



1 May - 8 May 1945

The 2d Tank Destroyer Group remained at Wanzleben, Germany, the same location under same attachment during the entire period. On 2 May 1945, the Group furnished armored car escort for CG, XIX Corps for meeting the Soviet Forces. Coordinated AT defense in 83rd Division bridgehead. Contacted TD units in XIX Corps and observed their Military Government set-ups for future references. Several officers and enlisted men were on DS with Military Government Units (Prov.) Ninth U.S. Army.

Colonel PAUL B. BELL, O-215450, FA, 2d Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army, was presented with the Bronze Star Medal by Major General McLAIN in ceremony held at the CP of the XIX Corps on 6 May 1945. The citation reads as follows:

Colonel PAUL B. BELL (then Lieutenant Colonel PAUL B. BELL, (Army Serial Number 0215450), Field Artillery, 2d Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in England, from 27 February 1944 to 31 May 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel BELL, as Executive Officer, distinguished himself by his high technical skill and professional knowledge in the planning for the use of his tank destroyers in the continental assault. Lieutenant Colonel BELL'S executive ability and complete devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma. Home Address: 2245 N.W. 20th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.