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1 April 1945



No. 37 (Period 311200A March - 011200A April 1945)

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

During the night, CG"B" contacted an unknown number of tanks and SP guns. Two (2) tanks were destroyed. A M4 V tank was reported withdrawing NW from AB68677 at 1000A hrs. Another tank, 400 yds NW of WOLDBUCK, GERMANY at 0910A hrs.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Displaced with XIX Corps closing in new area via BORDKIRCHEN at 01116A March 1945. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. *None*

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 605th TD Bn - Bn relieved from XIX Corps control and passed to control of XIII Corps effective 311100A March 1945.
- b. 643rd TD Bn - Bn CP in BECKUM, atchd to 83rd Inf Div. "A" Co atchd 329th Inf, "B" Co atchd 330th Inf and "C" Co atchd 331st Inf. All Co's moving - leaves later.
- c. 702nd TD Bn - Bn (-) moved via KURRICK, GERMANY - closed 311700A March 1945. "B" Co under Bn control via Bn CP. Leaves of "A" and "C" Co's not known at time of rpt.
- d. 801st TD Bn - Bn atchd 115th Cav Grp - moved via SENDENHOFST. No report for period received.
- e. 802nd TD Bn - Atchd 95th Inf Div. Bn moving to 95th Div assembly area at time of this report. One (1) Co remained atchd 277th BGT operating w/2nd Armored Division.
- f. 809th TD Bn - Bn under control of XIX Corps effective 311800A March 1945. Bn CP via 281st. "A" Co atchd CG"A", "B" Co atchd CG"B", "C" Co atchd CG"C", 8th Arm'd Div - all companies moving at time of this report.
- g. 823rd TD Bn - Bn moving to 30th Inf Div assembly area - enroute at time of this report.

(2) Activities:

- a. 702nd TD Bn - "A" and "C" Co's continuing direct support of respective CG'S attacking EAST. Res Co maintaining roving patrol via KAPPELLE, GERMANY

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Guns Opns	35(M-18's)	36(M-56's)	36(S)	—	36(M-18's)	35(M-10's)

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No. 30 (Period 011200A - 021200B April 1945)



1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armor activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector during period.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn - Bn CP in BECKUM, "A" Co N of LIPPBORG in direct support 329th Inf, "B" Co in WADERSLOH in direct support of 350th Inf, and "C" Co in WALTRUDE in direct support of 351st Inf.
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Bn moved to vic ST. VII, GERMANY, closing at 011800A April 1945. "A" Co attd CG "A" continuing attack with respective task forces. "B" Co under Bn control moved with Bn vic ST. VII, GERMANY. Co "C" attd CG "B" continuing attack in support of CG "B".
- c. 801st TD Bn - Bn closed in assembly posn in NEUBECKUM at 011800A April 1945. "A" Co attd 113th Cav Sq in direct support, "B" Co in Group Reserve maintaining security of Grp CP and "C" Co attd 125th Cav Sq in direct support.
- d. 802nd TD Bn - Bn moving to 95th Div assembly area at time of this report - exact locations unknown. One (1) company remained attd 377th RCT operating with 2nd Arm'd Div.
- e. 809th TD Bn - No report for period received. Report later.
- f. 823rd TD Bn - Bn CP and Ron Co moved via DRENSTENFURT closing 012000A April 1945. "A" Co moving with 119th Inf RCT. "B" Co closed in assembly area in vic DRENSTENFURT at 011800A April 1945, and "C" Co closed in assembly area via DRENSTENFURT closing at 011800A April 1945.

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(Rpt of TD Opns #38 period 011200A - 021200B April 45 from 2nd TD Grp - Cont'd)

(E) Activities:

- a. 702nd TD Bn - Bn captured 46 PW's during period - including 2 officer PW's.
- b. 801st TD Bn - Bn captured 18 PW's during period.

