



1 April - 30th April 45

The 2d Tank Destroyer Group displaced with XIX Corps and moved to a new CP in HALTERN (A661504). On 1 April 1945 moved to NORDKIRCHEN (A664482) closing at 1115A and at 02183-B closed into REITBERG (B479570). Upon the establishment of Corps CP in REITBERT, the Group assisted in its protection and security by operating nightly patrols and strong points. On the 6th of April 1945 authority was obtained to turn over the M-18's released by 809th TD Bn upon receipt of new M-36's to the 801st TD Bn, and Hqs. Co. went to BLOMBERG to prepare, secure and hold a new CP area. On 07 April 1945, a Forward CP was established in BLOMBERG (B935723) to assist in the control and supervision of units moving EAST while a portion of the Group remained in REITBERG to cover Corps units moving SOUTH and WEST. PW's taken during the period are as follows: 2 April - 8, 3 April - 2, 4 April - 4 and 6 April - 1.

At the beginning of the period, Group at BLOMBERG (B935725) attached XIX Corps. On the 10th of April the 2d TD Group displaced with XIX Corps to new location in ALFELD (C435785); route of march: SCHIEDER; LUGDE; OSDF; GROHDE; HEYEN; HALLE; ESCHUSHAUSEN, DELLIGSEN to ALFELD, 12 April, the 2d TD Group displaced to OSTERWEICK (D045794). Route of march: SIBBESSE; DICHHOLZEN, SCHRE, OTHPRESEN, SCHLADEN, HORNBERG, to Osterweick, Germany.

1st Lt. LEON L. NEEL., O-1823335 was relieved of duty as Asst S-4 and assigned Hq CO., 2d TD Gp as Company Commander 12 April 1945.

On the 13th of April 1945 the Group displaced to WANZLEBEN, GERMANY, (D539912) where it was located at the end of the period. Route of march: DEERSHEIM, HESSEN, ROHREHEIM, ADERSTEDT, WULF-ERSTEDT, OACHEMLEBEN, to WANZLEBEN, GERMANY.

On 120900B Group put in charge of Corps Reserve with "A" Company, (plus 1 plat Ren atchd), 823rd TD Bn. and "A" Troops, 113th Cav. atchd. On the same date, sent Task Force vic HAMELN (1191) with mission of clearing a wooded area and establishing road blocks to protect Corps sector. Completed mission and withdrew road block (121600B). 13th April 1945 Task Force was given the mission of clearing a woods. Mission accomplished 140930B, Task Force capturing 31 PW's. Entire period the 2d TD Group coordinated AT defense in Corps sector and contacted all TD units in Corps. Captured 90 PW's during period.

The 802nd and the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalions passed to control of the XVI Corps at 091200B April 1945.

On the 20th of April 1945 Major ASHBY I. LOHSE, 0339848, was reld of duties as S-3 and asgd duties as Gp Ex O; vice Lt. Col. ALFRED G. SEITZ reld.

The 2nd TD Group remained in Wanzleben (D539912) and continued in charge of a Corps Reserve employing Troop "A" 113th Cav Sqdrn. 16th April 1945, Troop "A" and 2d Platoon 823rd TD Bn were employed on a mission of stopping an enemy counterattack across the ELBE RIVER. The threat proved to be only a strong patrol and the situation was restored. "A" Co., 823rd TD Bn (less A-2) reverted to 823rd TD Bn. at 170200, with A-2 reverting at 171800B April 1945.



During entire period the 2d Tank Destroyer Group conducted security patrols in the vicinity of Corps CP, coordinated AT defenses in Corps sector and planned for future operations.

• During the week starting 27 April 1945 the 2d Tank Destroyer Group operated security patrols in the vicinity of Corps CP. The Group had armored guard standing by for escorting Corps Commander in event of link-up with Soviet forces. Contacted 823rd and 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalions and observed set-up of Military Government of those units for future references. Coordinated AT defense in 83rd Infantry Division's bridgehead.