At 1800, moved to L140707625 and remained in this position of roadblock. At 1745, 2nd pltn moved in support of 2nd Bn, 357th to KOPP (18007600) and took up positions there. 3rd pltn moved in support of 1st Bn, 357th Inf. to NEIDERHERSDORF at 0630, and at 1745 moved to KOPP (18007600) Rear CP moved to NEIDERLAUCH closing in at 1500 hours. Lt. John O. Sharp was killed and T/Sgt Lupo injured when the 1/4-ton vehicle in which they were riding struck a mine. Sgt Turner and Cpl Salvaggio were injured while they were trying to evacuate Sgt Lupo, when their 1/4-ton struck a mine. Both vehicles had driven over a number of mines without detonating them. B Co. - No change. Co. remained in reserve with 358th Infantry. C Co. - CP, SEIWERATH (L118728). 1st pltn atchd to 3rd Bn, 3rd pltn atchd to 2nd Bn. 1st pltn advanced to 152720, and 3rd pltn advanced to SCHARTZBERG without incident. 1st section, 2nd pltn atchd to TF Dye advanced to and remained at objective F; further advance impossible due to heavy roadblock at 146695. 2nd section, 2nd pltn atchd to TF Kelly, which has been meeting resistance, gave some supporting fire in the days advance. 1st section located at 153724, 2nd section NEUSTRAUSBURG.  
Weather, cold, cloudy and light snow.



*Buried in Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, Idaho*