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Guns Opnal	36(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	34(8")	-	38(M-18's)	35(M-10's)

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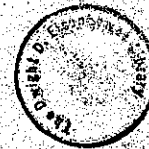
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No. 39 (Period 021200Z - 031200Z April 1945)

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

Six (6) to thirteen (13) tanks reported in vic NEUHAUS (B875500) during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Displaced with XIX Corps, closing in new area via REITBERG at 021830Z April 1945. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

a. 702nd TD Bn - Bn (-) and "B" Co moved via KAUNITZ, GERMANY. Co's "A" and "C" supporting attack of CG"A" and CG"B", respectively.

b. 801st TD Bn - Bn CP via VERL, GERMANY. 2 plato "B" Co outpostting Northern outskirts of GUTTERLOH. Balance of unit in direct support of elements 115th Cav Grp.

c. 802nd TD Bn - Bn atch'd 95th Inf Div. Co "A" atch'd 377th BCT, rel'd from attachment 2nd Arm'd Div, reverting to 95th Inf Div. Moved to assy posns. No report rec'd for period.

d. 809th TD Bn - Atch'd 8th Arm'd Div supporting the attack of 8th Arm'd. No report for period received.

e. 823rd TD Bn - Bn CP moved via WIEDENBUCK. "A" Co atch'd 119th BCT moved to vic DALBKE where they were atch'd to Combat Command, 2nd Arm'd Div. "B" Co moved via VERL, GERMANY. "C" Co CP moved via KWESTERWIEHE, GERMANY.

(2) Activities:

a. 843rd TD Bn - Unit captured 5 PW's and destroyed one (1) AA gun and crew and one (1) strong point via HAHN, GERMANY during the previous period. Unit captured 1 Officer and 40 MM, destroyed one (1) armored car and one (1) LMG, performing infantry support missions and expending 110 rds HE, 8 rds HVAP and 36 rds APC during period.

b. 823rd TD Bn - Unit captured two (2) PW's and 13rds HE was expended by A-2 during period.

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Report of TD Opns #59, period 021200Z - 031200Z April 45 - End TD Grp -- Cont'd.)

	<u>642</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>823</u>
Mis Weapons & Equip	8	0	0	-	0	0
HE M/C Fired	110(76mm)	0	0	-	0	13
HVAP Fired	8(76mm)	0	0	-	0	0
APC Fired	36(76mm)	0	0	-	0	0
Guns Opns	36(M-18)	36(M-35)	34(3")	-	36(M-18)	34(M-10)

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4 April 1945

No. 40 (Period 031200Z - 041200Z April 1945)

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

Several tanks reported operating in zone 83rd Infantry Division via NEUMAS.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Six (6) TD Bns. employed. During movement to REITBERG the Hq. Co., of Group captured eight (8) PW's and during period captured two (2) PW's.

b. Tank Destroyer Operations:

(1) Changes in Dispositions:

- a. 643rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn moved to new location via DELBRUCK. "A" Co. with RGT via WIEHTRUPT, "B" relieved of attach 330th RGT and atchd TP "BIDDLE" as of 031300 moved via KINGSDORF, and "C" Co. atchd 331st TCT via AHLEN.
- b. 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn (-) moved via AUGUSTDORF. Co "A" via DALBERG, Co "B" in indirect positions W and E of AUGUSTDORF firing missions on towns of LEGENLENGEN and DETMOLD - unit supported by 87th FA Bn under control of Div. Arty. Co "C" atchd CC "B" on road blocks via assembly area.
- c. 801st TD Bn (T) - Bn relieved attachment 113th Cav. ~~at 031000~~ and atchd 125th Cav. Sqdrn. Co's "A" and "B" relieved atchd 113th Cav. and reverted to Bn control, and Co "C" relieved of atchd to 125th Sqdrn and reverted to Bn control at 031000Z.
- d. 802nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP in BECKUM, "A" Co via LANGENBERG, "B" Co. S of AHLEN, and "C" Co. via B228475. All platoons in direct support of 96th Div except G-1 in indirect fire position S of AHLEN.
- e. 809th TD Bn (SP) - Location of "A" Co unknown - moving with CC "A", 8th Arm Div. "B" Co via SALLKOTTEN in direct support of CC "B". "C" Co via WECKINGEN in direct support of CC "A".
- f. 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP via HENKEN, "B" Co. at B496640, "C" Co. via STUKENBROCH. Co. "A" with 119th Inf operating with 2nd Arm Div via DALBERG.

(2) Activities:

- a. 643rd TD Bn - Bn fired eight (8) rounds APC and 27 HE direct in reduction of strong points - captured ten (10) PW's during period.

