

HEADQUARTERS  
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 230

2 May 1945



SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period - 1 to 30 <sup>APR.</sup> ~~May~~ 1945, incl)

A. Locations at beginning of Period:

1. Bn assembled at KLEEBERG, GERMANY (0658). Atchd to 87th Inf Div.

B. Operations for Period:

1 April 1945:

1. Bn continued maintenance and patrol

2 April 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.  
(a) Co atchd to 6th Cav Gp. Left Bn area for destination of MULBACH (2861) at 1900.
2. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.  
(a) 1st plat of Co atchd to 1st Bn 347th Inf with mission to guard CP of XII Corps. Departed from Bn area at 2145.

3 April 1945:

1. Co A - Atchd to 6th Cav Gp.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd - Atchd to 346th Inf Regt. Ordered to remain in place.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, - Atchd to 345th Inf Regt. Departed from Bn area at 1500.

4 April 1945:

1. Bn CP moved to RONSHAUSEN (4963):
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - Moved to new assembly area at WOLFERHAUSEN (5557).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat - Closed in new assembly area vic of HONEBACH (5562).
4. No change in other elements.

5 April 1945:

1. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat - 1st plat moved to assembly area with 1st Bn 347th Inf at WHIPPERSHEIM (4350).
2. Other elements - no change.

6 April 1945:

1. Co A - Relieved from atchmt to 6th Cav Gp and returned to Bn control at 1000. Moved to assembly area at BEBRA (4466). Atchd to 347th Inf Regt.
2. Other elements - no change.

7 April 1945:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less 3 Rcn plats, moved to FLOCH, GERMANY (9443).



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2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co released from atchmt to 347th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.
  - (b) Co CP moved to OBER-SGHONAU (0239), with plats in vicinity of STEINBACH-HALLENBERG (0038).
3. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co released from atchmt to 346th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.
  - (b) Moved to vicinity of BAIRODA (8548).
4. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co released from atchmt to 345th Inf Regt and placed in direct support.
  - (b) 1st plat at (0145). Plat fired 500 rds .50 cal, 500 rds .30 cal MG at enemy personnel defending road blocks in their vicinity.
  - (c) 2nd plat at (025465). Plat fired 29 rds 90mm HE, 3 TLO5, 4 APC, 500 .50 cal, 500 .30 cal at buildings and enemy personnel in and around town of TAMBACH (0248). Captured 1 PW.
  - (d) 3rd plat moved to (0149).
5. Service Co, less motor maintenance section, moved to FLOH. Motor maintenance remained at RONSHAUSEN.

8 April 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (b) 1st plat moved to OBERHOF (0239), spng Inf.
  - (c) 2nd plat moved 2 destroyers to vicinity (045405) and 2 to (060410).
  - (d) 3rd plat moved to position at (102410) with Inf.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) In D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
  - (b) 2nd plat moved to BROTTRODE (9151).
  - (c) 3rd plat moved to KLEINSCHMALKERDEN (9348).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (b) Co CP moved to TAMBACH (0348).
  - (c) 1st plat in reserve. Sptd 1st Bn in establishing defense of TAMBACH.
  - (d) 2nd plat sptd 2nd Bn in assault on TAMBACH. Fired 28 rds HE, 7 APC, 1000 .50 cal into town and surrounding woods, destroying 1 MG and several houses. Contd with the Bn through TAMBACH to a point (095448) where it was held by darkness and an abatis road block.
  - (e) 3rd plat sptd 3rd Bn. Moved through TAMBACH to NE. Proceeded through small arms fire to a point 1500 yds NE of TAMBACH where it was held up for night.

9 April 1945:

1. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat - No change in disposition. Contd D/S of 347th Inf. Captured 4 PW's.
2. Co B, with 3rd Rcn plat - Co CP and 1st plat moved to TAMBACH.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat -
  - (a) 1st plat moved to pos (068457), encountering road blocks impeding their movement to that position. After roads were cleared moved on to new position with Inf.
  - (b) 2nd plat moved to pos (1945). Received direct fire (probably self-propelled guns or tanks) from town of SCHWALZWALD (1945). Fired 35 rds 90mm HE, 11 APC and 500 .50 cal in attempt to get fire on guns or tanks firing at them.
  - (c) 3rd plat moved to pos (0648) with Inf, meeting road blocks and medium small arms and automatic weapons fire. Fired 500 rds .50 cal at Bn personnel protecting road blocks.

