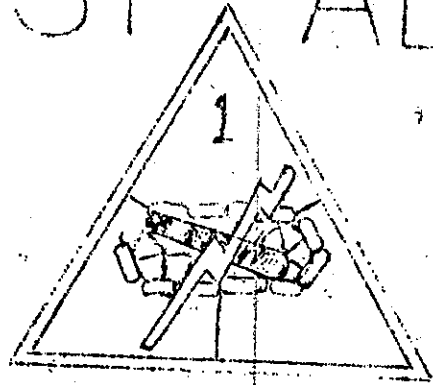


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REPORT
OF
OPERATIONS



1 OCTOBER 1945

TO

31 DECEMBER 1945

630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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APO ~~21~~/5/3 227 U. S. ARMY

21 January 1946

SUBJECT: Report of Operations.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Armd Div, APO 251, US Army.
(Att. A.C. of S., G-3)

Transmitted herewith are Report of Operations for the period of 1 October 1945 to 31 December 1945. In compliance with letter your headquarters, dated 7 November 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

Jack Doherty
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Capt, FA(TB)
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630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 758 227 U. S. ARMY

REPORT OF OPERATIONS NO 2

UNIT: 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion
FROM: 010800 October 1945
TO : 312400 December 1945

MAP REFERENCE: Map, Germany, 1:250,000, Sheet L50

I - Employment of US Forces.

At the beginning of the period, the battalion (minus "B" Company was located in Bad Mergentheim, Germany; "B" Company was located in Mengolsheim, Germany. The battalion's mission was the security of POW Hospital No. 4, located in Bad Mergentheim.

On 13 October 1945, the battalion was assigned the additional mission of securing and administering Seventh Army Civilian Internee Prison No. 2, located at Schwabisch Hall, Germany; this task was assigned to "B" Company-

On 1 November 1945, the battalion was relieved from attachment to Provost Marshal, Seventh Army, and was attached to VI Corps.

The battalion was relieved from attachment to VI Corps on 14 November 1945, and was attached to 34th AAA Group for operational and administrative duties. Shortly after this, the unit was assigned the mission of administering, in addition to securing, Seventh Army Internee Hospital No. 4 (formerly called "POW Hospital No. 4") located at Bad Mergentheim, Germany.

On 3 December 1945, "C" Company moved to Schwabisch Hall, Germany, to assist "B" Company in their assigned mission of administering and securing Seventh Army Civilian Internee Prison No. 2.

On 24 December 1945, the entire battalion was alerted, and the guard was doubled at both installations. This was due to information received from higher headquarters concerning the possibility of prison breaks during the holiday season.



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PERSONNEL:

The following personnel were deployed during this period: (See Sheet "A")

RESISTANCE:

There were no instances of resistance by German population during the period covered by this report.

OPERATION "DOUBLECHECK":

This unit participated in Operation "Doublecheck" on 18, 20 and 25 November 1945. The operation was highly successful, with the exception that the element of surprise was not maintained throughout the operation due to the lack of sufficient troops. German population was extremely cooperative, and there were no instances of looting by the troops.



II - Relations with Allied Forces.

From the beginning of the period until on or about 7 December 1945, there were approximately 1500 Polish Displaced Persons located in Bad Mergentheim. Inspections by the Medical Officer of this unit revealed that they were utilizing the sanitary facilities available. These Polish Displaced Persons created many petty nuisances, and a week prior to being transported from Bad Mergentheim to a camp in the Russian Zone of Occupation (or in some cases, being repatriated to their homeland) committed a series of protest acts, such as damaging German property, fighting with German civilians, etc. The German Civilian Police Force was supplemented by a Guard Detail from this unit, and any serious uprisings which might have occurred were prevented.

Shortly after the departure of the Polish Displaced Persons, approximately 1400 Displaced Persons from the Baltic Countries (Latvians, Lithuanians, etc) arrived in Bad Mergentheim. These Displaced Persons were of a higher educational level than the Poles. Relations with these people have been amiable and no disturbances have occurred throughout the remainder of the period..

III - Relations with Former German Forces.

During the period, this unit was administering and securing Seventh Army Civilian Internee Prison No. 2 and Seventh Army Internee Hospital No. 4; consequently, contacts with former German forces are constant. This unit is complying with all directives from higher headquarters pertaining to

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internees and disarmed enemy forces. Recreational and Day Room facilities have been made available to inmates at both installations.

IV - Relations with Civilian Population.

During the last half of the period, German civilians have been employed by this organization, due to the shortage of enlisted personnel. The German civilian employees perform their duties in a satisfactory manner, and, although the results of their labor are not on a par with that of the trained American soldier, it is the best solution to a critical problem.

All problems concerning the civilian population of the town are taken care of by the Military Government. Relations between the troops and the civilian population are on a friendly basis; there have been no instances of subversive activities.


RUDOLPH H. MIEDING
Lt Col MA(TD)
Commanding