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2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS: (Cont'd)

(2) Activities (Cont'd)

b. 702nd TD Bn. - Co "A" destroyed one (1) locomotive complete with five (5) box cars on 30th March and on 31st March destroyed six (6) cargo trucks. (Not previously reported). Co "C" destroyed two (2) M4 V tanks and captured thirty (30) PW's on April 2nd and Hon. Co. destroyed one (1) 20mm AA gun. (Not previously reported).

c. 809th TD Bn. - "C" Co. fired unknown amount of Ammunition destroying two (2) MG nests. Unit captured fifteen (15) PW's.

d. 823rd TD Bn. - A-2 fired 67 rounds HE and 10 Rounds APC and 12,050 rounds .50 Cal. accounting for five (5) houses organized as strong points, two (2) MG nests, one (1) tower (containing MG nest) and one group of German Infantry.

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Misc. Weap. & Equip		13	0	0	0	6
Tanks	0	2	0	0	0	0
HE W/C Fired	27(76mm)	50(90mm)	0	0	-	67
APC Fired	8(76mm)	15(90mm)	0	0	-	10
MG Nests Dest.	0	0	0	0	2	3
Guns Operate.	36(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	34(3")	35(M-36's)	33(M-18's)	34(M-10)
PW's	10	30	0	16	15	0



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5 April 1945



No. 40 (Period 041200H - 051200H April 1945)

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

83rd Infantry Division in taking HORN knocked out one (1) tank. Two (2) more tanks were knocked out at VINSBECH (B8962). Fighter bombers were reporting column of tanks or armored vehicles moving N and NE at (C0899) between 0930H - 1030H hours. 370th Inf. Regt of 95th Inf. Div. received a counterattack of estimated Co. of Inf. with tanks at DINER (A1538). OP reports enemy armor moving N at B14365 at 1315H.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. End TD Group - Coordinated at defense in Corps sector. Six (6) TD Bns. employed. Operating patrols vicinity Corps OP - captured five (5) PW's during period. Planning for future operations.

b. Changes in dispositions and activities:

- (1) 645rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to new location in BAD LIPPSPRINGE closing at 1645H hours. "A" Co. N of BAD LIPPSPRINGE in direct support of 329th RCT, "B" Co. SW of BAD LIPPSPRINGE in direct support TF "Biddle" - unit destroyed one (1) Mk IV tank during period. "C" Co. in SANDS, in direct support 331st RCT, location of platoons unknown at time of this report. Bn expended 17 rounds APC and 125 rounds HE on 3 April firing on strongpoints via HAMB (Ammo not previously reported and is included in total for today.)
- (2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved via LEMGO closing 2015H hours. No change in Co's missions or attachments. Co "C" destroyed one (1) Mk V tank during period.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (T) - Battalion moving - no report for period received.
- (4) 802nd TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co. in NEUBECKUM - unit relieved of attachmet 377th RCT and reverted to Bn control. "B" Co. NW of ARLEN atchd 378th Inf Regt and "C" Co. SE of BECKUM atchd 377th Inf - E-C and S-C across LIPPE RIVER in direct support and C-1 in indirect fire positions NW of LIPPEBORG.

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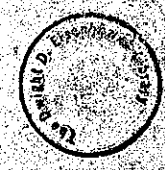
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b. Changes in dispositions and activities: (Cont'd)

(5) 800th TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to new location via KERRINGSEN closing 1700 hours. Co "A" atchd CG "A" - location unknown at this time, Co "B" in DEDINGHAUSEN atchd CG "B", and "C" Co. atchd TF "A" - continued advance with TF "A", location unknown at time of this report.

(6) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to new location via HOLTEN closing 1800 hours. "A" Co on move - location unknown, "B" Co. via HILDENSON and "C" Co. in STOCKENBROCK - all co's atchd no change. R-3 and Pioneer Platoon voluntarily drove and fought their way into a German strongpoint to rescue vehicles and personnel of 119th Inf. Service Co., who had been ambushed, and killed eight (8) and captured 22 Germans.

	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>823</u>
Tanks	1	1	0	0	0	0
Misc. Weap & Equip	0	0	0	0	2	0
HE W/C fired	253	-	0	288	183	0
AFC Fired	27	0	0	0	58	0
FW's	22	0	0	0	20	29
MG Nests	0	0	0	0	2	0
Guns Opnal	36(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	54(3" T)	36(M-36's)	51(M-18's)	53



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6 April 1945

No. 41 (Period 061200B - 061200B April 1945)



1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

No enemy armor activity reported in Corps sector during period.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Six (6) TD Bns employed. Captured one (1) PW during period. Operated patrols in vicinity Corps CP. Planning for future operations.

