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Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Report
Headquarters, 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion

Period: 1 - 8 May 1945

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1. Original Unit: 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion. (No change).
2. Changes in organization. (See narrative report, appendix No. 1).
3. Strength:
 - a. 1 May 1945, 36 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, 587 Enlisted Men.
 - b. 8 May 1945, 35 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, 594 Enlisted Men.
 - c. Net Change: Decrease of 1 Officer. Increase of 7 Enlisted Men.
4. Soldiers: (See narrative report, appendix No. 1).
5. Wounds: (See narrative report, appendix No. 1).
6. Campaigns: Operations covering period 1st - 8 May 1945.
7. Medals: (See narrative report, appendix No. 1).
8. Commanding Officers:
 - a. Battalion Commander - Lt. Col. C. W. Goodwin, Inf.
 Headquarters Company - Captain R. L. Sinclair, Inf.
 Reconnaissance Company - Captain R. A. Burke, Cav.,
 Company "A" - Captain R. J. Agenbald, Inf.,
 Company "B" - Captain J. E. Skewis, Inf., (Captain G. L. Lange, Cav.,)
 Company "C" - 1st Lt. E. J. Aruszkowski, P.,
 - b. Captain J. E. Skewis, Company "B", KIA 1 May 1945, Captain G. L. Lange assumed command Company "B", 1530 hour, 1 May 1945.
9. Losses in Action. (Battle Casualties).
 - a. Officers:

James E. Skewis, O-415894, Capt., Inf.,	KIA	1 May 1945
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 - b. Enlisted Men:

Joseph A. Cerep, 33604900, Pvt., P.	LIA	1 May 1945
Samuel J. Gaiotta, 36024453, Cpl., P.,	LIA	1 May 1945
John R. Bond, 6298257, PFC, P.,	LIA	7 May 1945
Harley Navlat, 37153423, PFC, P.,	LIA	7 May 1945
Lorenzo J. Wright, 36167413, PFC, P.,	LIA	7 May 1945
Anthony Talik, 20956921, PFC, P.,	LIA	7 May 1945
10. Awards: None.
11. Photographs: None.

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Appendix No. 1 to

Action Against Enemy, Report After/After Action Report
Headquarters, 202d Tank Destroyer Battalion
May 1945

010001 May 1945
Neudorf, Germany

- 1 May 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B", and "C" attached to 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of Neudorf Germany (174436). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Recon Company has the mission of screening the left flank of Division in the 12nd Cavalry Squadron zone. They also captured 13 P.O.'s during the period. Headquarters Company took 2 P.O.'s in the town of Neudorf. Battalion continued to close in the new assembly area during the period. Maintenance operations were performed on equipment preparing guns for use in maintaining anti-mechanized defense of the Division area. Companies "A", "B" and "C" were attached to their respective CTs effective 011500Z. 8 - M36's operational.
- 2 May 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B", and "C" attached to 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of Neudorf Germany (174436). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Recon Company is reconnoitering the zone of advance of 11th Infantry Regiment. "A" Company remained in position during the period performing maintenance operations on equipment. Elements of Company "B" and "C" operated with their respective regiments aiding them in their advance. Remainder of battalion remained in position during the period performing maintenance operations on equipment. 9 - M36's operational.
- 3 May 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of Bohrzowiesel Germany (325351). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies "B" and "C" continued to operate with their respective regiments supporting them in their attack to the East. A total of 26 rounds HE and 4 rounds AP ammunition were fired on enemy troops during the period. Recon Company moved to the southeast and patrolled the west bank of the Muhl River from vicinity (G 637153) to (G 600220). Remainder of the battalion remained in position during the period performing maintenance operations on equipment. A total of 30 M36's Tds were operational at the close of the period.
- 4 May 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to the 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of Bohrzowiesel Germany (325351). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies "B" and "C" continued to support their respective CTs in their positions. Recon Company relieved the 5th Cav Recon Troop in its mission of patrolling the right flank of the Division during the late afternoon and maintained its patrols along the west bank of the Muhl River. Remainder of Battalion remained in position during the period performing maintenance operations on equipment. Battalion expended 53 rds HE and a large amount of .50 caliber ammunition during the period on enemy troops in buildings.
- 5 May 1945 Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Recon attached to the 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of Bohrzowiesel Germany (325351). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Recon Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Companies "A" and "B" supported their respective CTs in their attack to the North. Company "C" remained in position in support of the 11th Infantry.

5 May 1945 (Cont'd).

Rcn Company continued to patrol the right flank of the Division patrolling the left bank of the Muhl River. Battalion expended 14 rds HE ammunition during the period on enemy hold buildings. 17 PW's were taken during the period. 29 - M36's operational.

6 May 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B" and "C" attached to the 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of C Zleby, Czech (0420488). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Battalion continued to maintain anti-mechanized defense of the Division Area with companies "A" and "B" supporting their respective CTs in their attacks to the North and Northeast. Company "C" and Rcn Company moved with the 11th Infantry to the new Regimental Zone and the Rcn Company was detached from the 11th Infantry and reverted to Battalion control effective 1500B. Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of C ZLEBY opening in the new location as 062000B. 29 - M36's operational.

7 May 1945

Battalion less companies "A", "B", "C" and Rcn attached to the 5th Division Artillery located in the vicinity of C Zleby (0420488). "A" Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. "B" Company attached to the 10th Infantry Regiment. "C" Company attached to the 11th Infantry Regiment. Rcn Company attached to the 2nd Infantry Regiment. Battalion moved to road blocking positions during the night and maintained anti-mechanized defense of the Division Area. Rcn Company was attached to 2nd Infantry effective 0800B and moved to positions to support the 2nd CT in its attack to the North. The 1st platoon of "C" Company fired 15 rds HE and 1 AP during the period. HQ Company moved to vicinity of the Battalion CP during the period. 26 - M36's operational.

8 May 1945

Battalion attached to the 5th Division Artillery. Companies "A" "B" "C" and Rcn reverted to battalion control effective 2400B. Companies remained in position during the period in support of their respective CTs. Battalion CP moved to vicinity of VIMPERK (Winterberg) opening in the new location at 1400B. Headquarters Company and Medical Detachment moved to vicinity of HOR VLTAVICE closing in at 1600B. All companies are prepared to resume advance upon a 6 hour alert notice. During the period representatives of the German Military machine gathered at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Armies and signed unconditional surrender papers declaring the War in the ETO at an end. However, scattered groups of German soldiers continued to fight or, mostly because of bad communications and they were not informed of the unconditional surrender of Germany.

SUMMARY A. Action for the period was light and sporadic. The enemy was totally disorganized and ready to surrender on orders. The biggest problem has been that of taking care of PW's and displaced persons. No enemy equipment was destroyed during period. Numerous houses forming enemy strongpoints of resistance were reduced, 106 Prisoners of War were taken. Ammunition expended, 145 rds HE and 5 rds AP.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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