

HEADQUARTERS
661ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

1 June 1945

AFTER ACTION REPORT

I. DEFENSIVE AND READJUSTMENT PHASE, 010001B - 090001B May 1945.

A. Operations for the Period:

1. On 3 May 1945, 661st T.D. Bn., (less A, B, C, & Rcn Cos.) moved from NAUNHOF (390085) to vic. BREITINGEN (282865) closing in area 031235B. Rcn. Co. moved from GRIMMA (475042) to vic. DEUTZEN (289899), closing in area 031200B 1st Rcn. Plt. vic. BREITINGEN (282865). Co. "A" moved from ERDMANNSHAIN (372098) to vic. WINTERSDORF (234828) closing in area 031300B. 1st Plt. vic. LUCKA (217826); 3rd Plt. vic. BUNAURODA (204839). Co. "B" moved from ALBRECHTSHAIN (365105) to vic. REGES (296871), closing in area 031300B. 3rd Plt. vic. DEUTZEN (289898). Co. "C" moved from AMMELSHAIN (411105) to vic. RAMSDORF (245879). Battalion remained in zone of responsibility patrolling and securing the area, performing maintenance and following training schedule until 9 May 1945, at which time, Battalion moved to new zone of responsibility. Battalion CP, Hq., Rcn., & A Cos. moved to vic. LUTZEN (075045); B Co. to vic. KITZEN (132010); and C Co. to vic. ALTRANSTADT (095112). All Companies are now performing maintenance and following training schedule. Rcn. Co. is patrolling entire zone of responsibility.

Over 68 PW's were processed during the period.

- B. Assigned Units: None
C. Attached Units: None
D. Detached Units: None
E. Summary:

1. During the Defensive and Readjustment Phase, 010001B-090001B May 1945, the 661st T.D. Bn. was utilized in securing and patrolling their zone of responsibility. Maintenance was performed and training schedule followed in preparation for future operations.

II. CONCLUSION.

- A. 661st T.D. Bn. secured and patrolled assigned areas of responsibility in an excellent manner. Registration of civilians was accomplished in present zone of responsibility. Road check points were established and are functioning properly.

For The Commanding Officer,

William A. Connolly Jr.
WILLIAM A. CONNOLLY, Jr.
Captain, Infantry,
S-3.

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3 June 1945

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I. ATTACK AND MOVEMENT PHASE:

- a. None
- b. None
- c. The S-2 section issued a daily intelligence report. Companies were instructed in the various correct identification papers that should be in the possession of German soldiers and civilians.
- d. None
- e. No civilians were screened during the period 1 - 3 May as the battalion was in Naunhof, Germany with the Division Headquarters. From 4 May - 9 May, in Breitingen, Germany, the civilians in the battalion area of responsibility were screened by the Battalion S-2 section. Of six Nazi party leaders sent to CIC, three were interned.

II. CONCLUSION:

- a. Six civilians and twenty eight P.W.'s were evacuated during the period.

For the Commanding Officer:

George F. Higgins
GEORGE F. HIGGINS,
Capt., FA,
S-2

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In compliance with AR 345-105 and changes thereto, the following is a report of the operations of the S-1 Section of the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion for the period 1 May 1945, to 9 May 1945:

I - Strength

The authorized strength of this organization:

Officers.....	35
Warrant Officers....	2
Enlisted Men.....	<u>607</u>
Total.....	644

Morning report strength 1 May 1945:

Officers.....	32
Warrant Officers	2
Enlisted Men.....	<u>574</u>
Total.....	608

Morning report strength 9 May 1945:

Officers.....	32
Warrant Officer.....	1
Enlisted Men.....	<u>581</u>
Total.....	615

Effective strength 9 May 1945:

Officers.....	29
Warrant Officer.....	1
Enlisted Men.....	<u>574</u>
Total.....	604

II - No battle casualties were reported by this organization for this period.

III - Replacements

Replacements requisitioned during the period were as follows:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1	0

Hospital returnees received during the period were as follows:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
0	6

Replacements received during the period were as follows:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
0	7

IV - Decorations:

During the period the following decorations were awarded members of this battalion:

Lieutenant Colonel Donald B. Miller received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Germany from 11 February to 1 May 1945.

Sergeant Elmer E. Ehrhardt received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Belgium and Germany from 15 February 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Sergeant Richard Furman received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Belgium and Germany from 15 February to 25 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Ralph W. Bragg received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Germany from 24 January 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Sergeant James L. Hogan received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Germany from 11 February 1945 to 26 April 1945.

Sergeant Romaine F. Repair received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Sergeant Mark J. Ringelstetter received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Sergeant Louis A. Tyree received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade John W. Roth received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Germany from 6 March 1945 to 26 April 1945.

Private First Class Ignatius C. Alletto received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Private First Class Arthur D. Crager received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Private First Class Jack C. Mucia received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Private First Class Henry Newstein received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Belgium and Germany from 25 February 1945 to 26 April 1945.

Private First Class Floyd L. Smith received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant John Gramata received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Germany from 24 January 1945 to 22 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Guy W. Nowels received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium and Germany from 25 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. 4

Private First Class Edward S. Teixeira received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945.

Sergeant LeRoy E. Stevens received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant John H. Schoenenberger received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Belgium and Germany from 15 February 1945 to 22 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Ralph N. Kent received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium and Germany from 25 January 1945 to 24 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Howard K. Matlack received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Charles W. Wilkins received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium and Germany from 24 January 1945 to 25 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Verle L. McNealy received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945.

V - Battlefield Promotions:
None

VI - Commendations:
None

VII - Prisoners of War:
Six German civilians and twenty eight PW's were processed during the month.

VIII - Miscellaneous:
Pass Policy
Maximum use of all pass quota was made by this battalion. Additional quotas are needed however. Enlisted men were sent to Paris, United Kingdom and the French Riviera.

G-1 Reports
Reports were submitted regularly throughout the period.

Replacements
Replacements were received as listed in Section III of this report. At the close of the period the battalion was understrength 26 Enlisted men and 3 Officers. Due to the fact that combat requirements had lessened, this shortage did not effect the efficiency of the organization.

Sickness
The health and general well being of the battalion stayed at a high standard during the period. No serious illness of any kind ocured during the period.

Ralph N. Kent
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1st Lt., FA
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