b. Changes in dispositions and activities:

- (1) 643rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to STEINHEIM, GERMANY closing 6 April 1945. "B" Co atchd TFB moved vic EUSTENAU and "C" Co atchd 331st RCT moved vic NIEHEIM, GERMANY. "B" Co destroyed one (1) Mk VI and unit captured five (5) PW's during period.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved vic BRUCH, GERMANY. Co "A" atchd CC"A" in vic of OHR, GERMANY. Co "B" under Bn control moved vic BRUCH, GERMANY. Co "C" under control CC"B" supporting attack EAST on objectives. Unit captured three (3) officers and sixty (60) enemy MW during period.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (T) - Bn CP moved vic NIEHEIM, GERMANY. "A" Co on road blocks S of POMBER. "B" Co vic Bn CP. "C" Co E & W of ALTENBERGER, GERMANY. All companies in direct support of 113th Cav Grp.
- (4) 802nd TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co in support of 377th Inf Bsgt vic HULTROP. "B" Co in support of 378th Inf Bsgt vic AHLEN and "C" Co in support of 379th Inf Bsgt vic VELLINGHAUSEN, GERMANY. Plats on "A" Co on secondary mission firing into towns of WERL and SOEST from posns SW and NW of LIPPBORG expending 294 rds 90mm HE on 150 concentrations. Co rel'y'd secondary mission 050800 April 1945.

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b. Changes in dispositions and activities: (Cont'd)

(5) 809th TD Bn (SP) - Hqs. Co vic EICKELBORN, GERMANY, guarding hospital with German wounded. "A" Co vic ALTERTESAT, GERMANY and "C" Co vic LIPPSTADT, GERMANY.

(6) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to LAGE, GERMANY. "A" Co vic BARNTRUP stand 119th Inf in direct support. Co "B" on move - locns unknown. "C" Co vic REHSENT, GERMANY. Bn destroyed one (1) MG nest and reduced a road block. Unit expended 10 rds APC and 55 rds HE direct during period.

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Tanks	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cons Fired	0	0	0	0	161	0
HE N/C Fired	0	0	0	294(90mm)	0	55
APC Fired	0	0	0	0	0	10
MG Nests	0	0	0	0	0	1
PW's	6	65	0	0	0	0
Guns Opnal	34(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	34(S*)	36(M-36's)	31(M-18's)	36(M-10's)

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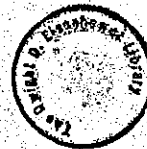
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No. 42 (Period 061200B - 071200B April 1945)

1. ENEMY ARMORED OPERATIONS:

8th Arm'd Div forces were engaged by six (6) tanks in later portion of period at ELLINGSEN (B325245). At 1235B their advance was held up by one (1) Tiger tank. The 809th TD Bn reported twelve (12) dug-in tanks at SIGHTIGOR (379200).

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Displaced with XIX Corps to BLOMBERG closing 071315B April 1945. Operated patrols in vicinity of Corps CP. Planning for future operations.

b. Changes in dispositions and activities:

- (1) 643rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved N of BAD PYRMONT. "A" Co via OTTENSTEIN, "B" Co atchd TFB and "C" Co atchd 331st Inf Regt. All co's in direct support. Unit captured 32 PW's during period.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to BAD PYRMONT, GERMANY. Co "A" supporting CC"A" in attack to enlarge bridgehead over WESER RIVER. Co "B" moved to vic Bn CP. Co "C" atchd CC"B" on road blocks protecting bridgehead. Co "C" destroyed one (1) Mk IV tank via DETMOLD on 4 April 1945 (net previously reported). Bn captured 34 enemy PW's during period.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (T) - Bn converted to self-propelled as of 06 April 1945. During period 042400 - 052400 April 1945, Bn killed 9 enemy and captured 109 PW's (net previously rptd). Co "B" occupying roadblocks vic of KURSTENAU and BRENNESLM, GERMANY. Bn via OVENLICH, GERMANY. Bn has mission of clearing Div S flank and make contact with 3rd Arm'd Div.