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4. Hq Co - Captured 4 PW's.
5. No change in other dispositions.

10 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (b) 1st plat moved from OBERHOF (1138) in morning. Encountered road block at (1337) which was defended and was held up till 1600, then moved on to GEHLBERG (1535).
  - (c) 2nd plat moved to North and blocked the North approaches to OBERHOF.
  - (d) 3rd plat followed 1st plat to GEHLBERG where it stayed overnight.
  - (e) Co CP moved to OBERHOF in the morning.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd (in D/S of 345th Inf Regt).
  - (a) The morning of 10 Apr 45 the elements of Co C were located in the following places: (1) Co CP at TAMBACH (0348); (2) 1st plat at (085470); (3) 2nd plat at (090444); 3rd plat at (065487). The mission of the 345th Inf Regt was to continue the attack to the East.
    - (b) 1st plat, with 1st Bn 345th Inf moved out from their reported location to attack and secure the town of STUTZHAUS (105470). Upon entering the town of STUTZHAUS they encountered small arms and heavy tank fire from the North, but were unable to get into position to fire on tanks due to the terrain. The bridge at (105472) was destroyed by the retreating Germans. One M-4 tank was knocked out by the German tank's fire. One tank and one TD placed fire in the general direction that the enemy fire was coming from. After firing approximately 6 rds of 90mm and some 75mm, the German tanks withdrew and the doughs mopped up the town. Tanks and TDs forded the stream and at 1200 the 1st Bn 345th started marching to their next objective of CRAWINKEL (1547). A few doughs rode the outside of the Tanks and TDs. German tanks were again encountered along the way and everytime the column came around a bend in the road the enemy tanks would fire a few rounds and then withdraw. There was no way for our tanks and TDs to deploy and take the German tanks under fire as the forest on each side of the road made everything road-bound. The German tanks eventually knocked out another M-4 vehicle which went up in flames. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were encountered all the way to the objective (CRAWINKEL) which was reached and taken at 2200. The plat had fired 4 rds HE, 2 APC, 500 rds .50 cal.
    - (c) 2nd plat, with 2nd Bn 345th Inf, moved out from their reported location and sent their advance elements into the town of SCHWARZWALD (110455). The bridge at (099446) was blown out by the retreating Germans and the Tanks and TDs forded the stream South of the blown bridge and entered the town. Little resistance was met and a few prisoners were taken. The mission of 2nd Bn 345th Regt with the 2nd plat atchd was to take the town of FRANKENMAIN (1544), GRAFENRODA (1743), LIEBENSTEIN (1945). The Bn moved out from SCHWARZWALD (110455) motorized and at 1600 headed SE on the road through a thick woods approximately 200 yds SE of the town. There it encountered small arms and MG fire. This was reduced by the Tanks and TDs. The Bn proceeded on for about 50 yds and as the lead tank came around a bend it received a hit from an AP shell fired from a German tank. The tank and TDs backed away from the bend and out of the German tank. The terrain was such that armor could not deploy. The 2nd Bn stopped for the night in the vicinity of (1242) at 2200. Fired 200 rds .50 cal MG.
    - (d) 3rd plat, with 3rd Bn 345th Inf, moved out and proceeded to assist the 1st Bn 345th to take the town of STUTZHAUS. Road blocks and small arms fire were encountered. The 3rd plat had the fire mission of liquidating some Germans who were dug in on the hill East of town. Mission was accomplished. 3rd Bn 345th went into reserve after entering the town. Expended 23 rds HE, 300 .50 cal.

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(e) At the close of the day Co C was located as follows: CP at STUTZHAUS (105470); 1st plat at CRAWINKEL (1547); 2nd plat 3000 meters East of SCHWARZWALD (1242); 3rd plat at STUTZHAUS. Total ammo expended 27 rds HE, 2 APC, 1000 rds .50 cal.

