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 HEADQUARTERS 65TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
 Office of the Commanding Officer
 APO 339, United States Army

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SUBJECT: Action Against the Enemy, Report After.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with the provisions of par 10, submitted below is Report After Action Against the Enemy for the 65th Tank Destroyer Battalion, covering the period from 1 - 31 May 1945 inclusive.

1 MAY 1945

Battalion less "A", "C" and Reconnaissance Companies remained in Tangerhutte, Germany. Battalion attached to 35th Infantry Division and further attached to 35th Division Artillery. "A" Company reinforcing fire of 161st Field Artillery Battalion. "B" Company continued furnishing security for 35th Division Artillery. First Platoon of "C" Company in support of 127th Field Artillery Battalion. Remainder of Company performing motor maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment. Reconnaissance Company in Battalion reserve in Crochern, Germany.

2 MAY 1945

Battalion less "A", "C" and Reconnaissance Companies remained in Tangerhutte, Germany. First and Third Platoons of Company "A" remained in Battalion reserve. Second Platoon relieved from reinforcing 161st Field Artillery Battalion and went into Battalion reserve. Company "B" continued furnishing security for Headquarters 35th Division Artillery. First Platoon of Company "C" relieved from support of 127th Field Artillery Battalion. Company remained in assembly area in Mahlpfuhl, Germany. Reconnaissance Company remained in assembly area in Crochern, Germany.

3 MAY 1945

Battalion moved from Tangerhutte, Germany to Gr. Schwulper, Germany. Distance travelled 70 miles. CP closed at Tangerhutte at 0835 hours and opened in Gr. Schwulper at 1640 hours. Battalion is given mission of governing and occupying assigned sector. Companies assigned targets to guard and patrol in towns as follows: "A" Company Leiferde, Germany; "B" Company, Rethen, Germany; "C" Company, Lagesbuttel, Germany; and Reconnaissance Company, Vordorf, Germany. Captain Baker appointed AMG Officer for the Battalion.

4 MAY 1945

Battalion command post remained in Gr. Schwulper, Germany. Companies continued mission of occupying and governing their respective areas. First Sergeant George Barnousky discharged to accept appointment as Second Lieutenant, AUS. He was assigned to Reconnaissance Company, 65th Tank Destroyer Battalion as Executive Officer.

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Battalion remained in same position carrying out duties of governing and occupying. Captain Zach, Headquarters Company Commandant, duty to detached service with XIII Corps as Russian Interpreter on 5 May. Staff Sergeants Joseph Staniorski and Eugene Payne discharged on 6 May 1945 to accept appointment as Second Lieutenant, AUS. Lieutenant Staniorski was assigned to "B" Company and Lieutenant Payne was assigned to "C" Company, both as platoon leaders.

8 MAY 1945

Battalion moved from Gr. Schwalper, Germany to Bochenem, Germany. Distance travelled 15 miles. CP closed at Gr. Schwalper at 1515 hours and opened in Bochenem at 1830 hours. Mission of governing and occupying continued in new area.

9 MAY 1945

Battalion continued in same position. Companies occupying and governing assigned areas, performing maintenance, care and cleaning of equipment and training.

10 - 25 MAY 1945

Battalion less Company "C" moved from Bochenem, Germany to Lamspringe, Germany. Distance travelled 9 miles. CP closed at Bochenem at 1320 hours and opened at Lamspringe at 1445 hours. Company "C" continued to occupy Bochenem. The time from 10 May to 25 May was spent in the execution of Military Government functions, maintenance, guarding military targets and training. On 16 May 1945, 2 officers and 74 enlisted men were sent back to the States under the demobilization plan. On 18 May 1945 at 1200 hours the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 35th Infantry Division Artillery, attached to the 84th Infantry Division and further attached to the 84th Division Artillery. Captain Martinez appointed AAG Officer for the Battalion and Captain Baker became Executive Officer, 18 May 1945.

26 MAY 1945

Battalion less Reconnaissance Company moved from Lamspringe, Germany to Ennigerloh, Germany. Distance travelled 116 miles. CP closed at Lamspringe at 0700 hours and opened at Ennigerloh at 1400 hours. Reconnaissance Company remained in Lamspringe, guarding targets and patrolling. Battalion relieved from attachment to 84th Infantry Division Artillery and attached to 35th Infantry Division.

27 - 31 MAY 1945

Battalion remained in Ennigerloh from 27 May to 31 May. Time was spent in training, care and cleaning of equipment, motor maintenance and preparations for rail movement to new area. Reconnaissance Company was relieved from guarding targets in Lamspringe, Germany and joined the Battalion in Ennigerloh on 30 May 1945. Battalion continued attached to 35th Infantry Division.

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CASUALTIES

Killed in Action:	Officers 0; Enlisted Men 0
Missing in Action:	Officers 0; Enlisted Men 0
Wounded in Action:	Officers 0; Enlisted Men 0
Injured in Action:	Officers 0; Enlisted Men 0
Non-Battle Deaths:	Officers 0; Enlisted Men 0

AWARDS AND INCORPORATIONS

Soldier's Medal:	Officers 0; Enlisted Men 3
Bronze Star Medal:	Officers 3; Enlisted Men 2
Air Medal, Oak-Leaf Cluster:	Officers 1; Enlisted Men 0
Purple Hearts:	Officers Enlisted Men
Certificate of Merit:	Officers 9; Enlisted Men 107
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque:	Headquarters Company, 65th TD Bn.

For the Commanding Officer:



Lee R Barnes

LEE R. BARNES,
Captain, Infantry,
Adjutant.

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