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b. Changes in dispositions and activities: (Cont'd)

- (4) 802nd TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co via STOCKLARN. "B" Co via MAXIMILIAN. "C" Co via DINKER, GERMANY. Unit captured 52 PW's including one (1) officer during period.
- (5) 809th TD Bn (SP) - "A" & "C" Co's remained in direct support of respective Combat Commands. "B" Co continued to advance w/"C" Co - locns unknown. "A" Co on outskirts of ALTENGESEKE, GERMANY.
- (6) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP via HASTENBECK. "A" Co via HASTENBECK. "B" Co via HAMELSCHENBURG. "C" Co via EL: BECKEL. Bn in direct support of Inf Regts assisting 30th Div in mopping up behind 2nd Arm'd Div.

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Tanks	0	1	0	0	0	0
HE M/C Fired	102	10	0	5(90mm)	5	0
APC Fired	5	5	0	4	5	0
PW's	32	34	-	52	0	9
Guns Opnal	36(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	36(S)	36(M-36's)	31(M-18's)	35(M-10's)

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8 April 1945

No. 43 (Period 071200Z - 081200Z April 1945)

1. The 801st and 643rd TD Bns. knocked out one (1) Mk IV and one (1) V respectively. Both of these Battalions are operating in the sector of the 83rd Inf Div. There was a concentration of vehicles reported moving in area C1860 and around 1700Z hours. Our planes hit area and observed eleven (11) enemy tanks and some vehicles. Air claims three (3) tanks knocked out. At NEUHAUS (C235520) a number of enemy tanks and other vehicles pulled out of woods heading E. At 0710 hours an unknown number of tanks reported in vic C6293718.

2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Six (6) TD Bns. employed. Operating patrols vic Corps CP. Planning for future operations. Asure Tac moved from RHEITENNG to BLOMBERG closing 1100Z hours.

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities:

- (1) 643rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn plus "B" Co. vic ESCHERSHAUSEN, "A" Co. vic NEERSEN, "C" Co. vic KOTERBERG. "C" Co. (- 1 platoon relieved from atchd 551st Inf and atchd 350 Inf. "B" Co. destroyed one (1) Mk V tank and three (3) AT guns, and captured one (1) Officer and seven (7) EM PW's during period.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn. (SP) - Bn (-) moved to ALFERDE. Co "A" atchd CC "A" on road blocks protecting objectives along INNERSTE R. Co "B" under Bn control moved to ALFERDE - prepared to support either Combat Command in event of enemy attack. Co "C" under CC "B" control continued to drive E - placing road blocks to secure objectives.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (SP) - Bn destroyed one (1) Mk IV tank and expended 15 rounds HE and four (4) rounds APC during period. Bn occupying town at C0854 (OVENSIN) after clearing area of enemy.
- (4) 802nd TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co vic MECKINGSEN, "B" Co. vic OSTWENNEMAR, "C" Co. vic SCHEIDINGEN. A-3 destroyed two (2) MG nests and one (1) field piece (cal. unknown). Co "A" assisted in capture of 400 PW's in HAHM. B-2 destroyed one (1) water tower and three (3) MG's and C-2 destroyed one AA and one (1) AT gun. Unit captured 36 Pw's and killed twenty (20) Germans during period. Co's in close support Inf Regt in attack to reduce BUNN POCKET.

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2. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS: (Cont'd)

b. Changes in dispositions and activities: (Cont'd)

(5) 800th TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co. plus R-1 via KALLENHARDT, "B" Co. plus R-2 via MEININGSEN, and "C" Co. plus R-3 via BAD BASSENDORF. Co's continued to move with Combat Commands. Unit captured 38 PW's during period.

(6) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co. via SCHULENBURG, "B" Co. via BARRY and "C" Co. via BERNEL. Bn continued mission supporting 30 Inf Div mopping up behind 2nd Armd Div. A-2 and A-3 shot down one (1) ME 109 after it strafed A-3. Pilot was turned over to 2 Armd Div. Unit captured none PW's during period.

	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>823</u>
Tanks	1	0	1	0	0	0
Misc. Weap & Equip	0	0	0	0	0	1
HE N/C fired	157	--	15	150	0	16
APC fired	21	--	4	52	0	0
MG Nests	0	0	0	5	0	0
PW's	8	0	0	38	38	0
Guns Operational	34(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	35(3" T)	35(M-36's)	32(M-18's)	35(M1)

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No. 44 (Period 081200B - 091200B April 1945)

1. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Contact made with all TD Battalions in Eastern part of Corps sector, and Divisions to which attached. Operated night patrols vicinity Corps SP. Planned for future operations.