11 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (a) 1st plat moved from GEHLBERG (1635) to ARLESBERG (1839), ELGERSBERG (2038); RODA (2337), arriving at RODA at 1200. From RODA they proceeded to OBER PORLITZ (2538), to UNTER PORLITZ (2638), WUMBACH (2837), to GRAFINAU (3239). At this point the accompanying Inf captured 3 armored cars and many prisoners. The town was set afire by tanks and TDs. The plat remained at GRAFINAU for the night.
  - (b) 2nd plat moved from defensive positions through OBERHOF, following the same route as the 1st plat to GERABERG (1938) and joined the 2nd Bn 347th Inf. Then with 2nd Bn moved in rear of the 1st and 3rd Bns of the 347th Inf to a point about 1000 meters SW of COTTENDORF (3243) arriving at about 2400.
  - (c) 3rd plat, with 1st Bn 347th Inf, left GERABERG and moved to MARHNRODA (2241) to HEGDA (2642) then to the town of EUCHETOH (2739), thence to COTTENDORF, arriving there they were fired upon by SA and direct fire weapons. The plat returned the fire and at darkness the fire fight subsided. One destroyer was knocked out by bazooka fire at this point.
  - (d) Co CP moved to UNTER PORLITZ (2538).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
  - (a) The 346th Inf was to pass through 345th Inf and continue the attack to the East.
    - (b) 1st plat, Co C moved out from CRAWINKEL with the 1st Bn 345th for town of PLAUE (2347). At PLAUE the 1st Bn 346th passed through the 1st Bn 345th Inf. 1st plat Co C went over to the 1st Bn 346th at 1340 and continued march to OBERWILLINGEN (3246) and then on to NEIDERWILLINGEN, closing in on the town at 1800 with the 1st Bn 346th and taking up defensive positions for the night. No enemy action, no ammo expended.
    - (c) 2nd plat moved out from their area with 2nd Bn 345th. At 0830, arriving at LIEBENSTEIN at 1440 where the 2nd Bn 346th Inf passed through the 2nd Bn 345th. No opposition was encountered. 2nd Bn 346th Inf shoved off at 1825 to continue the assault East. Route of march was as follows - PLAUE, KLEINBREITENBACH, REINSFELD, KETTMANNPHAUSEN to BEHRINGEN (310467), where the 2nd Bn 346th and atchd units stopped for the night.
    - (d) 3rd plat received orders to report to the 3rd Bn 346th Inf Regt at TAMBACH (0348). The mission of this Bn, less Co K, was to be motorized and prepared to move on Div order via TFS route and relieve TFS for further operations. 3rd Bn left TAMBACH at 0900. At 1000 3rd plat reported their position at the town of OHRDRUFF (1152). At 2030 the plat reached the town of GORLITZHAUSEN (3149). No enemy action, no ammo expended.
    - (e) Co CP moved along the route of advance of the 346th Inf Regt and stopped for the night 200 yds E of KETTMANNSHAUSEN (2846).

12 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Contd D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (b) 1st plat moved from GRAFINAU (3239) to ROTTENBACH (4227) arriving at the latter town at 1100. Then proceeded to WATZDORF (4738) where they encountered road blocks and remained in position overnight.
  - (c) 2nd plat left position SW of COTTENDORF and moved through the 1st plat and 3rd Bn 347th and aided the 2nd Bn in capturing BAD BLANKENBURG (5037).

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(d) 3rd plat - In the morning the enemy had withdrawn from COTTENDORF. The plat with the 3rd Bn moved to THALENDORF (4541) where it remained overnight.

(e) Co CP moved to ROTTENBACH (4237).

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat, with 1st Bn, contd the attack to the East. At 0300 the plat occupied firing position overlooking STADTILM (3647). At 0615 the 1st plat opened fire on STADTILM and joined the Inf SE of the city. Inf mounted the TKs and TDs and continued the attack toward EHRENSTEIN (4235). Enemy artillery fired on the column and the Bn and attached units attacked the town of ALTREND from the N and S flanks taking the town and continuing on toward the town of KIRCHREMDA (465465) where there was a short fire fight. The 1st plat fired 18 rds HE into the town. At 1800 the plat entered the town and took up defensive positions for the night. Ammo expended - 81 rds fired at enemy personnel and houses.