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities:

- (1) 645rd TD Bn (SP) - Co's pulled back to respective Regts to which atchd, for repairs and maintenance. 1-C knocked out one (1) M4 IV tank and unit captured one (1) Officer (Colonel) and 21 EM PW's during period.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Co. "A" via Bn assembly area - reverted to Bn Control after being relieved by "B" Co. via SCHULHEURG. Co. "C" atchd CC "B" via BAKTEIN. Co "A" on April 6 destroyed one (1) locomotive, two (2) half-tracks and two (2) light Ron vehicles, captured three (3) Officers and 38 EM PW's (not previously reported). On 7 April Co "C" captured five (5) PW's and Co. "B" Captured eleven (11) PW's (Not previously reported). Between 5 - 7 April Bn expended 329 rounds 90mm HE and 59 rds AFG which is included in totals for today.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (SP) - Bn (-) moved via HOLLEN. "A" Co via OVERHAUSEN with platoons on road block mission via BOKTER. Unit captured fourteen (14) PW's during period.
- (4) 802nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moving to RHYEMEN at time of this report. Full report later.
- (5) 809th TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP via SOEST. "A" Co via SUTROP, "B" Co via WEST ONNEN, "C" Co via WIPFRINGSEN. Co's continuing advance in support Combat Commands of 8 Arm Div. Unit captured 91 PW's during period.

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1. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS: (Cont'd)

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities: (Cont'd)

(6) 825rd TD Bn - Bn CP moved to BURGSTEDDEN, "B" Co moved via LAUENSTEIN, and "C" Co moved via KAPFERBERGHE. Ron Co moved via ELZE. Unit captured seven PW's during period.

	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>825</u>
Tanks	1	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Veh & Equip	0	5	0	0	0	0
HE N/C fired	0	229	0	-	0	0
APC fired	2	39	0	-	0	0
PW's	22	97	14	-	91	7
Guns Opnal	35	36	36	35	29	38

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No. 45 (Period 091200B - 101200B April 1945)

1. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Group enroute to new area at time of report.

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities:

- (1) 643rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP vic Gr. FREDEN. "A" Co supporting 329th RCT vic LAMPSRING. "B" Co with TF "Biddle" vic WENZEN. "C" Co vic SANDERSHEIM.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - "A" Co under Bn control remained Bn assembly area. "B" Co supported CG "A" in attack North toward ALGERMISSION and WATZUM, GERMANY. Recalled by Corps order upon reaching WATZUM to prepare for movement NE of HILDESHEIM, GERMANY. "C" Co atchd CG "B" remained in DANTEIM, GERMANY. "B" Co shot down one (1) ME 109 plane.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (SP) - Co "A" vic BEVERN. B-2 and B-3 vic LOBACH and ALLERSHEIM on road block missions covering approaches from South, Southeast and Southwest of DEENSEN, GERMANY. Co "C" atchd 125th Cav Sqdn moved North operating in 30th Inf Div sector.
- (4) 802nd TD Bn (SP) - Unit passed control XVI Corps at 091200B April 45.
- (5) 809th TD Bn (SP) - Unit passed control XVI Corps at 091200B April 45.
- (6) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP vic BURGSTRIMKEN. "A" Co vic SCHULENBURG. "C" Co vic HOTTELN, GERMANY.

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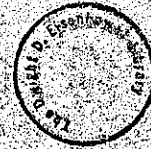
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Misc Vehs & Equip	3	0	0	0
HE/ W/C Fired	0	0	34	0
APC Fired	0	0	0	0
PW's	44	4	118	2
Guns Operat	36	36	34	36

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No. 46 (Period 101200Z - 111200Z April 1945)

1. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Group displaced with Corps to new location via ALFELD (G4378) closing 1400Z hours. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Contacted TD units in Corps and planning for future operations.

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities:

- (1) 643rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn moved to vic LANGENSHHEIM closing 2100Z hours. "A" Co vic OKER, "B" Co vic GR. KHUDEN and "C" Co vic SEESSEN - no change in Co. atchmts. Unit had one M-18 hit by Pz Faust Platoon in GOSLAR - vehicle repairable by Battalion maintenance.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn moved to new location in BIEDER closing 1800Z hours. "A" Co vic Bn CP - prepared to reinforce either Combat Command in event of c/a, paying particular attention to W flank. "B" Co and "C" Co in support of atk of CG "A" and CG "B" respectively.
- (3) 801st TD Bn (SP) - No report for period received - reports later.
- (4) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn moved to new location in BULLEN closing 1930Z hours. "B" Co in ALVESSE supporting 120th ROT. "A" Co in Corps Reserve vic ALFORD.