(b) 2nd plat received orders from Regt "3" to report to 1st Bn to fire on high ground around STADTILM, spng the Inf as they advanced into the town. The order was changed and the 2nd plat was to assemble in the woods West of STADTILM as mobile reserve. Orders were changed again and the 2nd plat was to report back to 2nd Bn to enter and assist in cleaning out the town. 2nd plat entered the West side of STADTILM and went to the NE end of the town, where some Germans on foot were sighted. Fired 4 rds HE. The 2nd Bn, 346th Inf then received orders to move on to GROSSLIEBRINGEN (3844) and on to RUDOLSTADT. The town of EICHFELD (4941) was reached at 1600. This was the stop for the night. Expended 4 rds 90mm HE.

(c) 3rd plat, with 3rd Bn, 346th Inf left GORLITZHAUSEN at 0700 with the objective of the town of RIMDA. Route followed - RODA (3148), BEHRINGEN (3146), OBERWILLINGEN (3246), STADTILM (3647), NAHWINDEN (4044), EHRENSTEIN (4245), SUNDREMDA (4544). 500 meters N of SUNDREMDA the 3rd Bn column was mortared and received small arms fire. Pvt OBRISKI of the 3rd plat was wounded. The column was reorganized and at dusk approximately 2000 hours the march on REMDA was continued. TKs and TDs deployed and the Inf mounted on the TKs and TDs assaulted the town. Enemy was dug in on the SW edge of town. Heavy small arms and panzerfust fire was encountered. The fire from TKs and TDs set the town afire. One M4 tank was hit three times and put out of action. REMDA was taken by our troops at 2130. 30 PW's were taken by the Inf. 3rd Bn and atchd units stayed in town for night. Plat expended 10 rds HE, 200 rds .50 cal.

(d) Co CP and Hq followed up the advance of the 346th Inf Regt and set up for the night at NAHWINDIN (408448). As the Hq was preparing to move from 200 yds E of KITTMANNSHAUSEN a cub plane dropped a message that there were some Germans in the woods S of our position. One of the M-20s and four men were guided to the area by the plane and 7 PW's were taken. Total ammo expended for day, 95 rds HE, 200 rds .50 cal.

13 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat followed the 2nd plat in fording the river at BAD BLANKENBURG and followed the 2nd plat into SAALFELD where the bridges were blown and the river unfordable.

(b) 2nd plat forded the river at BAD BLANKENBURG at 0930 and proceeded to SAALFELD (5734). Continued Rcn for crossing.

(c) 3rd plat followed the 1st and 2nd plats to SAALFELD.

(d) Co CP moved to SAALFELD.

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3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 345th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat with 1st Bn 346th Inf - Inf mounted on TKs and TDs moved out from KITCHREMDA (4646) at 0700 and proceeded to ETZELBACH (6144). No enemy encountered except on the East bank of the SAALE River. All bridges were blown by retreating En. 1st plat fired 500 rds .50 cal at En personnel on East Bank of River then proceeded NE to the town of ULILSTADT (6344) and took up defensive positions of area with Inf of 1st Bn. Fired 500 rds .50 cal.

(b) 2nd plat, with 2nd Bn, shoved off from EICHFELD (4941) for the town of RUDOLSTADT (5442). No En were encountered until the Units advanced about four blocks towards the center of town when small arms fire was encountered. The TKs and TDs covered the advance of the Inf by firing on several buildings neutralizing sniper and MG fire. The Inf cleared up the town and the 2nd Bn with attached Units took up defensive positions of the area until the bridge was put across the river in vicinity of WEISSEN (6244). Ammo expended - 11 HE, 200 rds .50 cal.

(c) 3rd plat, with 3rd Bn, moved with motorized Inf from REMDA (4545) at 0700 for ETZELBACH (6144). Encountered no enemy enroute until they entered ETZELBACH where they received small arms fire from across the river. 3rd plat fired 15 rds HE and 250 rds .50 cal at houses and enemy personnel on East side of river. 3rd Bn and 3rd plat stayed in ETZELBACH.

(d) Co Hq followed up the advance of the 346th Inf and set up CP 300 yds NW of ETZELBACH. Total ammo expended for day - 26 rds HE, 950 rds .50 cal.

14 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat, with 3rd Bn, followed Task Force Sundt across bridge at SAALFELD and proceeded to BUCHA (6533), then to SCHMORDA (7234), then to MOXA (7534) encountering scattered small arms fire enroute.

(b) 2nd plat followed the 1st plat, stopping at BUCHA for the night.

(c) 3rd plat followed 2nd plat across bridge and moved to ROCKENDORF (6837) where it joined the 1st Bn. They later moved through RANIS (7136) to SCHMORDA (7234) where they remained overnight.

(d) Co CP moved to RANIS.

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat - Bridge across the SAALE River at WEISSEN (6244) was completed by the Engineers at 1900. The 1st plat with the 1st Bn moved from UHLSTADT (6344) at 1600 to the vicinity of the bridge site to be prepared to cross after the 3rd Bn 346th had cleared. 1st plat crossed the river at 1930. 1st Bn got lost and the entire unit spent the night in the woods SW of FRIEDLEBACH (6542).

(b) 2nd plat - At 1200 the plat with 2nd Bn 346th Inf moved from RUDOLSTADT (5442) to the vicinity of the bridge site and awaited the completion of the bridge there. Unit was to cross the bridge after the 1st Bn 346th had cleared. At 2150 the 2nd plat cleared the bridge and the 2nd Bn 346th had to stop for the night as they had caught up with the tail of the 1st Bn 346th. Location (6341).

(c) 3rd plat - At 1900 the 3rd plat with the 3rd Bn 346th started across the bridge. One destroyer dropped out due to mechanical failure. 3rd Bn got lost in the darkness and followed a cow's trail. Another destroyer broke a track at 2030. Element of the 3rd Bn 346th by-passed 34 and ran into a stump field. One of the 3rd plat's half-tracks burst a radiator and a light tank broke a track. The 3rd Bn set down for the night at (6443).

(d) Co CP stayed in same location 300 yds NW of ETZELBACH (WJ6144) and sent the mechanic out to assist in getting our vehicles repaired. No ammo expended.

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1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (a) 1st plat supporting 3rd Bn left MOXA early in morning and moved over secondary roads to SCHLEIZ (8828) where they stayed overnight. Light S/A resistance encountered enroute.
  - (b) 2nd plat supporting 2nd Bn received orders to proceed to SCHLEIZ by way of ZIEGENBUCK (7732), CRISPENDORF (8329), then to MONCHGRUN (8528) where it stopped for the night.
  - (c) 3rd plat, supporting 1st Bn 347th Inf proceeded from SCHMORDA (7234) to MOXA (7531) to POSEN (7935) to BUCHA (8034) then to VOLKMANSDORF (8231), PLOTHEN (8534), and DITTERSDORF (8835), arriving at DITTERSDORF at 1400. The plat then moved through SCHLEIZ to LANGENBACH (9523).
  - (d) Co CP moved to SCHLEIZ (8828).
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
  - (a) 1st plat - 1st Bn stopped in position until 1430. The 1st plat with 1st Bn moved out to the high ground 2000 meters NW of POSSNECK (7240) and stayed for the night waiting for transportation to move on.
  - (b) 2nd plat - With 2nd Bn (Inf motorized) moved out at daybreak. They were held up by a road block NE of POSSNECK. The block was cleared and the march resumed. No resistance was met until the column arrived West of the town of PAHREN (9435) where the Rcn elements reported direct fire from the enemy. A temporary halt was made to determine where the fire was coming from but the location of the gun was not determined. The column moved on and received word that the town of KLEIN WOLSCHENDE (9736) was cleared. The Bn commander gave orders to move on to this town. At the river crossing (9635) the column was met by small arms, machine gun and bazooka fire. The tanks and TDs machine gunned the sides of the roads and woods and continued on to the town, firing machine guns as they went, and receiving little fire in return. They arrived in the town of KLEIN WOLSCHERDF at 2230. Ammo expended - 500 rds .50 cal.
  - (c) 3rd plat with 3rd Bn 346th Inf motorized moved out at 0900 to continue the attack to the East (time was lost to regroup the Unit which got lost the night before). At 1505 one of the plat's destroyers broke through the bridge and needed help to get out. This was in the town of POSSNECK and left the 3rd plat with one destroyer. The 3rd Bn arrived in DITTERSDORF (8835) at 2030. The third destroyer of the 3rd plat arrived with a bad bogie. No enemy was encountered.
  - (d) Hq followed up the advance of the 345th Inf Regt, bringing up the vehicles that had fallen out (4 destroyers, 1 M-20, 1 half track and 1 jeep arrived in DITTERSDORF (2240) and turned over to the 3rd plat three of the destroyers and repaired the fourth so that the 3rd plat had four destroyers for the next operation. Ammo expended 500 rds .50 cal.