	<u>643</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>823</u>
HE M/O Fired	11	0	0	0
FW's	77	0	0	8
Guns Operational	34(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	34(T) 2(M-18's)	33(M-10's)

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No. 47 (Period 111200Z - 121200Z April 1945)



1. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - Group put in charge of Corps Reserve. Task Force consisted of one (1) Cavalry Troop and one (1) Platoon, "A" Co., 823rd TD Bn. Task Force sent to via HAMELN (1191) with mission of clearing a wooded area and establishing road blocks to protect Corps sector. Group supervising security patrol vicinity Corps new CP, employing one (1) Hon. Plat., 823rd TD Bn. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Contact made with leading elements of 702nd TD Bn operating with 2 Armd Div.

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities:

- (1) 643rd TD Bn SP - Bn moved to via HEUBERGER closing 122150. "A" Co. via HALBERTSTADT, "B" Co via WERNIGERODE, and "C" Co. via STAPELBERG. "C" Co. detached from 330th RCT and atchd 331st RCT - all other Co's stations remain the same.
- (2) 702nd TD Bn SP - Bn (-) in HORNBERG, GERMANY. "A" Co. supporting CC "B", "B" Co. via WOLFENBUTTEL in direct support CC "A", "C" Co. atchd CC "B" supporting rapid advances of the Task Force East.
- (3) 801st TD Bn SP - Bn CP in GOSLAR, GERMANY. No report for period rec'd. Reports later.
- (4) 823rd TD Bn SP - Bn moving - Reports later.

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HE N/C Fired	8(76mm)	0	0	0
Guns Opnal	35(M-18's)	36(M-36's)	34(T) 2(M-18's)	36(M-10's)

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No. 48 (Period 121200Z - 151200Z April 1945)

1. TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS:

a. 2nd TD Group - The Corps Reserve Task Force completed the cleaning of the woods W of HAMELN (1191) and at 121600Z withdrew its roadblocks W of HAMELN. Group displaced with Corps to a new location at OSTERNIECK closing at 1900Z hrs. 1st Bn, 823rd TD Bn and 2nd TD Group security platoon patrolled Corps CP area during the night. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector.

b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities:

(1) 645rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved to CALBE, GERMANY. Each Co with regiment to which atch'd. "A" Co lost one (1) M-18 by burning and one (1) by Panzerfaust and had a $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton run over by a friendly tank. A Bn plat was ambushed while attempting to check BARBY with the loss of four (4) $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton vehicles. Personnel losses for period were: one (1) Officer and four (4) EM KIA, eleven (11) EM WIA and three (3) EM MIA.

(2) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - Bn (-) in Kl. WANZLEBEN. Co "A" (-) in indirect fire posns firing harassing fire on targets selected by Div Arty. 1-A in support of CC"R". Co "B" atchd CC"A" vic of ICKLEBEN, GERMANY. Co "C" atchd CC"B". All plats on road blocks protecting bridgehead and prepared to support crossing of the ELBE CANAL.

(3) 801st TD Bn (SP) - Bn (-Co "C") atchd 330th Inf Regt. Bn CP and "A" Co vic GOSLAR, GERMANY. "B" Co vic SEESSEN. "C" Co atchd 125th Cav. Bn Sqdn., cont'd operations in 30th Inf Regt Zone of Action. Bn Co remained in GOSLAR, GERMANY.

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b. Changes in Dispositions and Activities: (Cont'd)

(4) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - Bn CP moved via WOPRINGEN, GERMANY. "A" Co and one (1) Plat Ron in Corps Res atchd 2nd TD Group. "B" Co in HUSSELBURG atchd 120th Inf. "C" Co via CALDORDE, GERMANY. R-2 acting as advance guard for the 120th RCT had three (3) $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton vehicles destroyed by direct fire with one (1) EM KIA and one (1) EM WIA.

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HENC Fired	39	244	-	86
APC Fired	0	0	0	0
Mis Vehicles	1	1	0	0
Arty Pieces	0	4	0	0
88mm Guns	0	2	0	0
AT Guns (75mm)	0	2	0	0
FW's	202	36	187	40
Guns Opnal	33 (M-18's)	36 (M-56's)	34 (T) 2 (M-18's)	30 (M-10's)

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