16 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (a) 1st plat moved from SCHLEIZ to LOSSAU (9429), then on to LANGENBACH (9527), MUHLTROFF (9724), east to MEHLTHEURER (0524), SYRAU (0825) and to PLAUEN where they secured the bridge.
  - (b) 2nd plat moved through SCHLEIZ and SE to LANGENBACH. Then followed secondary routes to PLAUEN (1220), crossed bridge and took up defensive positions East of PLAUEN.
  - (c) 3rd plat left LANGENBACH by main route to OELSNITZ (1511) encountering no resistance, but on the outskirts of OELSNITZ the plat set up and fired at innumerable fleeing German soldiers and vehicles. The autobahn was cut at 1200. Later in

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the day they moved to OELNITZ and took up defensive positions. During the day the plat had fired 52 rds HE, 6 APC, 3100 .50 cal. Knocked out three 2 1/2 ton trucks, 1 motorcycle, 1 jeep and 1 panel truck.

(d) Co CP moved to OBER LOSA (1416).

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn platatchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat with the 1st Bn moved out from their location 2000 yds NW of POSSNECK at 0700. With the mission of securing the bridge at ELSTERBERG (1332) over the river WEISSE ELSTER and the high ground on the East side of the river. At 1145 the 1st plat passed through the town of DITTERSDORF. The plat entered ZEULERODA (0036) at 1429. The 2nd plat was atchd to the 1st Bn and the Bn moved out to seize its objective. Upon entering the town of ELSTERBERG the column was met by small arms and machine gun fire. A gun on the East side of the river on the high ground opened up on the lead tank and missed. One of the 1st plat's destroyers fired at it and with the first round put it out of action. With the 2nd round the destroyer hit the prime mover of the gun setting it on fire. The Inf with the aid of the TKs and TDs then secured the bridge and moved on to the high ground East of ELSTERBERG, stopping for the night at BROCKAU (1632). Ammo expended 3 rds HE, 300 .50 cal. Destroyed 1 dual purpose 88mm AA gun, 1 half-track prime mover.

(b) 2nd plat with 2nd Bn 346th was to move out and help take the town of ZEULENRODA (0036). At 0800 they moved into the town but the 3rd Bn 346th Inf had already cleaned it up. At 1335 the 2nd plat received orders to report to the 1st Bn as they came into town. At 1420 the 2nd plat reported to the CO of 1st Bn 346th Inf. The plat had fired 200 rds .50 cal in the town of ELSTERBERG with the 1st Bn.

(c) 3rd plat - At 0500 the 3rd plat with 3rd Bn moved out from DITTERSDORF to attack and secure the town of ZEULENRODA. At 0735 3rd plat reported they were on their objective and were held up by road blocks. They were going to proceed NE from ZEULENRODA and then head East. Small arms fire was encountered along their route. They spent the night at NOSSWITZ (1334). Ammo expended was 19 rds HE, 2 APC, 250 rds .50 cal.

(d) Co CP followed up the advance of the 346th Inf Regt and closed in at ELSTERBERG at 1900. In their advance the Hq group captured 7 PW's.

17 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A, and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.

2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat moved with 3rd Bn to THEUMA (1817) and there setup defensive positions to cut the autobahn.

(b) 2nd plat moved to OBER LOSA and went into defensive assembly position.

(c) 3rd plat supporting 1st Bn, remained in town of OELSNITZ.

3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.

(a) 1st plat with 1st Bn moved out from BROCKAU (1632) at 0700 for TREUEN (2325). At 0930 the 1st Bn reported they were in the town of TREUEN. No opposition. At 1400 the 1st Bn received orders to go and assist the 2nd Bn who were having trouble entering the town of LANGENFELD. 1st Bn moved on to the town of LANGENFELD from the SW and helped reduce the opposition. At 2100 the 1st plat reported they were moving back to TREUEN and take up positions on the outskirts of the town. This was accomplished by 2200.

(b) 2nd plat - At 0215 the 2nd plat received orders to revert back to the 2nd Bn and their mission was to push on to LANGENFELD. No resistance was met until the 2nd Bn tried to enter MYAU when some German Inf tried to hold up our advance. One TD fired 4 rds of HE and the resistance ended. 2nd Bn continued to LANGENFELD. Outside the town three light tanks were knocked out by bazooka fire. Fire was coming from the high ground East of the town. The gun spotted and fire was placed in its area knocking



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it out. It proved to be a 75mm self-propelled AT gun. The German troops fled from the area and HE was fired after them. The 2nd Bn entered the town and took up defensive positions at 1735. Expended 25 rds HE, 1 APC, 200 .50 cal. Destroyed 1 75mm AT gun.

(c) 3rd plat with 3rd Bn was left at their location awaiting transportation. At 1300 the 3rd plat with the 3rd Bn moved out for the town of TREUEN, closing into the area at 1600. At 1700 the plat received orders to have two of its destroyers report to the 1st plat to help cover the main roads coming into the town (1st plat had two destroyers out for repairs). 3 PW's were taken by 3rd plat.

(d) Hq followed the advance of the 346th Inf Regt closing into CP area at TREUEN. Ammo expended for day- 25 rds HE, 1 APC, 200 .50 cal.

18 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (a) 1st plat consolidated defensive position at THEUMA.
  - (b) 2nd plat consolidated defensive position at OBER LOSA.
  - (c) 3rd plat consolidated defensive position at OELSNITZ.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
  - (a) 1st plat in defensive position on outskirts of TREUEN.
  - (b) 2nd plat in defensive position at LANGENFELD.
  - (c) 3rd plat in defensive position at ALTMANNSGRUN (2222).
  - (d) With Co CP at TREUEN, plats settled in above defensive positions with missions accomplished. No ammo expended for day, no enemy resistance met.

19 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt.
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 347th Inf Regt.
  - (a) No change in disposition of plats. Maintained defensive positions and conducted maintenance.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, in D/S of 346th Inf Regt.
  - (a) No change in disposition of plats or Co CP. Maintained defensive positions and conducted maintenance.

20 April 1945:

1. Bn, less Co A and Co C, atchd to Task Force Sundt which assembled in vicinity of NEUENSALZ (K1821).
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co remained in direct support of 347th Inf Regt. Held defensive positions and conducted maintenance.
3. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd.
  - (a) Co remained in direct support of 346th Inf Regt. Held defensive positions and conducted maintenance.

21-22 April 1945:

1. No change in disposition or locations of any elements. Elements held defensive positions and conducted maintenance of personnel and equipment.

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23-30 April 1945:

1. Elements of the Bn remained in defensive positions during week, conducting maintenance of personnel and equipment. Positions of Bn Units were as follows:

(a) Bn, less Co A and Co C atchd to Task Force Sundt and assembled in vicinity of NEUENSALZ, GERMANY (K1821).

(b) Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat atchd, continued in direct support of 347th Inf Regiment. During week the units of the Co moved to or remained in the following locations:

(1) Co CP remained in vicinity of OBER LOSA (1416).

(2) 1st plat - Moved from THEUMA (1817) to defensive position in vicinity of MECHSELGRUN (1919).

(3) 2nd plat - Moved from vicinity of OBER LOSA to defensive position in vicinity of DROSSDORF (1715).

(4) 3rd plat - Remained in defensive position in vicinity of OELSMITZ, (1511).

(c) Co C, with 1st Rcn plat atchd, continued in direct support of 346th Inf Regiment. During week the units of the Co moved to or remained in the following locations:

(1) Co CP moved from vicinity of TREUEN to vicinity of LIMBACH (1930).

(2) 1st plat remained in defensive position in vicinity of TREUEN.

(3) 2nd plat remained in defensive position in vicinity of LANGENFELD, (2730).

(4) 3rd plat remained in defensive position in vicinity of ALTSMANGRUN, (2222).

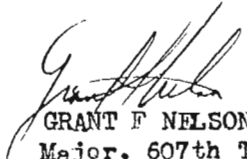
C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Bn, less Task Force Sundt elements, fired 680 rds 90mm HE, 81 rds APC.

2. Destroyed: 2 Self-propelled guns, 1 half-track, 1 88mm Anti-tank Gun, 5 general purpose vehicles.

3. Captured: 201 PW's.

4. With combination of fire, movement and shock action which were ever present in all Infantry operations involving formations of a Company or more, the armour (tank-tank destroyer teams) reduced the enemy's will to resist to such an extent that all objectives were taken with losses ranging from slight to none.

  
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